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Repairs, renovations made Summer's the season for school improvements

By PAUL FEELY

READING - Though the classrooms may have been empty, this summer was any-

thing but quiet at many of the schools here in town.

Summer is the perfect time to make any necessary renovations and upgrades to the rooms at

these schools, because the students and teachers are off enjoying their vacation.

As school resumes today,

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Update on RMHS feasibility study provided

By PAUL FEELY

READING - The architectural firm of Strelakovsky and Hoyt, Inc. (S&H), has provided an update on the status of the

Reading Memorial High School feasibility study to the members of the School Committee.

In a memo to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Harry Harutunian, Gene Raymond, Jr.,

of S&H states that this month representatives from the firm will meet with RMHS Principal Frank Orlando and Dr. Richard Dussault of the New England

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youngsters at the Reading Program. Examples of his work. He caricatures of selected (Don Young photo)

Meet Alan Bond

By JAMES GOLDSMITH

This week's Village Person grew up on a small farm in Topsfield, served in the Navy, and came oh so close to having dinner with one of America's favorite poets - Robert Frost. Soon this energetic man will retire and like all people facing retirement, he's not sure what it will be like.

Alan B. Bond, pastor of the First Congregational Church,

tion to divinity school. At the time the Berlin Wall was built and Lt. J.G. Bond got his order that his discharge papers would

Newton, in 1962 and Lois, who was now Alan's wife worked at A.N.T.S. library.

One of the hardest things for

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be delayed. He was placed on active duty for an additional six months. Meanwhile, he applied

any minister, priest, or rabbi to face is death - especially when death is the result of violence and murder. Over the years Alan Bond has dealt with six

Schools...

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here is a list (compiled by Jeff Griffin) of the improvements that many of the young children here in town will see as they begin another year of hitting the books:

Barrows School
Emergency Lighting Battery Replacement
New Furniture
Shampoo Rugs
New Sink in Portable

Birch Meadow
Room Painting
Corridor Painting
Floor Re-tiling
Window Replacement
Replace Air Conditioning unit in front office
New Bac-Vac
New Buffer
All Corridor, Cafe, Ceiling in Rooms 13, 14, 15, 22, 21, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12

New Floors in Rooms 13, 14, 22, 21, 7, 8, 11, Aids work room

Ceilings
Cafeteria painting
Complete roof
Lighting Retro fitting
Shampoo Rugs
New Upright vacuum
Painting
Joshua Eaton
Room Painting
Gym Floor Redone
Exterior Doors Painted
Shampoo Rugs
420 Foot Cork Stripping
Room Floor Re-tiling
Gym Painting
Fire Detector Replacement
12 New Bulletin Boards
Painting

Rooms 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, Aids room and gym
New rugs for Rooms 6, 5, 1, and 24
Two classrooms of furniture
New floors, Aids work room, Rooms 6, 1, 5
New cork strip for 420 foot corridor

Killam School
Plumbing list

Three air conditioning additions

Plumbing
Two new upright vacuums
Glass replacements
New furniture
Shampoo rugs
Coolidge Middle School
Paint office
Shampoo rugs
New desk for teacher
Five new AV screens
Three new tables
Rework tech room
Floor
New furniture
Tech room renovation (paint, remove welding area, remove Kiln)

Remove old home ec. equipment
New Bac-Vac
Two new file cabinets
Two new white boards
New room dividers
Electrical improvements
Paint walls

Parker Middle School
Tile repairs

Reading Memorial High School
SIEBE Boiler project
Asbestos abatement in boiler room

Nurses office work
Science/Chemistry room repairs

Painting Superintendents office and rugs
New furniture
Two new water vacuums
Two Bac-Vacs
Painting corridor and lavatory, Arts building maintenance office, English office
New furniture

Repaired all buildings
Corridor paint
Glass replacement
Cable project
Two new air conditioning units

Two new buffers
Two upright vacuums
Two new floor dryers
New floors in main office

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but in times of joy and...
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ing, visiting the infirm...
shut-in; being present...
death and weddings. It...
lot of motivation and...
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art of their life. People...
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ple become more God...
are vessels, containers...
pirit of God.

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and how the Spirit of...
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grow and stop declining...
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today it is well over \$1,000,000...
(due in part to a strong econom...
y/stock market.)"

Sunday, Sept. 13 is your last...
Sunday as minister of the First...
Congregational Church (UCC)...
Reading. What are your feelings...
and emotions? Alan Bond says...
"It's not without its stress. As...
the time grows closer I'm more...
aware of what I'm going to miss...
Pastoral ministry is perhaps one...
of the most privileged stations...
in life. I've lived for 33 years as...
the 'up front guy.' I'm not sure I...
know what it (retirement) will...
be like. I do look forward to hav...
ing consecutive days to do what...
I want to do."

His wife, Lois (Kelly) Bond is...
Administrator of Human Elder...
Services for Reading and will...
continue to work while her hus...
band will help his children, Meg...
and Seth, both of whom have...
businesses. He says, "I also hope...
to tutor children in reading in...
Roxbury, probably in a school...
setting. I believe the world...
would be a much better place if...
it's more literate."

In his spare time this ener...
getic man will be a stewardship...
associate for the Massachusetts...
Conference of the United...
Church of Christ. He will consult...
with churches regarding their...
stewardship (financial) pro...
grams. And in those quiet times...
of reflection and recollection...
the First Congregational Church's...
20th minister since 1770 plans to...
sit down and write two books...
Whew. Yes, you'll have many...
consecutive days off, Alan, but it...
looks like you will be as busy as...
when you were working.

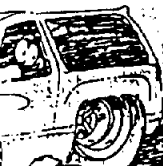
Godspeed in retirement. May...
you drink deeply at the Spring...
of Living Water, and your con...
secutive days off be full of con...
tentment and promise.

RMHS...

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School Development Council "in...
order to discuss the educational...
program, educational deficien...

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Repair



Martial Arts
For Health