

Little Sally Howland Turns First Sod for New Stratford High School

STRATFORD, July 14.—(By Telegram Service.)—Work on the new Stratford High school began today, town officials and an interested group of spectators being on hand to see the first sod turned preparatory to the beginning of actual operations. Each member of the School Board took a hand at breaking ground for the new structure which it is planned to have ready for use, so far as the main unit is concerned, within a year. Classes will be able to use the new building in September 1925, although the structure will be really finished unless plans miscarry, three months earlier than that.

Those who took part in today's little ceremony, incident to the groundbreaking were Superintendent of Schools C. C. Thompson, just out again after a week's illness; Council Chairman Donald Sammis; little Sally Howland, daughter of the chairman of the School Board; Mrs. Sterling Filmer, former member of the

board; and School Board members, Mrs. Emily Wooster Mohr, secretary, Mrs. W. E. Camp, Dr. De-Ruyter Howland, chairman, Frank H. Fargo, Harry E. Mudgett and Vincent Sexton.

As soon as the brief ceremony was over workmen in the employ of the T. J. Pardy Construction company began the actual work of excavating for the basement of the building.

While the ground-breaking ceremony was in progress an aeroplane passed over the site of the proposed new modern High school building. The aviator appeared interested in finding out the reason for the crowd of people and automobiles gathered at the High school site. It was the same aviator who lost week lost his bearings when caught in a fog while passed over Stratford and who made a forced landing in a field near Danbury. He was enroute from Garden City, L. I. to New Hampshire summer resorts on his daily mail trips.

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Left to Right:

Supt. of Schools C. C. Thompson, Council Chairman Donald Sammis, Mrs. Emily Wooster Mohr (secretary of School board), Mrs. W. E. Camp, Frank H. Fargo, Dr. De Ruyter Howland (Chairman of board), Vincent Sexton, and Harry E. Mudgett, board members; little Sally Howland, and Mrs. Sterling Filmer, former board member.