

Incidentally Yours . . .

The new school year is well under way with a large enrollment and a full staff of teachers and household personnel.

Twenty-five new pupils constitute the largest number ever received in any one year in the history of the Institute. This large increase necessitated the employment of an additional teacher. Thanks to the Lord's blessings we were successful in securing capable teachers and efficient housemothers to fill all vacancies.

Recent welcome recreational features enjoyed by our pupils were the Air Show staged by Uncle Sam's fliers at Selfridge Field made possible by the North Detroit Kiwanis Club; a horse show and polo game at Birmingham, tickets for which were supplied by the Erb-Kidder Lumber Company, Royal Oak; a minstrel show in Grosse Pointe, transportation and tickets to this event were supplied by the Grosse Pointe Optimist Club. At the Horse Show our pupils received the gift of a fine new bicycle.

The Northeast Detroit Kiwanis Club is again giving generous financial assistance towards our physical education program at the YMCA.—

A group of optometrists with their assistants again spent a day with us examining all our children's eyes. The following are the names of the kind doctors who were so generous with their time and services: J. V. Dueweke, B. B. Wisney, Frank Lobert, H. R. Bunge, H. R. Hecox, C. W. Johannes, J. A. Park, Robert Sobieski and K. A. Schulte. Their assistants were Mrs. Marge Orthner, Mrs. Charlotte Bunte and Mrs. Clara Hermansen. A THOUSAND THANKS to all who are so thoughtful of the needs of our large family of children.

Grateful appreciation is herewith also expressed to Mr. Paul Diederich of Grosse Pointe who presented a fine 13 cu. ft. refrigerator to us as well as to those kind anonymous donors of cash gifts whose letters we were again privileged to receive from Peru, Ind., Chicago, Ill., and Janesville, Wis., and also to our old friend, Herman Wellensiek, for his special gift of \$100.00.

Our longtime friend, Anna M.
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The deaf child's ADVOCATE

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Teach Deaf Children With Other Deaf Children

The belief that a deaf child is just like the normal child except that he can't hear is wrong, and it is an injustice to the deaf child to believe it, Dr. Helmer Myklebust, professor of audiology and director of the children's hearing and aphasia clinic in the school of speech at Northwestern University said in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Speaking before a group of parents of deaf children at Wisconsin State College, Dr. Myklebust explained that deaf children do not have the same experiences as normal children, and consequently do not think as normal children do.

"Hearing is one of the primary senses", he said. "We can hear in all directions at the same time. We can hear in the dark. We hear even when we're asleep. Hearing is a vital factor in most of our perceptions, in telling us what is going on around us. The deaf person does not have these perceptions, so his world is different."

Because of the difference, Dr. Myklebust said he did not believe it wise to enroll deaf children in schools with normal children. The normal children, he explained, usually reject deaf classmates from their social activities, thereby adding to the sense of isolation the deaf child already has.

It is better for a deaf child to be with other deaf children and to be taught by a teacher who understands their problem, Dr. Myklebust said.

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45 Years' Service to the Deaf

By the grace of God, Director John A. Klein is this year completing his forty-fifth year as an administrator and Christian teacher in the challenging field of Special Education at our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in Detroit. This extraordinary event in the life of one of the Church's great leaders was fittingly recognized and observed by our School's two faithful Ladies' Auxiliaries with a Testimonial Dinner on Sept. 1, and also with cash remembrances from them as well as from the Board of Management in behalf of the Association of governing congregations.

This peerless leader's humble ministry in Christ to handicapped children and to our deaf brethren in general began way back in 1908—the good old days of the horse and buggy, oil lamps, fly-paper, mud roads and streets. This God-fearing, manly gentleman has been identified with every real growing-pain of our beloved Institute and under God has lived, worked and prayed to pilot her through to national and even international prominence and service. The fundamental requirement of a Christian leader is that he shall be a man of faith who will dare to venture even in the face of the impossible. There must be about him a kind of DIVINE nonchalance. The true leader gives himself COMPLETELY to his task. He faces his task with the assurance, "All things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9, 23). Today we again thank our



