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TO LECTURE AT SALVE REGINA COLLEGE

Thirty-five Salve Regina College summer session students in "Teaching Reading Through Phonics" will have the unusual opportunity of hearing the author of their text following her visit to the campus this weekend.

Mrs. Romalda Bishop Spaulding of Honolulu, Hawaii, author of The Writing Road to Reading and Mr. Spaulding will visit Salve Regina July 6 to 8. On Monday, July 8, after speaking to members of the class in the morning, Mrs. Spaulding will address area school teachers and administrators at a public lecture at 2 p.m. in the Great Hall of Ochre Court, the college's main building.

Mrs. Spaulding has perfected the unified phonics method which has been adapted for use in the parochial schools in Hawaii. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois and Columbia University and has also done work at Harvard. She was a student of the late Dr. Samuel T. Orton, neurologist and brain specialist.

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Mrs. Evelyn Curley, instructor of the course at Salve Regina, and remedial reading teacher in the Middletown Public Schools, describes the method as "a technique by which the child learns to write down sounds used in spoken English as they are combined into words." She reports gains of up to 33 months in a period of 8 months in reading comprehension and word attack for pupils in her remedial reading classes.

At present, Mrs. Curley's class consists of 19 lay teachers commuting from as far away as Rehoboth and Swansea, Massachusetts as well as 16 religious. Two nuns from Thailand, students at Salve Regina, hope to improve their mastery of spoken English by attending these classes.

The two o'clock lecture on Monday, July 8, is open to anyone interested in this subject. No advance registration is necessary, and no charge will be made.

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