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BIG ENROLLMENT CAUSES PROBLEM

HIGH SCHOOL, ESPECIALLY IS OVERCROWDED

Further Expansion Necessary Next Year—Vocational Work Suffers

Elsewhere in this edition, there is an article descriptive of the Salem city school system, in which it is shown that the schools are flourishing and that they are doing excellent work. There is, according to Principal J. C. Nelson of the Salem high school, another side to the story, at least with respect to the high school.

Gratifying as it may be to everyone that the enrollment at the high school is growing, that very fact entails the responsibility which devolves upon Salem people to provide accommodations for all of these new seekers after knowledge. Nelson points out; if that responsibility is not met, the growth is a detriment, not a blessing.

It may be that some Salem people who are well informed about their community in other respects, may not know that twice within the past three years the school authorities have had to take steps to relieve conditions of congestion at the high school, and that while further additions may be built, they make it an exceedingly unwieldy school plant if they are added onto the present one.

Three years ago, at about the time that attendance at the high school passed the 1000 mark, the wing on the east end of the building was constructed. During the past summer, the old gymnasium was cut up into recitation rooms to swell the capacity of the building again.

Need Addition Soon
These changes have made provision for the expanding need for recitation rooms, but in the school year 1926-27, still further expansion will be necessary. And even now, while there are sufficient recitation rooms, there are some other almost indispensable features lacking.

The first of these is an adequate auditorium. The present assembly room was built to seat something over 800 students, must now accommodate over 1100; about 100 of these are crowded into the original seating space and 200 actually have to stand up through all assemblies. Another need is for increased machine shop and other space and

facilities in the vocational departments, and this need is especially acute because of the peculiar nature and purpose of the vocational work.

This purpose is frankly that of retaining in school a group of students whose interests does not center around books and the classical studies, but who can be greatly benefited by remaining in school for a few years more if work which does not interest them can be provided.

This year, a large number of these students have dropped out, much to the disappointment of the school officials, because they could not be accommodated in the vocational courses. Many of them are either loafing about town or have taken jobs beneath their ability and which lead nowhere. This situation may mean little to the average citizen, but it weighs heavily upon the minds of the educators who have worked out a successful means of educating these students but cannot put it into practice for lack of facilities.

Problem Many Sided

These problems make the question of enlarging the high school one of greater complexity than that of merely adding a few rooms and require that before an addition to the present building is decided upon, the alternate plan of erecting another building, as possibly more advantageous, must be considered. However, that such a building is the best solution, is not now being urged as the definite conclusion of any of the school officials.

The Salem high school's enrollment has shown an average increase of 80 students each year since 1919, or 62 students since 1918, the difference being accounted for in the fact that there was a decrease due to war conditions in the school year 1918-19.

Following are the enrollment figures for the years since the high school has consisted of the three upper grades only:

On this basis the enrollment for the present year will reach a total of 1216, and next year 1278, taking the lower rate of increase already described; in 1928-29 it will be 1340, and by 1930 will have reached 1400.

KIMBALL SCHOOL GIVEN SUPPORT

ALL ANNUAL CONFERENCES VOTE TO AID

Rev. John M. Canse, New President, Optimistic As to Future Prospects

The current bulletin carries the headline: "The New Day at Kimball Its Dawn," for the reason that all the annual conferences of the patronizing territory have voted to aid in its financial program. This adds to the complimentary annual resolution of good will the decision of the conferences to co-operate more nearly as has the Oregon conference. The newly elected president, Rev. John M. Canse, D. D., has met with the most hearty assurances of leaders generally to co-operate in every project for the enlargement of the program of Kimball School.

It was twenty years ago that Dr. and Mrs. Henry D. Kimball dedicated the large part of their property to the training of the ministry at Salem. The entire history has been hopeful and today there is better encouragement than ever. There are a few more students than last year, and the educational qualifications average higher. Besides the president there are the following: Dean, Dr. John D. McCormick; secretary, Dr. E. S. Hammond; Professor W. H. Hertzog, Professor C. I. Andrews, and Professor C. M. Keefe, with Rev. Rex Pickering office secretary.