Director John A. Klein

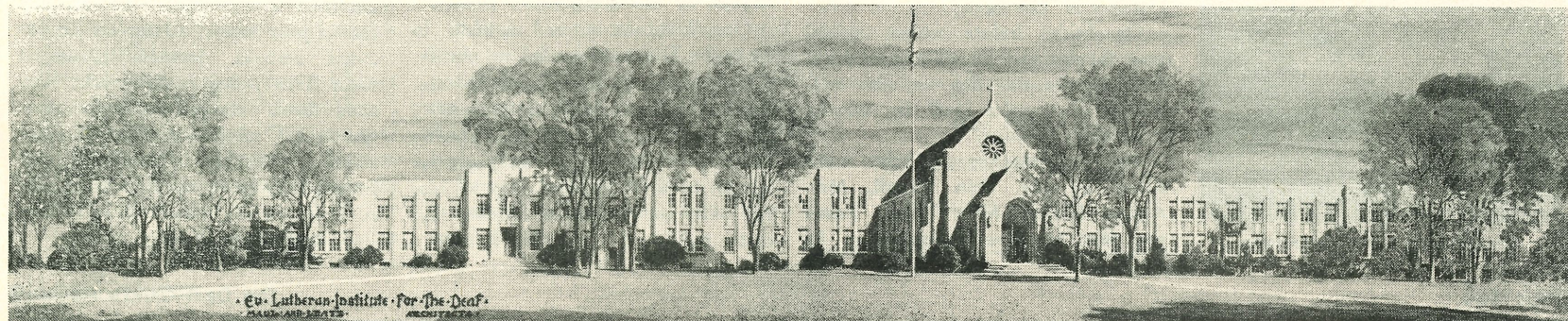
Heavenly Father in Christ for raising up among us such a leader in the person of JOHN A. KLEIN, and for giving him so devoted a Christian spouse. May the good LORD continue to use both to His greater glory in the FUTURE!

—Rev. H. R. Wacker,
Association President

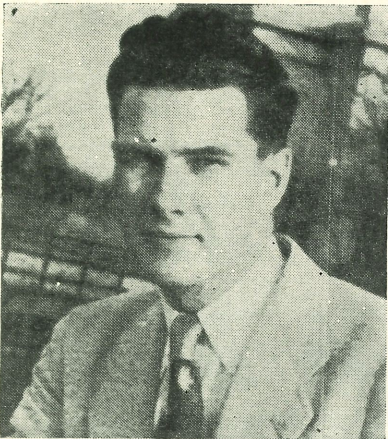
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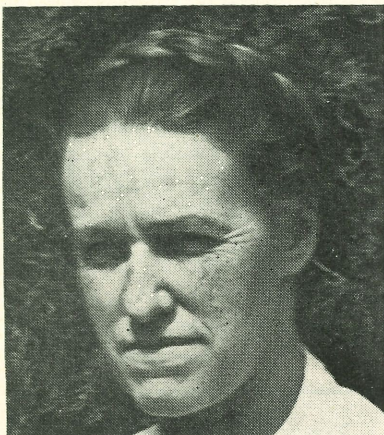
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Hertlein, pleased us with the following: "The last issue of The Deaf Child's Advocate was very interesting. I shall try to interest others in the splendid work the Institute is doing." Thanks, dear friend. The Lord knows that the deaf children need to have others become interested in their cause.

We were privileged to get station-wagon loads of apples and pears from the General Knudsen estate on Grosse Isle and Mr. Schroeder's farm at Mt. Clemens, peaches from Mrs. Bald at Rochester, pears from Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, Roseville, and tomatoes from the Robert Beland farm at Petersburg. Members of our Ladies Auxiliary under the leadership of Mrs. L. C. Knorr canned all these generous gifts.

Potatoes and farm produce will again be delivered to our doors from the Thumb District and the Rogers City area by the C. & H. Nielsen Cartage Co.

Mr. Chaney of the U. S. Rubber Co., has volunteered his services in setting up our hobby shop machinery and then giving guidance to our big boys in handicraft activities.

Recent group visits came from the Detroit Gas Co., the Ross-Roy Advertising Agency, Detroit Public School Principals, Miss Blank's Class from the Grosse Pointe School, Bethlehem Ladies Aid, Saginaw.

Reports were rendered to the Pastoral Conferences at Arcadia, and Waldenwoods, Mich. Talks and demonstrations were given at Big Rapids, Conklin, Huntington Woods and the North East Exchange Club.

