

# Crowded Schools Bring Housing Problems Before Board

## 200 MORE NOW IN HIGH ROOMS

Influx of Tuition Students From Nearby Points is Unusually Large

How to accommodate the increasing number of students in schools of the Salem district, number 24, has been a problem for school executives during the past year. Although the total registration is but from 100 to 200 larger, congestion has resulted at the high school and in certain grade buildings.

With nearly 1200 students attending the senior high school, some 200 more than during 1930, all available space has been brought into use. What will be done with the number of pupils expected to enter from the junior high schools for the 1932 spring term next month is giving officials much concern.

Leslie and Parrish junior high schools also are full and Highland, Englewood, and Grant grade buildings are crowded.

### Tuition Percentage Higher

The situation at the high school seems caused by an extraordinary influx of tuition students from outside the district. According to figures recently compiled by Superintendent George Hug, Salem senior high school, with but three grades, has a higher percentage of tuition students than any four-grade high school in the state, not barring Portland schools.

The remarkable circumstance, according to the superintendent, is that the increased number of pupils is being efficiently taught by the same staff of teachers as during 1930. The average attendance has risen from 94 to 98 per cent and failures are fewer. The decrease in failures is attributed to the institution of the five-period day and increase of guidance by the teacher. Under the home room system and with the hour instead of the 45-minute class periods, the instructors are enabled to devote more attention to individual students.

Outstanding in the operation of the schools in 1931 was the change to the free textbook plan, put into effect in the elementary schools last September. With books purchased with available district funds and the many donated by parents, it was possible to start off the new text system successfully. How funds for replacing worn-out and outmoded books will be obtained remains to be decided.

Activity programs, curricular in the grade schools and extra-curricular in the secondary schools, achieved prominence during 1931. The work-play system in the elementary schools was further developed and more secondary students participated in club activities.

Christmas programs of high quality were presented by the students in all the schools. The first county high school music festival was given before a large audience at the senior high school in December.

### Opportunity School Valuable

Extra services offered by the schools included sewing classes, university extension studies, and the Opportunity school, which was given that new name in place of "part-time continuation school."

With operating expenses of necessity to be held to a minimum and expansion untimely from the tax standpoint, the biggest thing we can do is to hold the good things we already have—our above-average teachers' extension work, pleasant school atmosphere, and equipment." Superintendent Hug declared as the year's classes came to an end before the December holidays.

## Sacred Heart Academy Has Real Purpose

At 370 North Cottage street, Salem, is an institution for the training of the young. It is conducted by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, whose life purpose is to impart to their pupils a Christian education, solid, useful and cultural.

Great importance is attached to an educational service of this kind. It is in the formation of a strong Christian character, a great asset of a people.

The academic department offers a regular four-year senior high school course and is accredited to the University of Oregon. This year a commercial department has been added. The elementary department offers a thorough training in the work of the eight grades.

Sacred Heart academy is one of the vital contributions to the educational development of the state.

The faculty aims at the building up of men and women of well-disciplined habits of body and mind, and recognizes that an ideal can be reached only through a principle of self-control and well-defined ideas of respect for order and authority.

## MASONIC MEETINGS COMING THIS YEAR

Of special interest to Masons in Salem is the fact that during the year 1932 three prominent Masonic bodies of Oregon will hold their annual meetings in the city, beginning April 17 and continuing for three days.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Oregon will hold its 1932 annual meeting in the Masonic Temple April 11. Milton L. Meyers of Salem is Grand High Priest. It is estimated that the attendance will exceed 200, bringing to Salem the most prominent Masons in the state.

The Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Oregon will meet in Salem April 12, holding sessions in the Masonic Temple. Edmund Lewis of Marshfield is Illustrious Master.

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the state of Oregon will hold its annual session April 13, meeting at with other state bodies, in the Masonic Temple. Norman L. Crout of Portland is Grand Commander.

The parade of Knights Templar will be held April 13. Following the parade services will be held in a church which will be open to the public.

On the evening of April 12 the Knights Templar will give a dinner followed by a reception and dance for members and wives of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Grand Council Royal and Select Masons and Grand Commandery Knights Templar.

