

CITY SCHOOL NEEDS SHOWN

(Continued from Yesterday)
Manual Training
(By Robert W. Clay)

The manual training department occupies a small building on the Central school premises, erected by a class of boys as a class project in the early days of the department's history.

The department has for its aim the encouragement and development of the constructive instinct and ability of the boy, and endeavors, during the four years in which the pupil takes the work, to give him a good general knowledge of the common hand tools of which our equipment consists.

The scope of the work from the fifth to the eighth grade embraces coping saw work from patterns, squaring up and dimensioning materials, carpentry, joinery, cabinet work, wood finishing, weaving, basketry, concrete, and mechanical drawing. Some sheet metal work will be done this year in place of electricity.

The department plans to hold a house, which will also serve as an exhibit sometime before Christmas. The exhibits to be expended in additional equipment.

The present building, 20 by 40 feet, does not adequately meet the requirements and there is some congestion. Briefly, our greatest needs are: 1. A suitable dust-free varnishing and drying room for finished work, properly heated; 2. Hot and cold water in the shop; 3. A more modern heating system for the winter months.

The cost of material for this department for the last three years, has averaged \$1.75 per pupil per year.

Home Economics

(By Thayer Raymond)

The home economics department offers instruction in home making to all girls of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades, about two hundred in all. Domestic science is given in the seventh grade, and domestic art in the other three grades.

The purpose of the courses is to teach something of the elements of home cooking and sewing and foster interest on the part of the girls to learn more of these things outside of school. There is an effort to establish standards of health and right living and to develop skill in the preparation and serving of foods with the waste of time, effort, or money. Instruction is given in costume design, placing emphasis upon simplicity, economy and appropriateness. Such supplies as needles, pins, pencils, thread etc., for sewing, and

groceries for cooking, are furnished. The cost of material for operating the department is about seventy cents per pupil per year.

Music

(By Florence Nelson)

The purpose of music in our schools is not only to develop the talented child, but also to teach the unmusical child to enjoy music, intelligently.

The first year of school is taken up with the teaching of melodious little songs of interest to the child. No attempt is made to have the child read notes; he simply repeats phrases after the teacher until he knows the song. Many children cannot sing when they enter the first grade and much time is taken, individually, to develop the ear for music.

Sight reading is taken up in the latter part of the second year and this continues, in addition to ear training and appreciation, throughout the grades, up to the eighth year. The work in the eighth grade is mainly appreciation. In this course folk songs of the various nations are studied, and other forms of music, progressing to listening lessons in familiar operas at the end of the year. Chorus is held twice a week in this grade.

A glee club of forty-five members and a grade school orchestra hold rehearsals once each week.

Library

It is perhaps not very generally known that we have a fine library of some seven thousand volumes, many of them very valuable books. These books are quite extensively used by the pupils, both in their work at school, and in their home reading. A scheme to encourage home reading of the best books was inaugurated last year, which has proved to be a great stimulus in the use of the library. A list of "preferred books" is prepared for each grade from the third to the eighth. When any pupil has read and given satisfactory reports on any six books from the preferred list for his grade, he is given a home reading certificate. This plan went into effect last January, and between that time and the close of school in June, a period of about five and one half months, 4393 books were borrowed by pupils, 2576 book reports were made to teachers, and 448 home reading certificates were issued. This means that during this period the pupils from the third grade to the eighth averaged borrowing about ten books each, and making book reports to the teachers on about

eight. Many pupils reported on twenty or more. Since these were all selected books we feel that much good reading was accomplished.

One of the important needs of this community is centralized library service. This could be accomplished through the appointment by the county court of a library board, which board would have authority to employ a trained librarian and the necessary clerical help to handle the situation in the proper way. We now have a county library and a city library, in addition to the high school library and the city school library. Much better service could be given if these several libraries were consolidated under one management. This does not mean that the city schools would give up the ownership of the books belonging to the district, but that the preparation and care of the books would be turned over to a trained librarian, who would be paid, in part, perhaps, by the school board.

Cafeteria

At the Riverside school a cafeteria is maintained, the school board paying for the services of a cook, and the children paying the cost of the food. The following figures are for the last school year: Number of meals served, 21,077; Average number meals served daily, 120; Average cost to pupils, 9.7 cts.; Total amount received for meals, \$2,043.52; Total expenditures \$1,923.81; Balance on hand at end of year, \$119.71.

The following is a sample menu: Crackers, \$.01; Unbuttered bread, \$.01; Buttered bread, \$.02; Milk, \$.04; Cocoa, \$.05; Creamed salmon, \$.07.

The cafeteria is made necessary at the Riverside school on account of the large number of children who would otherwise have to have a cold lunch at noon. All authorities agree that a warm midday meal is very necessary to active, growing children.

The need is not so great in the other schools because a large number of the children can reach their homes during the noon intermission.

Aims and Objectives

In any important work it is necessary to have certain definite objectives. I feel that I can best serve the people of Klamath Falls by striving along the following lines:

To assist the school board in securing and keeping the very best teachers obtainable.

To provide for such teachers the best possible working conditions, to unify their efforts, to merit and win their confidence, to make them contented, and to keep them at their best.

To allow the initiative of teachers full play. Teachers are not dictated to as to methods of teaching. We expect satisfactory results from each teacher, but she is placed very largely upon her own responsibility in securing such results.

The physical well being and comfort of the pupils is of primary importance, and teachers are asked to make this one of their first objectives.

Individual teaching as far as possible, versus class teaching, is urged upon teachers as a strong objective.

Another thing that we emphasize to teachers is the recognition of individual differences between pupils. It is no more reasonable to expect all pupils to accomplish the same amount of work in school, than it would be to expect all persons to reach the same station in life. Some have twice, three times, five times the abilities of others, and more should be expected and required of them. We promote pupils at any time we feel they are ready for it, regardless of whether it is at the middle of a term or the end of a term.

In instruction we try to be thorough in all subjects, but perhaps stress reading in its various phases more than any other subject. The pupil's power to read and interpret and appreciate is almost the precise index to his future growth and development after leaving school. Of course it goes without saying that citizenship and all that goes with it, is the first aim of all teaching.

(The End)

COMING EVENTS

- 19 days until Christmas.
- December 3-9 - National Educational week.
- December 8 - Presbyterian church turkey dinner and bazaar.
- December 6 - Entertainment at Mt. Lakl church.
- December 6 - Chamber of commerce forum.
- December 8 - Illustrated lecture on Art Institute of Chicago - Woman's Library club.
- December 9 - The Methodist church bazaar.
- December 11 - Lecture, Frank Branch Riley.

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