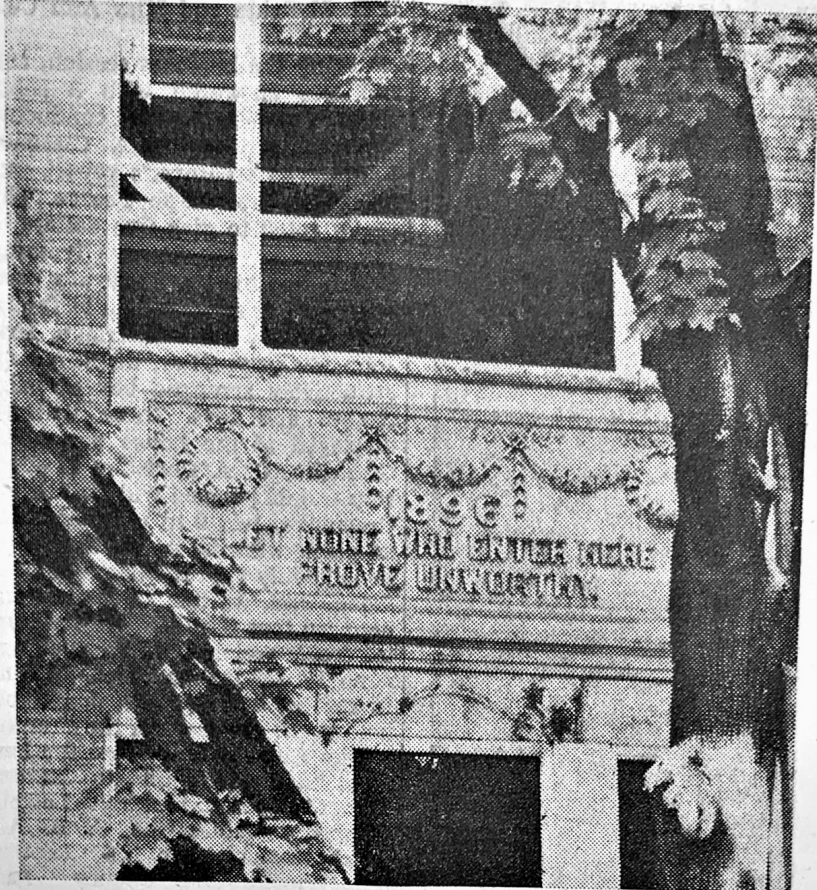


Washington School Building Coming Down; Interior Being Guttet Now



LAST LOOK—This old inscription on the Washington School, set in a huge stone block, is doomed for removal under the re-building program now underway at the school. The inscription reads, "1896—Let None Who Enter Here Prove Unworthy." It is located in the center of the building on the west side, just under a second story window. (Staff Photo)

Razing of the old Washington School will continue at a slow but steady pace, officials of the F. S. Cupp Company indicated today.

The interior of the building is being gutted gradually, with all main timber supports being retained until the roof is removed.

Two large chimneys, one at the north end and the other at the

south end, will be removed before the old slate roof is peeled away.

Most valuable as salvage are some old timbers and beams. The roof slate will have no salvage value, officials said.

THE GENERAL plan for rebuilding the structure under a \$320,000 contract calls for construction of footers and steel beam supports throughout the interior so that a roof may be installed by this fall. Then, the project can continue under roof during the winter months. School officials have set their sights on having the building in use for the fall term of 1956-57.

Some of the old bricks from jutting sections—the remodeled structure will have straight, smooth sides—will be re-used in squaring up some walls. New brick veneer will go on the sides facing East Beech and North East Streets.

A job superintendent pointed out that the old brick in the building is 2 5/8 inches while today's brick is 2 1/4 inches thick, making the matching operation a little more complicated.

Friends Church, Hillsboro Methodist Church and Dunn's Chapel.

Honorable mention went to Belfast Methodist, Sugartree Ridge Church of Christ, Fall Creek Friends Church, Mt. Olive Church of Christ and Marshall Methodist Church (color bearers).

Bond Sales Hit New High Here

A. D. Friedman, chairman of the Highland County Savings Bonds Committee, this week reported that Ohio Savings Bond sales in the first five months of this year were the highest since the same five month period in 1947. Sales in the state for the first five months



CHIMNEY SWEEPS—Work of removing the huge brick chimneys atop the old Washington School has been started by the Cupp Construction Company. Three men employed by the firm appear like three ants at the top of this chimney, located at the north end of the building. Another chimney at the south end will also be removed. Bricks from the chimney "ride" down a chute to the ground. End of the chute can be seen in the window at the right.
(Staff Photo)