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The new Boevers Elementary nears completion.

Boevers, Union Plan Smooth Move

There will be no disruption of class for Boevers students when they move into their new building next month, according to James W. Sanders, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum. Planning is equally well organized for the move that Union Elementary students now at Briarglen, and students currently in classes at the Grove media center, will make to classrooms at the old Boevers location.

Each student will have the same textbooks, desk, teachers and bus drivers. Even the pictures on the walls and decorations on the bulletin board will be the same as in the classroom from which they have moved.

"You've got to make sure you don't disrupt a class, scatter them or interrupt their learning. The only thing they'll be up against will be a new environment," says Sanders.

A complete orientation program has been planned to make that new environment more familiar to the children. The first week in January each class involved will make the first of several visits to the new location before the actual move.

Accompanied by their teachers, on the initial visit the children will be taken on a tour of the school and allowed to look around. On the second visit they will be taken to their new classrooms and will be shown the restrooms and

other relevant areas.

On the third visit a simulated classroom experience will be provided for about an hour.

The last Friday before the move each child will place all belongings into a brown bag which will be stapled shut. The following Monday when the student arrives in the new classroom at the new site, the brown bag will be waiting along with the other familiar objects, classmates and teachers.

"After the move crowded conditions will be alleviated," says Sanders. 500 students will be involved in the Boevers move, with an additional 100 in the Union elementary school and over 50 from the Grove media center to fill the space vacated at the Middle School location by Boevers students.

Construction on the additional 15 rooms planned for the new Boevers wing will begin next month.

The exact date for the move has not been set, although administrators hope facilities will be ready by the end of this semester.

"The day that the building is ready, we'll move," says Sanders.

Union Teacher Heads OKTA

Betty Bonham, Briarglen kindergarten teacher, will take office as president of the Oklahoma Kindergarten Teacher Association (OKTA) this month.

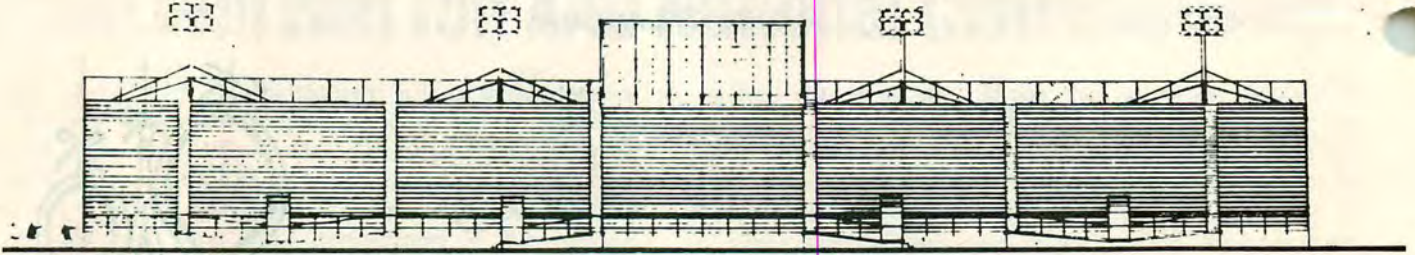
A veteran of 12 years in kindergarten instruction, Mrs. Bonham has served the organization as president-elect for the past year and will hold a third year's post as past-president in 1977. She is a graduate of Baylor University in Texas and is currently working on her Master's in Early Childhood Development at the University of Tulsa.

The OKTA is part of the Oklahoma Education Association (OEA) and was established to add to the professional growth of the state's kindergarten teachers, according to Mrs. Bonham. In addition to sponsoring an outstanding speaker at the statewide OEA meeting each year, the OKTA board members send out a bulletin four times each year to all members.

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Marc Holsey talks with Mrs. Bonham while Janie Puckett and Brian Knight play in the Briarglen kindergarten room.



From the Superintendent's Desk

Construction Progress Shown Union Projects



An update on construction at the new Boevers Elementary School was received by the Union Board of Education at its regular monthly meeting December 1.

It was reported that the storm sewers are in, drywall is being completed inside, and paving on the parking lot will begin soon. We still hope to occupy the building in January.

Bids have been received by the board on the addition to Boevers and have been taken under advisement. Hopefully a contract can be issued in December with occupancy scheduled for the fall of 1976.

Robert R. Coley Const. Co., Tulsa	\$379,000.00
Commercial Structures, Tulsa	\$371,984.00
Construction Resources, Tulsa	\$365,900.00
Cowen Construction, Tulsa	\$394,917.00
Hale Brothers Const. Engineers, Owasso	\$436,000.00
Helm Company Inc., Tulsa	\$405,900.00
Roy J. Hannaford Co., Inc., Tulsa	\$381,691.00
L. E. Smith Construction, Tulsa	\$412,915.00

Union is launching on one of the most ambitious building programs of any district in Oklahoma. We are several months ahead in our planning schedule at this point. Many groups are being involved in building committees whose reports reflect many hours of input from the staff, the community and the administration.

We are presently advertising for bids on dirt moving at the high school site. This will get the site in condition for construction of a new 9,000 seat football stadium which will be available for use in the 1976-77 football season. Bids on the dirt work and the stadium structure will be received on December 23, 1975.

Hopefully construction can begin on a 3,000 seat gymnasium in February, 1976. We will be pushing to get

this ready for at least part of the next basketball season.

Construction is scheduled to begin on the 2,000 seat auditorium in June and the class of 1977 will be scheduled for the first graduation exercises in the new, spacious facility.

October, 1976, will be the target date for the beginning of construction of a new vocal and instrumental music complex. This facility adjoins the auditorium and will give our music department a real boost.

