

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS OLINGER AS CHAIRMAN

The question of redistribution of insurance business of Salem public schools remains undecided, it was stated this morning by Frank Neer, who was appointed chairman of the insurance committee of the Salem school board at its re-organization last night. "I haven't thought anything about it yet," said Mr. Neer. L. J. Simeral was appointed on the insurance committee with Neer. Further appointments made by Dr. H. H. Olinger who, as was predicted previously to the meeting, was unanimously re-elected chairman of the board, were as follows:

Finance—P. M. Gregory, L. J. Simeral; supplies—William Gahledorf, Frank Neer; buildings—L. J. Simeral, P. M. Gregory. Simeral was unanimously chosen as vice-chairman of the board, although he himself attempted to support Gahledorf for that office.

Four new teachers were elected to positions in Salem by recommendation of the superintendent. Georgia Crofoot was elected to teach in the grades and will be assigned to Englewood school. Barbara Hixson was elected to a grade school position and will be assigned to Yew Park school. Dorothy Van Loan was elected head of the history, civics and geography departments at Parrish junior high school to succeed F. E. Lord.

resigned. Orrel Powell was elected to handle commercial work on the senior high school faculty. Report was made by L. J. Simeral, chairman of the building committee, that 15 loads of dirt have been dumped on the Richmond school grounds. He first noticed it Monday night, he said, and asked if any member of the board had granted permission to have it placed there. No member had. The dirt had been deposited around the trees and on the lawn at the school grounds. "It's pretty good dirt, all right," said Simeral, "but we don't want it there." He will investigate to determine who placed the dirt there and have it taken away, he stated. Simeral also reported that the new roof at Richmond school is practically completed.

Report made by George Hug, superintendent of city schools, indicated that an unusually small percentage of teachers have dropped out of the public school system this year. "There have been fewer than at any other time since I have been here," said Mr. Hug. He has been city superintendent at Salem for the past five years.

The recommendation of Superintendent Hug that Washington school be kept closed at least until the second semester of the coming school year, was adopted by the board and the building will not be opened in the fall.

A report was submitted to the board by Edward A. Miller, who has had charge of organizing the special rooms for unusual pupils.

Miller recommended that beginning next fall group tests be given in the fifth and sixth grades for the purpose of selecting pupils that are unusually bright. The purpose of Miller's recommendation would be to allow the bright pupils to progress more rapidly in school than they progress at present.

He further recommended that all pupils over 14 years of age and still in the grades be segregated and put in special classes by themselves. It developed that there are pupils 14 years of age and older who are as low as the

fourth grade. No definite action was taken last night on Miller's recommendations.

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