

Creative Staff at Kaltag Village Head Start

The Head Start program in Kaltag is fortunate to have an exceptionally creative and resourceful teacher, Thelma Saunders, who has worked in the program for five years. She has been ably assisted by the teacher-aide, Olgo Solomon.

During the December training visit, Linda Rowell, the field trainer, observed Mrs. Saunders and her aide lead the children in making large stuffed Santa Claus decorations.

The project was made easy for the youngsters by having the pieces pre-cut, and all that was required was to paste and stuff to make an attractive decoration.

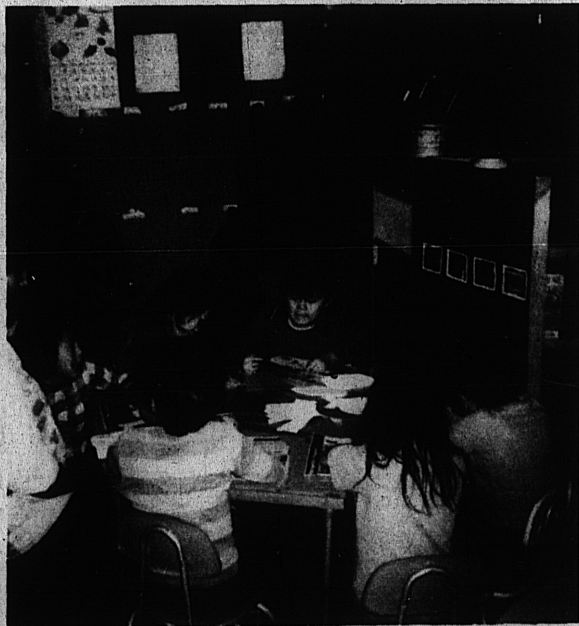
The teacher demonstrated sound knowledge of child development and individual differences by working in short periods so the smaller children would not be tired or become bored. "It was such an enjoyable project that the children could hardly contain their enthusiasm until the next day," observed Mrs. Rowell.

The staff is also working closely with the State-Operated Schools first grade teacher to provide educationally oriented lessons for the five-year-olds to prepare them for regular school next year. Mrs. Saunders produces many attractive and educational learning aids to use in the

classroom which also help to conserve limited funds.

The staff turns activities into learning experiences, for example, the daily walk from the dining hall

to the classroom becomes an adventure in learning. The small classroom is kept exciting by monthly rotation of materials and room rearrangements.



KALTAG HEAD START children paste and stuff Santa Claus decorations under the supervision of Thelma Saunders, Teacher-Director.