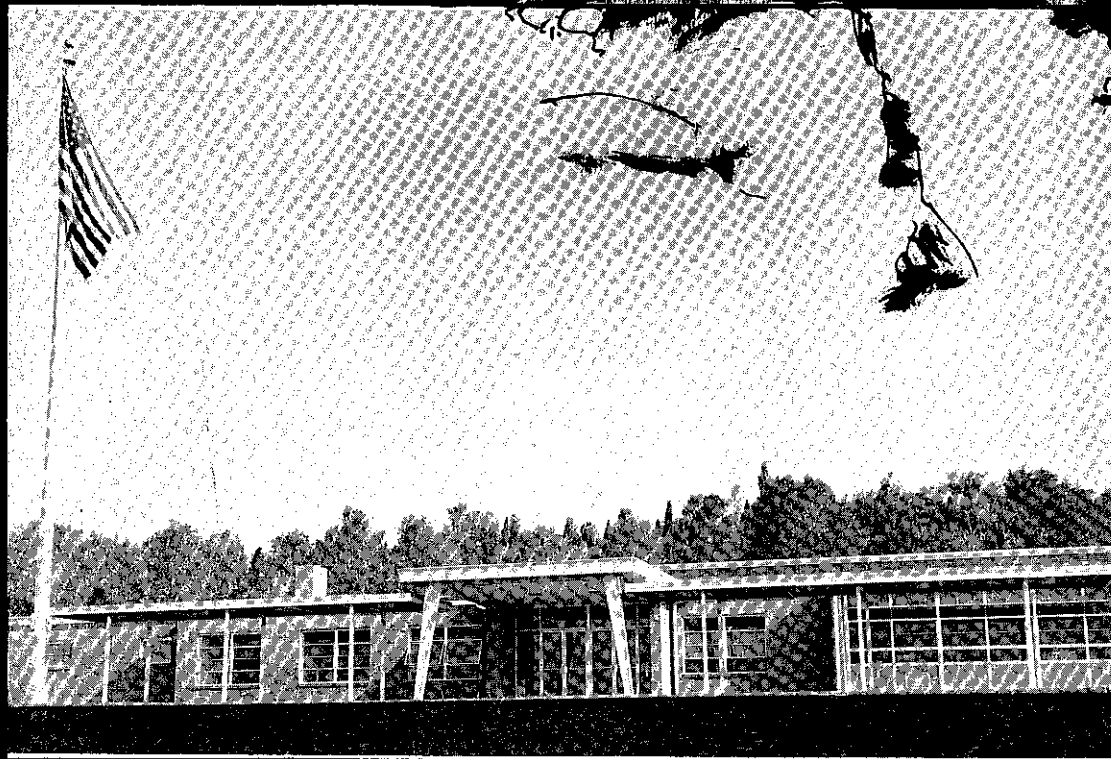


Dedication

Nov. 18, 1962



POTTSGROVE
SCHOOL SYSTEM

RINGING ROCKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



JOINT BOARD

Standing First Row: (L to R)

**Clare S. Burdan, W. Forrest
Ginder, W. Drexel Pierce,
Harry J. Pollock, John L.
Morrello, Nettie Tosher.**

Second Row: Arthur T.

**Jenkins, Robert C. Petrilla,
Donald Smith, Michael J.**

Petrick, John R. LaPish. Third

**Row: George W. Needhammer,
Robert E. Stauffer, Joseph J.
Powell, Leroy H. Prutzman.**

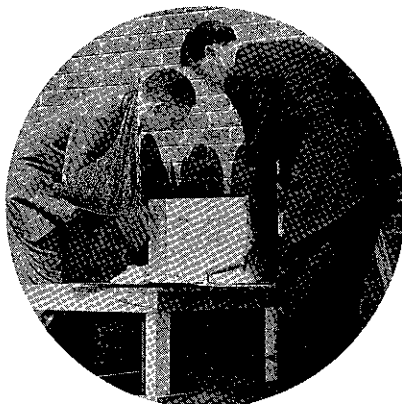


MR. JACOB E. DAILEY
Supervising Principal

The welfare of the children is the first considera-
tion of our citizens.



MR. WILLIAM W. MEANS
Elementary Principal



CORNERSTONE LAYING CEREMONY

L to R: Mr. Drexel Pierce, Joint Board President; Mr. Jacob E. Dailey, Supervising Principal.



