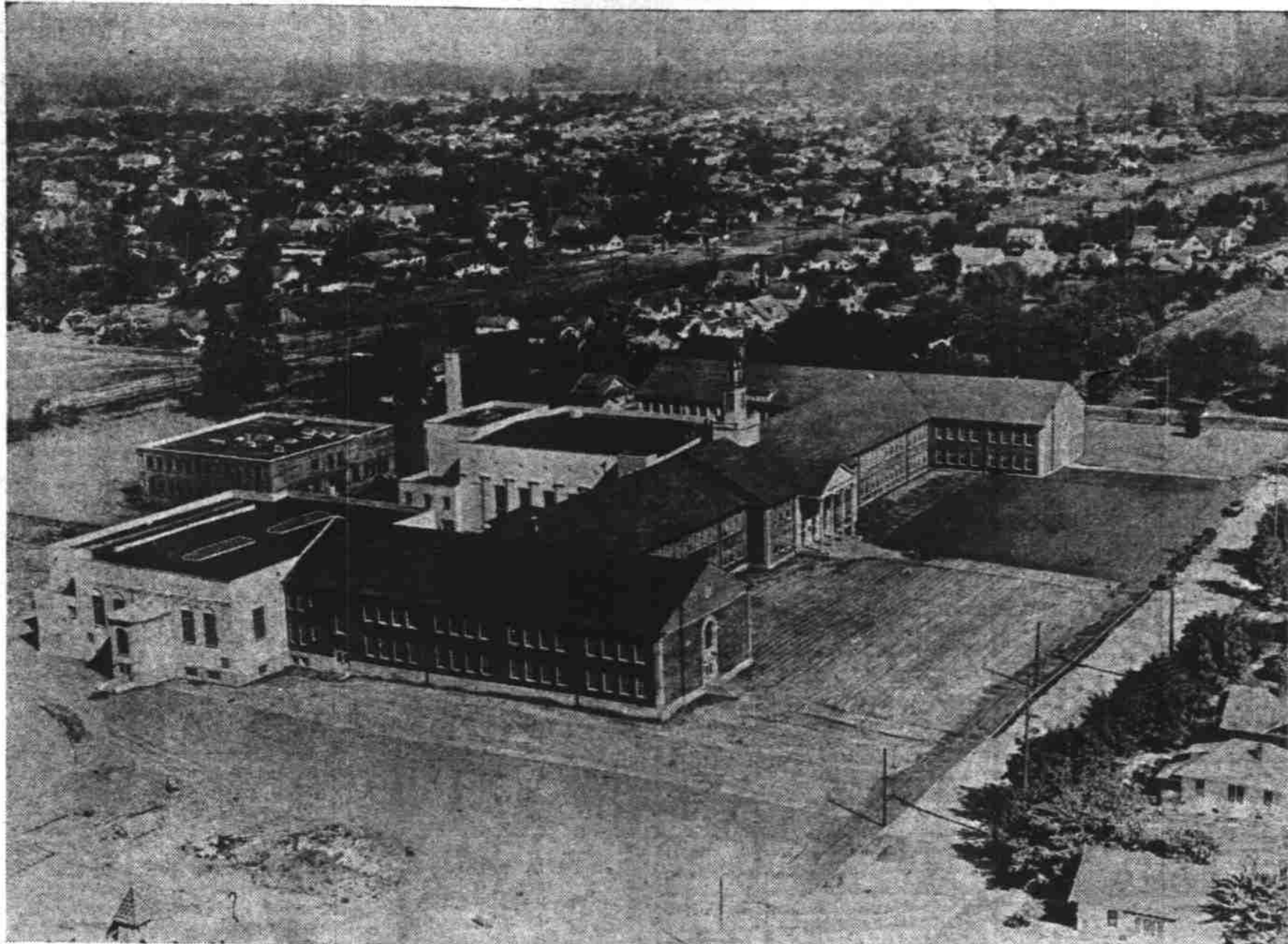


Salem High School Building Dedication Scheduled Tonight

MODERN EDUCATION PLANT AWAITS ITS DEDICATION



Above, air view of the strikingly modern new Salem high school building which will be dedicated tonight. Air photo by Arany, Salem Flying Service. Interior views, from top: Principal Fred D. Wolf confers with Marylee McGuire, junior class member, on student matters in his large, well-lighted office adjoining the main office. Second: Members of this sophomore girls' physical education class were supposed to be performing stunts but many spotted the cameraman and forgot gym "lessons." Third: Raymond Steinko, sophomore, demonstrates in front of machine shop classroom. C. A. Guerdian, instructor, had just finished the day's lesson, illustrated on blackboard. Lower: Salads to go with the hamburgers and soup served in this home economics food laboratory while the cafeteria is being fitted up, were being made when photo was taken. Three of the student cooks; from left, Lois Peterson, Beulah Lott and Shirley Keen. Interior photos by Ben Maxwell.

