

Each Friday the children come in classes to choose their books. These are charged to them for two weeks. An overdue charge of two cents per week is made for each book not returned on that date due. A charge is made if books are damaged or cards lost.

A new system of charging books has been installed this year. By this method a camera or photo charger is used to record the child's name, date due and name of the book on a continuous strip of film paper. This is a more economical system than the previous one as the hiring of extra people to card the books is eliminated.

The selection of books in the library has been made as comprehensive as possible to fit the needs of the children. In the group will be found picture books, pre-primers and readers in graded groups, easy fiction books and harder fiction books. There are non-fiction books including religious stories, fairy stories, social science, science, useful arts, fine arts, literature, geography, history and biography.

As a whole, the Miner children have been very co-operative in caring for the books which they borrow and the overdue lists have not been long. The co-operation of the teachers and the principal has helped greatly and is much appreciated by the Librarian.

Clare Hess, Librarian

Part 14 -- Hearing Therapy
Speech and Hearing
Therapist

The hearing testing program as it is carried out in the Fort Wayne Public Schools is of a two-fold purpose. The primary purpose of the program is the early detection of hearing losses in order that those children showing losses may be referred to the family physician or to an ear specialist for medical treatment. It has been found that hearing losses caused by pathological conditions respond to medical treatment during childhood more satisfactorily than when treated during adulthood. Secondly, when hearing losses are found during the early years of a child's schooling, it is possible to help him eliminate many of the academic, mental health, and social adjustment problems by seating him advantageously, providing ear training and lip reading instructions.

A law recently passed in the 1951 legislature stipulates annual hearing tests for those children in grades one, four, seven, and ten. This law assures periodic hearing tests through the years the child is enrolled in the public schools.

The method of testing in the Fort Wayne Public Schools is a screening device consisting of two audiometers, the speech audiometer and the pitch audiometer. In the upper elementary grades and high school the speech audiometer is