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New Building in School Expansion

Pupils of Forsyth School entering the new three-story 10-room building at 6224 Forsyth avenue. The additional facility, which will accommodate children from the fourth to the sixth grade level, will be opened in September. The former residence is just west of the school at 6214 Forsyth.

Forsyth School To Expand To Six Grades

Forsyth School, 6214 Forsyth boulevard a preprimary and primary school, will expand its operations next fall to accommodate children up to the sixth grade level.

The additional children will attend school in a building at 6224 Forsyth, which is adjacent to the present school building, Mrs. Mary Dunbar, director, said.

The new three-story building was made available by the Fillmore Foundation, a nonprofit Missouri corporation, organized by members of the board of trustees of the Unity School of Christianity and members of the board of trustees of the Unity School of Christianity and members of the Unity of Ministers' Association.

Dale Batesole, executive director of the foundation, said: "The Fillmore Foundation has been considerably impressed by the acclaim given to Forsyth School by psychiatrists, sociologists and educators in the St. Louis area. In making this new building available to the school, we feel confident that the enlightened citizens of St. Louis will open their hearts to fulfill its further needs."

Forsyth School, which was opened in 1961, is part of a nationally planned educational program that eventually will contribute to upgrading the educational processes throughout the nation.

Other elementary units are being established in West Palm Beach and Delray Beach, Fla., and Lee's Summit, Mo., head-



Mrs. Mary Dunbar, the school's director, and several of her pupils inspecting the kitchen in the new building. These kitchen facilities will be retained and eventually will be used for home economics classes. All pupils bring their lunch.

quarters of the Unity School of Christianity.

Batesole said that Forsyth School, which presently has 14 teachers and about 80 pupils, is the pilot unit in a \$25,000,000 expansion program of the Unity School of Christianity. This program will establish an educational center where everyone, from preschool age, may study as long as he wishes.

No examinations or tests are given to children entering the school, Mrs. Dunbar said. "We feel there are no failures. We take anyone."

The "home atmosphere" of the new 10-room building will

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be retained as it was in the school's first eight-room structure, she said. A sprinkler and new lighting will be the only major changes.

In addition to expressing their own individuality and personality, the children receive an opportunity to develop their inherent creative talents, the school explained.

There are no pressures to "keep up" at the school, which will have an enrollment of 120 next September. A child moves up to harder work when ready. The faster learners are given more to do. The children find "a joy in learning," Mrs. Dunbar said.

Children who range from 3 to 7 years old at the ungraded nonsectarian school have raised butterflies, learned concepts of new mathematics, and have gone on trips to cultural attractions. The children's slogan at Forsyth, where the pupils speak French easily after two years, is "We think and then we do."

"The nongraded school is an organizational pattern of education which can provide continuous learning for every child, and by which he will be able to achieve a success at each level of instruction," the school explained.

"Each child will progress from level to level as rapidly as he masters the skills and the content at each level of achievement. He will not experience failure as it is sometimes experienced in the graded system. Neither will he experience boredom, no matter how able or gifted, because he will be stimulated and challenged to progress to new levels when he is ready to do so."