

Incidentally yours

The turn of the year is a proper time to recall, if but for a fleeting moment, the many spiritual and material blessings that the heavenly Father showered upon our Institute and its family during the year ended.—Outstanding are the following:—The Savior's continued presence and reigning in our midst with His Holy Word;—the pupils, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, learning to know and love their Savior.—One of our children, Donald Scheiderer, was taken to heaven to live with Jesus. Yes, that, too, was a blessing, especially for Donald who was brought to the knowledge of his Savior in your Lutheran Institute.—Good health for the rest of our family;—fine progress on our new building— and many, many good friends;—

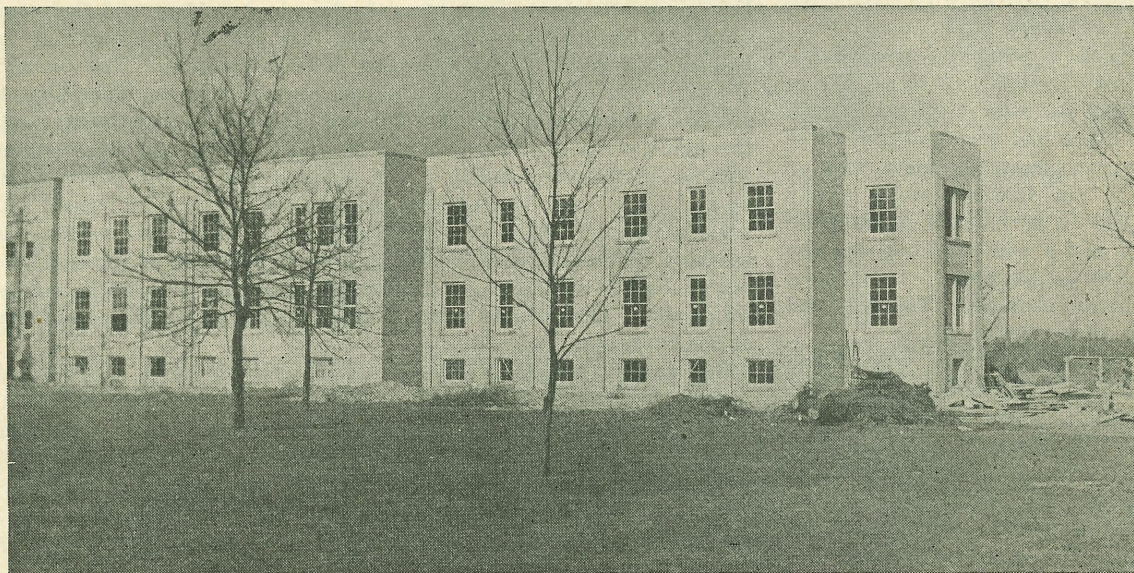
A chaplain friend who every Sunday gave of the Bread of Life;— Friends who with their continued financial support, not only made it possible to meet our operating expenses but also to undertake our building expansion program;—friends who with their means faithfully helped deaf children and their parents to bear their heavy burdens;—friends who provided Christmas and Easter joy for our pupils by sending appropriate gifts;—Kiwanis, Exchange, and Lions Club friends—friends who remembered our Institute in their last wills and testaments;— friends who sponsored our boys' club;—friends who brought happiness to our pupils by arranging parties for them on special occasions;—friends who came and sewed, mended and darned our clothes;— friends who provided recreational facilities for our children;—doctor, dentist and optometrist friends who cared for our children's every physical need;— Ladies' Aid, Circle, and Guild friends who sent toys, gifts, clothing, quilts and other bedding;—A friend who decorated and beautified our offices;— friends who dedicated memorial rooms in our new building;— friends who faithfully served on our household and teaching staffs;— Board of Management friends who faithfully and kindly helped to direct this God-pleasing mission enterprise;— friends who came to visit us;— friends who with a few kind words encouraged us in our work;— friends who permitted us to appear before assemblies to acquaint them with the work of educating the deaf;— Pastor friends who spoke a word for the cause of the deaf at synodical and other meetings; friends who served our cause by

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EXTERIOR OF NEW BUILDING COMPLETED

Memorial Rooms

As the new unit of our Institute nears completion, we are happy to inform our many readers and supporters of our work that, to date, forty-three rooms in it have been dedicated to sainted loved ones, men of the armed forces who paid the supreme price for the freedom of our nation, or friends. We are most grateful to all our readers and friends who with their gifts, large and small, have made possible this fine addition to our plant. Our Lord's richest blessings will be their sure reward.

