A Note About the Architect

The Architect for the 1922 Building was C. (Cyrus) Howard Parsons. He began his practice in partnership with his father (William R. Parsons) and W.R.'s spouse, Hattie.E. Parsons. The firm was initially established in Topeka as W.R. Parsons & Son, but had moved its headquarters to Des Moines by 1891. According to notes held by the Northwest Architectural Archives at the University of Minnesota, the firm was one of the biggest firms in Des Moines, and also had offices in Duluth, and Fort Smith, Arkansas. An advertisement for the office describes the company as "School House Architects." The firm was in business in Des Moines until about 1910.

W.R. Parsons and Son designed a number of schools, courthouses and banks throughout the Midwest, including school buildings in Chisholm and Hibbing, MN. The firm also published a number of architectural treatises, including the Designs for Public Schools; Designs of City School Buildings; Designs for Village Schools; Designs for Country District School Houses; and Designs for Bank Buildings.

By the time he was retained to design the Annandale Building C. Howard had established an independent practice in Minneapolis. The Northwest Architectural Archives at the University of Minnesota has a small collection of materials relating to his work in Minnesota.



February 18, 1922.

er Bethany Home, Mrs. W. Ensign, pres., 3713 Bryant av. Conc. & brk. Owner may take bids this spring. Drawing plans.

*Laundry Bldg.: \$70,000. 2 sty. 132x128. Site not selected. Archt. Perry E. Crosier, 915 N. Y. Life bldg. Owner City Dye House, Inc., Morris Eisenstadt, pres. 2637 Nicollet av. Brk. Drawing revised plans. (Note changes.)

*Plant (electric light): Hillsbore, N. D. Engr. C. L. Pillsbury Co., 1200 2nd av., S., Minneapolis. Owner City of Hillsbore, W. G. Nyhus, clk., Hillsbore. Drawing plans.

Res. (several): Ea. abt. \$6,000, 2 sty. Site not selected. Priv. plans. Owner & Bidr. H. E. Johnson, 2445 Fremont av., S. Stucco. Mature in spring. Contemplated.

Res.: 2 sty. Site not selected. Owner A. W. Nelson, 4203 13th av. Frame. Conteemplated.

Rea.: 2 sty. Site not selected. Priv. plans. Owner & Bldr. Wm. F. Unger. 2521 Emerson av. N. Stucco. Mature in spring. Contemplated.

Res.: 2 sty. Lake of Isles blvd. & Dean blvd. Priv. plans. Owner Thos. M. Wallace. 420 .Lumber Exch. Stucco. Plans drawn.

*Res.: 2 sty. 6th st. 6th av. S. E. Archt. Loren F. Collins, 907 E. Hennepin av. Owner Mr. Wallace Denblet, 302 E. Hennepin av. Frame. Contemplated.

Res.: 2 sty, & bas. 24x32. Site not selected, St. Paul. Archt, E. C. Haley, 832 Palace bldg., Minneapolis, Owner withheld, care archt. Stucco. Drawing plans.

*School (public): \$150,000, 2 sty. & bas. 154x110. Annandale, Minn. Archt. C. Howard Parsons, 600 Builders Exch. Minneapolis. Owner Bd. of E., Dist. No. 71, W. H. Towle, clk., Annandale. Brk. & stone. Owner taking bids on gen. contr. to close 2 p. m., Feb. 24.

THE AMERICAN CONTRACTOR

Owner will take bids on gen. contr. abt. Feb. 20.

Hotel (summer) & Bathing Resort: \$60,-000. 2 sty. & bas. 90x160. Lake Owasso, nr. St. Paul. Archt. Carl N. Buetow, 428 N. Victoria st., St. Paul. Owner H. H. Chapman, Lake Owasso, via St. Paul. Reinf. conc. & frame. Sketches drawn.

*Res. (several): Ea. \$4,000. 2 sty. Site not selected. Priv. plans. Owner & Bldr. Gerard Rowe, 321 Brimhall. Frame & stucco. Mature in spring. Contemplated.

*Rem. (several): 1 sty. Site not selected. St. Paul. Priv. plans. Owner & Bidr. Fred Anderson. 2810 Bryant av. S., Minneapolis, Minn. Frame & stucco. Contemplated.

Res.: 2 sty. Site not selected. Priv. plans. Owner & Bidr. John Florin, 1226 Van Buren st. Stucco. Mature in spring. Contemplated.

School (normal): \$250,000. 3 sty. & bas. Mankato, Minn. Archt. C. H. Johnston, 715 Capital Bank bldg., St. Paul. Owner State Bd. of Control, D. F. Mullen, secy., State House, St. Paul. Brk. & reinf. conc. Drawing plans.