Gaiser Pleased With new Plant

City School Head Points out Building Follows Educational Trend

(Editor's note: Just as have the aim of high school teaching changed in recent years, so have the building arrangements been altered. In the following article Silas Gaiser, Salem city superintendent, explains special features of the new senior high school being dedicated tonight.)

By SILAS GAISER
Supt. of Salem Schools

On Thursday evening school district No. 24 dedicates one of the finest high school plants in the state of Oregon. Every facility recommended for the operation of a good modern high school has been included in the plans. Those who attend the dedication exercises and open house following it will realize that the present day high school is a far different institution than that of several decades ago. Why should this be true?

At the turn of the century only a limited number of students who had finished the common schools were able to attend high school. It was the aim of such pupils to take work preparatory to college. The modern high school has an entirely new problem which is almost overwhelming in its aspects. For example: In Salem in the last 10-year period the total enrollment has increased more than sixty per cent. This is only a small measure due to the increase in population in the city itself.

Few Go to College

More people are attending high school and the purposes for which they attend are rapidly changing. Only 30 to 35 per cent of our high school graduates enter college, hence the high school as a training institution for life becomes increasingly important to a large number of students. The new high school is adding pre-vocational courses which are broad in their basic applications. In the new Salem high school such courses as commercial work, agriculture, machine shop, auto shop, wood-working, commercial art, home administration are very important. Students who took these courses formerly were excluded from college and university entrance if later they should have changed their minds about wishing to attend college. This is no longer the case.

In addition to the responsibility for pre-vocational training, the modern high school must prepare in a natural way for intelligent citizenship. A student must learn to attack social problems with adequate background. In order to do this the classrooms must be so arranged that a more informal procedure may be followed. The equipment must be movable rather than arranged in straight rows. There must be ample library facilities, and comparative freedom for the student to pursue lines of his special interests. Many students need the special guidance and counsel of those adequately prepared to give advice to students of high school age. Special counselling rooms and offices for persons commonly called deans of women and men are provided. Also an office in which the student body officers themselves may work on their student organization has been provided.

Science Goes Practical

America is an industrial nation. Consequently as many students as possible must receive some training in science. The modern secondary school no longer expects to make scientists or laboratory technicians out of its students. Rather the function of science is to help the student understand in a simple way many of the technical features of the modern industrial life. The trend today is definitely in the direction of the more practical phases of science. The new Salem high school has science laboratories equipped for the best practices in the teaching of high school science. Students are more interested in the practical than in the learning of certain formal skills.

We, as citizens in general, are recognizing the importance of leisure time and avocational interests. Music and art find a prominent place in the curriculum in Salem. Excellent facilities are provided in order that students may have training in the field of fine arts.

One of the chief objectives toward which the public schools are working is health. The new high school provides the physical equipment for the best known in the organization of physical education. A large gymnasium divided by a folding partition provides for boys and girls programs running simultaneously. Besides the work in the gymnasium, the program of health also includes corrective gymnasium for those who need special attention and a new course set up by the state department in health education.

But over and above the facilities ordinarily thought of as health education, this new building incorporates a number of other features directed to the better health of the students. Among these are the following:

- (1) A cafeteria to serve those students who are not able to go to their lunches. Students purchase either an entire meal or bring part of the lunch and buy the balance in the cafeteria.
- (2) At least twelve large ventilating fans are in constant service to insure an ample supply of fresh tempered air to all the class rooms.
- (3) Every class room is equipped with semi-indirect lighting which assures a softer and yet brighter light for reading. The electric light every class room on the main floor has a window area of more than 20 per cent of the floor area, insuring a large amount of natural daylight under ordinary conditions.
- (4) Noise, the cause of much



distraction and even distress in many large high schools, has been greatly reduced. The corridors on the first floor are treated with acoustical material to reduce to a minimum the noise incident to heavy traffic in the lower halls. In the auditorium and library and music room similar materials are used. Battleship linoleum is found in all class rooms.

- (5) This new building is fire-safe throughout.

