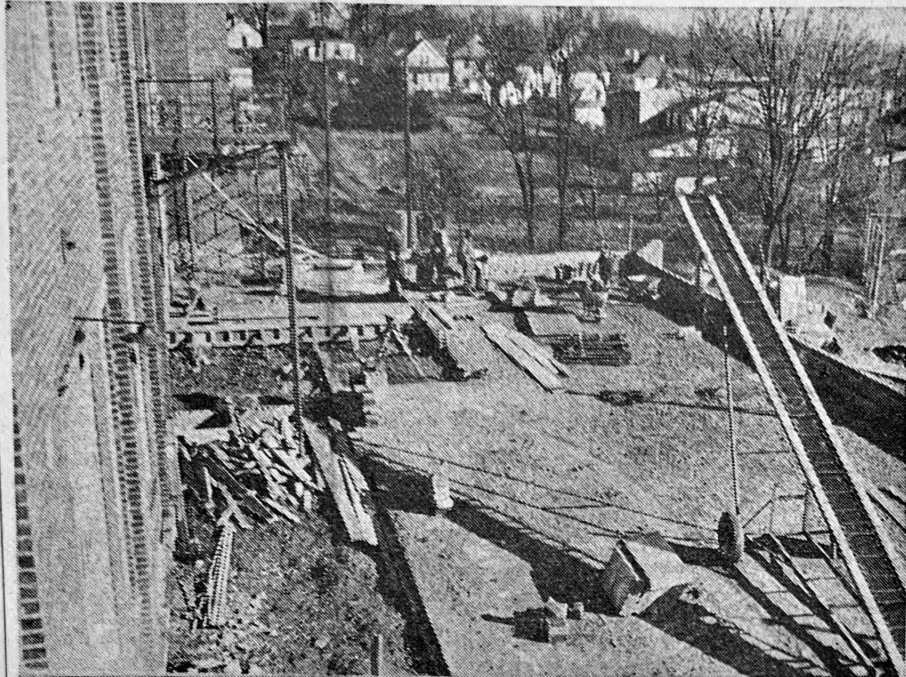


Contractor Assures Board New Webster Building Can Be Occupied This Fall



COMING UP—A break in the weather gave workers of the F. S. Cupp Construction Company a chance last week to get a few courses of brick laid on the walls of the south wing of the new Webster School. This is a view looking east, with part of the old building and annex showing at the left. Steady progress on the south wing is expected when clear weather prevails. (Staff Photo)

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THE FIRM reported a four percent increase in cost of basic materials within the past 60 days and felt that the revision was urgent.

The board, after discussing the matter, approved the changes. No change was made in the number of classrooms, which totals 16.

The Sullivan firm said they had already completed detailed plans of the previous design but would go to work in all departments on the revision.

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THE CONTRACTOR went on to say that some persons do not understand that the building, strictly from a construction viewpoint, is nearly half completed.

Cupp said he plans to put men on the job in full force when the weather "breaks."

Sullivan representatives pointed out that it had been a poor winter

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for construction work but added that Cupp is in a favorable position because he is "above ground." He will be putting up walls while other contractors are attempting to excavate this spring. Another thing in the contractor's favor is the fact that bricklayers will be more available now than they will late this spring.

Cupp said that there is nothing in the material line that he can foresee would delay the job. Virtually everything is at the site, he added. The architects commented later that Cupp appeared to be a "good housekeeper" in laying out his materials at the site and using his men efficiently.

BOARD MEMBERS said they were seeking this assurance on the project's completion because the entire elementary school program hinges on it. They said they were particularly concerned because of the "sad experience" with the late installation of the boiler at Webster School last fall, forcing dismissal of classes for a time.

Other details of the new building were discussed — heating, water lines, current outlets, turnoffs for drinking fountains and other items.

Prior to this the board heard recommendations from Walter T. Shannon, high school principal, on a new intercommunications system at the high school. Shannon outlined its various uses and the need for a new system. Following this E. G. Storer and Frank Miller (representing Duncanson's) presented tentative cost outlines of various items of equipment. The board is to draw up final specifications and then ask for bids. Costs, depending partly upon the total amount of equipment decided upon, will also hinge upon the possible rewiring of the building for the new system.

THE BOARD agreed to order some tile for installation of a drain on the Washington school ground. It is expected that the city may carry out the installation work since it is something of a joint project. Cost will run about \$600.

Superintendent Paul L. Upp reported that the district might possibly qualify for state rehabilitation funds this year and suggested application. One tentative project mentioned was renovation of the floors in the Webster annex.

In other actions, John H. Brown, president, appointed Marvel Wil-