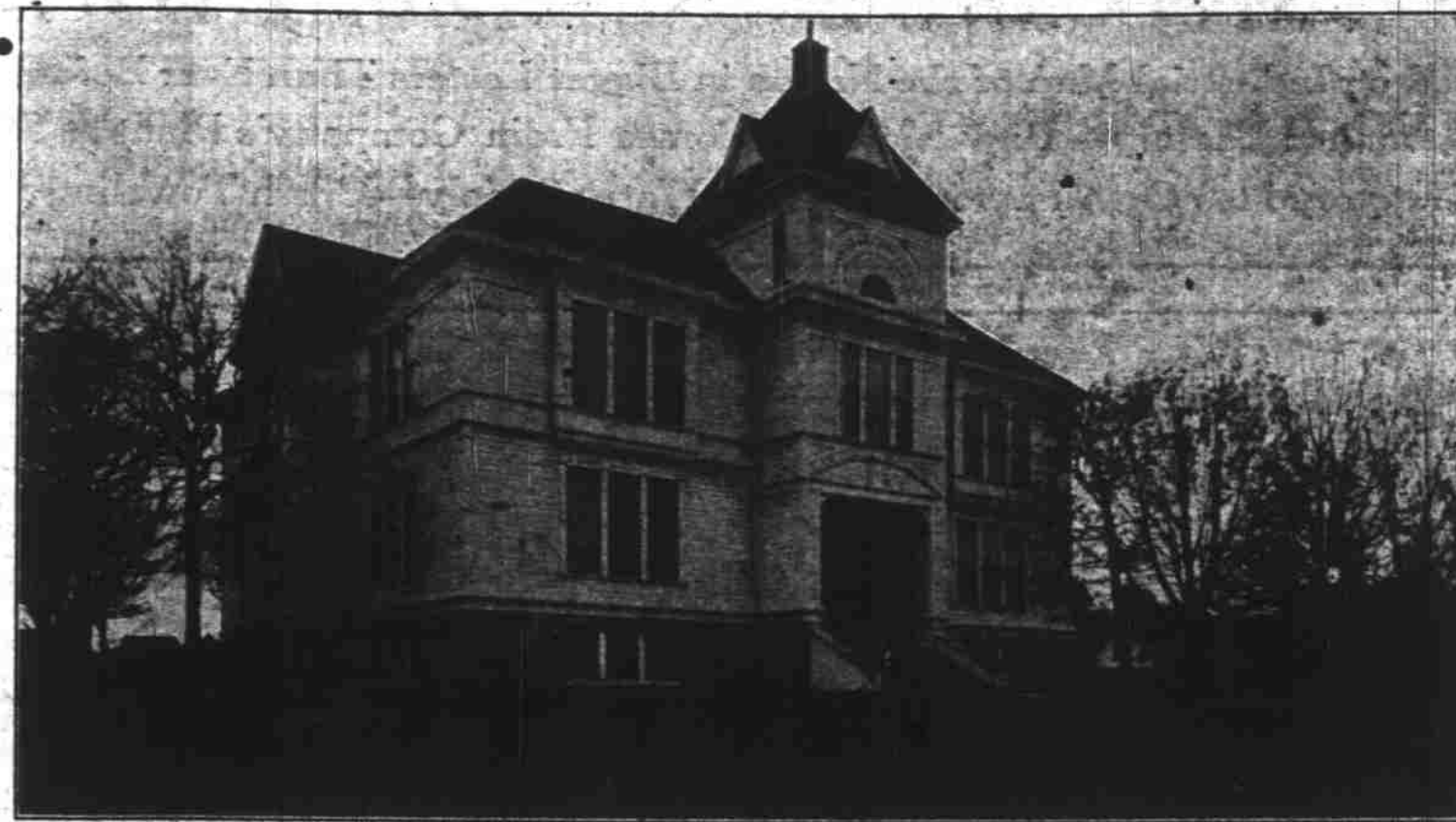
Work is under way for the enlargement of the service of the building by making two large basement rooms, for a men's reading room and for a general service room with closets and lockers, also a men's wash room including shower bath. A ladies' rest room is installed, as there are several women students, while at the beginning twenty years ago there were no such applicants. It is expected to equip the entire third floor, now unfinished, for a secondary library, and for a number of dormitory rooms for men. This improvement will increase the useable floor space by thirty five per cent, and carry out more nearly the original design as the school should grow.

President Canse has received the most cordial greetings from all presidents of schools related to Kimball through the Methodist conferences of the northwest. President Doney wrote the compliments for Salem and Oregon as follows: "My dear Doctor Canse: Welcome to Salem and to the field of higher education. I am delighted by your coming and do wish to help in every way possible. I am persuaded that you have a great opportunity." The inaugural ceremonies will occur in recognition of the new president about the middle of January.