A bronze plaque with suitable wording will be placed on the door or wall of dedicated rooms.— There are still some rooms available. And if there are such as still wish to memorialize a loved one by dedicating a room in our Institute they may do so by writing to Director J. A. Klein and stating the amount they wish to pledge. Pledges need not be paid at once, but may be paid at any time convenient to the donor during this calendar year. The costs per room are \$300, \$500, \$750 and \$1000.

Building Progress

The new addition to our boys' residence is now (Jan. 31st) entirely enclosed and under roof. The plasterers are at work at the present time as are the heating engineers. The carpenters, terrazo men and painters are to follow respectively. It is hoped that the entire building will be completed by April 1st. The building 120 x 43 feet consists of basement and two floors. Besides a small laundry for the use of the staff members, there are in the basement recreation, club and manual arts rooms. On the first floor we find, besides the usual service rooms, an isolation room, a large hospital ward, a large living room, a visiting nook and a number of individual living rooms for staff members. The second floor consists of service rooms, bedrooms for boys and more living rooms for staff members.

Plans are being made to have the dedicatory service for the new unit in conjunction with our annual festival on the second Sunday in June. You, dear readers, who have made possible this Diamond Jubilee Building are cordially invited that day to be our guests.

Teachers Needed

The most pressing and immediate problem in the field of special education is the inability to secure a sufficient number of qualified teachers for the schools for the deaf. To give an idea of the acute shortage of teachers in deaf education, John W. Tenny of Wayne University commented, "The schools in the United States are in need of well over 300 teachers right now to staff their classes properly." And at the Superintendents convention which recently convened at Faribault, Minnesota, it was announced that this year there probably would not be more than sixty teachers graduated by the recognized training centers throughout the country to fill the existing vacancies and those which will occur through retirements and resignations.— What an opportunity for the young woman who is inclined to be a teacher to enter one of the most interesting fields of education!

We ask that anyone knowing of a girl or girls contemplating to enter upon a teaching career to communicate with us concerning free scholarships.

Quest for Christmas Ornaments Reveals Will

Two children in search of Christmas tree ornaments stumbled across a tin box in their Leavensworth, Kans., home and discovered a box which contained a will naming the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, Detroit, as one of the beneficiaries.

Sandra Wilk, 9, and her brother, Gary, 6, were in quest of decorations for their Christmas tree Dec. 20 when they found the box. It was suspended by a wire from the lathing in the attic. The house, which their parents rented recently, was the home of Miss Emma Scheer, 72, who died last April. The house had been searched three times unsuccessfully for a will.

The tin box contained nearly \$14,000 in cash, \$825 in old gold coins and a will parceling out her \$47,000 estate, mainly to thirteen Lutheran charities. The will had been drawn Oct. 9, 1947.

Miss Scheer, who was found dead in the house last spring, was the last to survive of eight brothers and sisters. A niece and nephew, Mrs. Florence Otto of Los Angeles and Fred Helmering of Rosemead, Calif., would have divided the estate equally had the will not been found.

With the will uncovered the niece and nephew will receive a floral nursery, an 18 acre farm, the home where the tin box was found and two other homes.

According to an International News Service report the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf was one of the 13 institutions to receive bequests.

John Klein, director of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, said official word concerning the bequest of Miss Scheer had not reached the school as yet. "But it sounds like a fine thing," he added.

A larger sum, approximately \$30,000 will be paid the school sometime next month from the estate of the late Mrs. James Cramer of Detroit Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church. According to Dir. Klein this legacy will substantially assist the school in paying for the addition to the boys' residence now nearing completion. This new unit will be dedicated at the occasion of our annual June festival.

Have you booked the ALL color Sound Movie THE WORLD OF SILENCE? Running Time 35 Min.

Something New . . .

Barbara Brauer, one of our former students, is the namesake for a foundation for deaf children which has been incorporated in the State of Illinois to establish and perpetuate a chair in speech and hearing at our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in Detroit.

