

## Volunteer Mothers Help Children Learn To Read



AT THE LISTENING STATIONS - Mrs. H.H. McLean helps a group with a phonics drill which they hear through the earphones. The recorded drills also provide practice in following directions to complete the lesson worksheet.

A program to help children improve their reading ability is being conducted at Raeford Elementary School as the result of one mother's idea and the volunteer services of about fifteen other women.

The volunteers use recorded equipment with earphones to give phonics drills to small groups. They also have special word cards, books and other materials.

For one hour a week the volunteers work with individuals or small groups of first and second graders to help them learn to read better.

The program was the idea of Mrs. Robert Townsend, and was begun last year for the first grade. Mrs. H.H. McLean then began to help her daughter's second grade teacher and the program grew from there.

"It took us several weeks before the idea dawned on us that there might be others who could help us expand the program."

This school year the mothers have tried to include the third grade also but so far there are not enough mothers to help.

The school administration is very enthusiastic about the program.

"Reading is a basic skill," J.W. Turlington, principal, said. "If a child can't read, he can't do anything. These parents are able to help the teacher by taking the time to work with just one child or with a small group of children to help bring them up to the proper reading grade level."

"It has been very rewarding to me," Mrs. McLean said. "I have one little girl who is so sweet and quiet she might be overlooked in a classroom but she works so hard. One day it just all seemed to click for her and she could recognize almost all the words on the word cards. It was wonderful to see the happiness and pride in her face."

The school hopes to be able to include the third grade next year if enough parents can be found to staff the sessions, Turlington said.

Volunteers who have helped during the program are Mrs. Frank Blue, Mrs. Graham Pope, Mrs. Fred Culbreth, Mrs. Neill McFadyen, Mrs. J.H. Wright, Miss Jo Hall, Mrs. Robert Gatlin, Mrs. P.L. Hart, Mrs. Frank Crumpler, Mrs. D.S. Currie, Jr., Mrs. Sam Homewood, Mrs. Bill Moses, Mrs. Crawford Thomas, Sr., Mrs. Donald Abernethy, Mrs. Dixie Barbour, Mrs. Billy Dalton, Mrs. Hugh Simmons, Mrs. J.B. McLeod, Mrs. George Crawford, Mrs. Kay Myers, Mrs. Pat Miller and Mrs. Louise Tant.

**SENATOR**  
**SAM ERVIN**  
★ SAYS ★

WASHINGTON -- This session of the Congress has witnessed a continuing controversy over our Federal Judiciary. The Senate has considered three nominees to fill a single vacancy on the Supreme Court. The House has taken preliminary steps to consider a possible impeachment of one of the Justices of that Court.

These controversies, together with a general public criticism of the administration of justice by the Federal courts, have apparently caused many Members of the Congress to introduce no less than 27 bills to discipline Federal judges. Some of these bills would require judges to disclose their personal finances, while other measures would establish sweeping controls over the power of judges to try cases and interpret the laws. Some of these legislative proposals seek to establish

inquisition-like commissions which could purge unpopular judges in violation of constitutional requirements for impeachments.

As the readers of this column know, I have consistently urged that we have the best possible judiciary, and that we appoint Federal judges who interpret the Constitution in accordance with its true intent and meaning. At the same time, I am concerned about many of the proposals now being offered which would undermine the independence of the Federal Judiciary in an unwise and unconstitutional manner.

For this reason, as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Separation of Powers, I have been conducting hearings to determine how we can best resolve the difficult questions involved in judicial reform so that we may preserve the fundamental need for an independent judiciary.

The principal issue at stake before the Subcommittee relates to the future role of the Judicial Conference of the United States and the judicial circuit councils which have been in existence for many years. Congress created the Judicial Conference in 1922 to clear up a backlog of cases and to improve the functioning of the Federal Courts. For many years, judicial councils confined their activities to "housekeeping" duties which involved the making of plans for the best use of judges in clearing crowded court dockets and in preparing suggested rules of practice and procedure for the efficient administration of the courts.

