

# Better Reading Ability Seen From Salem Test

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Salem Johnny may learn to read better as the result of a pilot program in three first grade classrooms using colored slide projections of book pages.

Teachers for two Pringle classes and one at Morningside are enthusiastic over the results of their beginning readers in the few weeks since school started.

Instead of each child observing new reading material for the first time in the pages of his individual book, a screen-sized color projection of the page that all the class may observe at once is employed in the new technique.

It is the first time the method has been used in Salem schools though it has been tested with success in some mid-west schools.

Best backers for the new system are Mrs. Wilma DeMouly and the

youngsters in her Morningside first grade class. Last Friday nearly all the members of the class were reading review work in their third book of the year.

While that is the level which most first grade classes have reached since school started in mid-September, the apparently encouraging element of Mrs. DeMouly's class was that all its members were working at the same stage. Unlike most other first grade classes, which have already been divided into two or three separate reading groups, this class was still together.

**Extra Incentive**

"We may have to adopt the group system soon," says Mrs. DeMouly, to avoid slowing down the fast learners and to give additional help to the slow ones. But the slide system has served as an extra incentive, she said.

Just why Johnny learns faster when he got his reading lesson from the screen instead of the school book has no real tangible answers, but Mrs. DeMouly and other educators have some theories on the subject.

One thing, already mentioned, is that all the members of the class are seeing the same words at the same time. When the page is projected on the wall the teacher may command attention on a particular word or sentence without having to identify its position on 20 to 30 books throughout the classroom.

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## Kansan Warns GOP Against Conservatives

WASHINGTON (AP) — Youthful Gov. Fred Hall of Kansas said Saturday that "the old guard" of the republican party will face a knockdown battle next year if it tries to nominate a conservative for president.

"I don't think they can do it," said Hall, who is 39 and calls himself "a progressive moderate."

Hall, an Eisenhower supporter, has attracted considerable attention recently by speeches saying that the "Republican Party is in trouble" because it has not kept campaign pledges to farmers and labor.

He said the Kansas delegation to next year's GOP convention in San Francisco will line up solidly for renomination of President Eisenhower if he consents to a second term.

Larger Margin

"If he runs again he will be reelected by a larger margin than in 1952," Hall said. He added that republicans suffered setbacks in recent elections because "they have been out of step with the Eisenhower program."

Some conservatives in his party fear that the "trend of the times is toward socialism and perhaps even toward communism," Hall said.

Eisenhower and the republicans won in 1952, the governor continued, because most citizens "voted for a progressive Republican Party."

"We can't possibly win as an anti-labor, anti-farmer or anti-business party," he said. "We must avoid the role of extremist, either conservative or radical."

Hall said congress has failed to carry out Eisenhower proposals for amendments of the Taft-Hartley labor act and the maintenance of farm income at fair levels.

"Farmers have been the traditional strength of the Republican Party, particularly in the mid-west," he said, adding that some of these farmers are bitter now because of the drop in farm income.

Hall said he favors some "temporary financial assistance," such as "soil fertility bank payments," or a return to "higher price supports."

## Guests Supply Bank Notes for 'Singer' Group

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — The maid admitted four men wearing sport coats, believing they were part of the entertainment at Joseph Pollock's birthday party.

Mrs. Pollock, who had just welcomed 20 guests, thought they were singers, possibly a surprise arranged by one of the guests.

Then the guests discovered they had to furnish the notes — bank notes — when the quartet drew guns and ordered everybody to drop wallets on the floor.

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## Saudi Arabia's King Plans Kashmir Visit

SRINAGAR, Indian-Occupied Kashmir (AP) — The government has announced Saudi Arabia's King Saud will visit here Nov. 30 on his state tour of India. This was a surprise because Kashmir is split between India and Moslem Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia's sympathies as a Moslem country

would be nominally with Pakistan.

**BRITISH SOLDIERS KILLED**

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Two British soldiers were killed and two wounded Friday in a wave of bombings and gunfire across this restive island colony.

## ART REACTIONS DIFFER

WINNIPEG (AP) — An impressionist painting called "La Marseillaise" was awarded first prize by a jury at the Winnipeg Art Gallery and was denounced as "a nauseating blob" by a woman sponsor of the show. At \$200 it went unsold and has been returned to Artist Jean Paul Mousseau of Montreal. The jury found it "very poetic."

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