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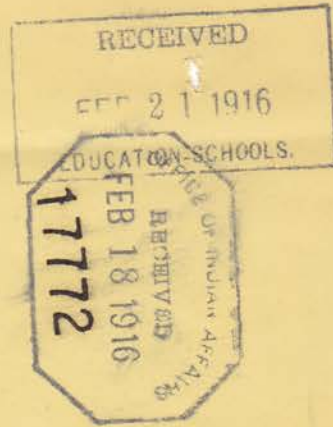
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CARLISLE

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INSPECTION REPORT

Report of H.B. PEAIRS
 Agency or school CARLISLE
 Date of report 2-7-16
 Section 1 Subject MATERIAL PLANT.
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Inspection's call-up.

Action should be taken or memorandum prepared on each of the following matters referred to in the report:

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Take up the question of installing cylindrical sliding fire escapes on the girls' building at once.

Note the suggestion concerning steel lockers; also the suggestion that the hospital porches be provided with window sashes during the winter rather than curtains as at present. Discuss this fully with Dr. Wheeler.

Note the need for additional quarters for employees.

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Mr. O. H. Lipps,
Superintendent, Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Lipps:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 26 in connection with Supervisor Peairs' report relative to improvements suggested by him.

Your report in regard to the various subjects mentioned is satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL
CARLISLE, PA.

February 26, 1916



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The Honorable
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of Office letter dated February 25th, directing attention to the report of Supervisor Peairs, relative to improvements suggested by him for this school.

As to the fire escapes, this matter is receiving attention, and steps will be taken to carry out Supervisor Peairs' suggestions as soon as practicable.

As soon as funds are available, we propose to submit request for authority to purchase steel lockers for the large boys' quarters.

Material was purchased last year for the remodeling of the bath/^{room}annex to the small boys' quarters, and it is expected to do this work during the coming summer vacation months.

Plans are already under way for substituting window sash for the curtains for hospital porches, and these will be put in place before another winter.

The matter providing accommodations on the school grounds for employees has been under way here for the past year. In fact, we constructed four employees' cottages last summer, but

these are insufficient to accommodate all of our employees who are living in town. The old athletic building is now being converted into an Employees' Club. It is proposed to have the employees' dining room and kitchen in this building, and also rooms for employees and guests. The lower part of the present Teachers' Quarters will be converted into suites for light housekeeping, and married employees with small families will be quartered in that building, and the cottages now occupied by some of the smaller families will be made available for married employees who have children.

There has been some little opposition to this plan on the part of the teachers, but we have considered the change from every view point, and in order to be fair to the employees who are not provided with quarters, we have found no other way in which we can accommodate them. We have no more building space on the grounds, and even if we did have, it is not thought advisable to expend any more money in the construction of new buildings at Carlisle. Some of our employees who are living down town and paying rent, furnishing their own light and fuel, are receiving less salaries than some of the teachers. These are men with families. Our present salary list will not permit of any material increases in salaries. To provide these employees quarters, giving them light and fuel, will amount to a substantial increase in salary. They are competent and deserving, and we can at small cost remodel the lower part of the present Teachers' Quarters and make them suitable for light housekeeping

quarters for married families, and the old athletic building is now being thoroughly renovated and remodeled to accommodate the teachers mess, and to provide rooms for those who may have to vacate the lower part of the present teachers' quarters.

All of these matters were discussed with Supervisor Peairs during his recent visit, and plans are already well under way for carrying out his suggestions.

Very respectfully,

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Superintendent.

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Mr. Oscar H. Lipps,
Supt. Carlisle School.

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My dear Mr. Lipps:

Supervisor H. E. Peairs in his report of February 2, on the Carlisle plant takes up the matter of fire escapes. He says that the

"The fire escapes now in use, (sliding poles) are satisfactory for the boys building but are entirely unsuitable for the girls building. A cylindrical slide such as is in use at the Anadarko Boarding School, at Haskell Institute and a few other schools is the only safe type of fire escape for a girls building. Two of that type should be installed at the girls building at Carlisle as soon as possible."

This is important, and steps should be taken without delay, to furnish proper fire escapes for the girls building.

The Supervisor says that the old wooden wardrobes in the dormitories are in a bad state of repair and cannot be made sanitary and satisfactory. These should be replaced by a complete equipment of steel lockers especially in the large boys' quarters. Mr. Peairs says that the annex to the small boys building should be

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remodeled, enlarged and provided with modern equipment, and shower baths are greatly needed.

He says that the hospital porches are provided with curtains instead of window sash, and the curtains have not been satisfactory. The hospital porches should be provided with glazed sash and made habitable at all times,.

The matter of providing accommodations on the school grounds for employees who are now living in town, also was taken up by Mr. Peairs.

Please submit a report to the Office, as soon as practicable, in regard to all these matters, together with your recommendations, particularly in regard to fire escapes, informal request for which should be forwarded immediately.

Very truly yours,

(Signed E. B. Meritt

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Assistant Commissioner.

REPORT OF H. B. PEAIRS, SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

on the

Carlisle, Pa. Indian School.

Feb. 7, 1916.



Section I - Material Plant

As so many reports have been made on Carlisle, it seems unnecessary to do more at this time than to call attention to the more important needs.

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Fire Escapes

The fire escapes now in use, (sliding poles) are satisfactory for the boys building but are entirely unsuitable for the girls building. A cylindrical slide such as is in use at the Anadarko Boarding School, at Haskell Institute and a few other schools is the only safe type of fire escape for a girls building. Two of that type should be installed at the girls building at Carlisle as soon as possible.

Small Boys Building Annex

The Annex to the small boys building should be remodeled, enlarged and provided with modern equipment as soon as funds are available. Shower baths are greatly needed. At present there is nothing but tubs in this building.

Lockers

The old wooden ward robes in the dormitories are in a bad state of repair and cannot be made sanitary and satisfactory. They should be replaced by a com-

plete equipment of steel lockers especially in the large boys' quarters.

Hospital
Porches

At present the hospital porches are provided with curtains instead of window sash. The curtains have never been satisfactory. There is a great deal of rainy, damp weather and also considerable cold weather during the winter months during which the porches are very uncomfortable and the physician reports that at such times he does not think it advisable to use the porches at all. At the time of my inspection there was an epidemic of mumps in the school and not only every ward in the hospital but many rooms in the dormitory buildings were being used as sick rooms. The weather was such that the porches could not be safely used. The result was that it was impossible to isolate special cases and at least one patient who had tuberculosis was occupying the same room as a number of those who had the mumps. To overcome such emergencies which frequently occur, the porches should be provided with glazed sash and thus made habitable at all times.

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Quarters
for married
employees
needed

Several of the industrial employes are now living in town, and are therefore compelled to provide their own quarters. As their salaries are quite low, they

should be furnished places to live on the grounds as soon as it is possible to arrange to accomodate them.

The Superintendent is planning to care for them by making some changes in buildings now available. The changes will cost but compatatively a small amount and should be authorized promptly when requests for material and labor are submitted.

H. B. Peairs
Supervisor of Schools.