AUTHORITY

Standing L to R: E. Russell Focht, Gerald L. Miller, John C. Saylor. Seated L to R: Tilghman K. Hausman, Gerald G. Richards, Leonard R. Levengood.



And to this end they spared no pains.

BUILDING FACULTY

Seated L to R: Mrs. Phyllis Trout, Fourth Grade Teacher; Mrs. Mary Greulich, Kindergarten; Miss Donna Cook, Second Grade Teacher; Mrs. Patricia Diener, Third Grade Teacher; Mrs. Ida Peterson, First Grade Teacher; Mrs. Lucy Fielding, Special Education Teacher. Standing L to R: Mr. Norman Arndt, Fifth Grade Teacher; Mr. John Ruffing, Sixth Grade Teacher.



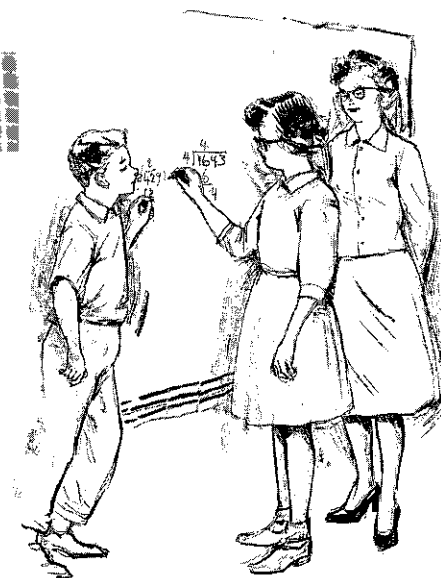
CURRICULUM SPECIALISTS

Seated L to R: Miss Ernestine Duran, Spanish; Miss Helen Bartman, Music; Mrs. Judith Kelly, Speech Teacher (Montg. Co. Office of Education); Mrs. Sandra Burkert, Elementary Librarian. Standing L to R: Mr. John Smith, Art Teacher; Mr. Earl Strausser, Instrumental and Sixth Grade Vocal Music.



The art of teaching satisfies the natural curiosity of young minds.

MRS. KATHRYN WYSHOCK
Secretary

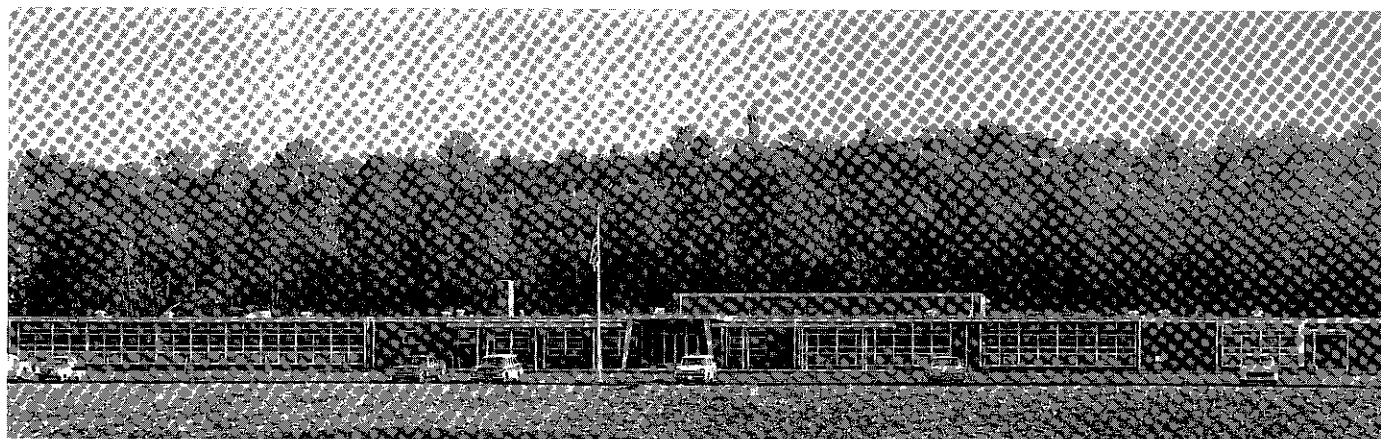




FIRST GRADE IN ACTION
MRS. IDA PETERSON, TEACHER

To understand and sympathize with his pupils, to lead them by his example to social maturity, and to recognize difference in abilities and needs, are among his most important responsibilities.

