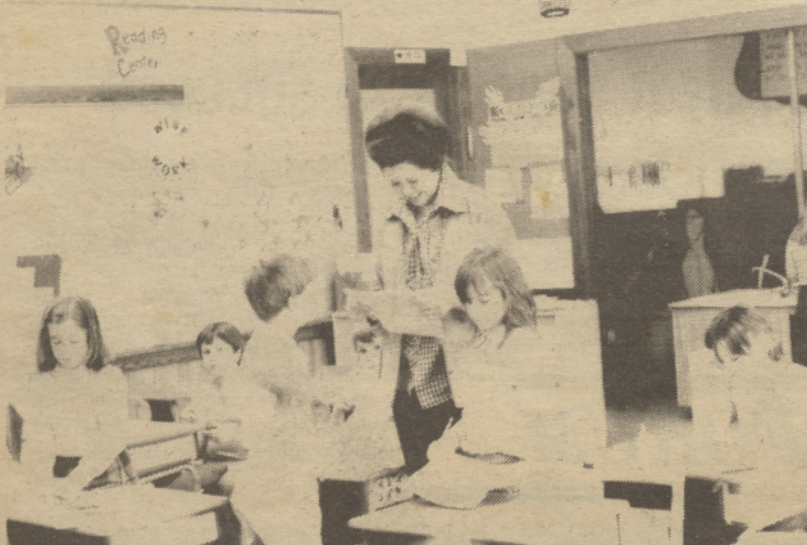




ARTISTRY IN SYNTAX— Principal/second grade teacher Sunny Huntman assists students Joleen Nodland (right) and Maft Utting in a project that involves pasting sentences in proper order on decorative sheets of paper.

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Area first and second grades get head start at Lincoln GS

by Kristen Hillier

Lincoln Grade School is the seat of learning here for area first and second graders. Washington Grade School handles Kindergarten and third through eighth grades. The reason for the split in classes is space, according to Darrold Proehl, former superintendent of schools. "I don't think there's an empty room in any of our schools," he said. "It would be costly to build on to Washington," he added. The four room Lincoln School appears to be adequate for the average 90 students per year, according to Principal Sunny Huntman. Huntman also believes that having their own school helps develop a sense of pride in the

children. "I think they're very happy here, because this is their own school," she said. "They are a cohesive group," she added. "We combine our holiday programs and assemblies with Washington Grade School, and the Hot Lunch kids are bussed there everyday, so they have plenty of exposure to older kids," she continued.

Lincoln Grade School was built in 1923 as a school district separate from the district of Washington Grade School and Vernonia High School. "Before consolidation and unification there were lots of small

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Lack of funds may mean end of local emergency relief effort

The Emergency Relief Fund, a committee of the Vernonia Study Club, has nearly exhausted its resources. The Study Club, a women's group that has been active in the area since 1925, uses the Emergency Relief Fund to help families caught in crisis, victims of fire, or families whose major source of income has suddenly ended.

"We help people who have been burned out by fire, or that kind of emergency," said Francis Hershey, club member.

"We've always given a set amount," added Francis Lentz, club president. "We have limited funds and want to be able to give to everyone," she added.

"Or, if a child wasn't coming to school, and we found out that he had no shoes, and couldn't come, we'd take that child and buy him shoes out of the fund," said Mrs. J.W. Nichols, a longtime member.

The study club was formed by a group of women whose stated goal was "self improvement and civic betterment." The women choose a program every year, a subject (such as Egypt), books or histories of people or places, and present these studies to the other members. They also become involved in civic activities.

The Emergency Relief Fund was formed in conjunction with the

Community Chest, the predecessor of today's welfare system. The Vernonia Study Club originated the Community Chest in this area as a relief program during the depression. At that time, monies from the Community Chest and the Emergency Relief Fund were used to supply "Everything from wood to shoes to needy families in the area," said Mrs. Nichols. "There isn't that need for funds like there used to be," said Isabel Culbertson. "Welfare has taken over," she added.

Funding for Emergency Relief has been obtained through donations from merchants, businesses, and private individuals in the past. They Study Club has also held tea parties and sold candy to maintain its funds.

The Study Club is not currently planning any fund raising activities. Today they depend primarily on donations from concerned citizens and merchants throughout the area.

"If we don't get help soon, we'll have to disband," said Faith Reynolds. "Most of us are retired now," she added. The club is hoping for donations to bolster their fund. "We're at a point now where we can't even afford to help fire victims," commented Francis Hershey.

The Study Club has been involved with nearly every worthy venture undertaken in Vernonia," said Mrs. Nichols. "We have sponsored the

library, the Community Chest, and we have supported the March of Dimes, and the Heart Fund, as well as giving Christmas baskets to needy families through the years," she added. "The Study Club held out a helping hand whenever it was

needed," she said.

Persons, businesses and organizations interested in donating to the Emergency Relief Fund may call Frances Lentz, at 429-7355 or Frances Hershey at 429-3553 for further information.

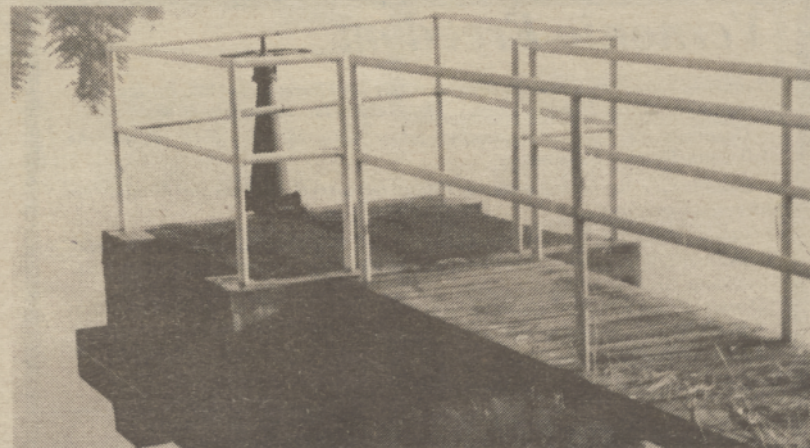
Sewage repairs just temporary

Recently, *The Freedom* published an article regarding the overflow of liquid effluents from the sewage lagoon's spillway into the Nehalem River. Because of rain and leakage in the city sewer system, the bacteria eating algae could not only not survive such a tremendous influx of water into the lagoons, but the volume of water forced overflow of untreated liquid sewage into the Nehalem.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) tested the water and

determined that it was hazardous to human health. According to Steve Carter, DEQ regional supervisor, a field inspector for DEQ informed city maintenance chief Roy Sanders, of the problem. "I believe Mr. Sanders put boards in the spillway to stop the overflow," Carter said. "I don't know if he plans to do anything else with it or not," he added. Carter feels that this measure should be adequate for the time being.

Pleading a short staff and a busy schedule, Sanders has been unavailable for comment.



SEWER AGAIN— Although temporary measures have been taken to control the flow of sewage waste into the Nehalem River through this spillway, it is time permanent action was taken.

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