I am urging all patrons of the Union School District to keep abreast of what is happening in your schools. You can do this by attending your local P.T.A. and by helping us to see that all interested parties receive this publication. If you wish someone to receive the Communicator please call our office, 664-9400, and leave us the name.

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Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Pioneers, Indians and Pilgrims Invade Elementary



Statehood Day and Thanksgiving activities brought out feathers and old scrub boards in Union elementary schools. Above, the third grade classes of Miss Brenda Scott and Mrs. Jan Ratliff sing songs for the Briarglen Thanksgiving program. Top middle Chris Davis and Tommy Goad are married by Mike Chrestman in a Boevers reenactment of the original statehood ceremony. At top right, Michelle Wolfvoice, Indian tutor, and daughter Ashley demonstrate a Creek Women's Dance for Boevers kindergarten and first graders during a cultural awareness program. In Mrs. Neoma Waller's third grade class at Boevers, Susan Swadley and Shawn Tuell scrub the old fashioned way, right, while Mike Chrestman looks over an old Sears and Roebuck catalogue at far right. Johnna Seffron demonstrates the butter churn, below left and Angela Crossley sews a fine seam, below middle, Danny Wood came to the statehood activities in full ceremonial feathers, below right.



Betty Bonham (Continued from page 1)

The bulletin contains ideas, suggested works, songs and activities for kindergarten instruction.

"We look at the whole child," says Mrs. Bonham, "the emotional, the physical and cognitive growth. We work on a good self concept for each child and each day we have activities to build success in the child's self image. We don't say 'I can't do that,' we say 'I'll try.' We use things like songs and lessons on the most important person. Eighty percent of the child's lifetime habits are formed by the time he's five years old. The first five years are so important, and it is so important for the home and the school to work together."

Mrs. Bonham encourages parent participation at Briarglen, with a number coming in as volunteers to work with the children. She is the first teacher from Union to serve as an officer of OKTA, although two other Tulsa teachers are on the seven member board this year.



Drama Students Seek "Crock of Gold"

If a student knocks at your door and asks for a "crock of gold" to use as a prop, it will be for Finian's Rainbow, Union High School's all-school musical, which will be presented April 23-24 in night performances.

"Even though the date seems far away, students are already working toward tryouts for each part," according to Ms. Shirley Zeiler, speech and drama teacher at the high school. "Community support is urged for this year's musical. We feel sure that everyone will want to see this play."

Approximately 60 students in Speech I and II took part in a theater workshop December 3 at the high school. Presented by members of the American Theater Company of Tulsa, the activity was partially funded through the Oklahoma Arts and Humanities Council.

"The workshop was designed to arouse students' interest in the area of acting and make them aware of the many aspects of theater," said Ms. Zeiler.

Four Will Run for AAU National Championship

Four Union High School students will be competing for the national cross country championship in the American Athletic Union (AAU) Track Meet in Houston, December 19.

Larry Abercrombie, senior, Pat Vaughn, junior, McRae Goudlock, junior, and Janine Cunningham, freshman, qualified for the national meet after competition in the regional finals at Kansas City, November 22. Region Eight consists of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri.

The four were also among the top seven finishers in the state Junior Olympic Cross Country Finals in Norman earlier this year. Union was represented by seven girls and three boys in the state competition and the girls won the runner-up state championship.

Janine and Pat have been named to the All-State Cross Country Team this year. Pat is the first boy from Union to ever win All-State in any sport.



State championship runners-up are from lower left Kay Kiper, Kelli Kiper, Cindy Bowerman, Kelly McWilliams, Becky Schock, Kathy Martin, Janine Cunningham and Jennifer Miller. Union's first all-state boy is Pat Vaughn, at right.

UNION ELEMENTARY WRESTLING 75-76

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
Jan. 8	T.T.C.	Kelly
Jan. 13	Barnsdall	Barnsdall
Jan. 15	Madison	Madison
Jan. 21	Thoreau	Thoreau
Jan. 23-24	Junior Olympics	
Feb. 4	T.N.T.	Union
Feb. 6-7	City Tour	

Tournament To Be Announced

MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING 75-76

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
Jan. 8	Broken Arrow Central	Home*
Jan. 12	Berryhill	Home
Jan. 16	Oologah	There
Jan. 20	Skiatook	There
Jan. 23-24	Oklahoma Jr. Olympics	
Jan. 29	Cleveland	There
Jan. 30-31	Tulsa 8 Tournament	There
Feb. 5	Collinsville	There
Feb. 6	Catoosa	Home
Feb. 9	Coweta	Home

All matches start at 6:30 p.m. except the meeting with Broken Arrow Central Jan. 8, which starts at 7 p.m.

1975-76 Middle School Basketball Schedule 7th & 8th Grade—Boys & Girls

Dec. 18	Berryhill, 7th boys, 8th boys, 8th girls	Home†
Jan. 8	Owasso, 7th boys, 8th girls	There*
Jan. 15	Jenks	There
Jan. 22	St. Mary's, 7th boys	There†
Jan. 22-24	Wagoner Tournament	
Jan. 29	Catoosa	Home
Feb. 5	Jenks	Home
Feb. 12	Bixby	Home
Feb. 19	Collinsville, 7th boys, 8th girls, 8th boys	There†

* 1 p.m.

†6 p.m., all other start at 5:30 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 15—Christmas Program—High School Cafetorium—7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 16—Christmas Program—Middle School Cafetorium—Periods 1,2,6
- Dec. 18—Christmas Program—Grove Cafetorium—7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 18—Christmas Program—Briarglen Cafetorium—7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 22—Jan 2—Winter Holidays

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