FRONT OF BUILDING



OUR STORY

The early history of the member districts of the Pottsgrove School System is concerned chiefly with the operation of one room schools by the three independent townships. A listing of these schools includes:

Lower Pottsgrove Twp.

Sanatoga School No. 1	Center School
Sanatoga School No. 2	Franklin School
Ringling Hill School	Jacksonville School

These schools were closed in 1931.

Upper Pottsgrove Twp.

Cedar Grove School	Chestnut Grove School
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These buildings were closed in 1929.

West Pottsgrove Twp.

Washington School	Madison School
closed 1932	closed 1937

These ten buildings were replaced with the elementary buildings now in use. It was during this era that consolidation of schools was being emphasized. The Pottsgrove Jointure began operating our schools in September of 1955. This organization included all grades from 1 through 12.

Construction of the present high school plant on Kauffman Road was begun in 1956 and the building was occupied in the fall of 1958.

In 1958, the Pottsgrove Joint School Board, conscious of the steady increase in pupil population, began to lay plans for a new elementary school building. It was hoped that such a facility would keep the pupil-teacher ratio at a minimum, characteristic of Pottsgrove's desire to maintain good educational standards. The new building would also serve to eliminate four substandard classrooms then being utilized.

The Joint School Board proceeded with its plans for the new elementary school building to accommodate 270 pupils. The architect, having been selected, formulated plans keeping in mind functional aspects, maintenance, appearance, futuristic growth and overall cost. Project financing was realized by a Bond Issue negotiated by the Pottsgrove School Authority. Funds for the West Pottsgrove renovation and the Lower Pottsgrove addition were also secured from this issue. Contracts were awarded to the lowest bidders in September, 1961.

Ground-breaking commenced at the nine acre site on October 23, 1961, and the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony

was held on August 19, 1962. The building, basically constructed of non-combustible materials, was occupied in September, 1962, although some areas were not yet completed.

The Ringing Rocks Elementary School building is comprised of two classroom wings with the classrooms on each side of a common corridor meeting at the "Service Center." This area contains offices of the Elementary Principal and the Head Teacher, Faculty Room, Library Workroom, and the Health Suite which consists of a dental and medical clinic.

North of the central lobby is the All-Purpose Room which serves as a Gymnasium-Auditorium with stage facilities. This room is also utilized as a Cafeteria accommodating 200 students. A modern, well equipped kitchen adjoins the All-Purpose Room. A Music Room is located immediately to the rear of the stage.

All classrooms are provided with sinks furnishing hot and cold water, and a drinking fountain. The Special Education, Kindergarten and Primary Rooms are also provided with private lavatories.

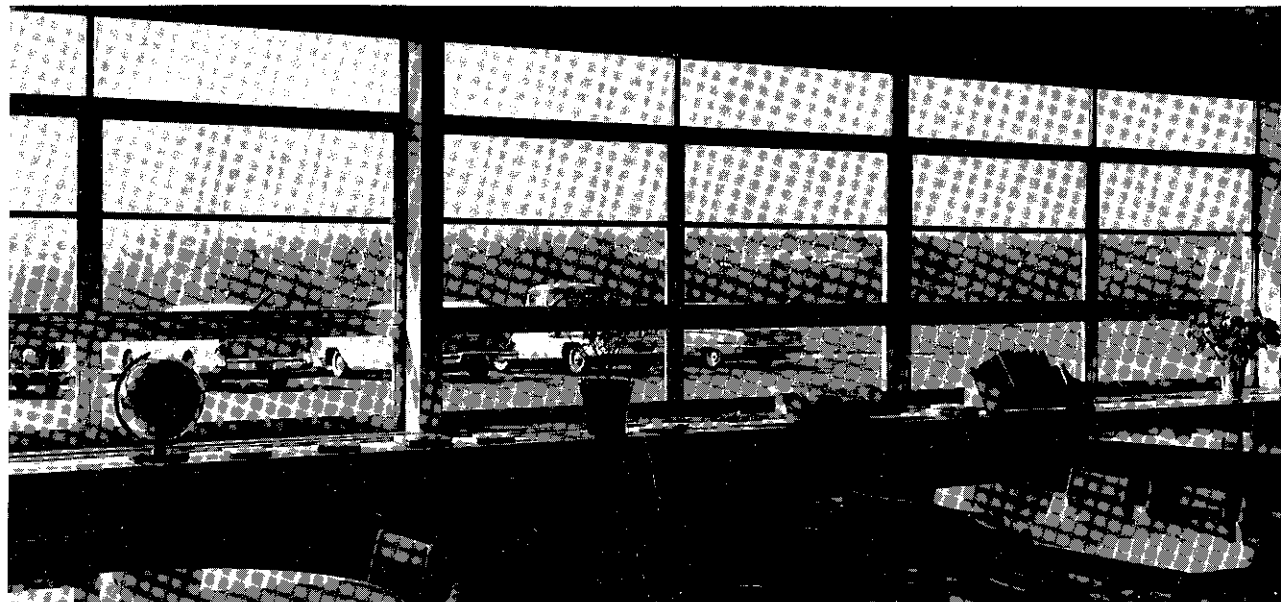
The rooms are furnished with individual desks and chairs, permitting arrangements by the teacher to best meet the needs of the group. The rows of fluorescent lights and the duracite chalkboards provide a good visual environment for the children. Accoustical, fireproof tile on the ceilings insures a quieter atmosphere in the rooms, thus enhancing working and study conditions.

