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As readers of the VOICE perhaps already know, one of the elementary schools in the Clark County School District--Highland School--has been given a special grant by Encyclopedia Britannica Films. The grant is known as Project Saturation.

Very briefly, Project Saturation provides a 16 mm movie projector and a 35 mm filmstrip projector for EACH ROOM in the school, plus a complete library of 16 mm and 35 mm films.

There are four other schools in the United States experimenting with similar projects, each school serving students of different socio-economic levels.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT is to determine exactly what happens when a school is virtually saturated with the latest in film projection equipment and other audio-visual aids.

Naturally there will be research involved, to progress side by side with the development of the project.



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Such research and evaluation will take various forms. For example, students will be given an achievement test before the project begins. They will be tested again later and still again. Their scores will be compared with previous scores. In this way it will be possible to see if the saturated use of audio-visual equipment has improved their learning.

There is some possibility that certain projectors and films will be available for students to take home for viewing with their families. The learning of these "home-use" students can then be compared with students who do not take films home. Also, it will be interesting to note the effect on adults who view the films at home. This will be tricky to ascertain...perhaps by noting any increase in visitors at school, community outlook, parent volunteers, etc., etc. In other cities the ratio of parents returning to school has increased. It is hoped that such a thing will happen here.

IT IS ALSO HOPED that student use of library resources will increase as more and more films are used. It seems this has been the case in the four other schools across the U.S. involved in the project.

Recently, this writer and three other educators (Dr. L. E. Shuck, Earl Brunner, and John Morgan) visited Thomas A. Edison Elementary School in Daly City, California, where a very similar study--Project Discovery--is in operation. By studying their systems of cataloguing, storage, circulation, repair, and other areas, and by talking with administrators, teachers, and students, we hope to avoid some of the pitfalls usually inherent in the initial stages of such experiments.

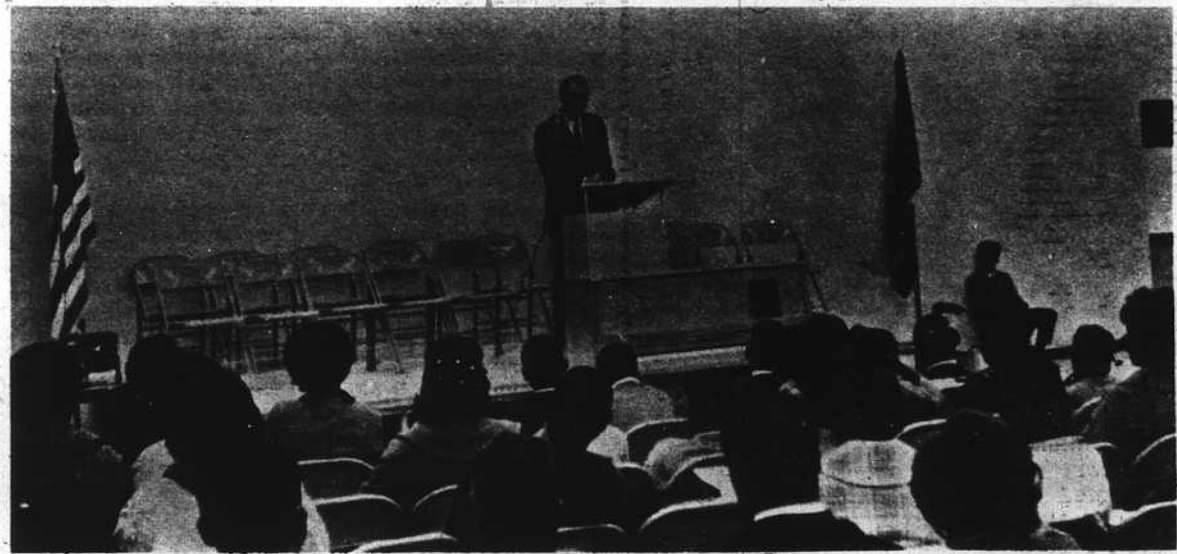
Highland School is located in what is generally referred to as a "deprived area." Of the four other schools in the U.S. which are engaged in the project, only one--in Washington D.C.--is in a deprived area.

A special telephone with amplifiers was temporarily set up in the library of Highland School and the Highland faculty spoke directly with the Washington faculty. In this way, questions from Highland were answered by Washington and the two programs were more closely correlated.

