

A FINE PLAYGROUND AT THE LEE SCHOOL

Mothers' Club Raises \$80 to Buy Materials—Plans By C. L. Brewer.

PUPILS MAKE BOOKS

Prize Won for Illustrating and Lettering—Records Are High.

This is the story of a grade school that became too large for its building and, bubbling over, continued to "keep school" in the back yard. In a few weeks the new four-room addition to Lee School will be ready but the children, teachers and mothers club will continue the idea of outdoor education.

Some of Columbia's grade schools emphasize different things. One features athletics, another domestic science or manual training. The Lee school is working for the largest and most completely equipped playground in the city. Last year the Lee school mothers' club raised \$80 to buy materials for playground equipment. Nearly all of the apparatus was made by the seventh grade manual training classes. The equipment includes four teeter-boards, a horizontal bar, double swings, a slide and a giant-swing.

The rear half of a lot adjoining the school building was recently purchased by the school board and will be



The Lee School.

graded and additional apparatus set in place according to plans drawn by C. L. Brewer. Plans for obtaining a playground instructor from the School of Education are being considered. Bulbs and shrubs have also been purchased by the mothers' club and set out in the school grounds. They will be cared for by the children themselves.

Mothers' Club Raises \$200.

Since its organization four years ago, the club has raised \$200 for playground equipment and the beautification of the school rooms. Hangings and pictures for the new school addition will be purchased soon. The club has seventy-five members with an average attendance of fifty. The officers are: President, Mrs. C. L. Brewer; vice-president, Mrs. J. A. Gibson; secretary, Mrs. Wayne Allen; treasurer, Mrs. I. O. Hockaday.

This organization, in carrying out its plan for education outside of the schoolroom, is responsible for the present "better movie" campaign, according to Mrs. C. L. Brewer. The club was instrumental in bringing the first children's picture, "Rip Van Winkle," to Columbia. Other organizations in Columbia have since taken up the idea.

Lee school teachers believe in the sugar-coated pill and have arranged some of the studies so that the pupils may assimilate knowledge in their play. Historical incidents, costumes and manners are impressed on the minds of the "fifth-graders" in the manufacture of posters and illustrated booklets. The sixth grade in studying the life and history of the Puritans constructed a relief map of several scenes in the story of Miles Standish and later gave a play based on the same subject. The seventh grade won school honors last year by writing and illustrating eight booklets dealing with China. These were exhibited by Miss Ella V. Dobbs, of the home economics department of the University, at the San Francisco Exposition. Each book was made by five pupils and was illustrated in colors with hand-lettered flyleaves. The illustrations and lettering would have done justice to the work of more experienced persons.

Lee School Cost \$14,000 in 1904.

Lee school was built at Locust and Waugh streets in 1904 at a cost of \$14,000. It is a two-story, five-room building of pressed-brick. In May, 1916, \$12,000 bonds were voted for the purchase of additional grounds and the erection of a four-room addition, including two schoolrooms and rooms for domestic science and manual training. Lee school is the second in Columbia to install these departments in the school building. The 5th, 6th and 7th grades will be given instruction in manual training by J. T. Gibbs, a student in the University, who is instructor in the same subject in Benton school. Two new members will be added to the teaching staff next year to take charge of the new classrooms. Members of the present

faculty are: Mrs. J. K. Fyfer, principal, seventh grade; Miss Mary Searcy, sixth grade; Miss Alma Wilhite, fifth grade; Miss Mary Fisher, third and fourth grades; Miss Joy Fewsmith, first and second grades. The Lee school district is included in the wedge formed by the convergence of Oak and Sixth streets and extending south-east to the city limits.

Two hundred and seventeen pupils are enrolled. No truancies were reported for 1916 in Lee and Jefferson schools—the record for the year. There was but one case of corporal punishment. Other Columbia schools reported as many as fifty such cases. The attendance averages 96 per cent. But thirty-one failures in subjects taught were reported by Lee school last year, thirteen below the nearest "competitor."