Recent happenings:
Rev. Wacker, our Board Chairman, attended the Associated Lutheran Charities Convention held in Chicago.—Mr. Bellhorn attended the United Foundation Board Member Institute in Detroit.—The writer of these lines attended the regular meeting of the Council of Lutheran Agencies as well as the Agency Executives' meeting. The latter was called by Dr. Wind, Synod's Executive Secretary of Social Welfare. Both meetings were held in Chicago.

A three-day workshop was held in our Institute during the last week of August by the parochial school teachers of Michigan.

On Friday before school opened your faculty had an all-day teachers' meeting. On this day we also welcomed our entire staff by serving it a chicken dinner.

Our four teacher vacancies were filled by Mr. Don Ravell, Mrs. Agnes Hance, Mrs. Isabel Karus and Mrs. Margaret Zimmerman. As

soon as Mr. Ravell has been graduated from River Forest where he still has several credits to make up, he will be eligible for formal installation into office. Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Karus are experienced and fully qualified teachers.

Improvements
Our old horse barn was torn down and a new smaller one was built for our pony, with the salvaged lumber and free labor.

During the summer all exterior woodwork as well as the interior of the chapel were painted by contract labor. Many other rooms and corridors were painted by men and women of our household staff. About 75 gallons of the paint necessary for this work was a gift of Mr. Arnold Priehs.

The basketball court was equipped with regulation backboards and baskets, and poles were set for a volleyball net.

The City had a 650 ft. sidewalk laid along our northern property line. And the Department of Parks and Recreation rebuilt the fence which it had removed in order to make room for the laying of the walk.

Arrangements have been made whereby our physical education program will be conducted at the Cadillac Harper YMCA and the Fairview Recreation. Arrangements have also been made whereby our boys will be permitted to do their basketball practicing in the Grant School Gymnasium. These facilities should help to make champions of our boys. A new 52 passenger Americoach bus was bought to transport our boys and girls to the recreational centers.

In revising our Advocate reader list we canceled all addresses of people of whom we have not heard since 1944.

In order that our Principal, Mr. Bellhorn, might the better perform the functions of his office, the Board decided that he go to St. Louis where there are three different schools for the Deaf, and observe one day in each of these schools.

Upon the request of Mr. John Tenny, Dean of Special Education, Wayne University, arrangements have been made whereby some students in special education will do their classroom observing and practice teaching in our school. Miss Eleanor Powell, a graduate of Michigan University, will be in charge of this program.

Our Institute entered a float in Detroit's United Foundation parade.

The writer of this column is conscious of the fact that he is entirely unworthy of the eulogy paid him by the Rev. H. R. Wacker on page one of this issue. It appears only because the editorial committee insisted that it be published.

This Month's Blotter

The first Lipreading School for adults in this country was opened in September, 1902 at the Pierce Building in Copley Square. Martha E. Bruhn, a young Boston teacher, a Lutheran, whose own career had been interrupted by deafness, was the founder. Unable to find any suitable lip-reading training for adults on this continent, she studied in Germany, translating and adapting the Mueller-Walle method into English. The opening of the school, advertised in the Boston Transcript, drew many distinguished Bostonians. Later a teacher-training course was added and textbooks still in active use in many languages were published. Schools for the Deaf from coast to coast, as well as Universities, sought her aid in advance work and teacher-training. After World War I, Miss Bruhn adapted the course for teaching deafened American and French veterans. Miss Bruhn is still actively interested in her work, serving as an Honorary Vice President of the Boston Guild for the Hard of Hearing, a Red Feather Service.

—Selected

Pupils First, Deafness Second

It has been said that we, as educators of boys and girls who are deaf, too often look at their ears, rather than at what is between those ears. We are so keenly aware of our pupils deafness that we sometimes overlook many of the assets possessed by our boys and girls.

It is true that a hearing loss limits an individual in some of the things that he may do, but that hearing loss does not prevent him from performing at his own maximum level. It is our responsibility as teachers, parents or friends to encourage and to stimulate our boys and girls to top performance. To accept deafness as an excuse for poor, sloppy, careless work is to do our students and ourselves a grave injustice. We must set goals for our students that are realistic, goals that can be eventually attained by them. But once we have set those goals, we cannot expect them to be reached unless our boys and girls make use of those talents they possess—in other words, make use of what is between the ears.

