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HANOVER COUNTRYSIDE ELEMENTARY

In an area that has grown from farm land in 1954 to well over 10,000 by 1968, Hanover Countryside Elementary School has emerged from the typical three-room country school of 1954 into a modern multi-level educational center in Streamwood.

Hanover Countryside is an Elgin School District U46 school, the first to be annexed on the district's eastside in 1956. Constructed in 1954, the building stands at the corners of Schamburg and Bartlett Roads.

Statistically, the school has 590 students in K-6 grades, 21 teachers, 21 classrooms--two rooms located in mobile units directly adjacent to the building--and a multi-purpose room used primarily as a gymnasium.

According to John Schneck, principal, the school has been incorporating new approaches to reading instruction into its educational program for the past three years.

Although the major portion of the school's programs are held in the self-contained class, the teaching staff believes such programs as reading and mathematics lend themselves well to team teaching and to a non-graded class.

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Hanover Countryside -- add one

"Our objectives are to move each child along in his education at a rate and level we know he can handle whether it be in a special continuous progress program (non-graded) or grouping within the self-contained classroom," Schneck said. "One area where this principle receives particular emphasis is in reading development, "which^{is} the most fundamental and important task in any elementary school."

Students do not receive a grade in reading. "Instead, Schneck explained, "report cards indicate the reading level of the child and note areas of reading skills that require more work, such as interpretation and comprehension."

Through testing, teacher judgment and consultation students are assigned to a certain reading level. At the beginning of the reading period, the students shift teachers and meet with their assigned group. Children may change levels several times a year depending on their rate of development. This permits breaking of conventional grade lines that may restrict achievement according to ability of child.

A similar program is followed for mathematics for grades three through six.

"The continuous progress reading program has been favorably received by parents," Schneck said, "due primarily to the support given by our PTA which has consistently served as a communicating and supporting agency with area parents."

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Hanover Countryside--add two

This year the PTA has the highest contribution to the district's PTA Home Council scholarship fund for high school graduating seniors. The local PTA executive board along with Citizen Council representatives and room mothers, were recognized at a tea recently for their outstanding contributions to the school.

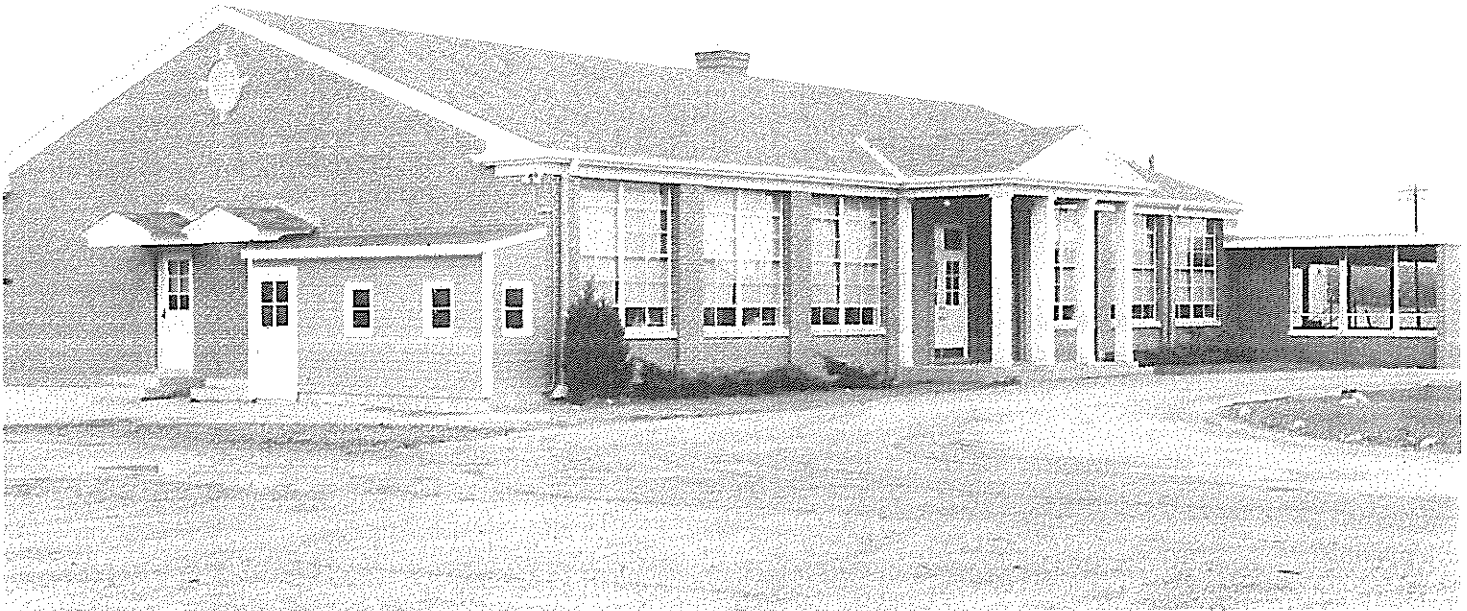
Schneck believes that the flexibility of the school's program in a contemporary building "where the walls can't be moved," is a result of a total staff effort in creating programs to meet the challenges and changes in education.

Organizationally, the teachers are members of one of three functioning building committees: reading level leaders, finance and budget, and curriculum coordinating committee. These committees survey, study, and recommend what changes should be made or what emphasis should be given to various school programs in keeping with the goals and objectives of District U46.

Schneck has been principal since 1959 following a half-year as its assistant principal and fourth grade teacher. Before coming to Hanover Countryside he was a general science teacher at Ellis Junior High School. Schneck holds a ^tmasters degree in education from Northwestern University and has additional credit toward a doctoral degree..

addition to HANOVER COUNTRYSIDE SCHOOL

BARTLETT ROAD and SCHAUMBERG ROAD



DEDICATION PROGRAM

Thursday, November 12, 1959, at 10:30 A.M.

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, November 12, 1959, from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.

The addition to Hanover Countryside School will add three classrooms, kindergarten, multi-purpose room, and office area.

STAFF

O. E. Schreckhise..... Principal
 Mrs. June Sabat..... Kindergarten
 Miss Suzanne Carter..... Kindergarten
 Mrs. Nora Gaston..... First Grade
 Mrs. Crystelle Snowwhite..... First Grade
 Mrs. Marie Donahue..... First Grade
 #Mrs. Leonarda Draper..... Second Grade
 #Mrs. Shirley Auger..... Second Grade
 *Miss Marilyn Safarik..... Second Grade
 %Mrs. Helen Burnham..... Third Grade
 %Mrs. Christine Gieseke..... Third Grade
 Mr. John Schneck..... Assistant Principal and Fourth Grade
 *Mrs. Sally Caldwell..... Fourth Grade
 Mrs. Gertrude Hattendorf..... Custodian
 #Class being temporarily housed at Woodland Heights School.
 *Class being temporarily housed at Huff School.
 %Class being temporarily housed at Ontarioville School.

P.T.A. OFFICERS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Curtis..... President
 Mr. Howard Rahlfs..... Vice-President
 Mrs. Thomas Brady..... Secretary
 Mr. Viateur Saindon..... Treasurer



Children watching work in progress at Hanover School

ARCHITECT

A. J. Del Bianco and Associates\$ 7,713.00

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Lamp Construction Co. 85,910.00

PLUMBING CONTRACTOR

Hans and Sons 11,323.00

HEATING CONTRACTOR

A. J. Ironside 23,500.00

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

Avenue Electrical Co. 6,818.00

Cost per square foot...\$11.10