It required \$1,705 to operate the school last year. The cost of educating each pupil in Lee school is 14 cents a day. This is one or two cents more than reported by the other ward schools. A minute account of the expenses, general and incidental, of Columbia's schools is filed in the office of Superintendent J. E. McPherson. By consulting the expenditures for the last few years and considering the general market fluctuations, a budget is made out and presented to the schoolboard at the first of each school year. Referring to this budget from time to time, the board is able to determine how far they are conforming to the general financial scheme and govern the expenditures accordingly.

Mr. McPherson is purchasing agent for the Columbia school system, subject to the action of the school board, and in this manner is able to keep an accurate account of the expenditures.

(Articles dealing with each of the public schools in Columbia will be published in the Missourian at frequent intervals.)

SPORT

Track Men Work Daily; Pole-vaulter Is Needed.

Tiger track men are working out every afternoon to get into condition for the indoor meets this winter. Besides the regular annual indoor meet with Kansas in Kansas City, the Tigers will take part in the K. C. A. C. meet to be held there. It is not certain yet whether the Missouri Athletic Association of St. Louis will have a meet this year, but if it does Missouri will have a team entered.

Coach Schulte has thus far spent most of the time gradually getting the men into shape. It is too early to give the men hard work. The quarter-mile and distance men have been taking short runs with lots of jogging. Daggy, Wyatt and Pittam of last year's relay team are out every day and with the addition of Selbie and several other sophomores the team should be hard to beat this year. Missouri will be lamentably weak in pole-vaulters. In past years such men as Floyd and Powell have always brought home firsts, but there seems to be no one to take their places now. Several men have been working daily at the gymnasium on pole-vaulting, but little promise has been shown so far.

The first indoor meet in which any Missouri Valley school will take part will be the Kansas-Kansas Normal meet at Lawrence on Monday, January 29. Kansas also has its annual meet with the Kansas Aggies at Lawrence February 29.

Washington Athletes Under Claude J. Hunt.

Claude J. Hunt, who recently signed a contract to coach football at the University of Washington, will be

head of the newly established department of intercollegiate athletics. Crew is the only college sport not included under the headship of the new department.

Coach Hunt will himself coach football and basketball and have complete supervision of track, baseball, wrestling and tennis. Baseball will be coached by Brinker, of the Vancouver baseball team, and track will be supervised by Coach Hunt.

Under the new organization, the supervisor of athletics will be required to remain on the campus all the year. He will receive a salary of \$3,000.

FOR 20 YEARS A TRACK WALKER

"Arizona Charley," Well-Known Desert Character, Is Adjudged Insane.

By United Press
EL PASO, Jan. 20.—They have taken "Arizona Charley" away. No more will the light-hearted transcontinental tourists catch a glimpse of the bent, grizzled old man trudging along the lonely tracks on the desert as they flash by. He was one of the best-known characters of the Southwest.

Twenty years ago "Arizona Charley" was an engineer on the Southern Pacific. One day at the end of his run he got word that his bride of a few months had been killed in a train

wreck. A broken rail had caused the wreck. He resigned and began walking the tracks over the 500-mile stretch of desert between Yuma and El Paso, looking for broken rails.

With a blanket and a frying-pan slung over his shoulder, he has tramped his beat winter and summer for twenty years, reporting defects in the track to the nearest section house. He has never ridden on a train since his wife was killed.

Nearly every tourist over the southwestern route has seen "Arizona Charley." Conductors and Pullman porters always pointed him out as the train sped past leaving him a speck in the desert.

Of late years the old man has become feeble, and now the Cochise County court has adjudged him insane and committed him to the state asylum.

Y. P. U. Meeting Tonight.

The Young People's Union of Columbia, which includes societies of four denominations, will meet at 6:30 o'clock tonight in the Baptist church. Dean G. D. Edwards of the Bible College will speak on "Attaining To One's Best." The program will include a duet. The collection taken will go to the support of Hinkson Chapel.

First Colorado U. President Dies.
Dr. Joseph Addison Sewall, 85 years old, first president of the University of Colorado, died last week following a stroke of paralysis. In 1877 Doctor Sewall, with a faculty of three and a student body of nine, held first classes of the University of Colorado. For ten years he managed the school. He was born in Maine and was a descendant of Judge Samuel Sewall, who formed one of the special courts which condemned the Salem witches.

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