Barbara entered our school when she was 3½ years old, and attended school here for seven years. Having become marvelously proficient in speech, lip reading, and the command of language at the Lutheran Institute, Barbara is, this year, a sixth grade pupil at Dewey School in Evanston, Illinois, where she is doing fine work and getting along well with her hearing classmates.

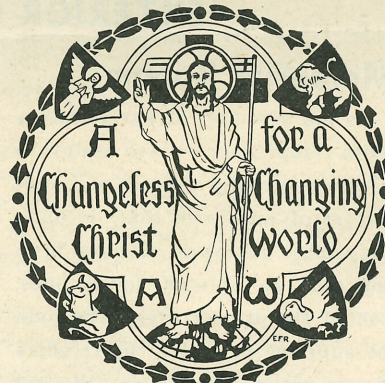
Her parents, Mr. & Mrs. John Brauer, 1534 Pitner Ave., Evanston, Ill., sought some way of expressing their deep gratitude and thankfulness for the training she received at our school. They also feel a keen sense of responsibility toward other deaf children and their parents, remembering those months when they groped so desperately for help and advice as to the education of their daughter. The Barbara Brauer Foundation for Deaf Children is their answer. They hope to raise a minimum of \$100,000 through individual contributions and through a series of lectures to church groups, clubs, and other organizations. In these lectures they will acquaint the general public, which by and large has no idea of what deafness in a little child means, with some of the problems of educating deaf children, the methods of teaching them, and, most especially, how this is done at our Institute, where our children are given religious education as well as secular instruction. The lectures will be supplemented with color slides taken at the Institute.

The present board of directors of the Foundation is composed of Mr. & Mrs. Brauer, Mrs. F. M. Avery of Evanston, the Rev. H. C. Duwe, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Evanston, Mr. Karl Koch of Evanston, and Mr. John A. Klein, director of the Institute.

The Foundation's funds will be entirely independent of the Institute's maintenance treasury. Therefore, any monies intended for it should not be sent to the Institute in Detroit but to the Foundation headquarters in Evanston.

FORM OF BEQUEST TO OUR INSTITUTE

I give, devise and bequeath to the Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, and located in the city of Detroit, the sum of dollars and the receipt of the Treasurer of said corporation shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor for same.



Memorial Room Roll of Honor

Additional Room Dedications:

N. N. Pittsburgh, Pa., \$300 in Humble Gratitude to Almighty God for Untold Blessings Received.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Schleswig, Iowa, \$362.00 in memory of William Kuehl who lost his life in the Normandy Invasion on July 7th, 1944.

Abendroth Brothers, Ishpeming, Mich., \$400.

Mrs. Martha Priebe, Detroit, Mich., \$550 in loving memory of her Husband, Mr. John Priebe.

Messrs. Wm. and Jens Ketelsen, Wilton Junction, Iowa, \$300 in loving memory of their Parents.

Mr. Walter Mast, Detroit, Mich., \$1000 in loving memory of his Parents, Mr. & Mrs. John Mast.

Macomb County Ladies Aid for the Deaf, Mt. Clemens, Mich., \$500 to the Glory of God and the Memory of sainted Members.

Incidentally yours

showing our film, "The World of Silence";— friends who are readers of our Deaf Child's Advocate;— friends who have used our Memorial Wreath folders;— friends who heeded our annual appeal for support;— Pastor, Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent friends who "opened their mouths for the dumb" in their congregations. Church organizations and schools;— and last but not least *Friends Who Prayed for Us and the Cause of the Deaf Child.*

For all these many blessings and friends we are most grateful to our heavenly Father and pray Him that He would abundantly bless each and every one who in any way has been helpful to lighten the burden of our handicapped children and to further their cause.

Our children's Christmas program was excellent due to hard work on the part of the teachers and pupils. The audience was large and appreciative. — The \$200.00 gift from our Institute's Ladies Aid for recreational equipment, fine box of fruit, candy and nuts for all children and staff members and the wonderful tea served to all visitors, staff members and guests after the program was greatly enjoyed by all.

All pupils enjoyed the Christmas vacation away from school either in their own homes or in the homes of good friends. They left by automobile, bus, train and plane. Little Dwain Dube had the longest plane trip, all the way down to Brownsville, Texas. Helmut Quiram, Herman Spencer, and Gay Haigler had longest train rides, Helmut going to Conover, North Carolina, and Gay going to Birmingham, Alabama.