To eliminate color monotony, different color variations and variegated floor tile designs were used to blend with each scheme selected.

Every room is equipped with an automatic temperature control which provides for a constant flow of fresh air through the rooms at the properly selected temperature.

Terrazzo floors are provided in all lobbies and corridors. Walls are of painted concrete block which are economical in construction and inexpensive to maintain.

Recreational activities are accommodated by a paved area north of the building and an athletic field to the west. The paved area at the entrance to the building provides ample parking facilities for faculty and visitors. To assure safe loading and unloading of buses, a one way traffic pattern was established with the entrance on Kauffman Road. The additional feature of an overhead canopy at the entrance to the building, protects the pupils during inclement weather.



SOUTH VIEW FROM LIBRARY

This pleasant panorama greets the viewer from the library of Ringing Rocks — a name chosen for the glacier-formed rocks which underlie the ground bed of the school site. Adjacent to a growing residential area, the school offers easy accessibility to students. The practical location of the building on school district property enabled the economic annexation to the sanitation facilities of the adjoining Pottsgrove High School.



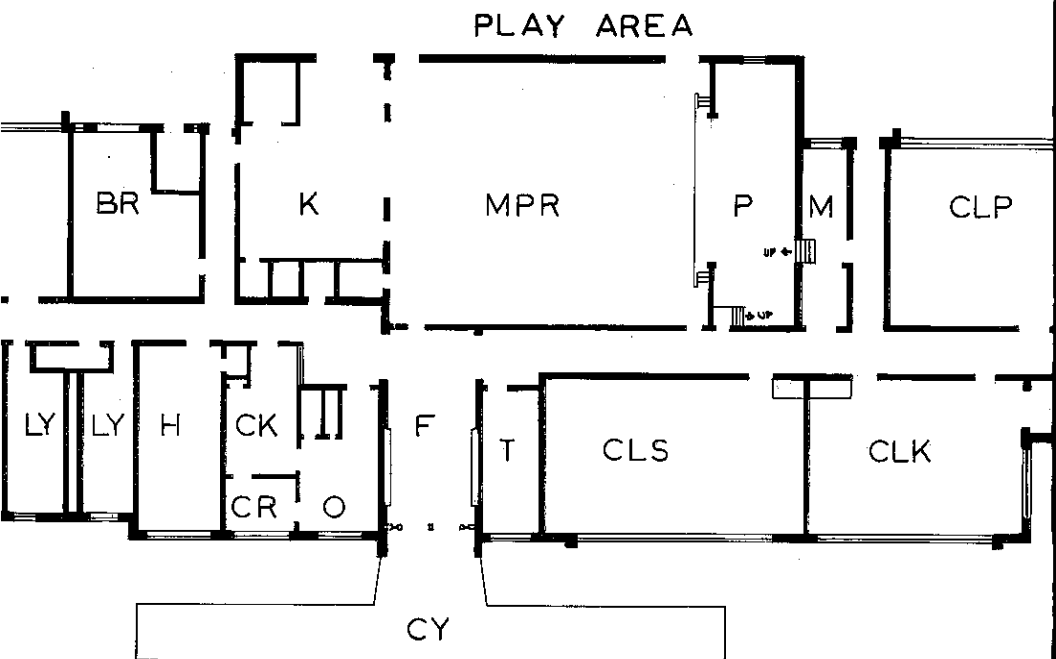
Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education without which neither justice or freedom can be permanently maintained . . . Garfield.

