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THE CHILD IS THE CENTER OF ATTENTION  
Teacher Judy Lamberth Is Guide For Learning



ALL LEARNING EXPERIENCES AREN'T IN THE CLASSROOM  
Park View Students Planting Flower Bulbs

## AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

# Mooreville's First Public Kindergarten Features Child-Centered Learning Based On Interests, Needs

## AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

The public always is welcome at Mooreville schools, but this week the red carpet is out. This is American Education Week, an annual observance during which the schools make a special effort to get the public, particularly parents, involved in school activities.

So what's going on at school? Plenty, always. But nothing is newer this year than kindergarten. This is the first year for public kindergarten in Mooreville, so any visit to schools within the system should include a look at the two classes being conducted for five-year-olds.

We hope you will take the opportunity to visit one or both the kindergarten classrooms. In the event you can't we don't want you to be left out. We want you to know what's going on.

Local kindergartens are presently operating in South School and Park View School, each serving 23 five-year-olds. The class at Park View School is self-contained and is staffed by Mrs. Paula Young, a graduate of Winthrop College with a degree in early childhood education, and by Mrs. Billy Ray, full-time teacher aide, who has had extensive experience working with children in early childhood education programs. At South School, the class is



LEARNING TO GROW UP IS ACTING GROWN UP  
Dressed Up Five Year Olds Learn By Doing



STUDENTS LEARN ROAD SIGNS FROM ONE ANOTHER  
Instructional Materials Useful In Group Activities

standards adopted by the State Board of Education upon recommendation of the state superintendent of public instruction. In addition, Mrs. Laura Mast, state regional early childhood education coordinator, will be working during the year with the local classes, and will provide additional staff development activities.

The kindergarten is an integral part of the school and its program. Emphasis is placed on an informal child-centered program, where the child is the center of attention and the teacher is a facilitator or guide; on individualized learning based on the child's developmental level, interests, and needs, and on an environment organized around learning - interest centers, structured to provide for directed activities, choices, and decision making.

The traditional 3 R's do not suffer as attention is given to the emotional, physical, social, and mental health of children. Child development is the base for program planning and consideration is given to the following beliefs: Children learn best by doing. Children have ways of learning all their own. Learning skills evolve from the simple to the concrete, to the abstract as children acceptance of the child, and what he brings to the learning situation, is fundamental in

helping him move along the learning continuum.

The informal classrooms are rich with all kinds of materials and supplies. Included are materials children can manipulate, teacher-made materials, equipment and supplies to provide real-life experiences for children.

Many experiences within the range of each child's interests and competencies are provided that result in a joy and love of learning. Children are encouraged through learning-interest centers to use language to label and categorize objects as well as to face situations which require problem solving and decision making, questioning, evaluation, and discovering.

Curriculum experiences also stimulate and encourage creativity, provide activities which help children to use their bodies with ease, to cooperate with others, to be imaginative,

and to try out various social roles.

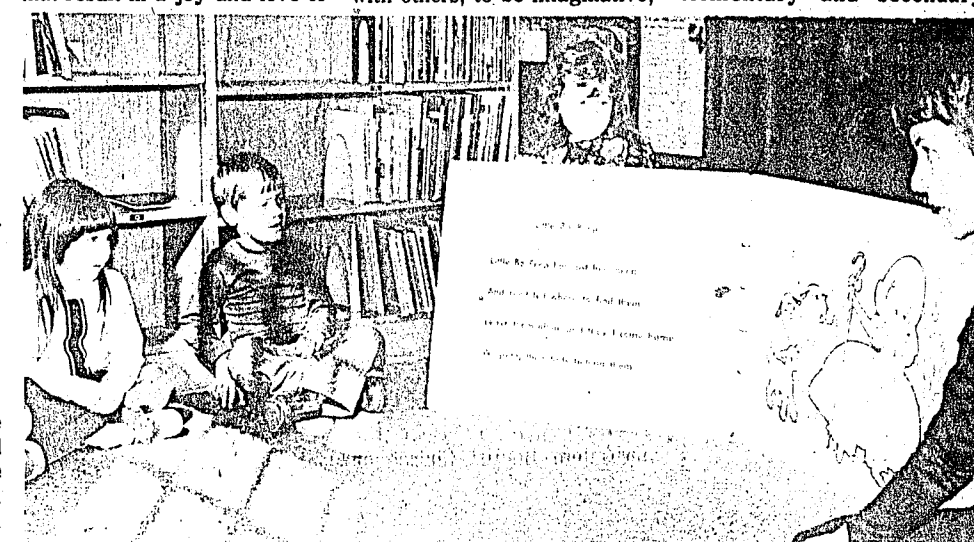
Research studies indicate that the environment and experiences of the early years have lasting effects upon the individual's intelligence, personality, and physical and mental well-being. Kindergarten are designed to provide an abundance of these positive environmental factors. The 1973 General Assembly provided \$688 million for elementary and secondary

education for the present fiscal year. Of this amount, \$12.3 million was placed in the new budget for state-supported kindergartens.