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Annual Appeal Meets Fine Response

Many of our readers have already heeded our annual appeal to help our handicapped little ones bear their burdens by contributing large and small sums, as the Lord prospered them. We know that those, who have not as yet responded to our call, will do so if and when they can. Monies so received make it possible to maintain this Christian school and home for deaf children.

It may be of interest to our readers to know that it costs us about \$1000.00 per year to house, feed, and educate *one* deaf child or a hundred thousand dollars per school year for our present enrollment. You say that that is very expensive mission work. We agree with you. But the Lord tells us that one soul gained is worth more than all the riches in the world. And surely, no one would ask us to deprive these afflicted little ones of the Bread of Life just because of its great cost.

Of the hundred thousand dollars necessary, the parents of our pupils contribute approximately one fourth. The rest must come from friends such as you who are interested in rehabilitating the handicapped and making them useful citizens for this life and the life to come.—When one bears in mind that about one fifth of our entire enrollment consists of orphans or half orphans for whom their guardians or parents can contribute little or nothing, we can readily see that most of the parents of the rest of our children pay to the limit of their ability, and in some instances beyond that point. Knowing these facts, we are confident that you will gladly help both parents and pupils to bear their heavy burdens. What greater value could your dollar buy than an immortal soul?—To all our kind supporters we say a sincere Thank You and wish one and all a very blessed and prosperous New Year.

REV. H. A. BENTRUP DIES

The Board of Management and our entire Institute family extend their deepest sympathies to the Bentrup family on the death of Rev. Herman A. Bentrup. The Sainted Pastor Bentrup was one of the pioneers in mission work among the deaf and for a time served the Institute as Director. Following his years of service to the Institute Pastor Bentrup continued to serve his Savior in the parish ministry. Even after his retirement from the active ministry Pastor Bentrup became interested in a negro mission and was instrumental in establishing a Lutheran Church for negroes in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The school and church mourn the loss of a great patriarch.

From the Michigan District President

Dear Brother Klein:

Enclosed please find a \$— bill as a gift to our Institution For The Deaf from an anonymous giver, a thankful friend.

"A thankful giver," I sure like that signature. Last year when this friend sent in his gift, I took recognition of this in the Michigan Lutheran. I do not know whether he receives this paper or not. The giver may even be a she. At that time I stated that we may never meet here on earth, but I sure do expect to meet him in heaven.

The postmark on the envelope is Lansing, Michigan. Last year he mailed it on the train.—God has given our Michigan District many thankful givers, but I still wish there were more.

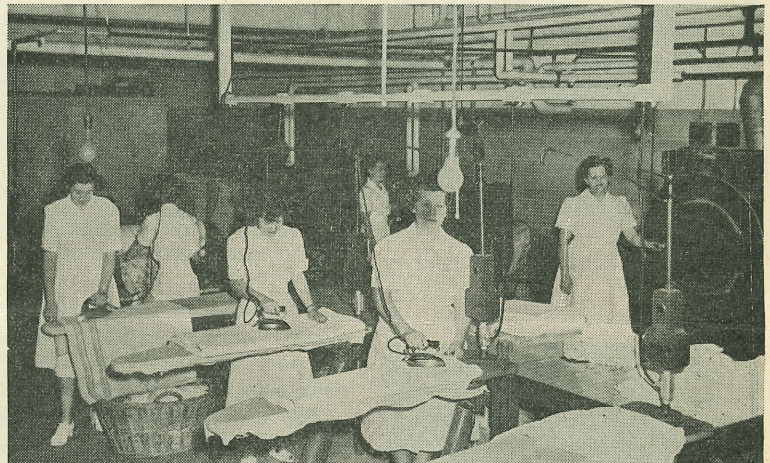
Wishing you and your large family God's richest blessings for the coming holidays.

