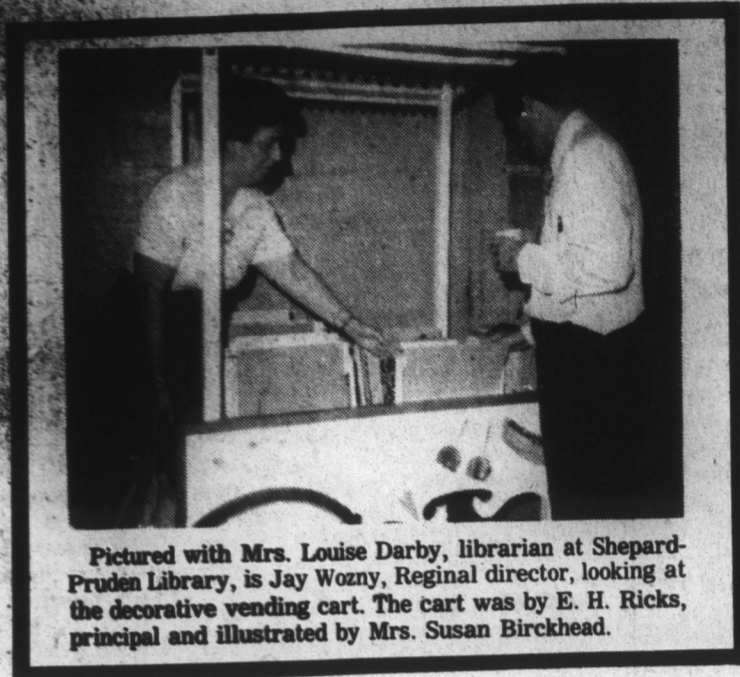


# Imagination . . . Expectations



Pictured with Mrs. Louise Darby, librarian at Shepard-Pruden Library, is Jay Wozny, Reginal director, looking at the decorative vending cart. The cart was by E. H. Ricks, principal and illustrated by Mrs. Susan Birkhead.



Clowns, animals, trapeze artists and the big top's main entrance greeted the children at White Oak School when they returned from summer vacation. Bold colors prevail in the hallway and library as circus performers are depicted life size on every wall.

Traditional library organization has given way to an innovative structure - designed for children's access and self motivated reading.

An atmosphere of imagination and expectation, Laura Hutchison, library assistant, moves quietly about - not leading - but lending her expertise to help the children follow their own interest.

Butch Ricks, principal, designed and helped execute the plans for this new concept. From the bold carpeting below to the reading loft above... child interest is the goal. It is believed that this innovative concept will stimulate a love for reading as well as better reading habits.

Children's responses have

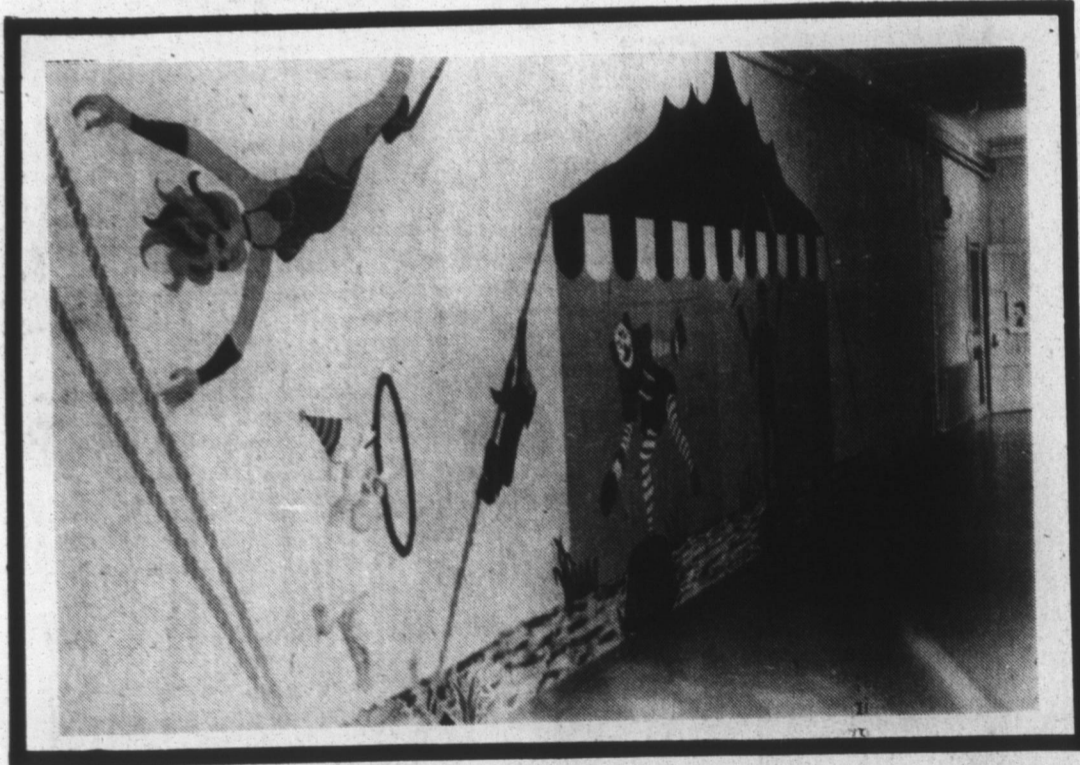
been as spontaneously delightful as anticipated... the circus tent becomes a center of school activity.

Thanks are in order to three art teachers who spent much summer time creating the magic spell.... Diane Germanio, Susan Birkhead and Cynthia Wells.

Deep appreciation is extended to our great P.T.A. members for the support they have given both in time and money in helping us develop a most creative reading environment for our students.

Edenton-Chowan maintenance staff has skillfully build and create a fantastic learning environment for the students.

Work still continues on this project. Everyone is proud at White Oak for a job well done and for the many people who care about children. Laura's dream is becoming a reality and White Oak students because of the love of people like Laura Hutchison are being given a warm creative place to read," Ricks states.



Twenty-two librarians representing Pettigrew Reginal Library took time from their district meeting in Edenton, September 26 to visit the newly renovated White Oak Library.

All were pleased with White Oak's new concept for an elementary library, believing that this innovative concept will stimulate a love for reading as well as better reading habits.

Final construction of the plans for the library should be seen by the first of the year.

