

First Dracut School In 40 Yrs.

USES TEACHING INNOVATIONS

By Ann Leney

DRACUT — The first new elementary school to be built in Dracut in over four decades is rapidly taking shape in the rear of the junior high school on Lakeview Avenue.

Taking full advantage of a tree shaded site, the building nestles in the contour of the land and will provide a post card view from nearly every window.

ALTHOUGH there will exist some "self containment," all areas of the instructional program will be "fluid" and reflect the "team attitude" while many facets of the curriculum in grades 5 and 6 will be projected through "team teaching."

Director of Elementary Education William O'Neill and Principal Mrs. Christos Goulakos believe that "team attitude" although self contained, will provide additional educational benefits for students.

They will be conscious of the scope of home assignments being given by other teachers to their students and will thus be able to maintain a proper balance in this area.

The movable wall partitions located in several areas of the classroom wings will enable the establishment of large group instruction to be followed by a return to the traditionally sized classes for remediation and more individualized instruction.

THE cafeteria has been designed as an all purpose room. In addition to its lunchroom and auditorium functions, it will serve other purposes.

The instructional resource center library will house the latest in educational material for both teachers and pupils.

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The special education suite is designed to develop the maximum potential in every child, no matter how large or small it may be.

IT CONTAINS two large classroom areas for specialized instruction and observation by specialists. The two units are separated by an area which contains an "observation deck" so that research specialists and students from the universities preparing to dedicate themselves to this work may study and evaluate the learning and behavior patterns of these young people.

Separate and yet not separate, these students will have every opportunity to mingle with the rest of the student body taking full advantage of the art and gym facilities with one exception.

Recording them so that their reactions to subject matter can be further evaluated in conferences with specialists. The only other observation deck of this type in New England is at Boston University.

manipulate easily. These two rooms plus the retention of the Greenmont Avenue facility will enable the administration to chronologically separate these students for a far more ideal situation than the present one room for all ages.

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Dracut Middle School Architect's drawing of Dracut's Middle Elementary School now nearing completion and due to open in September 1968. It is the first elementary school to be built in Dracut in more than 40 years.

Tewksbury, Wilmington

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"This spirit of cooperation is in the highest tradition of the Wilmington Police Department. TO THE Tewksbury selectmen Mr. Tremblay wrote: "All too often nowadays we are quick to condemn and slow to praise the actions of municipal employees. Sometimes, as taxpayers, we automatically expect them to render the ultimate in public service and it becomes commonplace when they do. We forget that, if we have the right to complain, we also have the obligation to commend."

"An incident which involved me personally last Thursday night has brought this graphically to mind and I would like to call it to the attention of your board and to all Tewksbury residents. "On that evening my place of business was the scene of a daring robbery. In slightly more than one hour the culprits had been apprehended and the loot recovered.

"This spectacular display of efficient police work was accomplished through the combined efforts of several members of the Tewksbury department, with a timely assist from our good neighbors in Wilmington. "Within minutes after the call was received at the police station, two cruisers manned by Patrolman Donald Sheehan, M. Joseph Cormier, James Jones and Paul Gearty, were at the scene. Chief John F. Sullivan

and Sgt. Philip Bradanick, both of whom were off duty, responded to the emergency shortly thereafter. AFTER GETTING a description of the bandits, Officers Sheehan and Cormier recalled having observed a couple who resembled the pair earlier in the evening, at which time they had alertly taken particular notice of the car in which the suspicious pair was riding.

"This vital information was quickly radioed by Desk Sgt. Richard Mackey to all police cruisers in surrounding towns. Sharp-eyed Pat. James Cuoco of Wilmington spotted the getaway car later in his town and made the arrests. "Such prompt and effective response by our police department, in my opinion, merits public commendation.

"Therefore, gentlemen, through you, I would like to take this means to convey not only my personal thanks, but that of my employees, for the excellent job done by all concerned. "It is indeed comforting to know the Tewksbury police department is composed of men of this caliber and competence who stand ready to spring into

action when the occasion demands. A unanimous vote of the board was reached when Mr. Whelan made a motion that a copy of this letter be sent to each of the police officers involved. IN ADDITION, the Chief noted

Correspondents

- BILDERICA, FINEBURST NUTTINGS LAKE Miss Helen Harrington Coe St., 463-728
CHELMSFORD Mrs. R. G. Harrington 156 North St., 258-504
DRACUT Mrs. Ann Leney 27 Forging Ave., 957-342
TEWKSBURY John Beddoe 401 Winton Rd., 851-7493

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A dedication service conducted by Barbara George inaugurated the new year for the active officer group. Retiring President Nancy Hrabe expressed appreciation for gratifying cooperation during her two years as president of the church women's group.

At an effectively arranged hospitality table, the Aim Hi Group served refreshments.

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Suburban Life

Tewksbury Police Chief Urges Support For Campaign

TEWKSBURY — Police Chief John F. Sullivan has urged citizens of the community to take part in the state-wide "Lock Your Car" campaign now being conducted by the New England Citizens Crime Commission in association with the Massachusetts Police Chiefs Association, the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and the Attorney General's office.

"This is an opportunity for citizen participation to help reduce the Massachusetts rate of stolen cars which is the highest in the nation," Chief Sullivan said. "The present campaign is the first state-wide effort ever conducted and citizen participation can guarantee its success," he added.

