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ANNOUNCING MRA's TEACHER OF THE ISSUE

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Eleanor B. Carlin, a second grade teacher in the Holmes Street School in Lansing, has taught school for most of the past four decades and has derived pure joy from seeing young children learn to read. Her unique instructional strategies and professional dedication led the Ingham County Reading Council to nominate her as "Teacher of the Issue."

Ms. Carlin teaches reading within the framework of an integrated language arts program. Her goal is to help children love reading, and she uses any gimmick, trick, game or reward she can to achieve this end. She bases her entire curriculum on reading, and she experiments with new materials and pilots new programs with the idea of combining many concepts together to build a strong program.

Two of Ms. Carlin's techniques are particularly noteworthy. First, she feels it is important for children to own books. Consequently, new children's literature books are continually being purchased, and the still attractive "older" books are given to children as rewards for their progress in reading. Stimulated in this

way, children refer to "building my own library" with excitement and pride, and their interest in reading grows.

Second, Ms. Carlin develops countless teaching materials and games herself to stimulate the slow learner and to enrich the better student. These include individual manipulative games and puzzles as well as large board games which several children can share. These materials help Ms. Carlin to minimize the problems of managing individualized learning while being valuable learning tools for children.

Ms. Carlin is a unique and gifted teacher who conveys the joys and rewards of reading to her pupils. We are proud to honor her as MRA's "Teacher of the Issue."

(Editor's Note: We want to recognize outstanding reading educators. Send your nomination to Dr. Gerald Duffy, 201 Erickson Hall, MSU, E. Lansing, MI 48824 or to Barbara Jacoby, Ingham ISD, 2630 West Howell Road, Mason, MI 48854.)