Auditorium Free
One additional feature deserves special mention. The auditorium in this high school is Salem's finest gathering place for large

Total Cost Is Set \$764,336

Includes Landscaping not yet Completed; Most of Amounts Paid

Salem's new senior high school building at 14th and D streets which is being dedicated tonight will have cost \$764,336.69 when cafeteria installations, landscaping and preparation of parking grounds have been completed. Lee S. Ross, building program accountant, announced yesterday.

This unit of the school district's million dollar-plus construction program will cost the taxpayers \$434,715.69 in principal on the bond issue which financed it. The federal government through the PWA contributed \$329,612, of which all but \$1000 has now been received by the district.

Installation of the cafeteria, which will be far enough along tonight to show the place to visitors, will be finished this week and the first meals served to students Monday. The cost of \$18,653.50 has been charged against this unit of the building.

Lawns on Program

Development of lawns and planting of shrubbery will cost an estimated \$6000.

The separate vocational shops building to the rear of the main building cost \$35,638.29, with the interior left unfinished. Rough finishing of walls and ceilings has been done by the shops instructors and pupils with the school board expending approximately \$2900 additional for the purpose.

The architects' fee, for services of Knighton & Howell, Portland firm, totals \$40,517.56, of which all but \$2081 has been paid. The board paid out \$26,987 for purchase of land.

The general contractor, Hoffman Construction company, has been paid in full, \$668,305.87. The remaining \$96,030.82 going into the building has been for architectural, inspection and engineering services, work not done by contract and equipment.

Subcontractors were Fred Christensen, Mercer Steel company, Columbia Wire and Iron Works, Carl Armstrong, James F. Smith, Asbestos Supply company, Williamson and Bled, Hasford, Inc., W. R. Grasley company Meier & Frank, Allen-Jenkins company, Union Floor company, Inc., Alberta Sheet Metal works, Capitol Tile company, Columbia Building company, Edward R. Viesko, Lutz Marble company, Lyon Metal Products company, Portland Roofing and Waterproofing company, J. A. Bernardi and Son, Neuman Brothers.

New High School Capable of Housing 2000 Students, Asserted; Officials Praise Laboratories and Auditorium

An enrollment of 2000 students can be accommodated in the new Salem senior high school without severely overcrowding the building, according to school officials. The enrollment yesterday was 1617. Last year's peak enrollment was 1796.

Principal Fred D. Wolf said all rooms were already comfortably filled but large enough for still larger classes.

The main building has 49 classrooms, of which seven are arranged for laboratory work. Laboratories are provided for chemistry, physics, general science (in use temporarily by the part time school), home economics and office training. The home economics department has a foods laboratory, sewing room and a room with fireplace to be fitted up as a model living room. Office equipment has not yet been supplied for the office training room. A special room for band practice and instruction, sound-proofed and indirectly lighted, has been fitted up in the basement under the gymnasium.

The auditorium, Salem's largest, will seat 1800 persons after seats are installed in the balcony. Opera chairs for 1300 have been installed on the main floor.

The large gymnasium is equipped with a motor-operated, sound-proofed folding door by means of which the playing floor can be divided to permit operation of girls' and boys' physical education classes simultaneously.

The separate shop building, two stories high, contains machine, auto mechanics, agriculture and woodworking shops, a well-lighted mechanical drawing room, an unfinished shop room, offices and classroom space.

At least 200 students will be seated at a time in the basement cafeteria, which is equipped with speed cooking, serving and dish-washing devices, so that 600 meals may be served during each noon hour. The teachers have a separate dining room.

Acceptances: Percy Cupper, chairman of school board; Fred Wolf, principal; William Smith, president of student body.

Introduction of special guests. Dedication address by Dean James R. Jewell.

Benediction by Dr. Bruce Baxter, president of Willamette university.

Program Tonight Will Start at 8

Jewell Speaker; Public Is Urged to Inspect new Plant Throughout

The formal dedication program for the new high school building will be held in the auditorium at 8 p.m., with Dean J. R. Jewell of the education department of the University of Oregon and Oregon State college as the principal speaker. A number of notables will be on the platform.

The primary purpose of tonight's dedication is to acquaint the public with the building, Supt. Silas Gaiser has pointed out. All instructors will be in their rooms to answer questions with respect to the new building and the courses offered. The program will be as follows:

Band concert by the high school band, with Gordon Finlay directing.

Invocation by Rev. Lynn A. Wood, president of Salem Ministerial association.

Music by high school chorus, with Lena Belle Tartar directing.

Presentation: L. D. Howell, architect; C. C. Hockley, state PWA director.

