

PUBLIC SCHOOLS BEGIN ANOTHER TERM TODAY

Several Hundred New Beginners Numbered Among the Nearly 10,000 Children.

OCCUPY TWO NEW BUILDINGS

Many New Faces Are Also Among the Small Army of Teachers

Bethlehem's chief public educational institution, the public schools, resumed their great task of turning out educated young men and women today after the summer vacation when some 9,000 pupils were in enrolled in 27 buildings within the district, where they were taken in hand by about 275 teachers.

So anxious were some of the pupils to resume their studies, especially those attending in the new buildings, that long before the peals of the "first bell" were heard, bright, rosy cheeked youngsters in new school clothes, their hair all curled up, or sleeked back, according to sex, started trooping toward the buildings, and waiting impatiently until the doors were open and entrance was permitted.

Especially was this true at the Liberty high school, where a large crowd of youngsters congregated before the opening of the doors. And they were not alone. Upward of a hundred patrons of the schools were just as anxious to see the start of the first season at the handsome new school and were present during the opening exercises.

The opening was as harmonious as could be expected when the large enrollment is considered, as well as the fact that two new buildings were put in operation, necessitating much re-assignment of pupils. There was little or no confusion because of difference in time, most residents having been well informed that the schools would open on daylight saving time.

Liberty High Opening

The spacious auditorium of Liberty High School was completely filled by some 1500 pupils when the opening exercise began at 8.45 o'clock. Patrons of the school present were compelled to stand in order to witness the exercises, no seats being available.

"Holy, Holy, Holy" was sung by the pupils under the direction of Miss A. Louise Morris, supervisor of music. Then Principal James Howlett read a passage of scripture and the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison.

Principal Howlett gave a short talk to the pupils. Speaking of the beauty and completeness of the building, he said in the past the people in speaking of the high school only spoke of the building itself. Today for the first time, he said it can be spoken of as a complete high school. He exhorted the students to make the high school as beautiful as an educational center as it is beautiful to the eye.

“The beauty of this building has been broadcasted throughout the land and I urge upon you that the quality of work done here may be broadcasted even more so,” said Mr. Howlett.

Principal Howlett then gave instructions as to classes and other matters pertaining to the actual operation of the school. Among these is a rule that only seniors and juniors may enter the school through the front entrance, members of lower classes being required to use the side entrances. Mr. Howlett in this respect spoke of the dignity of appearance of the front of the building and said that this must not be marred by any undue confusion of entrance or exit.

The exercise closed with the singing of “America.”

Yester morning Supt. Muir held a conference with the school principals, and in the afternoon at 2.30 the principals in turn held a conference with the teachers under their personal direction.

Other Schools Open

Several of the parochial schools of the city also opened this morning. At the Holy Infancy Parochial School about 500 were enrolled today, while more are expected during the week. The mother superior and nine teachers are in charge. The school is on daylight saving time.

Holy Ghost Parochial School opened this morning at 8.45, standard time. There are 18 teachers. The enrollment was about 600.

About 150 pupils were enrolled at St. John’s Catholic Parochial School East Fourth street, when it opened at 9 o’clock, daylight saving. A total enrollment of 350 is expected. There are six sisters and one lay teacher. Because parents complained that the hour is too early, the school will resume standard time next Monday.

S.S. Cyril & Methodius Parochial School opened on daylight saving time this morning. No enrollment figures were obtainable today.