



Cleaning up the halls and readying for classes to begin, Peggy Cochrane, head custodian at William Grace, slowly mops a corridor that soon will echo with the rustle of children reluctant to return to a day of almost sitting still.



Chairs and desks stowed away for the summer months wait to be dismantled by this year's invasion of kindergarten students at William Grace Elementary School.



Pencils rest in summer storage until they are clumsily grasped by the stubby hand of a school child who has just begun to write.

Empty halls

They're clean today, but look out tomorrow

The darkened school hallway looked curiously lifeless as the late afternoon sun struggled to light it.

With almost ghostly movements, the woman picked up her mop and pail and quietly walked down William Grace Elementary School's empty corridors.

It won't stay this clean for long.

Peggy Cochrane sighed as she looked into a vacant kindergarten classroom. She didn't sound as if she really minded.

We've got to show you the bathtub," she said, "and the reading loft."

Nicholas Abid, the school's principal, and school secretary Mrs. Diana Carr followed her down the hall to the classrooms.

The left and the right were used by the school's teachers to entice children to reading.

NEAR THE school office, the summer cleanup culminated in a cluster of benches, mops, pails and a red wagon.

Except for a stack of books along one wall, the main office looked neat, businesslike and adult.

Abid leaned against the counter and explained that the staff had spent the month unpacking and distributing books to the classrooms.

People don't realize that we're here in August. They think school doesn't open until September," Abid says. "We have schedules to prepare and things to unpack."

We don't unpack all the books each year, just the new ones. Each year, we replace the texts from a different course."

He estimates that more than 350 math books were unpacked this month.

Books are taken off the classroom shelves and placed in the proper rooms.

About 2,200 books will be handled before school opens Sept. 7.

STACKS OF math books cover a table in the adjoining room in the office area. Boxes of pencils play on the filing cabinet and a second table near the window.

The cluttered hallway leads to a door with child-high windows set into it.

The windows are squarely clean, just waiting to be smudged by hands that are in too much of a hurry to use the door knob.

We still have room in our kindergarten," Abid says. "Mothers can still register their children. The office is always open. We still have plenty of room."

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Checking out several new stacks of math books, Mrs. Diana Carr, school secretary, observes it will take another two weeks to unpack all of the new volumes.

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Farmington Enterprisers

A SUPER MONOPOLY GAME is being conducted by two Farmington area youths who are attempting to establish a world's record for the longest played Monopoly contest. KEN SHARPE, 10, of 2800 Mul-lard and JOHN GRANT, 10, of 2807 Mul-lard are hard at work trying to outdistance one another.

A LONG TIME HAS PASSED since the 1946 Farmington High School class graduated but CAROLYN FARMER HALL is happy to report that 30 of the original 44 graduates showed up at the recent class reunion conducted in Vladimir's Restaurant, Farmington Hills. After enjoying a dinner at the restaurant on Saturday night, the 30

Malley appointed

James Malley of Farmington Hills recently was appointed to the Health Safety Compliance and Appeals Board by Gov. William Milliken.

Malley, a journeyman electrician, is a member of the apprentice committee for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 44. His term expires March 18, 1980.

He was previously a member of the same state board.

year graduates went to the home of JEAN BOAZZIE on Sunday for a picnic.

LOLAINE ARVIDSON, of Farmington, is among the members of Alma College's 1956 freshman class who will participate in the college's career preparation program. Miss Arvidson is a graduate of North Farmington High School and is the daughter of MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND ARVIDSON, 22118 Quail Hollow. The career preparation plan is a guide for development and evaluation of the student's personal career interests. It is helpful in planning academic schedules and on-the-job experiences.

DALE WILSON of Farmington Hills has been appointed as regional underwriting manager of the Southfield region by the Royal Globe Insurance Companies.

MARY ANITA McHUGH, of 24108 Twin Valley Ct., Farmington, will be the official United States representative to the 6th European Regional Congress of Catholic Nurses to be in Dublin, Ireland, from Sept. 5-10. She will participate as a panel member researching the topic of problems faced by the nurse in modern medicine.

KELLI WALLACE of Farmington was among 60 dancers from 10 states and

Great Britain who recently took part in the Ballet and Modern Dance Workshop conducted at Texas Christian University.

CHARLES HARP, of 20019 Greenacres Dr., Farmington Hills, has been appointed sales manager for Gregg Associates, Inc., Allen Park. He will have responsibilities for Michigan and western Ohio. Gregg Associates specializes in marketing to window and door manufacturers, mobile home and recreational vehicle manufacturers and furniture manufacturers.

EDWIN HAWLEY has been named chief mechanical engineer for Gatchell & Associates, Inc., Farmington Hills consulting engineers specializing in designing environmental systems.

JOHN SMITH of Northville has been appointed as chief engineer of the Thermo Electric Corp.

Marcia Spontelli

wins college honor

Marcia Spontelli, of 2224 Oak Point, Farmington Hills, has been named to the dean's list at Grand Valley State College. She was among 227 students so honored at the college.