

Busy Crew of 100 Workers Giving Salem Schools 'Face Lift'

50 Class Rooms Getting Fresh Coats of Paint

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If the more than 10,000 pupils and several hundred teachers and administrators who take over the facilities of the 32 schools in the Salem district during the fall, winter and spring were to return to their classrooms at this time, they would scarcely recognize the premises. The reason? M. H. "Joe" Drake and his crew of 100 maintenance workers are on the job.

The youngsters and their instructors have scarcely evacuated for the summer when the maintenance men take over. They pile furniture in the corridors, scatter paint buckets about the rooms, erect staging on the outside and clamber over the roofs as they engage in the annual rush to repair the damage caused by youth in their search of an education.

No "Hit and Miss" A casual observer might come to the conclusion that the maintenance job is being carried out on something like a hit-or-miss plan. Such is far from the case as a few questions directed at Joe Drake will reveal. "We would never get the job done if we didn't have a program worked out well in advance," said Drake, whose official designation is maintenance manager.

Drake hopes to set up a program which calls for the redecorating of all of the more than 450 classrooms once every seven years. So far the money had not been available. This year 50 class rooms will be given fresh coats of paint, which means that it will be another nine years before they are again redecorated. This isn't frequent enough, believes Joe, but is the best that can be done under an appropriation that calls for the spending of \$63,200 this fiscal year.

Once the buildings have been cleared of the teachers and their pupils, the first job of maintenance calls for the closing down of the heating plants, which are then given thorough examinations and overhauling. Then they are inspected by state workmen. If their verdict is favorable, they are placed on a standby basis and made ready for use on short notice. Complaints that have piled up during school operations which could not be cared for while the rooms were being used are then looked after.

Paint West Side of N.S. H.S. This year one of the major projects is that of painting the western exposures of North Salem high school, including the gymnasium and the auditorium. This is the first paint to be applied to the walls since they were built back in 1936. Next year Drake hopes the directors will budget sufficient funds to enable him to complete the job. The exterior walls of the shop building and the bus sheds are included in the redecorating project at North Salem.

On the other side of the Southern Pacific right of way a crew of mechanically minded maintenance men are replacing a big steam pipe that rusted out. A regular hoist for lifting the earth out of a deep trench wasn't available so the workmen rigged up one from a school tractor. The large gymnasium floor of Parrish is being re-tiled and before the fall season opens a large folding door will be installed which will cut the gym in half to accommodate both boys and girls at the same time. This project will cost in excess of \$8000.

