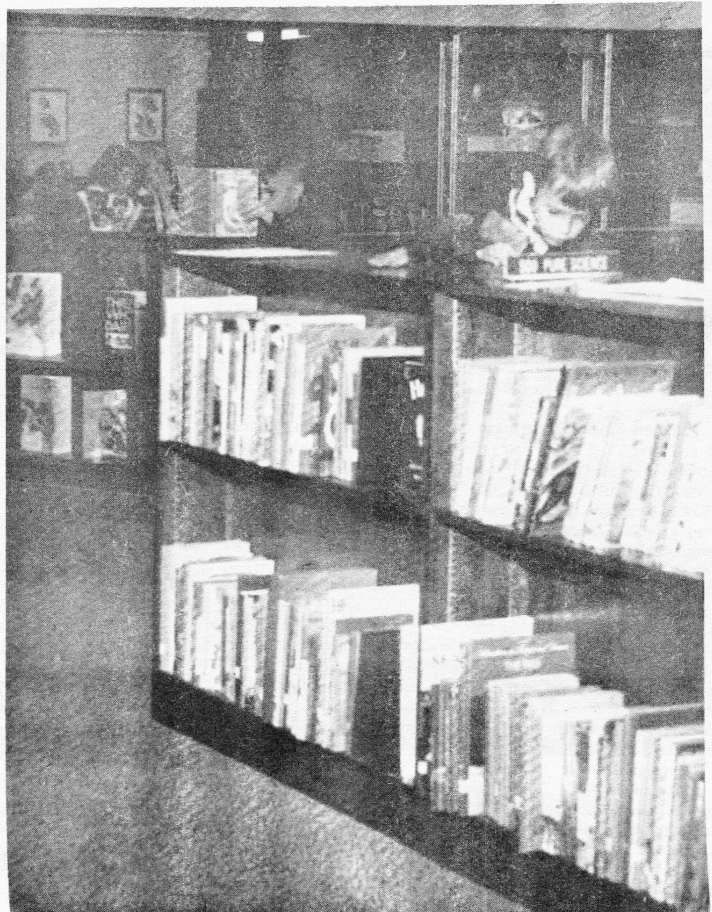
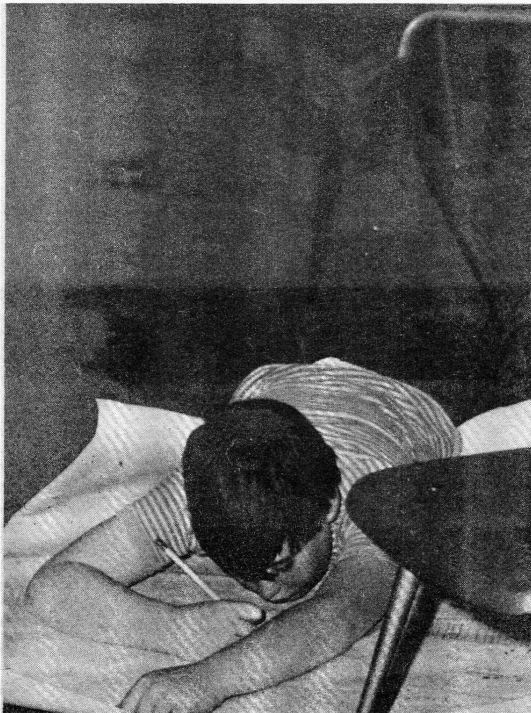


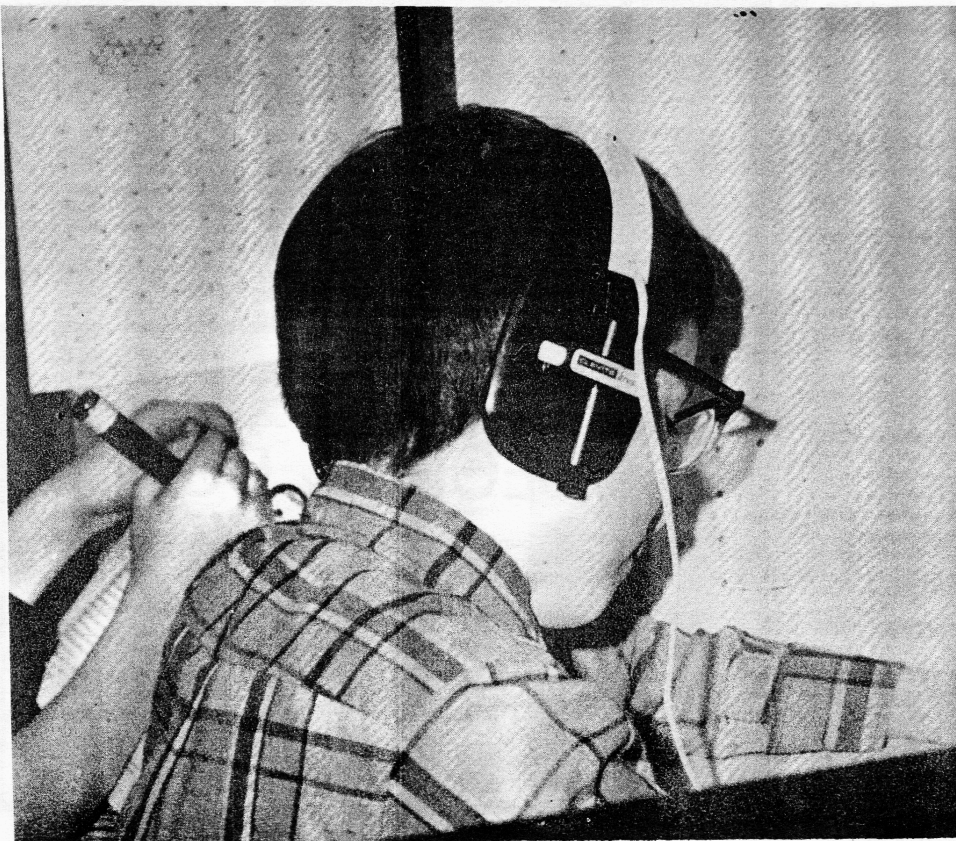
Central Park Elementary



Emphasis on the individual

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through 'media center'



It has 6000 books, contains facilities for individual learning through tapes, film strips, and reference pamphlets and periodicals.

It includes preparation rooms for teachers and is surrounded by some twelve class rooms.

It is called a resource media center, and it also boggles the mind of most of its older visitors.

Central Park Elementary School now possesses one and the school's inhabitants seem to be taking full advantage of the situation.

Librarian Betty Ripke toured the center and pointed out with pride the free, easy, and independent atmosphere in which the students go about their business.

Central Park principal Harold Davis estimated the cost of the media center at "over \$400,000."

"The faculty reaction to the center has been generally positive," said Davis, "Right now we're probably not using it up to its full potential but as the youngsters come up in this situation it will probably be used more fully."

"The center is a more individualized structure and we're just scratching the surface, in the future it will get better," commented Davis.

The principal was asked if the center had improved the scholastic records of the students using it. "We really haven't had a chance to check, however there were tests taken in other schools which had a similar situation. The tests both showed no real academic and attitude achievement over youngsters using the older system, but the attitude tests show an improvement by youngsters using the centers."