WITH THE PROPOSED ADVENT of Educational Television (ETV) into Clark County, there have been some questions arise as to the value of Project Saturation. Some individuals have stated that the project will be obsolete before it begins. This is rather doubtful. The two systems will be used in conjunction with each other; one to supplement the other. And the initial purpose of research will not be invalidated. Also, it is quite an advantage to illustrate a concept with the use of a film, which can be stopped at any time for discussion, or viewed again and again, if necessary.

All things considered, Las Vegas--and High-

# Adult Education Completion Exercises At Jo Mackey School



HANK GREENSPUN--Editor-Publisher of the Las Vegas SUN addresses graduating members of the Jo Mackey Adult Education Class at the Completion Exercises held last Thursday evening. Jo Mackey Principal, H. P. Fitzgerald, coordinator of the Adult Education Program and his staff arranged a fitting and inspiring program to mark the occasion.

## Matt Kelly Program

The fourth, fifth and sixth grade students at Matt Kelly school assembled in the Multi-Purpose room Friday, February 18, to hear an address by Mrs. Grace McGlothen on "What Is Jazz".

MRS. MCGLOTHEN'S excellent and scholarly deliberation was received with rapt attention as she traced the history of jazz from its roots among West African slaves all the way to modern-day jazz artists. Adding color to her presentation, was the use of recordings depicting the early African rhythms. So moving were these rhythms, the children left the auditorium humming the tune "A Kumba Ci".

Mr. Lindburgh Smith, a Madison school teacher appearing as guest soloist, led the students in a rousing rendition of James W. Johnson's "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" with Miss Kay Felska supplying the piano accompaniment. Later in the program, Mr. Smith brought down the house with his resounding delineation of William Dawson's "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley". He was backed at the piano by Mrs. McGlothen.

In keeping with the occasion of saluting Negro History Week, poems by Langston Hughes, Arna Bontemps and Paul Lawrence Dunbar were also heard.

## ★ Kit Carson Bulletin ★

"OUR TRIP TO THE CONVENTION CENTER"

Last Wednesday, February 16, nine sixth grade students of Kit Carson Elementary School, with our teachers, Mrs. Pearson and Mr. Mueller, attended a program sponsored by the N.R.E.C.A. (National Rural Electrification Cooperative Association)

WE WENT TO SEE Dean Rusk, Secretary of State among other important men. Rusk spoke of Electricity. He said he remembered farm life without electricity.

Rusk talked about Viet Nam today and years before. He said the United States spent 18 billion dollars for defense in 1947.

Rusk said when South Viet Nam is free we can depend on supreme forces. He also said that if anybody discovers that the pledge of the United States is worthless, the world would be in danger.

Dean Rusk also spoke of keeping the past behind us and looking into the future before us.

Rusk also said "The next time you see a sign--Peace in Viet Nam--remind yourself that your President and your Secretary of State have been seen carrying that banner into every capitol of the world for years trying to find a base for peace."

AFTER THE SPEECH we visited the Exhibit by the NCREA and saw many of the wonderful inventions we enjoy through electricity. One of the outstanding things we saw was an old Maytag washing machine made in 1906. It was the fourth machine made by the Maytag Company.

We had the opportunity to see an IBM machine make out our monthly electric bill. Many other happy experiences were enjoyed by us.

The nine 6th grade students who made the trip are: Rosie Lawhorn, Earleane Turner, Nita Rosemond, Debra Parks, Barbara Henson, Gloria Tredwell, Pamela Armstrong, Charles Blackwell, and Jerome Jackson.

Editors note: Obviously, it was under the combined authorship of these nine students that this very interesting field trip was written for the VOICE and to whom the VOICE is grateful for an excellent job of reporting.

REMINDER: The Kit Carson fifth and sixth graders are now holding weekly dances every Friday evening in the Multi-purpose room at the school.

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land School--is fortunate to have been selected as a recipient of Project Saturation. It would be a fine thing if every school in the area could have such a concentration of learning equipment. If the research now beginning at Highland proves such a system feasible (the majority of educators believe it will) and the financial problems are overcome, it appears to be only a matter of time until Project Saturation will be an accepted fact in all schools.

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