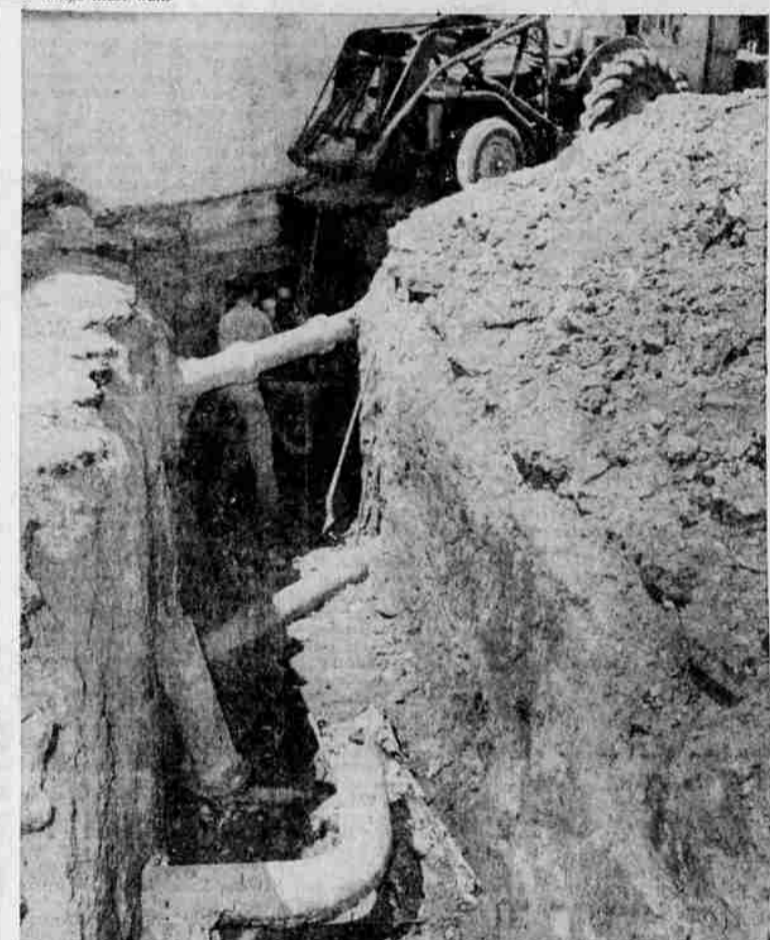
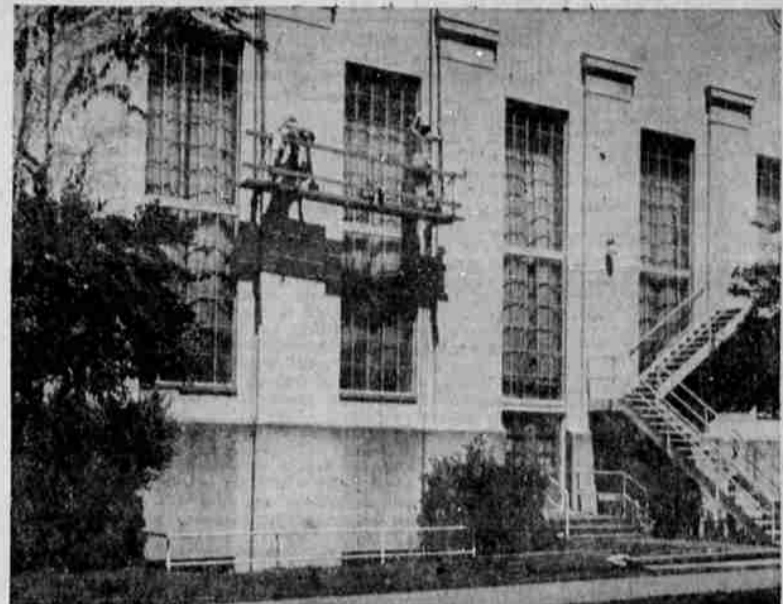
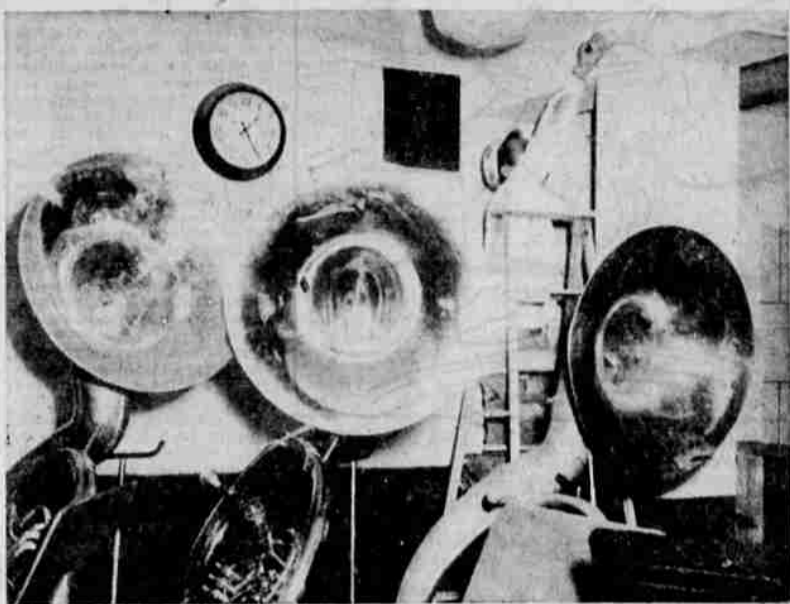
Drake uses a number of teachers on his projects. Before assigning them to any particular task he makes an effort to determine in what line they are the most skilled—painting, sanding, waxing, plumbing or similar projects.