## Host of Samples Put out by Mills Going to Stayton

The recently organized Stayton Woolen Mills has been busy getting out samples. They will manufacture only fine texture goods. Virgin wool only is used and fine quality for men's and women's garments. Between 3200 and 3300 samples of this material has been placed in the Los Angeles markets. Returns from these samples indicate that the mill should be doing business on a large scale in about two weeks. They have also just put out a large line of blanket samples.

## 1000 BOYS IN Y. M. PROGRAM

1931 Brings Many Victories to Athletic Teams; New Clubs are Formed

Although the Salem Y.M.C.A. building was opened only five years ago, already it is being outgrown. The plant during 1931 was continually abuzz as men, women, boys and girls in large numbers came to participate in gymnasium, swimming pool and club activities. The local association has pioneered in admitting women to its privileges.

Boys in 1931 came in for a large part of the Y program and in the fall under the direction of the news boys' secretary, Dwight Adams of Willamette university, an effective organization of gymnasium classes and clubs was brought about. It is estimated the Y touches 1000 boys in Salem and vicinity and another 500 who hold special memberships.

Become Northwest Champs  
Nineteen thirty-one was a victorious year for Salem Y athletic teams. The coveted Northwest volleyball championship was won by the local team of business men. As a result it will participate with other prominent United States teams in an exhibition of the sport at the Olympic games at Los Angeles during the coming summer. Prospects this year are for another successful squad.

The Y wrestling team in 1931 brought to Salem another northwest championship and also won three matches in the northwest tryouts for the Olympic games. The basketball team won the state title and the swimming squad achieved second place in the northwest competition.

Eminent in the developments at the Y during 1930 was the service rendered by the new senior Red Cross lifesaving corps, the Black Dragons. A junior corps for boys and girls was organized, numerous swimming exhibitions and lifesaving demonstrations given throughout Marion and Polk counties and lifeguard and swimming instructor service rendered for many riverside summer gatherings.

### Summer Camp Erected

The summer camp, on the site at Oceanside donated to the Salem Y two years ago by the Rosenburg brothers of Tillamook, was attended by 125 boys in 1931. Contributions received from the Rotary club made possible erection of a needed office and kitchen building. The structure was erected by the boys themselves.

New special interest groups organized during the fall months were the Radio, Rifle and Model Aircraft clubs. Educational classes were conducted for adults.

Throughout the year the association cooperated with Salem churches and other organizations in community enterprises.

Among the activities scheduled

## Employment Aid Offered By Y.W.C.A.

An unusually heavy demand has been made on the employment department of the Young Women's Christian association during the past year. The Y. W. C. A. maintains the only exclusive women's employment agency in Salem. Few people have realized that the suffering has been perhaps as keenly felt among the unemployed women and girls as among men.

Through the effort of their employment department, many women and girls have been given assistance. More than 4,000 women and girls have registered for work during the year past. About 25 per cent were placed. Of the remaining 75 per cent, many of these were without homes or funds, and the Y. M. C. A. has been the "Big Sister" in lending a helping hand not only to find employment, but to houses and care for them until such time as they could help themselves. Many women with children, and women and girls of all ages have expressed their genuine thanks for the very real help offered by the Y. W. C. A.

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Another year has flown, leaving us with memories of experiences, trials and successes. With the dawn of a New Year we naturally reflect upon the year that has passed, and in so doing we find ourselves with a deep sense of thankfulness and appreciation for the many kindnesses of our friends and patrons. We wish for everyone a full measure of health and happiness during 1932.

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## New Year's Greetings



Geo. E. Waters.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR



Again we extend to you, our friends and patrons, this Season's Greetings and Good Wishes and try to express our appreciation for the consideration you have shown us during the past year.

MAY THE NEW YEAR BE A MOST HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS ONE FOR YOU

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Throughout the year just passed has steadily ticked off —  
365 days  
8760 hours  
525,000 minutes  
31,536,000 seconds

Every second of the year we strove to serve you faithfully and efficiently  
And Now

As the clock begins the never-ending cycle again we thank you for your cooperation and patronage during the past year and invite you to visit our station often during 1932.

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