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## Hambrick School To Test Use Of Calculators

Hambrick School in Stone Mountain will join with approximately 100 schools across the nation in a research project on classroom use of calculators during the 1989-90 school year. Sponsored by Texas Instruments and Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, this is believed to be the first research project of such scope in the United States.

In March of this year, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics issued new Curriculum and Evaluation Standards for School Mathematics, which call for the use of technological tools such as calculators and computers in the classroom. The research project is intended to determine optimum methods of implementing these standards in the 1990's by evaluating real classroom experience in integrating calculators into elementary and middle-school mathematics instruction.

Hambrick School was selected for the project by Billie F. Smith, Instructional Coordinator for the

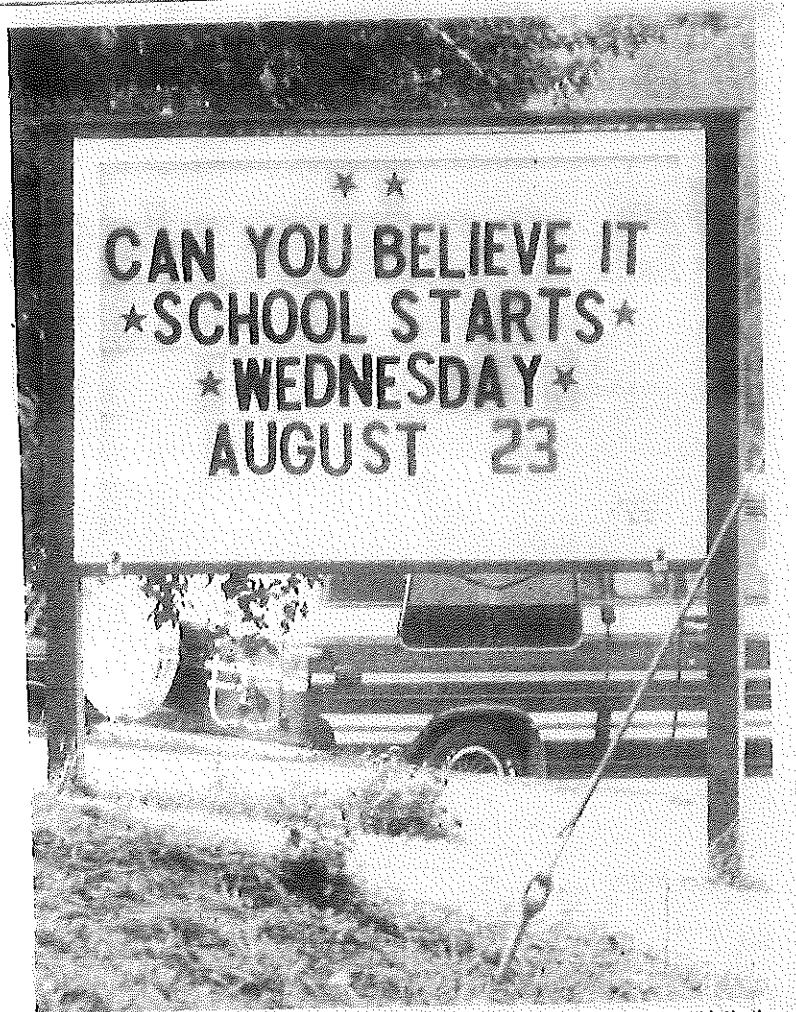
DeKalb County School System. According to Henry Ayers, the research project will involve the sixth grade students at Hambrick.

Schools participating in the research project are geographically distributed across the United States in more than 30 states and the District of Columbia and include a mix of inner-city and suburban schools. Each classroom will receive a set of 30 Texas Instruments Math Explorer™ calculators and Addison-Wesley instructional materials specifically designed for the selected grade level.

Four times during the school year, the participating teachers will complete a brief survey of their experience in using the calculators as an aid to teaching mathematics. Questions will include such topics as how the teachers are using the calculators, what math concepts seem to be best taught with calculators, whether the students use the calculators during tests, and the reaction of students to using calculators in the classroom.

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### ***But It's Still Summer!***

A sign on the front lawn of Hambrick Elementary School in Stone Mountain last week said it all.

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## **Decatur Elks Adopt Hambrick School**

Jack Foster, exalted ruler of Elks Lodge 1602, addresses the students at Hambrick Elementary at a recent ceremony of the DeKalb Adopt-A-School program. The Decatur Elks Lodge 1602 joined the Hambrick Elementary/Safeco Insurance Company partnership as a second partner in education.



### ***Hambrick Celebrates International Holidays***

Hambrick Elementary kindergarten students paraded in costumes made in preparation for their Ethiopian Christmas celebration which was part of Hambrick Elementary's International Winter Holiday Festival. Other countries represented included Norway, Mexico, Israel (Hanukkah), Japan (new year), Turkey (new year) and Australia. Pictured are, left to right, Joseph Huntemann, Molly Clegg, Henry Mortimore and Racheal Robinson.