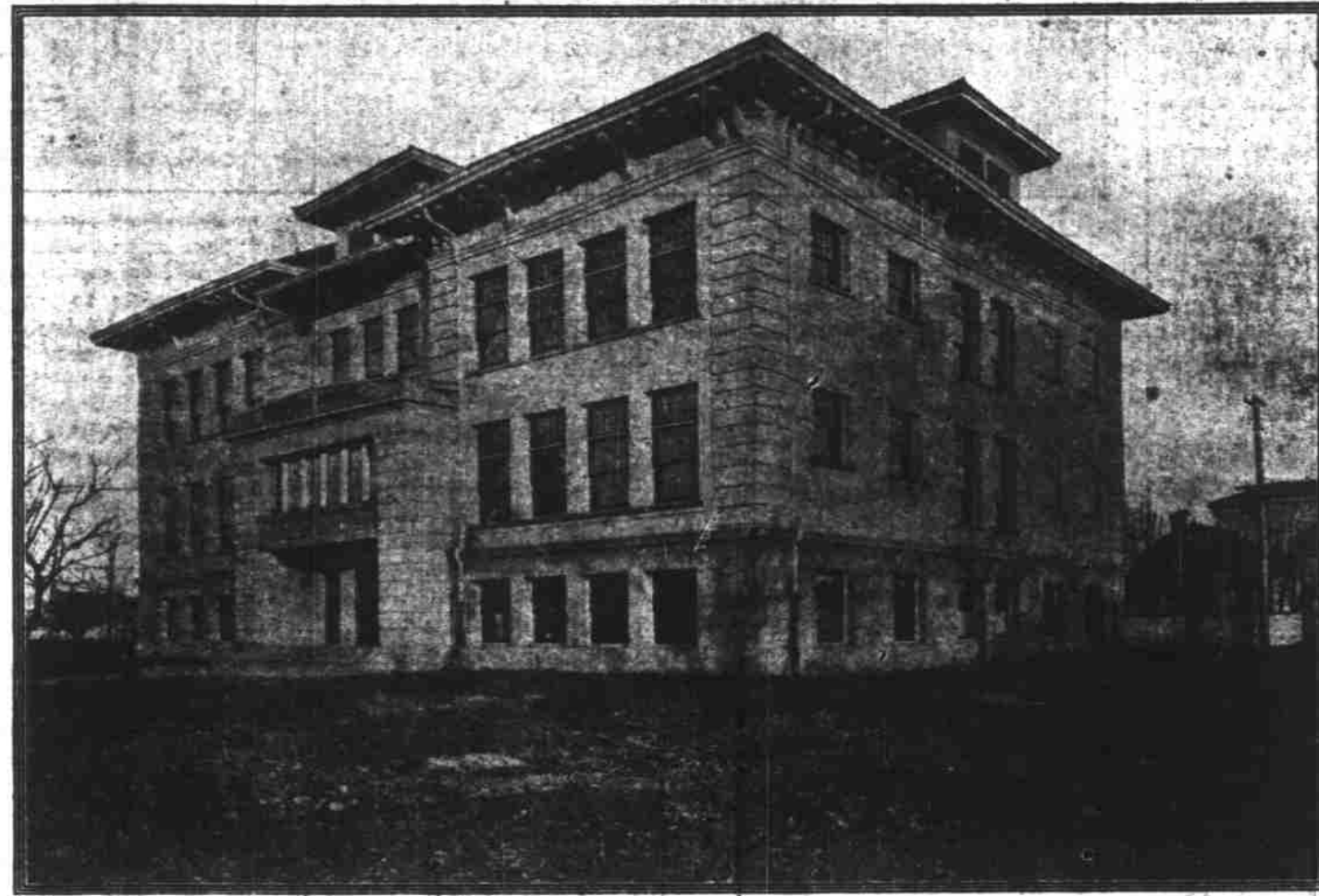
It is expected that there will be a continual growth for Kimball School of Theology. The proposition under President Hickman to remove the school to a larger city, while it failed in the objective resulted in arousing many old friends and finding many new ones. It has been reported that the present incumbent was selected by Dr. Talbot to become his successor. Both were Hoosiers and graduates from DePauw university. The new president enters upon his duties with a wide acquaintance throughout the Pacific Northwest. He is hopeful that many new friends will arise to join the faithful people of Salem and the Oregon conference in establishing a dependable income that will not only cover the present budget of expenses but provide for a gradual and permanent enlargement of the material equipment.

Kimball School wishes all the readers of the Statesman the happiest of happy New Years, and pledges co-operation in every worth-while enterprise launched in behalf of a still bigger and better city. This school looks back over a worthy past but is reaching forward for a greater future, and hereby welcomes friendly relations with every forward looking and constructive agency of the fair city of Salem.

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LESLIE BUILDING WILL RISE SOON

NEW JUNIOR HIGH TO ACCOMMODATE 450

Newest Type School Structure Will Relieve Congestion in South End

Planned to accommodate 450 pupils in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades, the David Leslie junior high school building is under construction on the 13 acre plot of ground acquired by the school district on Howard street between Cottage and Winter, as the only item of new building commenced by the Salem district this year.

This structure of 20 rooms is merely the first unit of a building which some day will be twice as large. The first unit is in a "V" shape; the completed building will be a "W" this plan being the most efficient in providing sunlight for every room and economizing corridor construction, according to the architects, James & Bartholomew.