MR. JOHN J. RUFFING
Head Teacher

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CLK—Kindergarten Classroom
 F—East Foyer
 Ps—Outside Storage Room
 Es—Tractor Room
 CLP—Primary Classroom
 M—Music Room
 P—Stage
 MPR—All Purpose Room
 K—Kitchen
 BR—Boiler Room
 CY—Canopy, Front of Building

FLOOR



DICKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SYSTEM

STATISTICS

\$451,279.00	Total Cost
359,529.00	Total Construction Cost
1,671.00	Cost per pupil*
20.49	Cost per sq. ft.
1.51	Cost per cu. ft.

\$254,885.00	General Contract
47,900.00	Heating and Ventilating
29,995.00	Plumbing
26,749.00	Electrical
700.00	Test Borings
13,000.00	Site Development
900.00	Well
25,000.00	Fixtures and Equipment
21,625.00	Architectural Fees
200.00	Sewer Connection
11,000.00	Acquisition of Site
2,125.00	Site Survey
7,200.00	Project Supervision
10,000.00	Contingencies

\$451,279.00

\$451,279.00	Ringling Rocks Building
78,115.00	Lower Pottsgrove Renovation and Addition
94,564.00	West Pottsgrove Renovation
15,150.00	Authority, Printing, Legal and Bond Counsel Fees

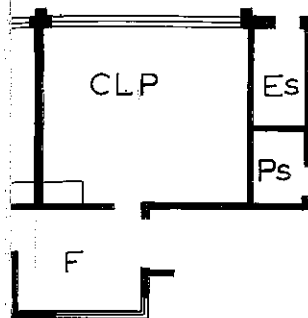
\$639,544.00 Total of Three Projects

\$640,000.00 Total Bond Issue by Ira Haupt & Co.,
111 Broadway, New York 6, N. Y.

\$ 45,800.00 Annual Rental to Authority

*—Based on Total Cost

R PLAN



SCHOOL

Size and Capacity

Site: 9.23 Acres
 Sq. ft. of Building (Architectural Area): 19,280
 Sq. ft. of Building (Scheduled Area): 12,995
 Cafeteria Seating: 264 Pupils
 Library: 30 Pupil Seats
 Parking Lot: 40 cars in front of building
 Pupil Capacity: 270 Pupil Seats

Features:

Public Address System
 Terrazzo Center Hall
 Ceramic Tile Wainscoat in Center Hall
 Sheltered Bus Loading Area
 Stage in All-Purpose Room
 Telephone Intercommunication System
 Fluorescent Lighting in Classrooms

Tabulation of Rooms

Six Elementary Classrooms
 One Kindergarten Room
 One Special Education Room
 One Central Library
 One Library Workroom
 One Auditorium-Gymnasium
 One Music Room
 One Health Suite
 One Kitchen Suite
 One Conference Room
 One Boiler Room
 One Transformer Vault
 One Office Suite
 Two Foyers
 One Curriculum Materials Room



KITCHEN

L to R: Mrs. Arline Gohean, Mrs. Virginia Snell, Mrs. Anna Buckholtz.

The teacher, the nurse, and the dietitian have an essential responsibility for the promotion of sound pupil health and for coping with all emergencies as they arise.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CHECKUP

Mrs. Patricia Ruffing, Nurse; Standing, L to R: Susan Grimley, Kathy Newman, Harvey Gist, Anne Monck, Jeffery Pierce.

