

Negotiations

Hike Schools

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West Side Elementary School Plans Discussed By Committee

A suggested structural shape and placement of the proposed west side elementary school on High street, was revealed to the newly formed citizens committee last night in the trustees' board room.

Members of the committee are: Norman Powell, advertising director, The Sentinel, chairman; Dr. John Morris, physician; Les Ley, sales manager, Santa Cruz Lumber; Harry McElroy, personnel director, Sylvania Electric Products; Mrs. Dan Hurt, representing the elementary schools P-TA; Mrs. Max Caldwell, representing the secondary schools P-TA; Sam Combs, business representative of the northern county carpenters' union.

Architect Corwin Booth received no complaints on a preliminary plan to face the plant toward the new First Congregational church, with half circle parking

in front, between two wings of classrooms. The parking zone would face a multi-purpose room connecting the wings. The playgrounds would be behind on two levels.

Booth told the group that the lot was generally rectangular. If the front faced High street the playgrounds would be above the buildings curbing supervision.

Under the present plan classes one through three would occupy the lower wing and use the lower playground. The upper level would be used by classes four through six. There will be a 25-foot difference in levels.

The plans were drawn for 18 classrooms, a set-up that could have been possible under the present budget if the bond issue had passed two years ago. Building costs have risen 5 per cent a year.

The board and committee must cut off six classrooms somewhere. The \$390,000 budgeted for the elementary school will cover a 12-classroom school.

In discussing the general plans, Booth said the trend was to get away from the multi-windowed classroom. Better and new inexpensive types of lighting has made window lighting an extra expensive item.

Later, Burton Rockwell, one of the architects for the new mid-county high school, told of the "windowless" Hillsdale high school. He said when the students changed classes they walked through relaxing garden courts.

It was figured that it would take at least 12 months of planning before the bids could be let, and construction begun on the high school.

Next Tuesday, the committee and trustees will spend the day visiting the Stagg high school in Stockton (\$11 per square foot); the Delvalle high in Walnut Creek; and Hillsdale high in San Mateo.

Attack Is Fatal To Mario Lanza

Rome (AP). — American tenor Mario Lanza died today in a Rome hospital.

Lanza had been in the hospital for about a week, reportedly for treatment of a minor illness.

A friend said he had suffered a heart attack and died shortly after noon. He was 38.

Lanza two years ago undertook a new movie career in Europe after several years of controversial activity in the United States.

A Philadelphia boy, Lanza