The Salem school district, growing and expanding rapidly because of consolidations and population growth, is becoming more complex each year, Drake states. For instance, the district has a number of residences, acquired when land was purchased as sites for additional schools. In order to keep tenants in these houses, they must be maintained and that is a part of the job of the maintenance crew.

Another job that one wouldn't

associate with the operation of a school system is that of cultivating a walnut grove. The district acquired this grove when it purchased the Graber property just north of Market street where the Day Wright elementary school building will be built. The ground has been cultivated and the nuts will be harvested in due course.

Not Enough Money Drake is not satisfied with the program of keeping school grounds in shape. Weeds and tall grass have little appeal for the maintenance manager. But he doesn't have the funds to do a better job, he points out. Seems as though every little job on the outside of the building proper is charged against the fund set aside for the maintenance of the grounds. He realizes he is not alone in his desire to see well kept lawns, shrubbery that has been kept in bounds and weeds that have been cut before they have had a chance to go to seed. The administration and the directors have similar ideas, but funds can be made to stretch just so far and as a result some things must wait.



Lewis Studies County Tracts

A triangular shaped piece of land containing some 11 acres and which was acquired by the county by foreclosure for failure to pay taxes, was recently viewed by Cliff Lewis, former assessor who is currently engaged in examining county property for the purpose of getting the various tracts back on the tax rolls.

This tract is located down stream from the Wheatland ferry. The broad base of the triangle parallels the main channel of the Willamette river, while the sides extend across the stream, over a slough and the old channel which carries a small flow of water.

Maintaining the buildings of the Salem school district is a never ending project. Pictured are just a few of the 100 men currently engaged in making necessary repairs and improvements. Upper left, Richard Boatwright engaged in redecorating the band room at North Salem high while three big bass horns turn their backs. Middle left, Earl Hucksted and Jay Lockerby dig deep to repair a steam line at Parrish junior high. Lower left, Don Roth, Harry Taylor, Roger Harris and Albert Heiserman scrub a classroom floor at North Salem high. Upper right, exterior wall of North Salem high gets a coat of paint with Howard Bey and Clayton Buzzell, wielding the brushes. Lower right, Irving Brooks operates a big sander on the Parrish gym floor.

North River Road Project Progressing

The improvement of the North River road from a point north of Salem known as Painter Hill to Hopmore, a distance of 2.6 miles is progressing satisfactorily, members of the county court report.

Looms Placed For Asten-Hill

In preparation for the opening of the new Asten-Hill plant which will produce dryer felt here big looms are being placed in the former Oregon Flax Textiles plant.

Curate Named For St. Paul's

The Rev. Willis M. Rosenthal, who has been rector of St. John's church at Centralia, Wash., is to be the new curate at St. Paul's Episcopal church in Salem. He will take up his duties on September 1. It is announced by the Rev. George H. Switt, rector of St. Paul's.

ST. LOUIS PICNIC HELD

ST. LOUIS — The parish picnic that was held in the St. Louis hall last Sunday was a success. There were people from all the surrounding communities and even as far as Redmond, Ore.

Doubt Loyalty Of W. H. Taylor

WASHINGTON — Counsel for William Henry Taylor said Thursday a U. S. security board has found "reasonable doubt" of the loyalty of Taylor, an American official of the International Monetary Fund.

Chicago Onions

By United Press Supplies moderate demand fair, market about steady. Track sales (50 lbs) U. S. 1 unless stated: California Yellows 3 inch and larger 2.10, 2.3 inch 1.10.

