

New School Almost Ready For Classes

The new \$332,000 Slater School in Bristol, Tenn., is substantially complete and soon will be occupied by elementary and high school Negro students.

This new building, one of the most modern in the Appalachian region, replaces the obsolete and fire hazardous adjacent old school building, which will be razed.

Pupils in the old building, where the enrollment in the first through twelfth grades totals 206, will be transferred to the new building some time before the end of this month, Superintendent C. M. Eyer announced last week. Tearing down of the old structure will begin after the transfer is completed.

The new building is of solid masonry walls and has two stories and part basement. With capacity for more than 400 students, the modern facilities include ten classrooms; home economics department; well equipped science laboratory; cafeteria and kitchen, and 450-capacity auditorium.

Elementary classrooms will be on the lower floor, with the high school on the second floor.

The office of the principal, S. G. Greene, at the first floor front,

is equipped with an up-to-date public address system. Using this system, the principal can make announcements to one or all of

Marion Firemen To Hold Annual Banquet Tuesday

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MARION, Va., Feb. 19 — The Marion Fire Department will hold its annual dinner at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the Marion Intermediate School.

Approximately 175 are expected to attend the yearly fete. Members from the departments in Bristol, Abingdon, Glade Spring, Chilhowie, Rural Retreat, Wytheville, Galax and Independence have been invited.

All town and county officials and state troopers of the Smyth County district have also been invited, it was announced.

Fred Poe will be master of ceremonies. Clarence Stephenson and Lenroy Asbury, and the Virginia Valley Boys will furnish entertainment.

the rooms at the same time and can converse with teachers. He can "listen in" on auditorium programs and the equipment can be hooked up for radio broadcasts.

In the spacious home economics department, a combination food-clothing laboratory, facilities include inclosed ironing boards; sewing machines; cutting tables and three-sided triangular mirror for fittings.

The cafeteria, seating approximately 200 persons, is separated from the kitchen by a partition which can be moved to provide service space during mealtime.

In the auditorium are sloping seats, facing the large stage and off-stage dressing rooms. The auditorium may be entered from a hall leading off the front of the building on McDowell Street or

THS Viking Booster Club Meet Monday

Officers for 1955 will be elected at a meeting of the Tennessee High School Viking Booster Club at 7:30 p. m. Monday at the school.

Special recognition will be given

from East State Street at the rear.

The school library provides space for 3,000 books and has librarian's work room and a classification room.

In the modern boiler room, from which steam heat goes to sheet steel convactor radiators, is an auxiliary heater to provide hot waters at times when the furnace is not fired. The furnace is stoker-fed.

The industrial arts shop is on the ground floor. At the rear is an overhead door for unloading trucks bearing heavy equipment. Other facilities include tool room

Johnson County Hires Assistant Farm Agent

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MOUNTAIN CITY, Tenn., Feb. 19—Delmas D. Hines has been employed as assistant county farm agent in Johnson County. He will assume his duties Monday, it has been announced by John E. Walker, county agent.

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