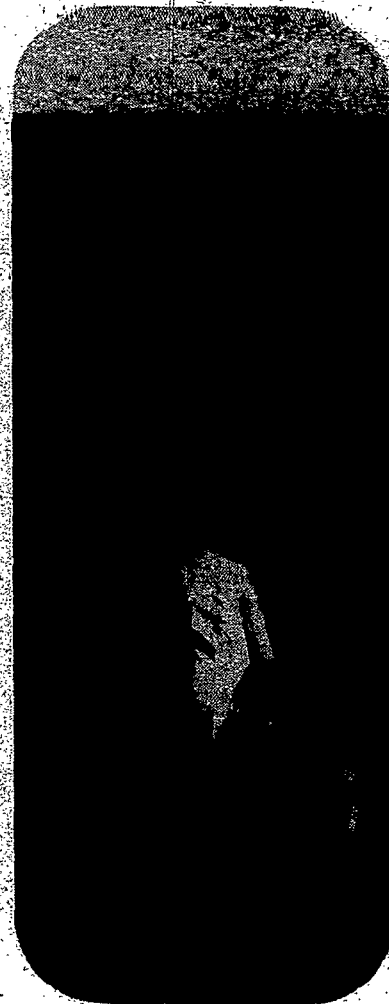




Older pupils were eager to begin the new year in the new school.



Two new kindergarten pupils hesitantly approach the beginning of their formal education.

Beginnings

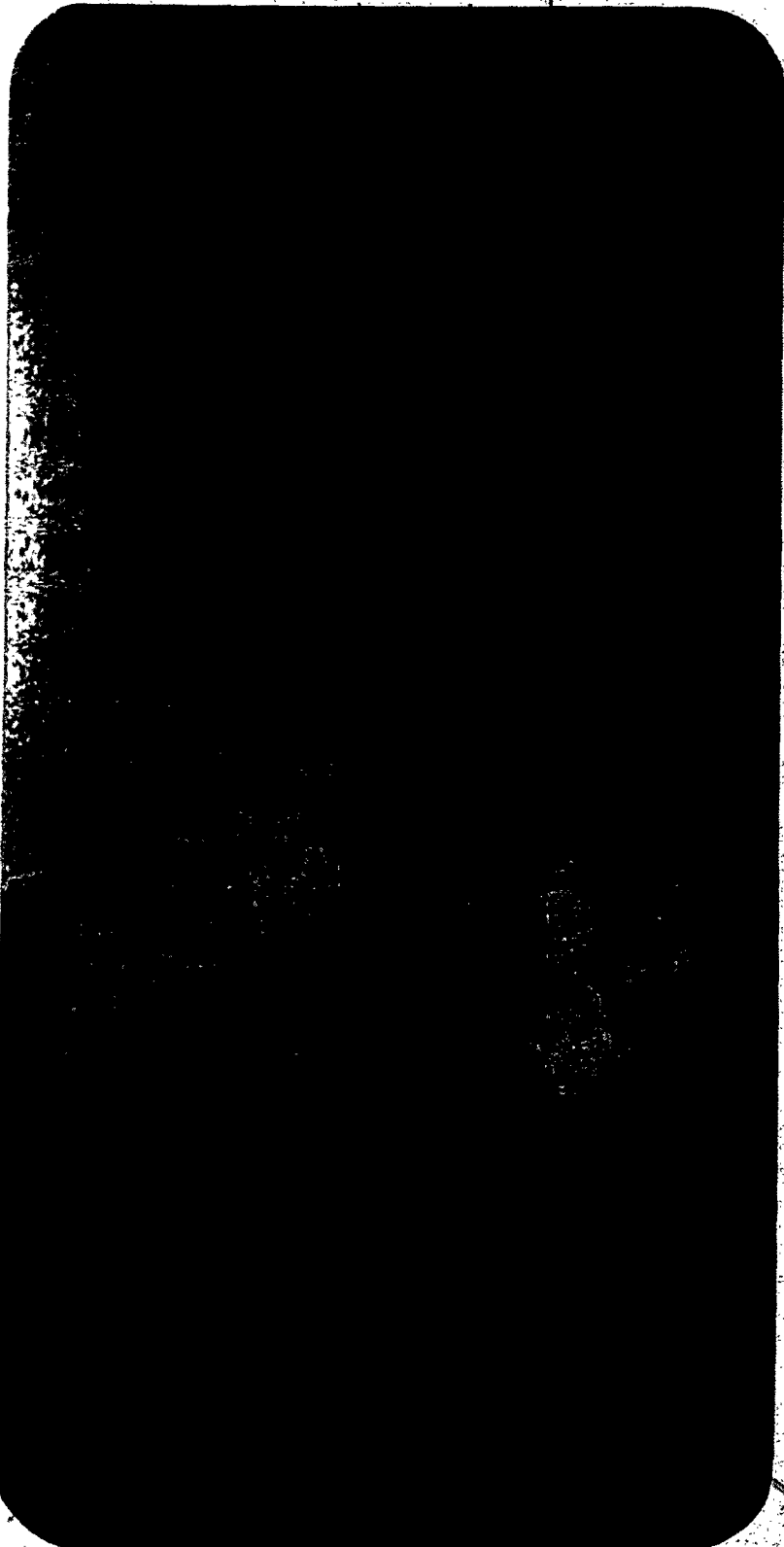
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"Blessed Trinity is filled with beginnings," she reflected. "Everyone has new teachers, new classmates, and a new chance to be and to grow. The teachers encourage children to wonder and to search. The planning for the new program, begun in April and continued through the summer, had as its aim to meet the needs of each child and to help each to do his best."

The new school will operate on a \$260,008 budget this year. These budgeted funds come from the parishes on a pro-rated basis reflecting the number of children from the parish enrolled in Blessed Trinity School. The parishes in turn collect the tuition, established at \$156 per family per year. The family fee is the same regardless of how many children in the family are enrolled.

The school consolidation was prompted by financial problems which already had forced the closing of 2 Auburn parochial elementary schools and Mount Carmel High School.

There are nearly 40 persons on the staff, including 10 Sisters of St. Joseph.



Mrs. Cheryl Cufari, librarian, instructs students in the use of modern aids for teaching. Such instruction takes place in Blessed Trinity's media center.

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