Chief Sullivan also said that insurance companies and supermarket chains in the state have prepared and distributed literature which is being placed in shopping bags on weekends during this drive and that the New England Telephone Company will distribute 2,800,000 special messages on "Lock Your Car" with its June billings.

that special staffers are being distributed by police departments throughout the Commonwealth, by the State Police, the Massachusetts Association of Automobile Dealers, the Greater Boston Junior Chamber of Commerce and by the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority.

He also said that the newspapers and radio and television are giving the campaign special prominence during May and the first two weeks in June.

"Certainly the importance of locking cars is being brought home to our citizens by every possible means," the Chief said. "Now it is up to the people of Massachusetts to help make the campaign a success by cooperating in the drive. I urge the residents of Tewksbury to join with all the agencies attempting to reduce the high rate of car theft in Massachusetts."

"Furthermore, it has often been demonstrated that car theft is the start of a life of crime for some youngster who might otherwise have stayed out of trouble. One of the themes of the campaign is "Don't Help a Good Boy Go Bad." Locking a car is a good habit to get into

and I hope the citizens of Tewksbury will co-operate during this campaign and will continue to lock cars after the drive is over on June 15," he stated.

Good Deed

BILDERICA — John Horan, described as about 17 or 18 years old, of East Billerica has the undying gratitude of a young Billerica couple today.

The wife, who declined to be identified accidentally left her pocket book with a full month's wages in it in a carriage in a North Billerica shopping center parking lot Friday night. Returning to the lot to retrieve it, she discovered it gone. On arriving home to notify her husband, she found young Horan returning the purse to her husband, all contents intact. According to the family, he refused a reward.

gale from the intent and purpose of the zoning by-law. The following restrictions are placed against this variance: Construction will be in accordance with the plan filed. A one year time limit for completion must be complied with. There will be no parking or storage of unregistered motor vehicles on the premises. A performance bond of \$5,000 will be posted against compliance with the above restrictions and conditions.

ON OTHER applications the decisions were: Petition of Raymond A. Carye to build a three-car addition to a dwelling at 26-28 Worthen St., approved. Petition of Edward Chambers and/or William Viau for variance to construct office addition to dwelling at 5 Wesley St., withdrawn. Petition of Marinel Transportation Co. for variance to construct a transport terminal at lot 18, Richardson Rd., withdrawn. Also withdrawn was an application for a variance to construct a single family dwelling at approximately 126 Riverneck Rd.

A variance was granted Raymond A. Carye to construct an addition to an existing industrial building at 279 Billerica St. Rejected was a variance to erect a carport on premises at 252 Riverneck Rd. Variances were granted for a breezeway and garage at 12 State St. and for an addition to a dwelling at 134 Robin Hill Rd.

ON THE application of Humble Oil Co. for a variance to construct an addition to the existing service station located at 80 Chelmsford St. The existing service station is a legal non-conforming use and the above proposed addition requires a variance. The Board of Appeals voted unanimously to grant this variance and present the following reasons for this decision. It is the opinion of the Board that a hardship does exist in this case. This variance will not adversely affect surrounding properties. This Variance does not derogate

grading procedure. In required subjects, such as English, five levels of difficulty will be offered to pupils. Students will be selected for these various groups by predetermined criteria, including achievement test scores, present grade in subject area and teacher recommendation.

COURSES drawing students of mixed abilities or courses in which pupil enrollment is limited, were rated on the basis of curriculum content and selection procedures. The letter grade received in each course and the level of difficulty of the course would determine the value of the quality points received. For example, a B in the Level II English course would receive 6 quality points, while a B in a Level III English class would be valued at 5 quality points. These quality points are not to be confused with the existing promotion credits for each course. The quality point grading system, the administrators point out, will in no way effect promotional status.

The committee realizes that this subject is rather difficult to explain verbally without the use of graphic illustrations and, therefore, will schedule orientation programs for parents and students in September. A new report card design and format has been constructed to utilize data processing techniques in the preparation of these grading procedures. A later article will explain the make-up of this report card.

Report Card New Look For Tewksbury Schools

TEWKSBURY — A committee of administrators and guidance personnel from the Tewksbury Public Schools has utilized the monthly workshop meetings to investigate a new approach to marking in grades seven through twelve. The initial hope of the committee was to weave the curriculum offerings, instructional approach, and grouping practices into a balanced grading procedure. Students are often reluctant to select more rigorous courses from the Program of Studies. Present grading does not allow for differentiation in the level of achievement or difficulty as determine by the grouping structure. The senior high school students who undertake a strenuous schedule are sometimes penalized in class standings. Students, therefore, are often drawn toward the selection of less difficult courses in order to achieve maximum grades. It is hoped that the research entailed in the development of this new reporting system will produce a balanced and uniform

Fire

CHELMSFORD — A fire causing an estimated \$5000 damage destroyed a major portion of an unoccupied frame dwelling at about 8:45 last night at 196 Groton Rd. The owner was listed as Thomas Saguee. The fire, according to official reports started on the outside of the outer rear wall spread upward through the wall and into the kitchen and then spread to other areas. The entire rear wall, according to Fire Chief Frederick Reid was destroyed. Cause of the fire is under investigation.

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