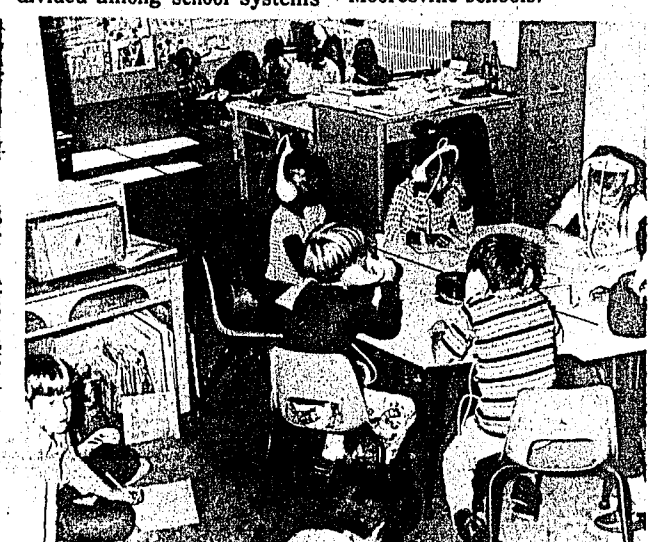
This is the major step towards providing kindergarten for all five-year-olds in North Carolina. The \$12.3 million will maintain the present 149 classes and will provide for the opening of 522 new kindergarten classes beginning in September 1973. The remaining funds were divided among school systems

on a formula basis which took into account the average daily membership of children enrolled in the first grade. The legislation also provided that a program for all five-year-olds in the state will be available by September, 1978.

The historic legislation represents another milestone—the first time state-supported kindergartens are an official part of the school program in North Carolina and in the Mooreville schools.



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## H. B. Rogers Troutman Middle School Passes; Rites PATS Holds First Session Wednesday

Following the Open House, which provided parents the opportunity to visit classrooms and confer with teachers, the Troutman Middle School PATS held its first meeting of the 1973-74 school year in the school cafeteria on Thursday night, October 18.

Fred Shoaf, president, conducted the meeting and introduced Roy Lazenby, a resident of Cool Springs, who is co-chairman of the group of Iredell County citizens supporting the approval of the \$300 million school construction bond referendum on November 6. Lazenby provided information sheets for the members and described the critical need for new and improved school facilities in North Carolina. He pointed out that the bonds will be applied to only school construction, and the time is now conducive to such action since the state economy is stable and is continuing to expand.

Lazenby indicated that the amount allocated to the Iredell County schools would be approximately \$2,500,000. He concluded his talk by urging the members to go to the polls on November 6 and express their decisions.

During the brief business session which followed, there was discussion concerning the school projects. Principal Richard L. Mize indicated the need for additional library books.

Shoaf concluded the session by encouraging the parents to enroll in the organization and be active participants.

The meeting was then adjourned, and refreshments were served.

**Clst Earnings  
Up 25 Per Cent**

Carolina First National Bank has reported increases in earnings and resources during the first nine months of 1973. The bank's net income, before securities gains or losses, was \$20,252, or \$2.06 a share, compared with \$16,012, or \$1.63 a share, for the same nine-month period of 1972.

Net income, after securities transactions, was 56 cents a share, compared to 48 cents for the same quarter last year, representing an earnings increase of 17 per cent. According to A. G. Thompson, president of the bank, the slowdown in the rate of increase in earnings during the third quarter was due primarily to the increase in the cost of consumer savings deposits and other time money.

The bank's total resources September 30, 1973 were \$47,291,499, up 15 per cent over the same date in 1972. Deposits were \$47,291,499, up 15 per cent, and loans totaled \$35,916,581 for an increase of 22 per cent during the 12-month period. Capital funds of the bank increased \$1,568,844, or 45 per cent, during the 12-month period ended September 30, 1973.

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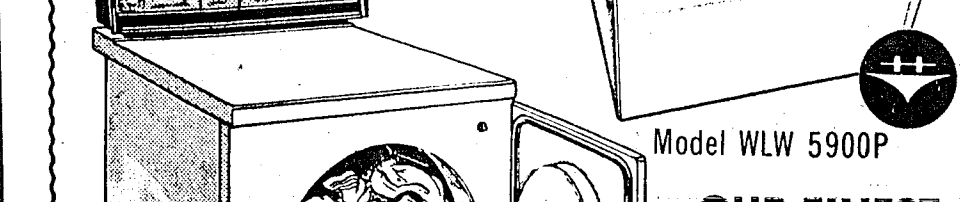
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**BEULAH GRIFFINS NOTES**

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