

Integration Movement Is Planned; Work On New Building Starts

Contractors On Project Arrive Here

The F. S. Cupp Construction Company of Washington C. H. arrived here early this week to stake out the site for the new \$304,773.32 Webster School and, by the end of the week, the project should be off to a good start.

Representatives of the architect firm employed by the school met with the contractor Monday afternoon to stake off the site. Work has started on the north wing of the new building.

Digging of the trenches for footers was expected to get underway this week. The contractor will use a backhoe for this job. A tool shed and office was erected early this week.

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CUPP SAID that he hopes to have the four-foot footer completed in a few weeks and that the laying of bricks may be started in September. He would like to get the building under roof before cold weather if possible, depending on weather and supplies. He said he expects no great difficulties with material supplies.

Meanwhile, plumbing and heating men, under subcontract to Cupp, have arrived on the scene and work on the tearing out of old furnaces in the annex is to begin immediately. Boilers for the new furnace units have been on order for months and architects

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Heart Clinic Is Scheduled

25 Youngsters Are Expected to Attend

Lions Club To Hear Minister

New York Lecturer To Talk of Blind

Larman Sherwood of Rotterdam Junction, New York, will be the principal speaker at the August meeting of the Hillsboro Lions Club next Monday night at the Highland House.



LARMAN SHERWOOD

Sherwood will speak on the subject "As I See It," a humorous and informative address, dealing with adjustments made by the blind.

Blind since birth, Sherwood has made a remarkable adjustment to life. After attending the Maryland School for the Blind, he was graduated by the public high school at Cohoes, New York. In 1934 at Schenectady, New York, he received

Negro Group Is Heard At Meet Monday

By official motion, the Hillsboro board of education is on record as favoring the integration of colored pupils from Lincoln School upon the completion of two new elementary buildings here.

This was one of the major results of a stormy session of the board Monday night at which a delegation of six colored residents, members of a citizens' committee, appeared to ask that Lincoln pupils be integrated in the other buildings this year.

The motion came after considerable frank and outspoken argument, resolved only when Paul L. Upp, superintendent of schools, who had not entered into the discussion to any extent, arose and made a dramatic appeal "for Christian thinking and action in this situation facing us."

Upp said he had recommended to the board of education two years ago that Lincoln school be abandoned when new elementary schools were built. He said he had never altered that recommendation.

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"I HAD hoped that the matter could be settled compatibly," he told the delegation, "and I believe it would have worked out smoothly if Lincoln had not burned. The timing has been wrong. The existence of Lincoln all these years has been wrong."

"Now the eyes of the country are focused on Hillsboro and its problem. There has never been any great dissension here. Let us approach the matter in a dignified way on both sides, using Christian thinking and action. Let us pray about this thing, I say in all sincerity."

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Negro Group

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The colored delegation said they would carry the board's motion back to the citizens they represent. They are also to receive a copy of the motion in writing for presentation to their group.

Earlier, the delegation had presented a petition, signed by numerous residents, asking abandonment of Lincoln now.

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DURING THE heat of the argument, the delegation warned that "some of our children may enter your schools this September."

Rev. Abercrombie, pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, asked the question of the board several times: "MUST our children go to Lincoln School?" The general reply was that the board could not order children to go there.

The group charged that the Lincoln School is in poor condition, that the standards are low and when the sixth graders enter the high school they are behind in their studies, that pupils from

the East side must walk a mile or more to reach the school, that snow and wind blows into the building, that it is poorly equipped and various other counts.

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THE BOARD refuted many of these charges, saying generally that the Lincoln School is in as good a condition as the other elementary buildings.

One of the board's main arguments in asking that intergration be delayed until the new schools are up was that the other buildings are definitely overcrowded now. When the new schools are completed, there will be more classrooms and more teachers to handle the pupils. The integration would work more smoothly and efficiently at that time, the board members said they believed.

During a business session before and after the hearing on Lincoln, the board took up several other matters.

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A CHANGE order on the final contracts for Webster School was signed. Architects were paid the first installment, amounting to four percent, of their six percent fee, totaling \$11,000. The total contract awards, revised slightly from a previous account, amount to \$287,522, plus a total architectural fee of \$17,251.32. The total cost of Webster will be \$304,773.32

New lights for the football field are to be installed at a cost of about \$1,500. The fire department is to erect the lights.

Painting at the high school has been completed. Board members complimented the group of young painters working under Eddie Lucas for a professional-looking job.

Superintendent Upp said two or three vacancies remain to be filled on the faculty and he is in contact with applicants for the posts.

Possible purchase of three school busses from Earl Robison was discussed.

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