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Heights School Has 137 Enrolled

Classes so Large in First and Second Room That Division Used

SALEM HEIGHTS — The enrollment of Salem Heights school has reached a total of 137.

Many new people have located here with children of school age. In order to do justice to the 1st and 2nd grade children Miss Margaret Barquist has her 24 first graders, and the largest class in school, attend only in the forenoon. The second grade occupies her time in the afternoon.

The Marion county division of the Oregon State Teachers' association business meeting will be held this week-end and local teachers will attend, hence there will be no school Friday afternoon.

Divides Classes

The 7th and 8th grades in literature are studying Oregon authors, choosing the work of D. D. Dotson of this district entitled, "Across the Alleghanies." This is the second of his books they have studied.

Mrs. Hazel Van Eaton visited friends in Portland Tuesday. Mrs. Van Eaton was entertained by Mrs. C. N. Freeman, a former resident here.

Silverton Class Roles Increasing And More Coming

SILVERTON — Enrollment in city schools continues to increase and Tuesday morning of the second week shows 37 more students enrolled than were enrolled at the close of the third week a year ago. This enrollment will be much larger, particularly in the beginning grades, is the opinion of Robert Goetz, superintendent, who reports that a number of families have not yet returned to town from the fall farm activities.

The senior high school shows a particularly heavy enrollment with every available place put into use and more students coming next week. There are now 375 enrolled in the senior high school, the highest enrollment in the history of the school, and 24 more than were enrolled at the close of the third week a year ago.

Senior high school Tuesday morning had 351 which is 25 more than at the close of the third week a year ago. A total of 47 elementary pupils are enrolled.

Garden Club Will Decorate School

The Salem Garden club will have the honor of decorating the stage of the Salem high school, which will be officially open to the public tonight.

Members of the club have responded generously to the suggestion that the club decorate the stage with Michaelmas daisies, roses, gladioli and zinnias and other seasonal decorations.

The Salem Garden club has contributed generously to many civic plantings in the past, including the Salem general hospital, courthouse, and all of the planting in front of the Odd Fellows cemetery on the Pacific highway in Salem.

The club will hold its first fall meeting next Monday evening at the chamber of commerce and all who are interested in flowers are invited to attend.

Schools in Dayton Area Are Started

WHEATLAND — The Wheatland school term started Monday with 14 students enrolled including one in beginners class. Mrs. Vernon Stephens is the teacher.

A public auction farm sale will be held at the George Nash farm Thursday, September 30.

DAYTON — The Webfoot school opened Monday with 23 students enrolled. Miss Ruth Westfall of Summit is the teacher.

PLEASANTDALE — The Pleasantdale school opened Monday with 25 students enrolled, 17 in upper grades and three in the beginners class. J. M. Murphy is principal, and Miss Margie Edwards primary teacher.

Royal Neighbors Slate First Meet

SCOTT'S MILLS — The Royal Neighbor club will hold its first fall meeting at the home of Mrs. Vina Lonsinger Friday, October 1.

Miss Beatrice Amundsen returned home Sunday after a year spent in California and eastern points. She came direct from Minnesota. The homecoming was celebrated with Sunday dinner for Mrs. Lonsinger, Mrs. Krause, Jean and Janice of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Van Ness Johnson and Gloria of Milwaukie.

The Townsend club made plans at its meeting last night for a rally and dinner at the I.O.O.F. hall Sunday, October 2. All persons interested are invited.

Alpha Needle Club Will Resume Meetings Oct. 7

PLEASANTDALE — The Alpha Needle club will hold its first meeting of the autumn Thursday, October 7, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Swan. The club members and families enjoyed a picnic Sunday at Hirtler's park.

Community Clubs

PLEASANTDALE — The first community club meeting will be held Friday, October 29, with a Halloween program to be given.

DAYTON — The community club's first meeting this fall will be Friday night, October 8.

160 Acres Produce 800 Tons of Corn

PLEASANTDALE — From 160 acres of Willamette river bottom land in the Bret and Glen McFarlane farm, 800 tons of Golden Cross sweet corn was delivered to the Hillsboro cannery and cold storage plant. The harvesting closed Saturday after furnishing employment to many local people during the last five weeks.

One hundred head of yearling Durham steers have been turned into the stock fields.

crowds. With a seating capacity of 1800 in aesthetic surroundings, this auditorium truly is a civic meeting place. The board of directors, representing the taxpayers, have made this auditorium available free to large groups whose interests are in behalf of civic improvement. The stage is large enough to accommodate any normal size stage setting, orchestra or chorus group.

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