

RAPID, EFFICIENT CONSTRUCTION



Donald M. Drake, prime contractor for new South Salem high school, employs a large crew efficiently organized to bring Salem's newest and largest high school into rapid completion.

New High, Grade Schools Now Under Construction

Some 1800 students in one more year will march to classes in the brand new South Salem High school, only one of the new offerings being prepared by the district for its students.

School Sept. 14 At Willamina

Willamina—Both the Willamina Union high school and the Willamina grade school will open Monday, Sept. 14, according to information released this week.

The following personnel will be ready for work at the grade school: Principal, Kenneth Ramey; first grade, Mrs. Irma Duggan, Mrs. Eugenia Matches, Mrs. Ira Lamson and Mrs. Nellie Moody; second grade, Mrs. Ethel Ray, Mrs. Betty Kerr, Mrs. Gayette Barnett; third grade, Mrs. Kenneth Ramey, Mrs. Mary Davis, Mrs. Warren C. Cook; fourth grade, Mrs. Velma Ault, Mrs. Enola Johnson, Mrs. Fay Sexton; fifth grade, Gerald Gillaspie, Mrs. Mabel Gillaspie, Mrs. Grace Herzberg; sixth grade, Mrs. Louise McPherson, Mrs. Lois Baker, James McCoy; seventh grade, Mrs. Florence Wallace, Curtis Benefield eighth grade, Rolland Kerr, Carter Boggs; music and band, Marvin Baker; craft and library, Mrs. Neva Beck; office secretary, Miss Dorothy Davis; cafeteria, Mrs. Roxie Bryant and Mrs. Viola Spicer; janitors, Hugh Stuart and Walter Willis; supervisor of transportation, Ray Mack.

The teaching personnel of the high school is: Warren W. Cook, superintendent-principal; Tom Cowan, social sciences and coaching; Arnold Huntley, physical education and coaching; Miss Mary Stevenson, English; Mrs. Lucille Mitchell, commercial; Mrs. Esther Edmiston, English and drama; Mrs. Jean Johnston, home economics; Mrs. Mary Cody, girls physical education; Mervin Werth, history and social studies; Norman Lovell, mathematics; Richard Johnson, manual arts; Miss Esther Burch, library and English; Richard Schoenborn, vocational agriculture; Robert Collins, Music and Morris Weaver, science.

Show Screened at Atomic Center

Los Alamos, N. M. (AP)—For the first time in the history of this atomic center, a circus set up its big tents in Los Alamos Monday.

The 150 members of the troupe of the Gil G. Gray Shrine show underwent security screening last week. As they paraded through the main gate Monday, they were subjected to a lesser, routine check.

BOY SHIRTS FOR GIRLS

The classic boy shirt, so well-liked by schoolgirls of all ages, promises to be even more popular in the deep-toned glazed cotton prints! These long-sleeved shirts, with either the round or pointed collar, are being shown in tiny floral or geometric prints on black, copper, green, and brown backgrounds.

JUNIOR MISS WEARABLES

This year, fashion favors the young miss with gay jersey blouses... tweed skirts... weakies... kiltie skirts... princess coats... pendulum coats and classic officer's coats—all borrowed from "grown-up" collections.

Camels are shown on drawings of upper Egypt which have been dated 3,000 B.C.

Byrd Recalls Schools 'Back When'

SALEM GRADUATE OF 1911



"Creative arts—never heard of that when I went to school—we took four years of Latin instead," says Clarence Byrd, Salem insurance man who is having fun at the start of a new year, remembering his own class of 1911.

"Little" Central grade school was located at 12th and Center Sts., where a Safeway store now resides, and the larger school sat where the present administration office is now, at 460 North High.

These schools, situated where the administration building is now, took care of all grades to the high school level. "And we only had one teacher, too," emphasizes Byrd.

"She'd divide the room into grades—then while one recited, the other would study—or try to," he says. Though he refuses to say whether he thinks the "old system" was better than the new one, he admits "we had stuff they don't get till college nowadays—and if we didn't learn it we got a lickin'!"

Remembering some of the pranks of the bloomer days, Byrd says that, in high school, when the boys wanted to go home someone stole the fan belt which worked the old hot air heating system and, as he says, "stopped classes cold."

Another trick was to put hydrogen sulfide from the laboratory in the fans. The odor which spread through the rooms was, he says, "quite effective" in disbanding further scholastic activities.

There were, says, Byrd, only 63 in his graduating class and there were twice as many girls as boys. This was, he says, "lots of fun." Social life was expressed

through the Amate dancing class. "Amate freely translated," says Byrd, "means 'I love you'—our idea of a pretty risqué title."

Another former student who expressed interest in "old times" is Ralph Cronise, now publisher of the Albany Democrat-Herald, who says this in a letter to a Salem friend:

"It recently occurred to me that in September, 1953, it will have been a half century since I entered high school. But that date also marks the 50th anniversary of the legal establishment of a high school in Salem."

"The first class which was graduated in 1908 entered the ninth grade in September, 1902. This was on the top floor of the old East Salem school building."

schools are handling the situation. Eugene, Pendleton, Baker and some other cities in Oregon had high schools, besides Portland, but Salem had none.

So the school board acted to place the matter on the ballot to establish a four-year school, make the necessary appropriations and to vote on funds for a high school building.

"My class entered in September, 1903. That year we all worked—about 20 members of the class of 1906 and, I believe, about 70 of the '07 class. On election day we hired carriages and hauled voters to the polls. I wrote stories for the Statesman and we stirred up all the interest we could. The issue carried and Salem high school was entrenched. It was a thrill to move into the new building at Center and High Sts. in the fall of 1906."

District Plans New Buildings

Planned for the future but as yet still figures on an architect's drawing board, are two new buildings for the Salem school district.

Expected to be ready for occupancy in 1954 are a new administration building and a replacement for Grant school, Salem's oldest building.

Purchase of the present school administration building at 460 North High street, has made it necessary to construct a new building. This will be located just north of the present school warehouse at South 13th and Ferry street. Bids will be taken early in September. The old building will be turned over to its new owners on June 1.

An attempt is being made to get additional land so a 14-room building can be built on the present site of Grant high school.

Another new building will presently take care of the Auburn school situation considered at present entirely inadequate for its enrollment. Only four classrooms must take care of classes which continue to grow. Overcrowded conditions will make it necessary to transport two classes to the Hoover school until the new building is ready.

Tentative plans have been made for a new construction in the Candalaria Heights area but it will be some time before the population will justify the building. In the meantime McKinley and Salem Heights

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New Instructors for Sacred Heart H.S.

Sacred Heart, Salem's Catholic high school, will open for registration Sept. 8 to 12 and classes will begin Sept. 14 for an estimated capacity enrollment of 260.

Special enrollment will be held for freshmen Sept. 8 from 10 to 12 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. Sister Sheila Maureen will again be principal, and Leo Grosjaques will continue as athletic coach.

Several new teachers will be on hand to greet the students, four of them in the music department. They will be Sister Regina Mary who will come from The Dalles to head the department; Sisters Mary Elaine of Eugene, Julie Ann of Portland and Mary Bernardette, Seattle.

Sister Mary Michaelann is coming to teach science and two Franciscan priests, whose names were not available today, will teach world history, Latin and religion.

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