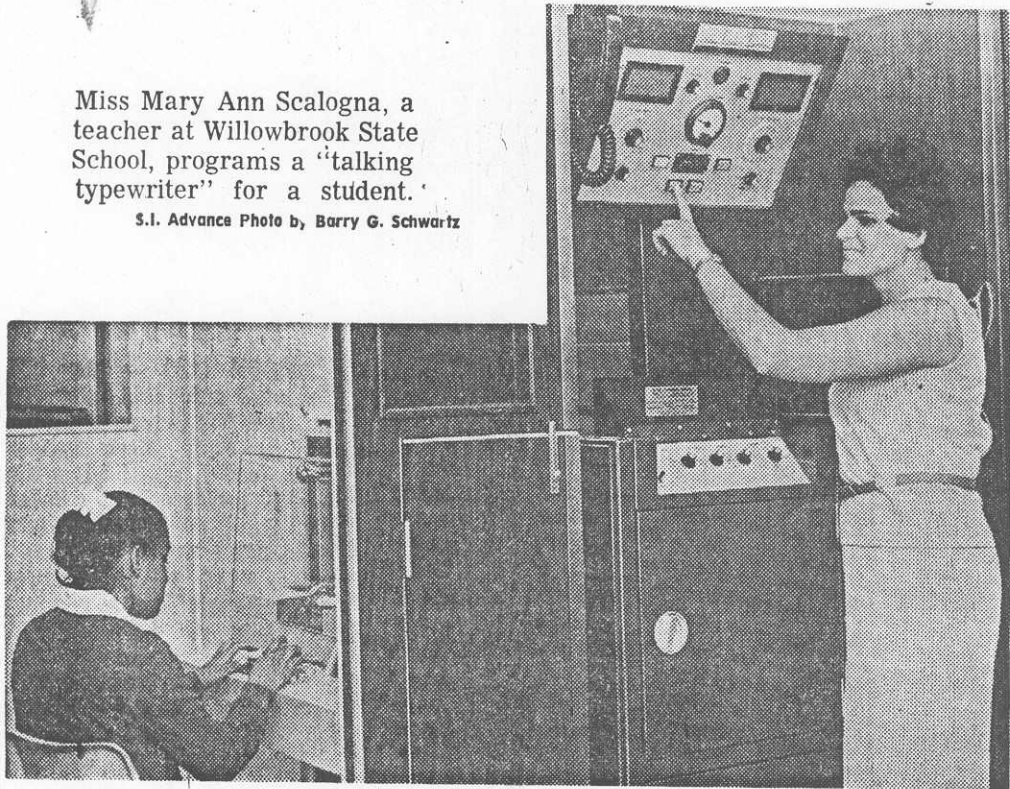


Miss Mary Ann Scalogna, a teacher at Willowbrook State School, programs a "talking typewriter" for a student.

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'Talking Typewriters' Aid in Reading

Three "talking typewriters" just received by Willowbrook State School are helping students improve their reading skills.

The typewriters can pronounce and spell words, which a student then tries to spell on a keyboard. The machine allows the student to press down only the correct letters. Pictures can be projected on a screen to reinforce the lesson.

Vocabularies of different jobs, such as carpentry, can be programmed on the machine, complete with sound ef-

fects, explained Joshua Carlo, education supervisor.

Each of the three typewriters is installed in a desk in an enclosed partition. Through special windows the teacher can observe the student with out distracting him.

Properly termed Edison Responsive Environment machines, the typewriters are

valued at from \$35,000 to \$38,000 a piece.

About half of the 1,100 students who attend regular classes during the school term at Willowbrook are participating in the summer program, which includes a reading clinic, psychological testing, field trips and classes in art, music and speech.