

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Dan Cox, Teacher Training Advisor

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FROM : Myron C. Thomas, Maintenance Advisor *Myron C. Thomas*

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for July 1971

PROBLEMS

1. We are still waiting for parts from Bangkok for the pump which is the major source of water at W-9. A sample of the connectors for the drive shaft had to be sent to Bangkok to make sure we get the right size. These items have all been found and should arrive the first week in August. In the mean time the auxiliary pump is coping with the situation.

PROGRESS

1. Parts for two beam pumps have arrived and a local contractor is rebuilding them.
2. The furniture booklet for outside contractors making school furniture got the final editing and was submitted to Communications Media for printing.
3. Public Works Division has completed all the major work on the road repair at W-9. After things have completely dried out they will return for touchup work and ditching in places that have been too wet up to now to complete.
4. The well drilling crew of Public Works Division has completed its work and a well of about 80 gallons per minute has been brought in. A new pump has been ordered for this well. Pipe has yet to be laid to connect it up to the system.
5. A complete set of spare parts for well motor # has also been ordered.
6. The construction of two dormitories and two classroom buildings is ahead of schedule. Buildings should be finished by September 15.
7. The major work program is doing lots of painting. Inside all the buildings have been painted on the outside. New wiring has been replaced. The crew has enlarged the GS library. New bookcases are being built by the local carpenters. Large amounts of school furniture has been transported to the Central Shop for repair.

8. On July 9 the writer went to Vang Vieng for the day to pay summer workers and inspect work being done on new classroom building. After about two years of preparation and false starts the building took shape in about three weeks and is now nearly completed. Discussions of further work to be done was held with School Business Manager. School generator shipped to Vientiane for repair by the 8-9 motor pool.

9. On July 16 the writer went to Kone Thao with Mr. Casp Kear. Student workers were paid and the work inspected. Students are presently making a road to the director's house behind the school. In the future these students will be paid every four weeks instead of two.

10. On the 21st of July the writer went to Pan Kuan with Mr. Song of MoE. Student workers were paid and work inspected. The students have just about completed a toilet for the girls' and of the new conditioned classroom and dormitory. The school grounds and buildings look very good. The director of this school, Mr. Chaoeng, is alert and takes much pride in the physical appearance of his school.

11. Furniture samples for near different furniture contracts were studied. Some minor changes were suggested to bring furniture into line with the specifications.

12. School houses require one month in the month near the new SNE warehouse. The line still needs clearing out in this area though.

13. Mr. Casp Kear was in hospital for two weeks as a result of a Motor-cycle accident. He should be back to work on or about August 9.

14. Three jeeps are being completely rebuilt by School motor pool. Many of the spare parts have been processed.

15. Mr. Gillock spent from July 15 to 16 at Luang Prabang, and July 26 to 29 at Savanabhet assisting school officials of the UNO in working on the inventories of non-expendable items.

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