

A 47-year teaching career that began in a "little red schoolhouse" near Fort Wayne, Ind., will close next month for Herman V. Mattern.

In retirement, as in his job as principal of the Warren Avenue School, Mattern never will be far from the handicapped youngsters he loves.

"I'm going to be busy," Mattern explained quickly.

"Several groups who work with the handicapped have warned me they won't let me 'go to waste.' I've some chores in mind I want to do for the Cerebral Palsy Workshop and others."

Mattern, principal at Warren Avenue 15 years, drew a pay check of \$48 a month when he began teaching.

"I taught eight grades," he recalled. "I had my sister in

the eighth grade and seven cousins in my classes. My sister always said she took the punishment for all the grades because I directed the scoldings to her."

In some 40 years in the Seattle Public Schools, Mattern said he's tried to be "firm but pleasant" with children.

As Warren Avenue's principal, Mattern has been "host" to thousands of visitors who call in groups to see how children with hearing, sight and other handicaps are taught.

"I've often thought we've made a couple thousand votes for every school levy by these visitors," he said.

Mattern, who lives with his wife, Flo, at 5810 Cowen Place, also taught at the Lawton, Interbay, Olympic and Longfellow Schools.

"The interesting part of teaching comes when you learn about the children's future—how they're progressing and their successes.

"I've been pleased to see names of our blind children and other handicapped on the honor roll at Queen Anne High School."

## Alaska Search Under Way For Missing Woman

JUNEAU, Alaska, May 14. —(AP)—A Coast Guard cutter, three airplanes and 30 civilian volunteers were searching Glacier Bay National Monument today for Mrs. Mary Louise Dragoo, 43, missing since Monday night.

The missing woman's husband, Parker Dragoo, is supervisory park ranger at Bartlett Cove, a National Park Service station 60 miles west of here.

The couple moved to the Glacier Bay area last January from an assignment at

## Icelandic Books Given University Of Washington

A gift of 350 Icelandic books has been made to the University of Washington by the Icelandic Literary Society of Bellingham, the university said today.

The books were presented in memory of the Icelandic Pioneers of Whatcom County. While most of the books came from the collection of the Bellingham society, some came from individuals in Bellingham, Blaine and Point Roberts who are members of the Freyja Club, another Icelandic organization.