

Photos By Tom McIntyre



**DEMONSTRATES** — Ann Allison, fifth grader, shows her mathematical abilities, as Mrs. Glee E. Bridges observes. The answers are shown on the overhead screen.



**DRAWS ATTENTION** — The overhead projector is a new approach to teaching math in the fifth grade classroom at North School. Mrs. Glee E. Bridges, at desk, answers questions from students.



**GEORGE WASHINGTON SILHOUETTES** — Pictures of each Kindergarten child are silhouetted in the attractive Kindergarten classroom. Linda Stewart coordinated this project, another new approach to teaching at North School.

## North School's Faculty Practices Flexible Format

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Evidence that the students like school is fact that there are few absences with attendance percentage rising each year. This must mean, he said, that our children are happy and secure.

Principal Greene feels that children should be given a closer look at the kindergarten and first grade levels, which North attempts to do, and retained, if need be, in that early part of their education. "If retention is successful, it must be done in the early years," declares Greene. "If we hold a child back we don't run him through the same program he's flunked."

Mr. Greene said he doesn't look at teaching on a grade level. "Ten years ago, he said, kids were just promoted with those failing left to sit in the corner at the back of the room. It's a challenge to do all that we can for kids with fewer abilities but also to provide an opportunity for those kids with greater abilities. When there are combination of these students, as there always are in a classroom, the teacher must be flexible. We feel that our teachers are doing just that."

Principal Greene is quite proud of the dedication of his staff. No classroom is alike and each teacher uses a different approach to teaching.

The new addition at North School, built in 1968, includes central air and heat, the beautiful library and numerous classrooms, offices, assembly room and was built at approximate cost of \$22 per square foot. In 1956 when the first wing was built the cost was approximately \$8 per square foot. Today cost of construction would approximate \$40 per square foot, said the administrator, comparing the rising costs of school construction. Seven of the classrooms are "under utilized," said Greene, with ample classroom space for children and plenty of storage areas.

On a recent visit to North School, we observed several of the teachers and students. In Mrs. Gold's first grade, where six activity centers

were busy, it was "pick a special person day." Mrs. Gold explained that each child's name was placed in a box and one name was selected. That child was special person for the day. Friday's special child was Tammy Hamrick and her fellow classmates described how they felt about her in class discussion. Children said they loved her because she was a good reader, a good helper, a good friend and good listener.

The 25 students in Mrs. Mildred Spake and Mrs. R. L. Garvin's Primary Reading Program were involved in listening centers and language games. Bill McDaniel, school trustee, and Asst. Supt. Bill Bates were observing.

North School strives to create in children the motivation that will enable them to think clearly, decide wisely, act justly and love humanity.



**SELECT FAVORITE BOOKS** — A Reading Center is a popular spot in the first grade classroom at North School. Here, Bill Bates, left, and Gary Dean Jackson read their favorite books.



**LIBRARY SCENE** — Jane Talbert, librarian, instructs students of Mrs. Rachel Gladden in library skills, a regular program at North School. The library is a favorite spot for students.



**ANOTHER APPROACH TO TEACHING** — Physical Education classes are popular with students. Connie Pfifer, classroom teacher, leads her class in some of the activities they've learned.

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