Fraternally yours,
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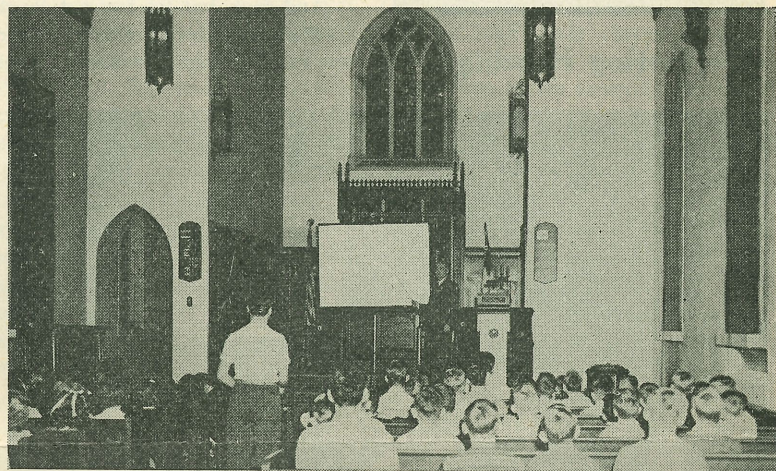
Scenes at the Institute



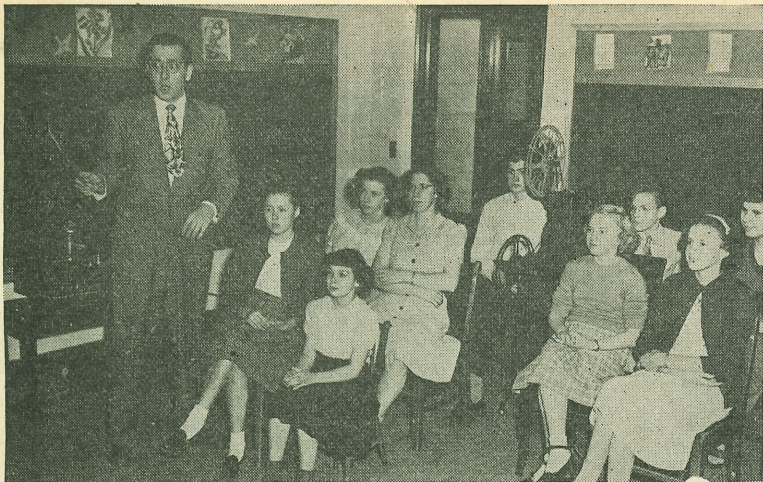
The Institute's spacious dining room where children, teachers and housemothers enjoy excellent meals together.



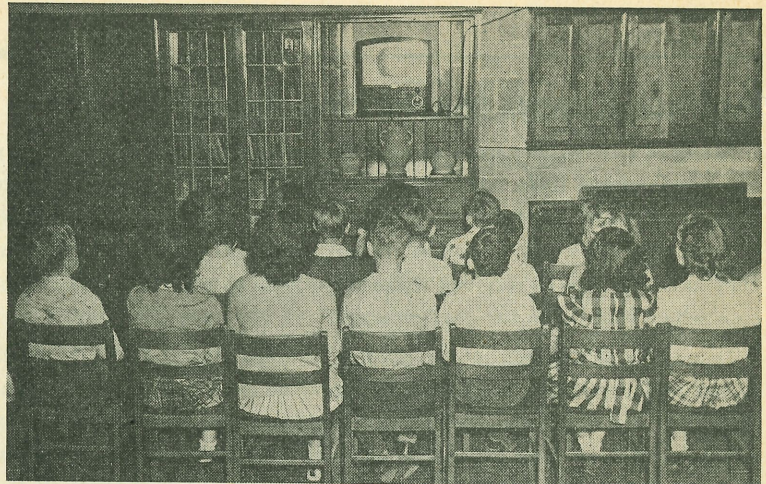
This is the way we iron our clothes early Tuesday morning. Certainly, a very necessary job in this large family.



This is a daily devotional scene in your Lutheran Institute, the only Protestant school for the Deaf in America.



16 mm Projector Used Daily



Television — A Boon for the Deaf

.. CLASSROOM AIDS ..

Mechanical aids play a most important part in the visual, auditory and tactile training of our children in the classroom. Training exercises for the sense of hearing are begun in the nursery class even before the exact loss of hearing can be determined by an audiometer test. Bells, whistles, tuning forks, triangles and crash instruments are used. Through such exercises the child, having some sound perception, can be taught to listen, to give responses to sound, and to discriminate between sounds of different qualities and pitches.

The piano is used to develop the sense of touch, and to promote fluency, accent, continuity and rhythmic speech.

