

NO TROUBLE TO SNAP ENTIRE SCHOOL IN '02

Handful of Students and Meager Teaching Force Made Job Easy for Photographer

To photograph the entire New Trier High school organization—faculty, students and others connected with the school's activities, would be a task to puzzle the most ingenious camera man, but back in 1902 it was a comparatively

easy matter to summon the entire group and that's just what happened one bright day with the result as pictured on Page 18 of this issue. The enrollment reached 129 before the close of 1902 and the teaching staff was increased from seven to ten. The school was showing signs of rapid development even in those early days and the Board of Education was adding departments with considerable alacrity to meet the increasing demands of the student body. Many students from the villages of New Trier township had been attending high schools in Evanston and

Chicago but the added facilities of the township high school soon attracted them and by 1907 the enrollment had reached 268. Early in 1909 the school boasted 340 students and the teaching staff numbered twenty-four. Since that time the growth has been nothing short of amazing.

The Finale of "Enlightenment," the New Trier twenty-fifth anniversary pageant, constitutes a setting of the verses of the New Trier Song of Praise, penned by Miss Olive L. Grover, of the Art department of the school.

SCHOOL ARRANGEMENT DESCRIBED AS UNIQUE

Educators from Various Parts of the Country Study High School's Building Plan

The New Trier High school grounds, which are but a short distance from the shore of Lake Michigan, comprise thirty-two acres of land, surrounded by a grove of young forest trees and adorned by expert landscape gardening. About nine acres to the north of the school buildings are devoted to an athletic field, comprising a regulation clay and sod baseball diamond, a football and soccer field, a quarter-mile cinder running track, outdoor basketball courts and eight tennis courts.

The school plant is unique—so much so that, yearly, many educators from other states visit it to make a special study of its unusual efficiency. The architects have followed the group plan. With the exception of the central building and its two wings the buildings are all of one-story construction. The grouping is such as to form a quadrangle, the south side of which is open to Winnetka avenue. As you approach the group, the assembly hall, seating 1,200 people, and the dining hall, accommodating 1,000 students at one time, are on the left. On the right are the boys' gymnasium, the natatorium and the girls' gymnasium. The main point of interest, however, is the central building, with its familiar, massive tower. This building, with its wings, forms the north side of the quadrangle. To the north of the central building are the machine, forge and woodworking shops. Here also are located the heating and electric lighting plants.

The buildings are of modern, brick construction, with stone and terra cotta trimmings, and are designed to accommodate from 1,200 to 1,500 pupils.

The school is equipped with the latest modern appliances, including a vacuum cleaning system, an interior telephone system, apparatus for humidifying the air, motor-driven machinery in the shops, pressed steel gymnasium and corridor lockers and a Hahl pneumatic clock system. A central heating plant with a combined boiler capacity of 600 horse power furnishes steam for heating all the buildings. The boilers are equipped with traveling chain grates for stoking. The ventilating fans are driven by variable speed motors. A 100 K. W., alternating-current turbo-generator furnishes electricity for lighting and power. To prevent the possibility of accidents in case of fire, a complete fire-alarm system has been installed. Under ordinary circumstances all pupils and teachers can get out of the building in an emergency within three minutes.



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