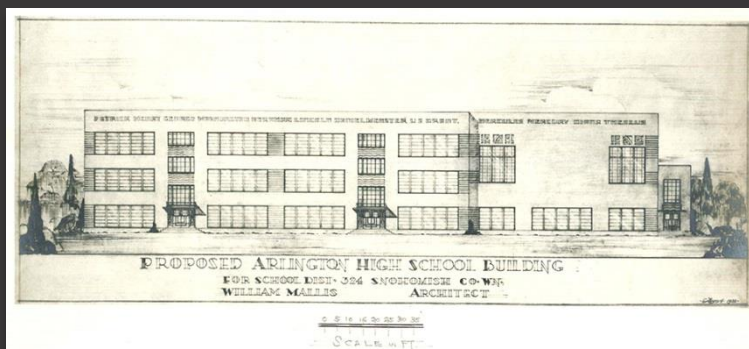


Old Arlington High School

Contributed by Janette Gomes, Northwest Regional Branch Archivist

In May 2015, the Washington State Archives' Northwest Regional Branch accessioned seven cubic feet of archival records from the Arlington School District in Snohomish County.

Among the records were a few folders regarding the planning and construction of a new high school for Arlington Consolidated School District 324 in the 1930s. The records in these folders describe the work done to plan, fund, and build what is now known as the Old Arlington High School. Records dated 1932-1937 include drawings, blueprints, correspondence, building specifications, price estimates and budgets, a Federal Emergency Relief Grant application, informational pamphlets and flyers from businesses involved in the construction, and newspaper clippings.



The school was built in 1936 using a variety of funding sources, including bonds and government grants. Records indicate that bonds were to cover \$88,000 of the estimated \$222,600 cost, with federal relief expected to cover the rest. A letter in the collection indicates that then Governor Clarence D. Martin had approved an allotment of \$35,000 from Emergency Relief Funds to supplement funds from the Public Works Administration and the school district. The letter states that State Relief Funds were available and should be used to the fullest extent possible for wages. The letter goes on to make it clear that "persons to be employed on this project will, as far as possible, be drawn from the relief rolls."

The Old Arlington High School is still owned by the local school district, but no longer used as a school. A new Arlington High School was built in a different location in 2003. The old building became the home of a variety of nonprofit organizations that leased space from the district. Despite records in the collection at the Northwest Regional Branch indicating that the school district was at least aware of the need to build the high school with earthquake safety in mind, the Arlington Times reported in August 2013 that the old building was not up to current code as far as seismic standards were concerned. Groups using upper floors of the building lost their leases in 2013 because of safety concerns, but one nonprofit organization still occupies rooms on the ground floor.

Take a look at some of the documents found within the records!



PROPOSED ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Estimated Labor Distribution

November 15, 1933

Wm. Mallis, Architect

330 Lyon Bldg., Seattle, Wn.

MATERIAL	LABOR TOTAL	UNSKILLED LABOR	SEMI SKILLED LABOR	SKILLED LABOR
Excavate Gen	\$461.72	\$1078.00	\$900.00	\$178.00
" Ftg.	80.00	173.80	173.80	-----
Concrete	13249.92	11536.00	6710.00	1000.00
Cem. Fls.	1914.88	897.60	472.60	-----
St. Pans	228.33	50.00	50.00	-----
Fire Brick	218.40	120.00	-----	40.00
Rein. Steel	3510.00	720.00	-----	240.00
Struct "	6300.00	750.00	-----	250.00
Hollow Tile	300.30	165.00	25.00	35.00
Lumber	7252.00	5250.00	11312.00	900.00
Roofing	1591.57	350.00	50.00	100.00
Sheet Metal	3943.00	4000.00	300.00	1400.00
Lath & Plas.	3304.00	7600.00	1100.00	2000.00
" "	184.00	380.00	20.00	90.00
Millwork	8315.00	4375.00	375.00	-----
Blackboard	1343.26	282.00	50.00	-----
Posterboard	228.00	54.00	-----	-----
Linoleum	823.20	192.00	-----	-----
Fin. Floor	2200.90	1545.00	150.00	-----
Dead Quilt	416.32	80.00	80.00	-----
Fibre Board	904.00	600.00	100.00	-----
Painting	943.73	3289.00	-----	800.00
Hwde.	3102.00	-----	-----	-----
Compo Flrs.	1303.00	1000.00	200.00	-----
Lockers	2862.00	240.00	240.00	-----
Terrazo Fl	374.00	425.00	50.00	-----
Wiring	6748.00	16600.00	100.00	1100.00
Plumbing	7395.50	2900.00	200.00	700.00
Heating	9960.00	3900.00	250.00	900.00
Equipment	8921.00	350.00	350.00	-----
	\$98378.15	\$58902.40	\$13258.40	\$9733.00
				\$35911.00

Edowment #1

To whom it may concern:

The members of Arlington
Grange #528 wish to go on
record as being entirely in
favor of erecting the High School
Building as proposed by the
School Board of this district

Arlington Grange # 528.