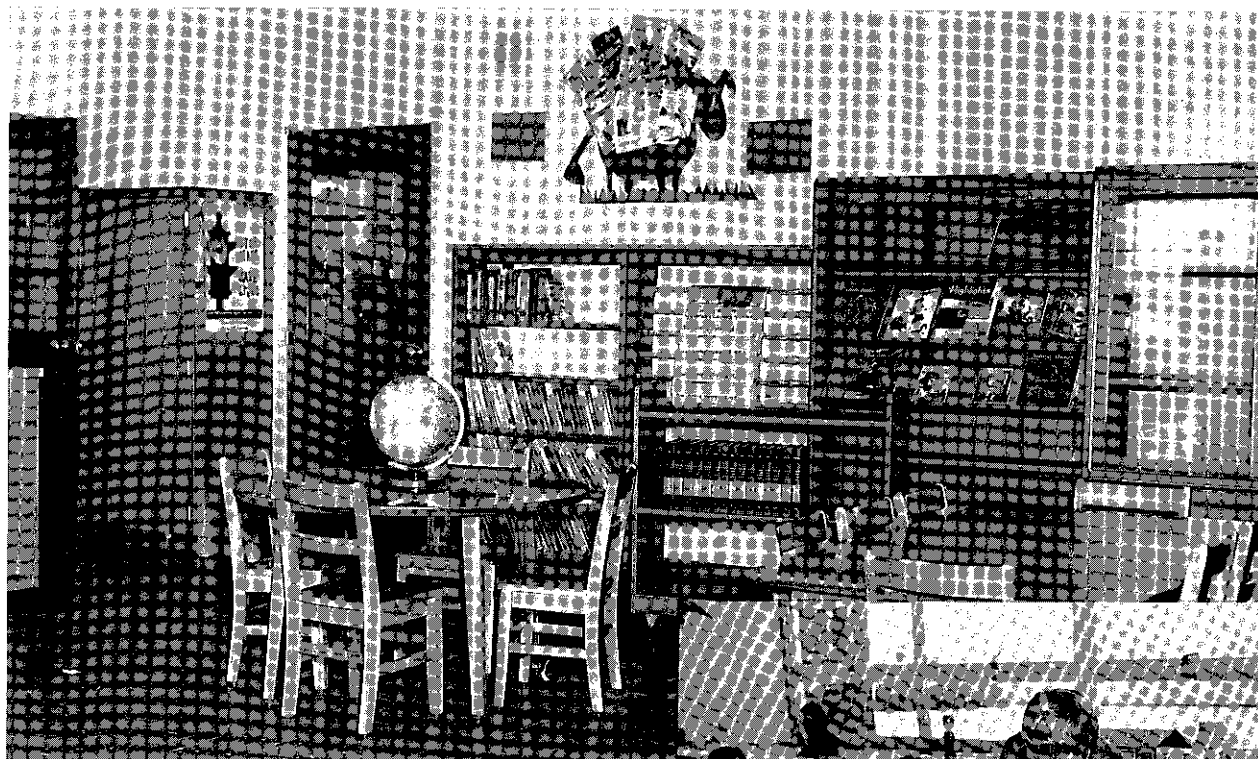


DENTAL CLINIC IN ACTION

Dr. Eugene Ackerman, Deborah Plevyak and Mrs. Patricia Ruffing.



The true aim of everyone who aspires to be a teacher should be, not to impart his own opinions, but to kindle minds.
—F. W. Robertson



CENTRAL LIBRARY



SAND TABLE IN KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Mary Greulich, Teacher; L to R: Beth Overholtzer, Edward Nester, Margaret Koniow, Barry Geiger, George Spohn.



L to R: Daniel Laney, David Bert,
Kenneth Finnegan.

Seated L to R: Phillip Boone, Mary
Epler, Carole Ann Miller; Standing,
Mrs. Lucy Fielding.