Excavation was started early in the fall, and work on the foundation is now under way. Settegren Bros. have the general contract. The building is to be completed July 1, so that it may be fully equipped and ready for use when school opens next September.

The building is to be of fed brick, two stories in height above the basement which will include two play rooms in addition to the furnace and janitor's room. It will have a slate roof.

At the apex of the "V" will be a study hall connected by sliding

doors with two recitation rooms on each side of it, so that an adequate auditorium will be available at a great economy of space.

The building will include three English recitation rooms, three for mathematics, three for social sciences, one for Latin, one for general science with a demonstration table, one for penmanship and spelling, one for drawing, one for domestic science, one for sewing, in addition to library and office.

The manual training department will be housed in a separate building, giving the pupils greater freedom for this work and avoiding the noise which would be caused in the main building if it were housed there.

This building will relieve the congestion at the J. L. Parrish junior high, as well as providing additional room for elementary school pupils in the south end of town, as it will take all the pupils from the McKinley junior high and that building will be converted into an elementary school.

The grade buildings in other parts of the city are also crowded. Superintendent George W. Hug reports, and further construction to keep pace with the steady growth of all districts of the city will be necessary. It is probable that some of the buildings will have to be enlarged next year.

It is the policy of the district to enlarge the ward schools instead of creating new ones, as the greater economy can be achieved by having large schools in which one teacher may handle one large section instead of two smaller ones, and in which more segregation of pupils according to ability is possible.

SCHOOLS AID IN GROWTH

Draw Many People To Salem As Home-seekers, Believed

(Continued from page 2)

Newmeyer, Theodore W. Olson, Myrtel Pelker, Josephine Turner, Walter W. Welbon.

Englewood School
Lyle Murray, principal; Clara Callison, Georgia Crofoot, Maude Forkner, Sadie Grant, Bennie Hammer, Madeline Heckman, Carrie Martin, Mildred Severson, Gladys Tipton.

Garfield School
Margaret J. Cosper, principal; Minnie V. Duncan, George Ellis, Grata P. Hiatt, Blanche R. Hubbs, Orpha B. Mitchell, Ina H. Riches, Ruth Stermer, Bernice Stewart, Mildred Edgar Trent.

Grant School
E. A. Miller, principal; Cathryn

Bates, Ellen Currin, Ella M. De-Yoe, Luella Z. Elrey, Bertha A. Gerner, Mary Halvorsen, Elva Nissen, Hazel Van Orsdol, Guerin D. Zuren.

Highland School
Mabel Murray, principal; Bertha Allen, Mabel Allen, Ida M. Andrews, Isabel I. Bartlett, Gladys A. Paul, Mildred E. Starrett, Mabel Temple, Nicoline O. Welbon.

Lincoln School
W. A. Davenport, principal; Greta Ann Brumage, Neva Cool-ey, Mabel Curry, Merle Davenport, Merle Dimick, Bertha Engelhorn, Eleanor Lindberg, Esther Long, Herma Pfister, Jennie Williams.

Park School
U. S. Dotson, principal; Grace Allen, Amy Martin, Jessie Martin, Irene McEwan, Gladys Mills.

Julia Noble, Lily Pollard, La Vina Sheridan.

Richmond School
Anna Fischer, principal; E. Gertrude Anderson, Maybelle Burch, Adella Chapler, Adona Cochran, Laura E. Eason, Ermine Fawc, Marjorie McGilchrist, Lola Millard, Lola Tipton.

Marion County Health Demonstration

Dr. W. H. Brown, director and school physician; Dr. V. A. Douglas, deputy health officer and school physician; Elnora E. Thompson, director of nursing service; Dr. Estella Ford Warner, director of medical service; Anne Simpson, director of health education; Mildred Ihrig, statistician; Ella McNeil, school and city nurse; Grace L. Taylor, school nurse.

HEADS KIMBALL



Rev. John M. Canse, who came here in September as the new president of Kimball School of Theology. Talk of moving the institution to Seattle has apparently subsided, and President Canse has already made considerable progress toward building up the school so that it will be the power that it should be in the northwest, being the only theological school of the Methodist-Episcopal church in Oregon, Idaho or Washington.

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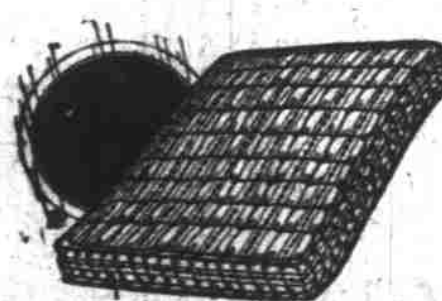
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