MORE SCHOOLS NEEDED IN DISTRICT ONE; ALL BUILDINGS DANGEROUSLY CROWDED

Superintendent Makes Survey and Board Approves

New Building Program as Outlined—

Taxpayers Must Sanction

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In working out a building program for a school district, it is necessary to keep in mind not only the present needs of the district but possible future needs based upon the assumption that the district will grow and that certain restrictions will prevent its growth in one or more directions and that certain other conditions will promote its growth in other directions. It is necessary also to determine what administrative type of organization will best serve the educational needs of the district and the extent to which the citizens will be willing to tax themselves to include what is most modern and complete in school plants and equipment.

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CROWDED CONDITION, OF THE ANNEX SCHOOL

The most pressing need at present is in that part of the district served by the annex grade school. The annex is a small building with four regular class rooms and a basement room improvised for the kindergarten. From time to time school rooms have been opened in the high school to take care of the overflow classes from this building until at present four of the regular high school class rooms are used for the purpose. In addition to this we have been compelled to organize a second grade class on the half-day plan—one-half of them coming in the morning and the other in the afternoon—and to use the kindergarten room in the afternoon to give special satiention to a group from the over-crowded fourth grade. This is restricting the expansion of the high school for the use of part of the high school for the use of part of the high school for the use of part of the high school for the use of part of the high school for the use of part of the high school for the use of part of the high school for the use of part of the high school for the use of part of the high school for the use of part of the high school for the use of part of the high school for the use of part of the high school for the use of part of the high school for the use of part of the high school for the use of part of the high school for the properly organize the entire work of the various departments of the annex school; the children have no play space and the location of the building on a prominent corner where the traffic is rather heavy adds an element of danger that still further complicates the situation.

THE SITUATION IN OTHER SCHOOLS OF THE WEST

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Somerlid school is also overcrowded. At the beginning of the second semester it became necessary to relieve the situation by moving the manual training equipment from one of the basement rooms and opening up a mixed grade to relieve two crowded rooms. All the basement rooms in this building are now used for class rooms, altho some of them are poorly adapted to the purpose.

Irving Place school is full, some rooms crowded and no possible chance for relief in that building.

Every room in the Hinsdale school is in use at present and a small increase in enrollment at any time would call for relief in that building.

The plant at Riverside is also being used to its full capacity. The small cottage formerly used was carried away by the flood, decreasing to that extent the building room in that district. The school grounds are very small and afford very little play space for the children.

THE SCHOOLS OF THE EAST SIDE On the east side of the city both Bradford and Park View are filled to capacity and Fountain school is crowded in some departments so that relief is demanded.

It is apparent that the grade school situation is such as to demand the at-tention of the board first of all and that the most pressing need is a better

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A MODERN GRADE SCHOOL PLANT.

the other hand there are buildings now being built that are 25 years or more behind the times when completed because they are planned by men who have little conception of the needs of modern schools. The proposed buildings will serve the children of Pueblo for a half century or more. The very best that can be built now will be considered crude by the next generation. The Board owes it to the children of the district to secure the very best skill available for this important work and to insist that whatever buildings are built shall be models of everything that experts consider best in school house construction.

THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

less than 18 regular class_rooms should be considered for the first unit of the proposed building. The additional rooms will be needed to take care of pupils now attending other crowded schools. But the building, in order to serve all the purposes of a modern school rooms. There should be rooms adapted to cooking, sewing and wood, working, a gymnasium and an assemilar progressive cities are including such rooms as essential part of all new and modern grade buildings. In addition to the present value of such facilities, as school building so equipped could at any future time, should the necessity arise, be used for a school organized to the Building and the form the Gary plan—doubling its pupil capacity.

A NEW UNIT FOR THE PARK VIEW BUILDING.

For the East side an additional unit at Park View can be made to relieve crowded conditions at Fountain and Bradford schools. This unit should correspond in outward appearance to the building already in use. The building meed not be planned for work higher than the 6th grade for the present. The departmental work for the grammar grades can still be taken care of at Fountain School, thus relieving the district of the necessity of adding some mar grades can still be taken care of at Fountain School, thus relieving the district of the necessity of adding some as highly specialized branch of architecture. There are men who have given much study to this specialty and in many cities buildings that reflect in every detail their expert study of the modern educational practices. On

HOLY TRINITY PARISH MEETING LAST MONDAY

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The following were elected as Vestrymen for the ensuing year: C. A. Ballreich, Senior Warden; F. G. Mirick, Junior Warden; George D. Meston, W. C. Carrington, M. Schwer, C. G. Nikirk, O. G. Smith, W. J. Ross,

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be projected, one to serve the needs of the East side and the other the West side of the district.

Even with the building plans above proposed, if the district grows at all, your high school would soon become over crowded. Your two junior high schools could then be built to relieve crowded conditions in both grades and high school for years to come by relieving the senior high school of its freshman class and the grade buildings of the seventh and eighth grades.

To sum up the recommendations in the above plan, the present and future needs of the entire district may be most advantageously provided for as follows:

1. A new grade school building of sixteen class rooms and other modern facilities for the annex district, built on the unit plan. The proposed building to be the central unit, built with a view to future enlargement.

2. A new unit added to Park View school to match present building and adapted to use of grades 1-6.

3. As a part of the general plan, the entire program, looking to the future, should provide for two junior high schools, one to serve the cast side and the other the west side of the two proposed buildings and should be sufficiently and the other than the country of the general plan, the entire program, looking to the future, should provide for two junior high schools, one to serve the cast side and the other the west side of the when the present high school and grade buildings again become crowded.

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