The mirror has long been and still is an old stand-by in a classroom for the deaf. In the mirror the child sees the proper positions of the vocal organs for the various elements of speech and so learns to imitate the movements and positions of the teacher's lips, tongue and mouth — eyes moving from one face to the other.

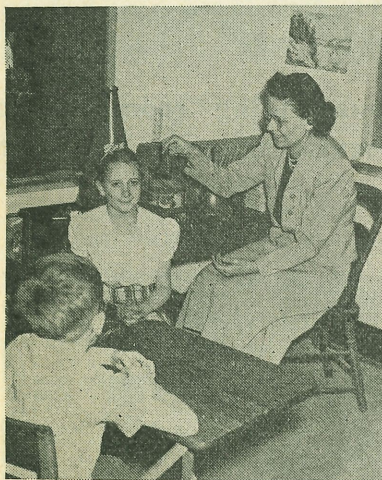
Testing the hearing of every pupil is very important in determining to what extent auricular training might be used in educating the child.

Our individual auditory training unit is a compact instrument designed to bring radio, recordings and microphone to the child with hearing perception. Multiple hearing aid units are also standard equipment in the Institute.

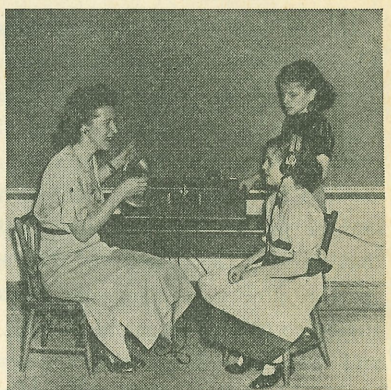
For visual training the pupils have the benefit of the kodoscope, slide projector and the Delineascope. These are instruments for projecting slides and film strips. The Delineascope has the added feature of projecting onto the screen a page from any book. Thus the entire class may read the printed page together or discuss a projected picture.

Educational movies are used extensively, especially in the upper grades. One ten minute film on science or history is worth more to the deaf child than hours of explaining, illustrating and drawing.

And last, but by far not least, is television. The educational possibilities via television are certainly great, especially for the deaf, and we are looking forward to these as they develop.



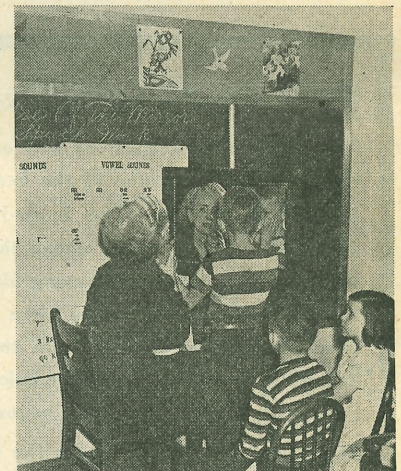
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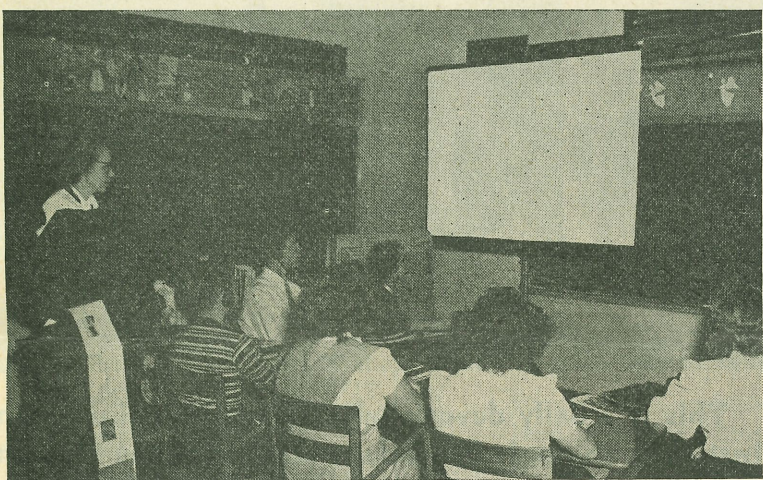
Auditory Training Unit



Testing Hearing



Speech by sight and touch



Learning by Seeing



Piano used for Speech Development