*Theatre (M. P.): \$20,000, 1 sty. 52x 110. Hastings, bet. Cypress & Earl. Archt. Carl H. Bustow, 422 N. Victoria st. Owner J. A. Frismuth, 913 Mound st. Brk., cut stone trim. Archt. selected.

DULUTH, MINN.

*Jail: \$400,000. 3 sty. 145x100. W. 2nd st. Archt. Holstead & Sullivan, Palladio bldg. Owner St. Louis County, W. H. Bergen, auditor, Duluth. Brk., tile, conc. or gypsum blk., frpf. Owner taking bids on gen. contr. to 1 p. m., Mar. 7.

*School (high, add.): \$800,000. 2 sty.
& bas. Hibbing, Minn. Archt. W. T.
Bray, Torrey bldg., Duluth. Owner B.
of E., Ray Kreis, clk., Hibbing. Brk.
Excav. & fdn. contr. to Jacobson Bros.,
410 Columbia bldg., Duluth.

This notice soliciting bids for a general contractor s appeared in *The American Contractor* on 18 February 1922.

Construction-related Articles from the Annandale Advocate

These articles are excerpted from a column that appeared weekly in the Annandale Advocate. The column is a compilation of school news that appears to have been written by students.

5 October 1922

School Furnishes Many Interesting Notes

Our new school building is progressing very rapidly. The roof on the main part being nearly completed, partitions are all up on the third floor and the first floor cemented, the steps are completed and the lathing is under way.

19 October 1922

Social Program for School Year Planned

Work on the new schoolhouse has been delayed because the material has not arrived for further work. The workmen will enjoy the rest.

26 October 1922

School Brimming Over with News

Our new schoolhouse is progressing very rapidly. The windows are painted, the plastering is well under way, lathing on the second floor almost done. All partitions on first floor completed, heating system connected, and four rooms wholly completed. At present the grading and removing the trees occupies some time. Who said we wouldn't have a new schoolhouse soon?

9 November 1922

Visitors Welcome to Visit School-Good

The third floor of our new school is complete plastered, while the second one is well under way. They have started to lathe the first floor. The front and back yard has been graded so that coal can be put into the bin.

23 November 1922

Six Weeks Exams Again Trying the Brains

Our new building is progressing rapidly, for the second and third floors are completely plastered, while the first floor is well under way. The millwork has arrived and the carpenters are putting it up on the third floor.

Mr. Andrews [the Superintendent] will be glad when it is completed, for he thinks fewer pupils will bother him. He thinks we will get lost trying to find him. Don't fool yourself, Prof.!

30 November 1922

Building Inspector, Chapman, Pleased with Schoolhouse

S.A. Challman [this is how it appeared in the article, despite the headline], Inspector of Buildings from the State Department of Education inspected our new school and reported the building to be very satisfactory. We agree with you, Mr. Challman.

Unless something unexpected turns up, the plastering in the new building will be completed by Thanksgiving. A carload of flooring arrived recently, and in a short time our school will be all finished. The woodwork is to be done in dull mahogany.

14 December 1922

Annandale Won Second in Declamatory Contest

Our new schoolhouse is progressing rapidly. The woodwork on the third floor is completely finished and that on the second is well under way. A crew of floor layers are about to begin flooring the third story.

Madsen and Peterson, the contractors, visited the building last week and announced that it would be entirely completed by January 1. Hurrah for the new schoolhouse!

ANNANDALE, WRIGHT COUNTY

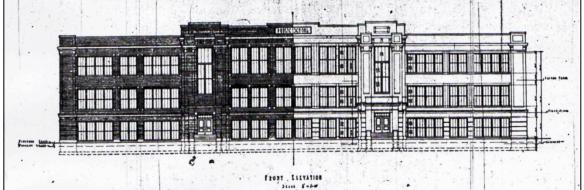
MINNESOTA, MAR . 2 1922

NEW ERA FOR SCHOOL BEGINS. LOWEST BID FOR COMPLETE BUILDING IS \$113,787

Bids Let For New School Building To Be Erected On Cherry

Avenue East Of Present School Building

THE PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL BUILDING FOR ANNANDALE



warded to Madsen and Peterson, count on. of Minneapolis, the bid being for Chas. Wilkins and Co. of Minne- ing. 8. apolis, at \$5,295. The electrical work was given to Fred I. Page of St. Paul, the amount being be completed by next January. \$1190. The heating apparatus Madson & Peterson are a very contract fell to A. B. Donaldson, reliable firm and the board feels Minneapolis, for \$21,335 making confident that a fine building shout the size of the one at Buf-

Plumbing Wiring Heating

over 70,000 on the building thru waiting. In addition there will three story structure to be erect most of the school and commu- this section of the state

