

## Two Schools Closed Old Age, Progress Doom Washington, Jefferson Buildings

TWO OLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS in the Rancho Zone--Washington and Jefferson--have been permanently closed due to their decrepit condition, encroachment by an off-ramp of the new inter-state freeway and the availability of new facilities according to the Clark County School District.

Rancho Zone Director James Wilson said most of the students who normally would have entered Washington School in the fall will be enrolled at Quannah McCall School, 800 Cary St. Students who normally would have entered Jefferson School will be enrolled at C. P. Squires School, 1312 E. Tonopah Ave.

Washington, located at 1901 White St., was built in pre-Boulder Dam days over 35 years ago. It is adjacent to an off-ramp of the new freeway, but even if that hazardous situation could be overcome, it was decided that the cost of renovating the ancient main building would be prohibitive.

Transfer of Washington students to Quannah McCall will not prove a burden to the latter school because fall opening of the new Marion Cahlan School a short distance to the north will relieve the enrollment at Quannah McCall.

Jefferson, constructed in 1941 at 1941 Jefferson Ave., has been maintained with the help of temporary structures, but the entire facility is now considered obsolete. A new 8-room addition to C. P. Squires will be more than adequate enough to take care of the Jefferson transfers according to Wilson.

It was estimated that about 180 children who normally would have attended Washington and Jefferson schools this fall will be affected by the realignment. All schools involved are in North Las Vegas.



**YOUNG ARTISTS**--These "Pee Wee" members (6-8 year old) of Doolittle Center Happy Times Club proudly display results of one of their many projects--hand-painted plaster of Paris figurines. From left: Marquetta Winn, Lula Carter, Michelle McCoy, Mrs. Lorraine Hall, volunteer advisor; Idelia Stokes and Paula Winn.

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