(Mrs) Alice Suckling
(Sec).

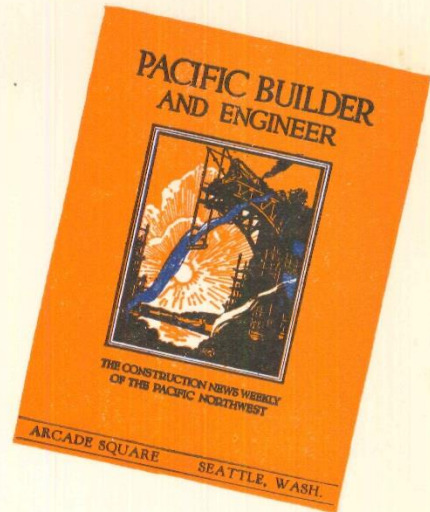
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The Construction News of the Pacific Northwest

ARCADE SQUARE

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

October 29, 1935



Dr. E. C. Leach,
Member Board of Directors,
School District 324,
Arlington, Wash.

Dear Dr. Leach:

A lot of work has gone into bringing your new building to its present status. But before it can be placed under construction you must obtain bids within the available funds. You will not want to delay further progress, or risk withdrawal of PWA financing, by failing to obtain bids low enough to permit prompt award of your contract.

To obtain bids within the estimate it is ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY to comply with the PWA requirement that:

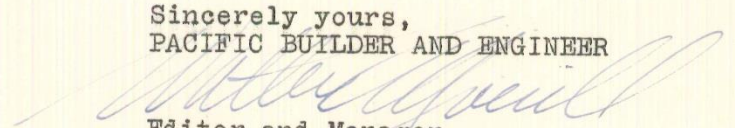
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Comply with the requirement, get the lowest possible bids, avoid delay by placing your advertisement for bids in the weekly Pacific Builder and Engineer. It is the publication to use because it is:

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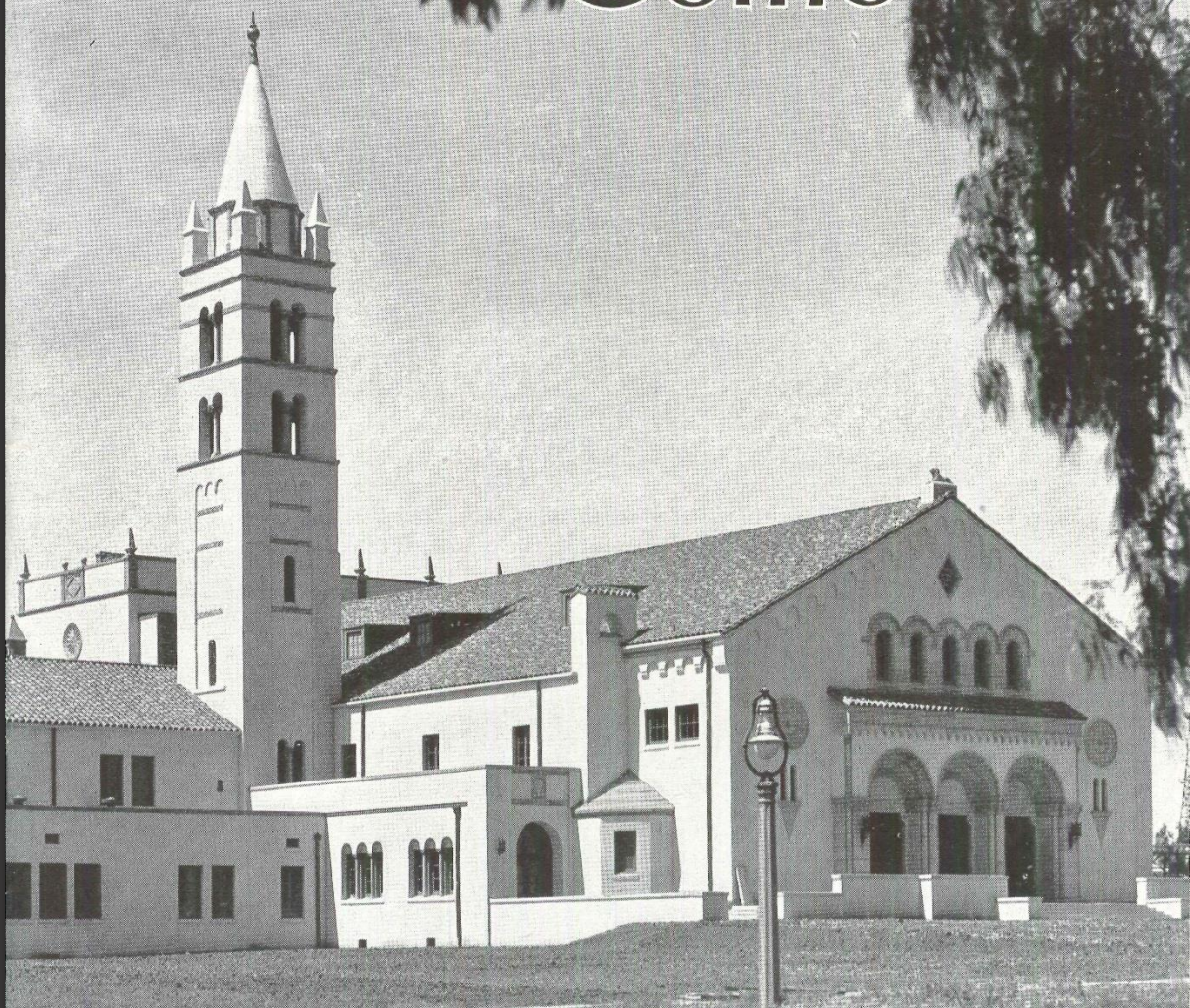
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Seattle, Washington