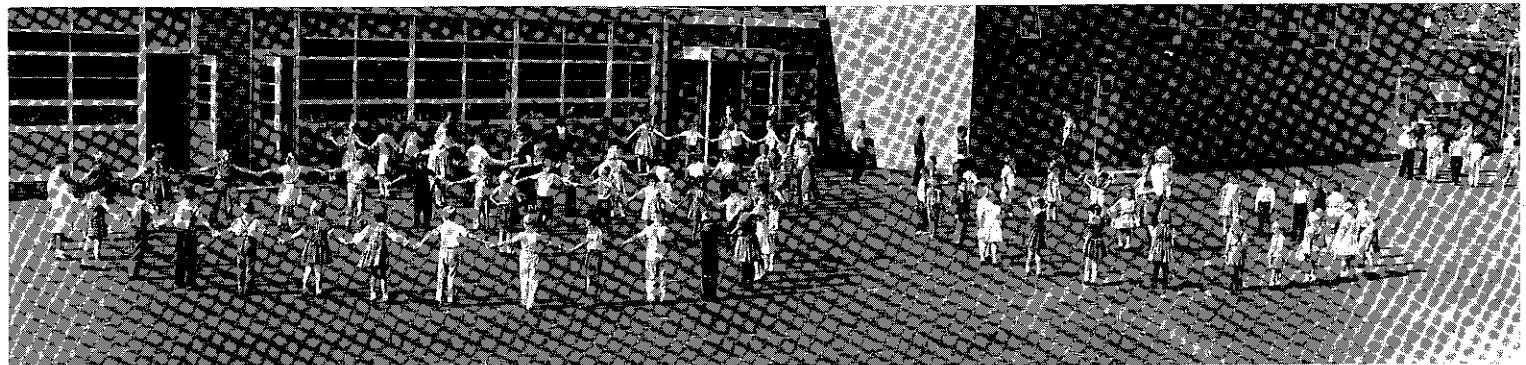
SPECIAL EDUCATION

In recent years, special education has been given its deserved place in the elementary curriculum. Its purpose is to provide a more functional and instrumental education for those students whose academic and social talents point toward a vocational career. Stressing individual guidance and small group work, instruction is given by a teacher who has had special preparation for teaching children with these talents.

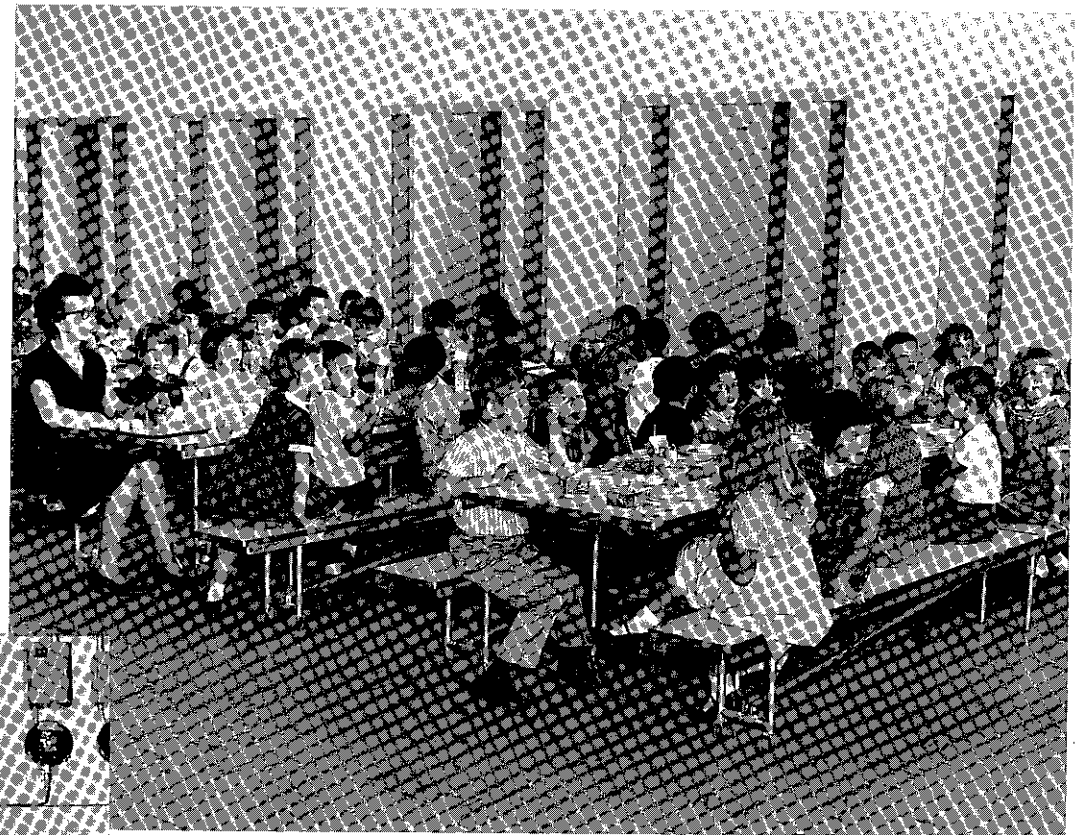
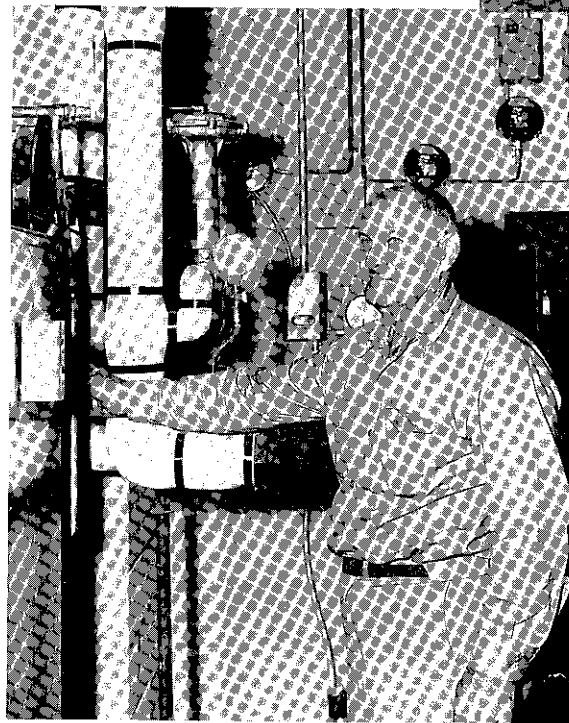
It is only in the heart of society that
man can achieve his ultimate destiny.

