

## New Philadelphia school district now maintains nine structures

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the ninth in a series of articles detailing the findings of an Ohio State University survey team which led it to the conclusion that the Dover and New Philadelphia school districts should merge.)

New Philadelphia school district maintains nine structures (five more than Dover) with an average age of 42.6 years.

The oldest, South elementary, was constructed in 1894 on a 1.9 acre site. It has had additions in 1918 and 1958.

West elementary is the newest

building, having been constructed in 1958 on a 2.9-acre site. It had an addition in 1959.

Other schools in the district and their construction and addition dates are:

Central elementary, 1941 on a 2.2 acre site with an addition in 1958; East elementary, 1953 on a 3.1-acre site with an addition in 1958; Front elementary, 1906 on a 1.3-acre site with an addition in 1958; Stone Creek elementary, 1927 on a 3-acre site with additions in 1938 and 1954; Tuscarawas elementary, 1913 on a 1.3-acre site with an addition in 1958; York elementary, 1941 on

a 5.5-acre site with an addition in 1951, and junior-senior high, 1914 on a 3.6-acre site with additions in 1927, 1960 and 1963.

The survey team stated that Central, a two-story structure, presents a nice appearance and its general condition is satisfactory.

A railroad track runs along the rear of the playground and constitutes a safety hazard since there is no fence to keep children away from the track. Some classrooms have only two banks of fluorescent lights, making the visual environment minimal.

Little has been done to provide a good acoustical environment in the classrooms and exposed hot pipes in a small restroom off the kindergarten room constitute a safety hazard.

East presents a good appearance and is in fair to good condition. The wood cornice around the roof needs attention.

The physical condition of Front is fair. There is evidence of cracking in some walls. There is no playground equipment.

South's location is impractical for expansion. The physical con-

dition of the building is fair and there is evidence of cracking in the walls and falling ceiling plaster throughout the building.

Stone Creek's physical condition was described as poor. There is evidence of a severe leak in the ceiling of the second floor hall and severe cracks are visible in the hall wall and ceiling and in the room ceilings. The classrooms are in need of refurbishing.

The absence of a fence around the playground creates a dangerous situation near the road and could cause some inconvenience for the people living in the

houses to the east of the building.

The general quality of Tuscarawas Avenue elementary, a three-story structure, was fair. It was pointed out that little consideration has been given to the acoustical environment in the old classrooms.

West was described as an attractive split-level brick structure and in good condition.

York's physical condition is poor. Mortar joints between bricks on the outside walls are deteriorating, the wood under the drain spouts is rotting, walls outside and inside are cracked,

windows are cracked, termite damage is evident in various parts of the building, a leak in the roof is evident in the hall and paint is peeling and flaking.

Overcrowded conditions exist in all elementaries except York and Tuscarawas.

Room utilizations are over 100 per cent at Central, South and Stone Creek with rooms being used which the survey staff rate as inadequate to house self-contained classroom activities.

The junior-senior high is located in a residential area and to expite the site to satisfactory size would be impractical.

The older senior high and junior high buildings present a fair appearance. But the physical condition of the junior high building is poor with cracks and leaks evident.

Overcrowded areas exist for art, general industrial arts, general science and a number of the vocational areas.

Some other areas are being well utilized at over 80 per cent. The building has the capacity to house the existing program enrollment except in the vocational areas.

Central office facilities are located in a house adjacent to the high school. The spaces in the house are minimally satisfactory to serve the central office functions.

Football and other outdoor athletic functions are provided at a site separate from the high school and these facilities are very satisfactory.

(NEXT: The financial resources.)