Portland Grain

PORTLAND — Coarse grain, 15-day shipment, bulk, coast delivery. Oats No. 2, 38 lb white 49.60; 49.50; Barley No. 2, 45 lb 46.00; 47.00; Corn No. 2, E. Y. shipment 69.75.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND (USDA) — Cattle salable 150; market slow, mostly steady except cutter and utility dairy type steers, heifers weak-1.00 lower, few good 1.04-1.21; medium and good stock steers 16.50-18.00, cutter and utility dairy type steers 11.00-15.00; cutter and utility heifers 10.00-14.00, low commercial heifers up to 17.50; cagner and cutter cows mostly 8.00-10.00, few to 10.50, utility 11.00-12.00; utility bulls 14.00-15.50, cutters down to 11.00.

Chicago Grain

CHICAGO — Grains advanced on the Board of Trade Thursday with corn in the vanguard. Soybeans also were quite firm. Wheat's firmness was based largely on a falling off in receipts of cash grain in the Southwest.

NEW DESCHUTES BRIDGE

BEND — A new bridge is being built by the State Highway Department across the Deschutes River on the McKenzie Highway about four miles west of Redmond. It will replace a narrow bridge there.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

PORTLAND — Butterfat — Tentative, subject to immediate change—Premium quality, delivered in Portland 56-60 lb; first quality 56-58; second quality 54-56. Butter—Wholesale, f.o.b. bulk cubes to wholesalers—Grade AA, 93 score, 57 1/2; 92 score, 56 1/2; B grade, 90 score, 55; 89 score, 53. Cheese—To wholesalers—Oregon singles, 38 1/2-41 lb; Oregon 5-lb loaf, 41-44. Eggs—To wholesalers—Candled f.o.b. Portland, A large, 50 1/2-52 1/2; A medium, 45 1/2-46 1/2; A small, 35-36 1/2. Eggs—To retailers—Grade AA, large, 59; A large, 52-54; AA mediums, 50-52; A mediums, 49-51; A small, 38. Cartons 1-3 cents additional. Live chickens — No. 1 quality f.o.b. Portland — Fryers, 2 1/2-4 lbs, 28; at farm 27; light hens, 17; heavy hens, 19 up; old roosters, 11-14. Rabbits—Average to growers—Live white, 3 1/4-4 1/2 lbs, 21-23, 5-6 lbs, 17-19; old does, 10-12, few higher. Dressed fryers to retailers, 57-61; cut up, 52-65. Wholesale Dressed Meats Beef carcasses—Steers, choice 500-700 lbs, 38.00-41.00; good, 35.00-38.50; commercial, 33.00-36.00; utility, 28.00-33; commercial cows, canners and cutters, 23.00-35.00. Beef cuts choice steers — Blood quarters, 48.00-52.00; rounds, 44.00-47.00; full loins, trimmed, 75.00-80.00; forequarters, 29.00-32.00; chucks, 31.00-33.00; ribs, 48.00-52.00. Pork cuts — Loin, choice, 6.10 lb, 53.00-54.00; shoulders, 16 lb down, 33.00-36.00; spareribs, 44.00-50.00; fresh hams, 10-14 lb, 50.00-54. Veal and calves — Good choice, all weights, 32.00-43.00; commercial, 28.00-30.00. Lamb—Choice—prime spring, 40-50 lbs, 39.00-41.00; good, 36.00-40.00. Wool—Nominal, clean basis, 15 blood 1.0-0.4 lb; 1/2 blood 1.10-1.2 lb; 3/4 blood 1.35; fine 1.45. Country-dressed Meats, f.o.b. Portland: Beef — Cows, utility, 23-26 lb; canners and cutters, 2-32. Veal — Top quality, lightweight, 30-32; rough heavies, 20-22. Hogs — Lean blockers, 26-27; light sows, 22-23. Lambs — Good springers, 34-36; yearlings, 24-26. Fresh Produce Potatoes — new crop Calif. Long Whites 100 lb, No. 18, 2.85-3.00; special marks, 3.85-4.00. Onions — 50 lb sack Calif. Stockton yellows, med, 2.10-50, some lower; lge, 1.35-2.10; red lge, 2.25-50, few lower; white lge, 4.50-75. Hay—New crop, No. 2 green alfalfa baled, f.o.b. trucks, Portland, 33.00.

