

HOSFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2303 S. E. 28TH PLACE

Hosford elementary school in Portland has been at its present location, 2303 S. E. 28th Place, since 1925; however, this school has a history dating back to 1919. Recently an EE language arts class at Hosford compiled interesting facts about their school and interesting it is to quote from these student-authored articles. Discussing the period before 1925, one student wrote: "Before the present Hosford School was built, it was about four portable buildings. The portable buildings did not have gym or cafeteria. On the day the present school was opened, the students of the old portable school picked up their desks, carried them down to the new building, put them into the rooms and went to work. It must have been strange to passersby to see a line of children, burdened down with desks, marching down the hill. Later, a cafeteria and a wing for deaf children were added. There were about 600 students at that time and the students' special classes were home economics, science, shop, art and nature study." The Hosford School for the Deaf is a story in itself. Suffice it to say at this time that presently some 60 youngsters attend this portion of Hosford and, as their ability improves, they are integrated into the regular classes of the school.

Another student paper gives a brief resume' of the classroom projects presently being undertaken and again we should like to quote: "First, we'll tell you about Mr. Sullivan, a public-minded 7th grade teacher. He is a strong science teacher and explains assignments in great detail. Magnetism and electricity are being studied. Another 7th grade teacher is Mrs. Flatt. Her students are studying early European history. Now, getting down to kindergarten, Mrs. Hill has the overwhelming job of teaching 42 kindergarten pupils in the morning and 42 in the afternoon -- 82 little angels (well, most of the time). Mrs. Samuel, Hosford's prominent home economics teacher, hands over each year helpful homemaking tips to our 7th and 8th grade girls. She also supervises a delightfully tasty Christmas luncheon. The 7th grade girls make each year colorful springtime