

LEARNING BRIDGES THE GENERATION GAP

For the past two years, students at J. D. Smith Junior High School have given up one elective class in order to help other children. These students work as aides in all areas of the total school program at the C. P. Squires Elementary School. Since the elementary school is located directly across the street from the junior high, transportation is no problem.

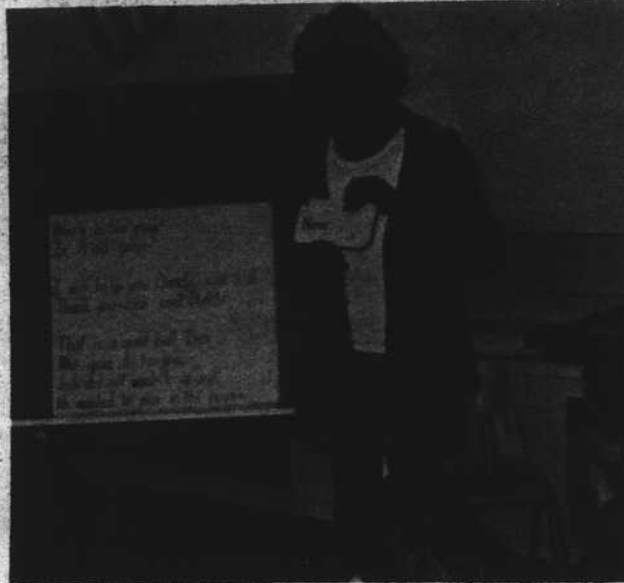
Each junior high youngster in the program gives up a class that is not required and is then assigned to an elementary teacher for that hour each day. The elementary teacher evaluates the student aide regularly so that the counselor is constantly aware of any problems that may develop. These evaluations assure those in charge that each youngster is functioning successfully in the program.

The program began as a Future Teacher's Association. However, many boys were reluctant to associate themselves with a group committed to teaching. Although the program is still officially referred to as F.T.A., those involved in it are called student aides.

These youngsters do any tasks that they can perform successfully. They may help individual students or small groups. They might grade papers, work on bulletin boards, help with seat-work, sell ice cream, work in the library or on the playground.

Younger boys look forward eagerly to the arrival of older boys who work with them in the physical education program. They put forth a real effort to develop the skills that are being taught. Because the older boys are actively involved, P. E. becomes a challenge rather than the monotonous "game period" it often is when run by the classroom teacher. Three ninth grade boys have worked with the third grade this year. Through their efforts the younger boys have greatly improved their physical condition and athletic skills. The teacher says that the student aides have done an outstanding job—one that would have been impossible without their help.

Much valuable assistance is given in the reading program. As teenagers work with individual students or small groups, the generation gap is overcome in the learning process. Little children respond well to the youngsters who work with them. Many elementary children who have failed to learn under normal classroom procedures, have made great progress with individual help from student aides. Students with special problems are given the help that the classroom teacher is unable to provide during the normal school day.



Rosa Howard works with first grade pupils to reinforce new words.



Linda Lowe helping second grade boys and girls in reading circle.

NAACP 1972 Banquet Committee Formed

Mr. Jimmy Gay, a twenty-six year resident of Las Vegas and a graduate of Arkansas A. N. & M. College has been appointed chairman of the NAACP 1972 Annual Freedom Fund Banquet according to Rev. Marion D. Bennett, organization president and pastor of Zion Methodist Church. Rev. Bennett also announced that Mr. H. P. Fitzgerald a veteran Clark County Educator and long-time member of the NAACP has been appointed Co-chairman.

Chairman Gay is mapping plans to involve all community churches, men and women's organizations and the area's 42,000 citizens in the project for 1972. Clubs and organizations will serve as Committees rather than individuals. Mr. Gay states that the steering committee which will be announced later will meet monthly through September, after which, meetings will be held twice a month until the banquet is staged. It is temporarily set for the late winter or early spring.

The Committee held its first meeting in the main dining room of Operation Independence Center No. 2 located at "D" and Washington at noon on Thursday, May 5, 1971.

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CAMP FIRE GIRLS

The Camp Fire Girls will conduct traditional Eastern and Western Area Grand Council Fires this week to mark another year of progress.

The Western Area Council Fire will take place 7:30 p. m. Thursday, May 13 at the Western High School athletic field and the Eastern Area Council Fire is scheduled for 7:00 p. m. Friday, May 14 at Lions Park.

Every girl in Camp Fire participates in this annual event which features beautiful ceremonies including the "WoHeLo Call," the "Call of the Fire," and the stately Processional as the council fire is symbolically lighted.

As a special feature, the teenage boys and girls of the Explorer Post will highlight the programs with performances of authentic Indian dances.

Camp Fire Girls will receive public recognition for their individual progress and the trophy won by the NLV Camp Fire Girls for their float entry in the NLV Anniversary Parade, will be officially presented.

The programs will close with the unique "Double Bugle," "Taps," and the impressive Recessional sung by all Camp Fire Girls as the candles and fire are extinguished for another year.

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