November 17, 1936

New Bldg

Mr. Hartz
Supt. of High School
Arlington, Washington

Dear Sir:

We had a telephone request last Saturday for information pertaining to cafeteria equipment for your school. We are headquarters in the Northwest for this kind of equipment. We have supplied most of the dishes, silver and kitchen utensils in the Seattle schools and also practically the other schools throughout the state.

At the present time we are entirely out of our catalog and would not be able to send you one until sometime after January 1.

We are headquarters of the celebrated SHENANGO CHINA. This has proven to be the most satisfactory china used by schools, hospitals, institutions, etc.

If you would send us a list of the items required, we would be glad to send you quotations.

If you think it is necessary, the writer will call on you at your request with a complete line of samples. We would greatly appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

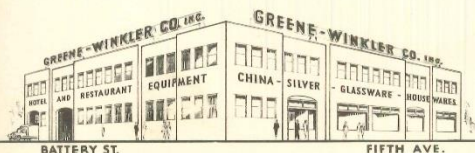
Yours very truly,

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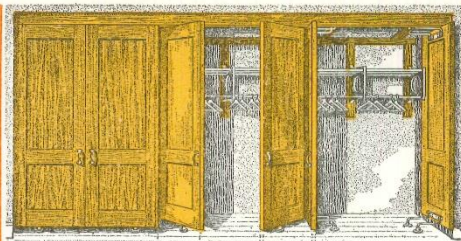
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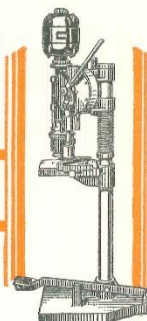


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August 26, 1933.



Mr. David M. Hartz,
Superintendent of Schools,
Arlington, Washington.

Dear Sir:

You are no doubt very much interested in having your new school conform to modern standards and we believe you will appreciate the attached catalog of Evans "Vanishing Door" school wardrobes.

Wardrobes installed in class rooms place the pupils under direct supervision of the teachers, thus preventing numerous petty nuisances common to the old style cloak rooms. Wardrobes require only 30% of the space needed for a cloak room. (A floor space 2'-2" x 12'-1" is sufficient for a 48 pupil capacity room.) This means a saving in the cost and upkeep of the building.

The illustrations on pages 6 and 7 of the catalog show that any style and arrangement of "Vanishing Door" wardrobe can be had. Backs and ends can be either plaster or wood panel; doors either flush or paneled type; an interior of racks and garment hangers or shelves and hooks.

The "Vanishing Door" hinges are made entirely of steel and are very strong. They are unconditionally guaranteed to last the life of the building. These hinges are an arrangement of double pivoted arms swinging the doors back into the wardrobe entirely out of the way. They operate without the use of tracks, guides or intricate mechanisms of any kind and the action is smooth, easy and noiseless.

The marked success of Evans "Vanishing Door" wardrobes for the past 15 years is due to their durability and 'foolproofness', so essential in school equipment. It will be a pleasure to furnish wardrobes for your school. Talk it over with your architect. We feel sure our prices as well as equipment will satisfy.

Yours very truly,

W. L. EVANS.

L. C. Barber
Manager.

L. C. Barber/j