Friday afternoon, at the vil- probably be a little shrinkage on ed on the 6 acre tract cast of the nity activities will take place lage hall, the construction bids the general construction price, present site. On the first floor Annandale has felt the need of on the new schoolhouse were op- owing to the fact that the bid will be found rooms for the just such a place for some time ened and passed upon. The gen- was based on a price for brick special departments and the since the Village hall is not only eral construction work was a- the district should have a dis- gymnasium.—auditorium. Seven too small but also inconvenient

the amount of \$85,967. The day were: General Construction, cludes a cooking, sewing, and poses, a large library, two rediplumbing contract was given to 10; Plumbing, 7; Wiring, 8; Heat- a large lunch room for the home tation rooms and a suite of

\$8,570 brick has been selected tunning booth will be constructed for a recitation rooms, normal train. \$1,800 in several well blending shades. motion picture machine. The ing and laboratories.

large rooms are planned for the The number of bids put in Fri- special departments which in- found six rooms for grade pureconomics department; Work on the new building will rooms for agriculture and two consisting of a reception room. Work on the new building will for manual training. On this private office and a teachers' start early this spring and is to floor also are found the boys rest room off from the re eption and girls toilets and showers. room.

The gymnasium - auditorium is leating \$27,900 This brick comes from the gymnasium, of course, will appeal When completed the school This represents a saving of Springfield Minnesota factory. to the students and to the gen-will be second to none in this

On the second floor will be two rooms for the superintendent

The third floor will be given over to high school work and Two years ago bids were resame firm is now building the firm is now building the ceived for this work, and we Bryant Junior High School in it equipped with a large stage study hall seating 150 students quote the lowest bids offered at Minneapolis which is also to be and dressing rooms where plays is a feature on this floor. The that time: completed by Jannary first On can be effectively presented. At rest of the space is devoted to

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ANNANDALE, WRIGHT COUNTY, MINNESOTA, DEC. 21 1922

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lew School Building Jecorated With Bronze Tablet

The Gift Of The Fair Rayen Lodge A. F. & A. M. Contains "Bath Of. Athenian Youth"

The Masonic Lodge purchased for the new school a beautiful bronze tablet on which is inscribed the "Oath of Athenian Youth". The tablet is 3 by 4 ft. and will be placed in 2nd corridor opposite the south entrance. Oath which is an educational ideal, ought to inspire better conduct in the student body. It is just such an ideal that is needed today to inspire a deeper sense of civic duty among our growing citizens. When Athens e spread was in her glory, each Greek youth learned this oath and strived to live up to its teach ng. Such training is needed today. This is the oath-

"We will never bring disgrace to this, our city, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks. We will fight t South for the ideals and sacred things on Nov. of the city, both alone, and with nts. The many; we will revere and obey to Iver the city's laws, and do our best n duty, to incite a like respect and reverence in those above us who ly to quicken the public sense of services conducted Saturday. civic duty. Thus in all these ways we will transmit this city not only not less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

The new building will have all flooring laid on 3rd floor at the end of this week. Why, oh why, didn't they lay the gymnasium floor first? The foreman says the Gym. floor will be laid last. What a cruel old world this is.

School closes Friday, the 22, we got fun!"

The teachers will spend their Cnristmas vacation in the following places: Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, Miss Fredricks, Masseley, Minneapolis; Knauss, Morristown; Miss Gove. Windom; Miss Hanson, Hutchinson; Miss Packer, Mrs. Dunton, Minneapolis and Annandale; Miss Frisch Winona; Miss Ekberg, St. Peul; Miss Zrust. Silver Lake; Miss Fugina, Arcadia, Wis.

The Foods and Cookery class mu have finished the study of fats in and are studying pastry now.

The seventh grade cooking | class had a Christmas lesson on candy Tuesday.

Vernon Ponsford and Ruth Ferguson showed most improvement in accuracy in the Arithmetic process work this week. each gaining about 30 points.

In the eighth grade co npositions, the most improvement in paragraph writing was shown in the papers written by Milton Andrews, Inez Daws, Mae Eagy,

A telegram reached here Wednesday announcing the death of Charles Chevalier at are prone to annul or set them at Crosby, N. D. The remains will naught; we will strive unceasing- be shipped here and funeral