—Itard

PLAY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION AREA IN REAR OF BLDG.

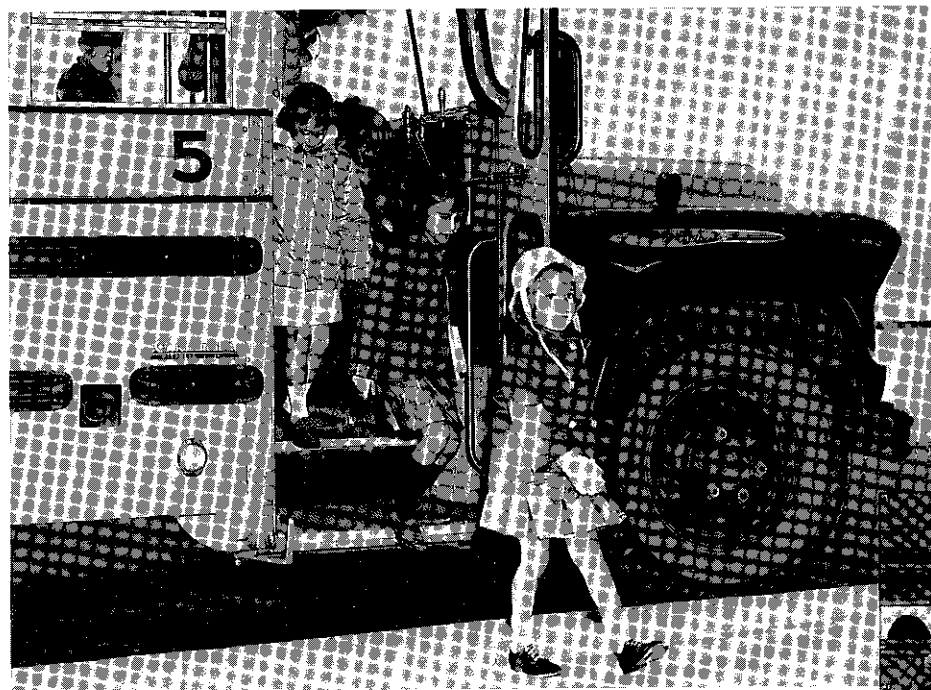


MR. ELMER HAMPTON
Maintenance



ALL-PURPOSE ROOM
Lunchtime





OFF TO SCHOOL

Curriculum is best defined as everything a child experiences.



HOMEWARD BOUND

POTTSGROVE SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mr. Jacob E. Dailey	Supervising Principal
Miss Jessie H. Rosenberry	High School Principal
Mr. Richard J. Radel	High School Vice Principal
Mr. William W. Means	Elementary Principal
Mr. John L. Brinton	Administrative Assistant-Business
Mr. John R. Malenke	Head Teacher, Lower Building
Mr. John J. Ruffing	Head Teacher, Ringing Rocks Building
Mr. Charles G. Rosenberry	Head Teacher, Upper Building
Mr. Walter S. Trout	Head Teacher, West Building
Mr. Henry J. Brile	Transportation Director

GIFTS

West Pottsgrove Lions Club	Library Globe
Mr. Robert Miller	Ringing Rock Resonator Set
Ringing Hill Fire Co.	Ringing Rock for placement near flagpole
Lower Pottsgrove Optimists Club	Library Books

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Electrical	B and S Electric Contractors, Warminster, Pa.
Plumbing	Modern Plumbing and Heating, Allentown, Pa.
Heating	Corbits, Inc., Reading, Pa.
Architect	Eastern Engineering Co., Reading, Pa. E. J. Haberstroh, Architect C. O. Hartman, Engineer

SOLICITOR

Jules Pearlstine	Lansdale, Pa.
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MAIN ENTRANCE FOYER

