

## Pembroke Teachers Make Learning Fun

Two Pembroke school teachers are experimenting with new ideas, to the delight of their pupils.

Miss Donna France's innovation is creating interest in reading among her second-grade pupils. Mrs. Louise Dallas is using a new method of teaching a language arts lesson which her fourth-graders look forward to every week.

Both teachers report the classroom response to their programs has been amazing.

"BEFORE I BROUGHT in the candy house, only 10 or 12 of the children had a desire to use their free time for reading," said Miss France.

"Now," she reports, "all the children want to hurry through their work so they will have time to go to the reading table."

The incentive comes from a large colorful candy house centering the table where reading material is kept. The youngsters like to be near the delectable structure which Miss France built herself.

A CARDBOARD BOX forms the house's base, over which a thick mixture of egg whites and powdered sugar is set with such decorations as candy canes, life savers, lolly pops, and gum drops. Black licorice sticks edge the roof, and three marshmallows form the chimney.

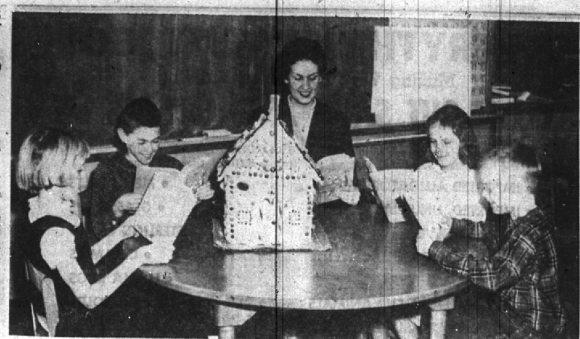
Mrs. Dallas substitutes edible enticements of a candy house with the chance to participate in a "TV show" as the incentive encouraging language arts interest in older fourth graders.

Every week a volunteer group writes and produces a simulated TV show. The class's school week ends with the show's Friday afternoon presentation.

"THOUGH WRITING the scripts and presenting the shows every week the children learn how to speak before a group, and how to make their acts interesting enough to hold attention."

The youngsters write and practice their TV shows, usually complete with commercials, in free time during the week. When curtain time arrives, they set up a red screen at the front of the class, behind which is "backstage."

"The children are developing poise and a measure of acting talent," says school principal Charles L. Palmer, who stops in to see the show occasionally. "The



READING IS more fun than ever for these second-graders at Pembroke school since their teacher added a candy house to their reading table. Pupils Debbie Hartwell (left), Greg Holzwarth, Corliss McCutcheon, and Jamie Filkins enjoy a reading session with teacher Donna France (center).

way they mimic TV commercials is hilarious."

MOST OF THE SKITS are of a comic nature and succeed in making the classroom audience laugh constantly, Mrs. Dallas said.

Their fun, and the delight of the second-graders with the house of sweets, demonstrates modern education's way of making learning a pleasure.

## Club Members Dine On Spanish Dishes

Specially prepared Spanish chilitas, and Spanish rice were served. A special program was presented by several club members, with Sharon Gray as the program chairman.

Dinner co-chairmen were Sylvia Kordlenbrock and Lydia Corley. Such delicacies as tacos, chile, and

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CLASSMATES of Pembroke school fourth grader Dianne Leathers surprise her with a take-off on TV's "This Is Your Life," built around the story of Dianne's nine years. Cheryl Roddy (left) reads the commercials, while master of ceremonies Patricia Varga shows picture of Dianne when one day old. Dianne is shown embracing great-aunt Susan, portrayed by Susan Adams. Wendy Stephens (sitting) plays Dianne's mother.

## BHHS Group Plans European Tour

For 15 Bloomfield Hills high school students in the European study group, the coming summer will mean five weeks of fun and education while touring Italy, France, and Spain.

After landing in Naples July 3, the group will spend 15 days in Italy.

While in Paris the students will see all the usual famous attractions and spend two days with a French family. Most of the transportation through France and Italy will be by private bus.

On Aug. 8, the group will board ship for New York, arriving there Aug. 16.

The Bloomfield students in the European study group Mary Ziger, Jane Caris, Gwen Gallo, She-

Jane Beaver, Roy Beedell, Ed Dan-  
lyn James, Suzie Jesson, Doug Jee-  
lyn, Susan Kennedy, Karen Koehn,  
Judy Nelson, Mary Stacey, Charles  
Stuckey, Kathryn VanWise, Bob  
Streadwick, David Vhay, and Bar-  
bara Wentworth.

These students have been selected by a special reviewing committee.

Most of the students have supplied their own money for the trip. However, the study group has sold pennants, held bake sales, held a paper drive, set up a baby-sitting agency, and conducted other activities to raise money for the entire group.

Members of the study group will also have to take a full exam next fall. They will receive full credit for a French Civilization course.

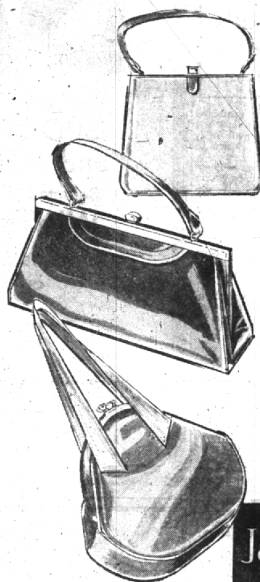
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