for a two weeks vacation. "Ain't

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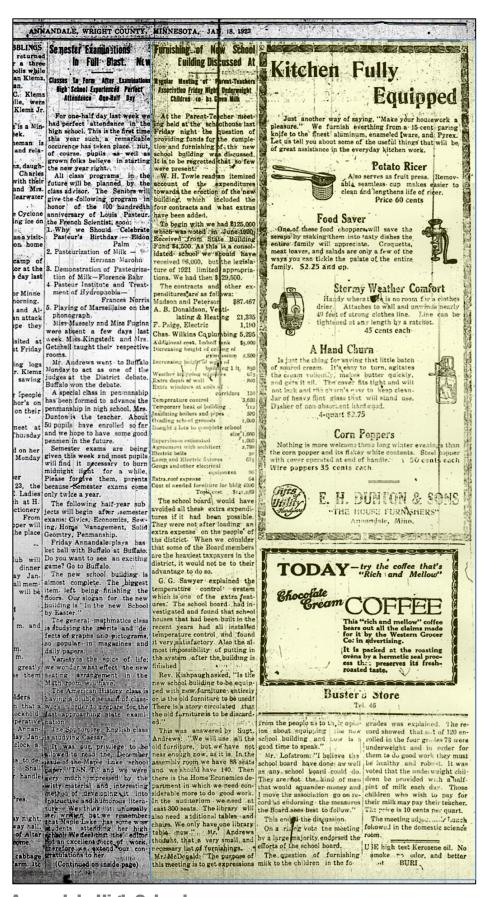
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Take your pencil and check off. some of the items you think "he" or "she" would like for Xmas Drop in at the store and look 'em over-Lots of other items not listed here.

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ANNANDALE, WRIGHT COUNTY.

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M. RIDGWAY, M. D.

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yay M. D., graduate of the medical de-University, and a resident of Minne-ndale in the year 1890. He came out to out his shingle.

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not view these things with dismay. He y the country would be all settled and n place of timber and brush, and Annd prosper. He was right.

hat there was some thing else which with him staying here. On a farm pear ing lady, Miss Viola Ponsford, whose nade, To him this was the woman, and

School House Accepted By

Building Will be Occupied Next Tuesday Morning. Moving Saturday and Monday

The contractors for our new school building were here from the city Wednesday and held a joint meeting with the school Board. The building was carefully gone over and except for a very few minor things, has been accepted by the Board of Education. It was voted at the same meeting to occupy the same as soon as possible. Monday being a holiday, the work of moving will be done on Saturday and Monday: Jesse Henneman volunteered his services free of charge to oversee the moving, and this was gladly accepted. Volunteers are wanted to assist in the work Take your tools and report at the old building Saturday morning and help in this work.

ANDALE, WRIGHT COUNTY, MINNESOTA, FEB. 22 1923

New Furniture Arriving

Boys Lose To Paynesville -Girls Win - Pupils Sick With "Flu" Eridemic

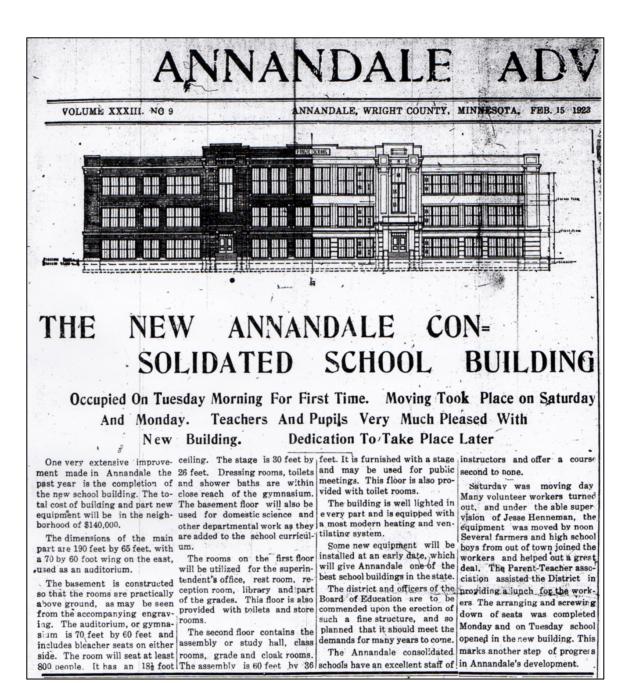
day. He with several members school as the mumps did for we of the school board were in the fear our new building would be city ordering furniture for the sadly neglected. school. The first shipment of furniture has arrived. It consists Stella Sand, "Is radio hurting of seats for the assembly. The the church?" by Neil Bahr, A toilet fixtures have arrived and clarinet solo by Florence Bahr been installed.

Band practice has been chang ed from Wednesday to Tuesday For School Building The practice will be held in the gymnasinm instead of the hall. Now that the storm is over

the attendance is more regular than it was last week.

Several high school pupils have the "flu." We hope the Mr. Andrews was absent Mon- epidemic will not spread over the

"What is inside the earth?" by Records to signify the patenting



This article announcing the opening of the new school building appeared in the *Annandale Advocate* on 15 February 1923.



Historic view 1. The Annandale High School building as it appeared ca. 1925. Note the horse-drawn school buses.



Historic view 2. The school building as it appeared in 1951.



Historic view 3. The building in 1955



Historic view 4. The building as it appeared in 1960. The 1954 addition is visible at right.



Historic view 5. Undated view of the north end. Note the ventilator hoods flanking the doorway.



Historic view 6. Undated view of the building in recent years.