In recent years, however, due to the national concern about judicial ethics, these councils have begun to assume disciplinary duties. The assumption of this authority has been questioned by many judges, and has raised the questions of how far such councils should be permitted to go in supervising the operation of the courts.

As with any issue of this nature, there are widely diverse views on how these councils have functioned within their statutory authorization. The function of the Subcommittee's study is to try to ascertain how we can best protect the public, the courts, and assure the fair and impartial administration of the laws in accordance with constitutional principles.

Since the performance and integrity of the Federal Courts is at stake, I believe that the testimony given at these hearings will be most helpful as the Congress undertakes to weigh the consequences of the various legislative proposals on this subject.

### School Menu

MON., MAY 11  
Hamburger on Bun  
Slaw-C  
Buttered Corn  
Cake  
Milk

TUES., MAY 12  
Macaroni & Cheese w/  
Bologna Cup  
Turnip Greens-A&C  
Cornbread  
Fruit Jello, Cookie  
Milk

WED., MAY 13  
Meat Loaf  
Fluffy Potatoes-C  
Slaw w/Carrots-A&C  
Rolls  
Fruit Cup  
Milk

THURS., MAY 14  
Barbeque Chicken or  
Fried Chicken  
Buttered Rice  
Buttered June Peas  
Rolls  
Peach Half  
Milk

FRI., MAY 15  
Barbecued Beef on Bun  
Green Beans  
Sweet Potatoes-A&C  
Rolls  
Rolled Wheat Cake  
Milk



The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. (Revelations 11:15)

We all know there is neither up nor down in this astonishing universe. But when we say Christ ascended into heaven we are asserting the great truth that He is the Lord of life and glory.

In Handel's oratio "Messiah" there is the magic moment when the audience rises to its feet and over its head breaks the majestic music of the "Hallelujah Chorus: "King of kings and Lord of lords... for ever and ever. Hallelujah! Amen."

We do not yet see all things subject to Christ, but there are moments in which we see Jesus crowned with glory and honor. Then we know that nothing can defeat His purpose of love.

Ascension Day will always speak to us of Christ who lived and died and rose again and now reigns as the King who holds the whole world in His hand. That is why we can have an untroubled heart and a spirit that is not afraid.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY  
-- The King who rules is also the Christ who love.



CONCENTRATION -- Annie McLean, second grader at Raeford Elementary School, keeps her mind on the recorded phonics drill she hears through the earphones.



GROUP LESSONS -- Mrs. Graham Pope listens to a small group of children during her session as a volunteer at Raeford Elementary School reading program. With her for extra help are (left to right) Ricky Hunt and Mike Hardin.

### 1309 Miles Of Road To Be Paved This Year

The State Highway Commission today announced that 1,309 miles of Secondary Roads are being paved in North Carolina this year, more miles than during any year since the days of the Kerr Scott administration in the early 1950's.

"These much needed improvements have been made possible by the two-cents per gallon increase in gasoline taxes which was approved by the 1969 General Assembly," the report said.

Jack Murdock, Secondary Roads Officer, estimated that at least 900 miles of the new paving would have been impossible without the extra revenues.

North Carolina has more

than 54,000 miles of roads on its Secondary System, all under state control. Not only must state funds, which come from motor fuel taxes and auto registration fees, build the country roads, but must maintain them.

"It takes \$40 million each year to maintain the Secondary Road System," Murdock said. One reason for the huge outlay in state funds in North Carolina, a spokesman said, is that no county funds or ad valorem taxes are spent on the state's roads, as is the case in practically every other state.

The Veterans Administration expects some eight million outpatient visits in fiscal year 1971.



HELPING HAND -- Anthony Day gets a period of individual help from Mrs. Fred Culbreth. The volunteer program is designed to help poor readers improve their ability by working individually or in a small group with a volunteer reading helper.

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