

Willard Set To Open 31st

Classrooms to Be
Completed First

All 18 classrooms of the new Frances E. Willard School should be ready for occupancy by students and teachers on Jan. 31, it was reported Friday.

Dr. Clarence Hines, superintendent of the Eugene Public Schools, said that rapid progress is being made toward finishing the new school. The unit will replace the old Willard which burned in February.

CLASSROOMS RUSHED

Hines said that the multi-purpose room and kitchen of the new structure may not be finished in time for use at the same time as the other parts of the school. Emphasis has been placed on the completion of classrooms first, and these other facilities later, to permit the earliest occupancy for educational purposes.

Willard pupils have been temporarily housed in the old Lincoln School at 970 Monroe St., pending the completion of the new school.

INSPECTION

The interior painting at the new Willard is nearly finished, Hines reported. Asphalt tile is being laid on the classroom floors. The superintendent went through the building this week with Wayne Youel, partner in the firm of Youel and Huffman which is general contractor on the job.

By the time the school is ready for use, a sidewalk will be completed from about W. 27th Ave. on Lincoln St., over the hill and down to the school. This will permit easier access by foot from the area north of the new building.

The school is located at W. 29th Ave. and Lincoln St.

Fair Board Seeks Better Grounds Title

A contest to find a new name for the Lane County Fairgrounds was approved by members of the Lane County Fair Board at a meeting last week.

"Extended use of the fairgrounds on a year-around basis makes the name 'fairgrounds' a misnomer," Sanford Nemerovsky, fair board member, declared. "We want a name that will suggest the all-year use of the grounds now enjoy."

Mrs. Hallie Huntington, fair board secretary, said the board had been discussing the move to change the name of the grounds for some time. Contest rules and the prize will be announced soon, she said.

'PAT ON BACK'

Mrs. Huntington said that it is largely due to the present smoothly-operating fair board that so many changes and improvements have been made in the grounds.

"Because we have a board that works well together, with no friction, we have been able to do much to improve the grounds and buildings," Mrs. Huntington declared. "These men have been more than generous with their time and advice, and working as a unit they have done a great deal for the grounds and for the fair."

Veteran fair board member is Gus DeVos, a local stockman. He has served for 14 years. Other board members are Major Snyder, a Lane County farmer, and Nemerovsky, a Eugene business man.

Mrs. Huntington said that she felt all the board members deserved a public pat on the back for the job they have done, and for the long-range planning they are now engaged in.

LONG LIST

Some of the improvements the three men planned and executed include the razing of old buildings, landscaping and grading of the grounds, extensive paving, re-decorating and remodeling of existing buildings, a new lighting system, and working out plans for other long-range improvements.

"All three board members have spent many hours at the grounds planning and helping supervise these jobs," Mrs. Huntington declared. "At the past meeting of the board they decided that the use of the grounds by such a large number of persons each year makes it desirable to change the name. We want to get completely away from anything that suggests that the grounds are used only a few weeks a year during Lane County Fair time."

Classes for Aliens Slated at EHS

Citizenship preparation classes for aliens will begin next Thursday night, Jan. 6, at Eugene High School.

The classes, to instruct those who wish to take the federal citizenship examinations, will be taught by Russell Tompkins of the high school staff. The classes will start at 7 p.m. each Thursday.

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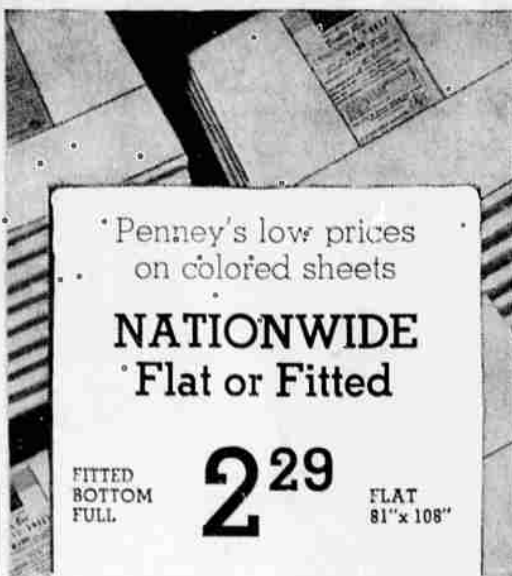
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