Wall Street

NEW YORK — Chemical and aircraft shares were features of a higher stock market Thursday. Prices moved up from the start and in mid-afternoon most shares were selling at their best levels of the day. Advances ranged to around 4 points in a few instances. Favorable corporate news aided the advance.

Mid Willamette Obituaries

Newton Harris LEBANON — Funeral services for Newton Harris, about 73, will be held at 2 p.m. July 23 at the Houston chapel with L. O. White of the Christian church officiating. Burial will be in the Lebanon IOOF cemetery. Mr. Harris was born in Dallas, Ore., and died July 17 in San Francisco. He was a lumberman. Survivors include his widow, Frances Cecil Harris and two daughters, Mrs. Frances Calahan and Mrs. Ruth Moss, all of Lebanon; four sons, Gerald, of South Dakota, Lyle of Alaska, Elvin of Yakata, Ore., and Bob of Montana. Others are a sister, Mrs. Pansy Fox, San Francisco; a brother Ezra of Albany, and eight grandchildren.

Alvah D. Campbell

MONMOUTH — Alvah D. Campbell, 88, died Tuesday in a Monmouth nursing home. He had been in ill health for some time. Mr. Campbell was born Sept. 23, 1866 at Larue, Ohio. He was married March 18, 1908, to Jessie E. McLarty at Starbuck, N. D. She died June 18, 1955. Before coming to Monmouth 19 years ago, Mr. Campbell lived in Missouri for 16 years. He was a member of the E. U. B. church at Monmouth. Surviving are a son, Asa Campbell, Springfield, Ore.; four daughters, Margaret Butler, Dallas; Beth Mills, Independence; Eletha Nichols, Princeton, Mo., and Vera Sansing, San Mateo, Calif.; a brother in Kansas City; 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 23, in the E.U.B. church with the Rev. William S. Rademacher officiating. Interment will be in Belcrest Memorial Park, Salem.

Deaths

Henry Louis Gunderson At the residence, 2610 N. Church, July 18. Survived by wife, Mrs. Cleo Gunderson of Salem, two daughters, Mrs. Lois Fairman, Salem; Mrs. Ellen Hockett, Salem. Five grandchildren, John Lee Dullin, Kansas City, Kan.; Claude M. Parks, Fall Creek, Ore.; Robert Trueman, Bessemer, Ala.; Virginia T. Golder, Chappell, N.C.; and Mrs. Ruth Eickmann, Clatskanie. Interment Valley View Cemetery, Silverton, Oregon.

Chicago Livestock

CHICAGO — Producers cut hog shipments to 3,600 salable head Thursday, 1,500 below expectations, and the market responded by jumping 25 to 50 cents on both butchers and sows. Mostly 190 to 240 pound hogs were taken at \$17.50 to \$18.00. Butchers scaling 250 to 300 pounds sold at \$16.75 to \$17.50. Sows sold from \$12.50 to \$16.25. Steers and heifers sold steady in a slow trade, steers topping at \$23.00. Average good to average choice steers brought \$20.00 to \$22.25 while good and choice heifers moved at \$19.00 to \$21.50. Spring lambs dropped 50 cents, good to prime going at \$18.00 to \$21.50. Other salable receipts were 1,350 cattle, 300 calves and 1,000 sheep.

SALEM MARKETS

Compiled from reports of Salem dealers for the guidance of Capital Journal readers (Revised daily). Wheat Fed Prices — \$2.25-3.45 (80-lb bag); \$2.25-4.00 (100-lb bag). Egg Market — \$2.00-3.00 (100-lb bag); \$2.25-3.25 (100-lb bag). Poultry Buying Prices — Colored fowls 20c; old roosters, 11c; colored hens, 10c; leghorn fowl, 16c; old roosters, 12c; colored cockers, 21-22c; old roosters, 11c; colored fowls, 11c; colored roosters, 22c. Eggs — Buying Prices — Eggs AA, 40c; large A, 35-36c; medium A, 30c; small A, 27c. Eggs, wholesale prices generally 5-7 cents higher than prices above; large grade A generally quoted at 11c; medium at 8c.