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THE BURLINGTON

THREE SCHOOLS WILL HAVE NEW BUILDINGS

Modern Structures for School Purposes at Shelburne, South Burlington and Forestdale

Soon Ready for Use—Cost of Shelburne School \$60,000

A number of country school houses are being built at various places in Vermont and among these are one at Shelburne, another in South Burlington and a third in Forestdale, near Brandon. Frank L. Austin of this city has been the architect for all three structures, and it is expected that they will be ready for occupancy soon.

The building at South Burlington will be ready for school work by November 1 in the opinion of those in charge of the construction. The building and land represent an expenditure of about \$9,000, and the new building will take the place of the old Eldredge school house which has done duty for nearly a century and was one of the first brick structures in this section of the country. The old building has suffered from the lapse of time and is now being held together by supports. The school in South Burlington is badly needed, as now the old school house takes the grammar school students for one-half of the day and the lower grades during the other half.

Because of the inadequate facilities, the school was held in the old Pine Tree Inn for two years, but the State

Board of Health prohibited the old hotel's use any longer. The new school is situated near Williston road on a piece of land purchased of Michael Ryan. There is ample room for play grounds and the school will have a basement and two rooms with movable furniture. This will be adequate for school purposes for a number of years. Modern ventilation, toilets, etc., have been installed.

No name for the building has been selected as yet and it may be left to the children to decide from a list which will be given them. The Eldredge school is one of the landmarks of that part of the county and stood there in the old stage coach days when a hotel stood across the road. The land on which it stands, and on which the cemetery is located, was deeded to the town by a man named Eldredge and must be used for public purposes.

The people of Shelburne have recovered from the fire of last winter which destroyed the town hall and school, and expect to have a handsome new school building ready for occupancy soon after the first of November, if not on that date. The building represents an expenditure of about \$60,000 and is one of the best to be built among the smaller schools of the State.

The school has ten rooms and will accommodate the needs of pupils from the lower grades up through the High school. Two hundred pupils can easily be accommodated, and this is more than there are at present, but the school is being built with a view to the future. The building is to all purposes three stories in height, for the basement is mostly above the level of the ground. The first floor is given over to school purposes and the floor above that to an assembly hall, which is equipped with a stage and can seat several hundreds of people. The exterior of the building is finished in tapestry brick and terra cotta trimmings of cast stone. There are ample grounds

for athletic fields, etc., for there is a three-acre lot in the rear of the school.

At the present time, the children are being taught in various places in the village in halls of societies, etc. Frazee & Snyder, the firm which is doing the road work in Shelburne, are the contractors for the building and W. H. Buckley & Co. of Burlington are doing the plumbing. The school contains every modern convenience.

In Forestdale, the new school will take care of about 175 children and will cost in the neighborhood of \$35,000. There is a ground floor and a floor above it. The building is attached to a community hall which will seat several hundreds and has a stage for entertainments. The building is of brick and has all the new devices of a school house.

CITY NEWS

The annual meeting of Burlington Post, No. 2, American Legion, will be held at 8 o'clock next Monday evening, October 4. Nomination and election of officers will take place.

The Y. M. C. A. will hold a boys' rally and social Friday evening, at 7:30. Theron S. Dean will give an illustrated lecture on the Green Mountains and the Long Trail. There will be refreshments and music. All members of the boys' department and their friends are invited. At this rally plans for the Saturday afternoon hike will be completed.

Miss Grace I. Bowes dean of girls at Montpelier Seminary, was a week-end guest of Miss Laura Durfey of North Willard street. Miss Bowes and Miss Durfey were formerly associated in mission schools for the negroes in Richmond, Va., Miss Bowes having been dean of girls at Hartshorn Memorial College for ten years while Miss Durfey was nearly three years bursar of Virginia Union University.

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