Too often our boys and girls have absorbed from adults the attitude that a poor history lesson can be excused because deafness prevented them from doing better work; they have been allowed to use poor speech by misguided teachers who assumed that they "couldn't" talk better; they have sometimes explained losses on the athletic field to lack

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Our Record Group 1953



Our new pupils are, Bottom Row: L. to R. Michael Belitz, Pamela Dove, Janice Katzel, Barbara Boggs, Kathy Cruickshank, Claire Bergquist, Donna Hill; Middle Row: Bonnie Lee Taylor, Richard Durant, Linda Burley, Elizabeth Cayson, Robert Blumenau, Steven Nelson, Allen Powell, Jack Frost, Larry Ginter. Top Row: Karen Dardas, Ted Crockett, Walter McClymont, Caswell Hassel, Diane Vincent, Carolyn Weygandt, Hanni Ziegler, William Hoffmeyer.

THE ETERNAL REWARD

As again we bring you the most recent list of departed friends and readers of our Advocate, we do so with mixed emotions. Death always causes physical grief and sadness. However, for Christians who say with Paul, "For I have a desire to depart and be with Christ which is far better," it brings spiritual gladness. To them it opens the door to eternal bliss. Therefore, we rejoice and await a happy reunion in heaven.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth."

Revelation 13-14.

Mrs. Dreda Brady, Windsor, California; Mr. William A. Freda, Bethel, Conn.; John Jacobs, Bloomington, Ill.; Mrs. Adolph Decker, Chester, Ill.; Albert Hoger and Mrs. Kathie B. Meier, Chicago; Mrs. Amanda Geiger & Son, Galena, The Rev. W. L. Schroeter, Iuka, Ill.; Mrs. Olga Bramstadt, Homewood; Miss Gertrude Boese, Decatur, Mrs. Emma Gehring, Otto Meyer, Mrs. J. W. Miller and E. F. Niemeier, Ft. Wayne, Geo. Kaiser, Kendallville, C. W. Rittermeyer, Kendallville, Carl Droege, Seymour, Ind.; Mrs. Anna Hirt, Allen Park, Mrs. G. Kernstock, Auburn, Clara Wuepper, Bay City, Mrs. A. Abraam, Mrs. M. Adsit, Mrs. J. Bauer, Mrs. Gertrude Berlin, Mrs. Emma Beste, Mrs. W. Brick, Mrs. Eugenia Cooper, Miss Helen Engel, A. L. Engelhardt, Jacob Gerber, Otto Goetsch, Mrs. Louise Gravelle, Raymond Heiden, Geo. Lipp, Mrs. Louise Miller, William Miller, Miss Helen Neubacher, Mrs. E. Peetsch, Mrs. Caroline Petroit, Edward Schiepe, Mrs. C. Schiller, Albert Seltz, Arthur Smith, Wm. Trapp, Mrs. Carl Wischow, and Otto Woltersdorf, Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. A. Westenfeldt, Flint, Mrs. Lydia Neuchterlein, Frankenmuth, L. C. Roloff, Mrs. J. Pellegrum, Grand Haven, Mrs. Olga Susick, Grosse Pointe, Mrs. Edmund Kleinschmitt, Orchard Lake, Mrs. H. R. Knitter, Wm. Weber, Monroe, Mich., John Gaertner, Petersburg, Albert Engel, Port Hope, Mrs. Frank Schroeder, Reese, E. J. Kahler, Richmond, Mrs. Fred Albright, Rochester, Mrs. Marie Werner, Rogers City, Mrs. Augusta Bobean, Royal Oak, the Rev. O. Eckert and Mrs. E. W. Neuchterlein, Saginaw, Herman Reackhof, St. Clair, Mrs. John Beyerlein, Sebawaing, Leonard Bierlein and Christian Schiefer, Vassar, Mich., Mrs. Wm. Broderius, Sr., Hector, Minn., Mrs. Fred Huscher, Cedar Bluffs, Nebr., Herbert Mittler, Bronx, N.Y.; Mrs. M. Betz, Lockport, N. Y.; F. Borchert, Louise Lucht, Cleveland, O.; Miss Anna Ingwer, Elyria, Ohio; Mrs. P. P. Babcock, Austin and E. C. Overton, Port Arthur, Texas; Martin C. Kauth, Kennewick, Wash., August Bettien, Black Creek, Louis Liesener, Cederburg, Mrs. Lizzie Biedenbender, Chilton, Carl Hoewisch, Fremont, Wm. F. Laesch, Milwaukee, Miss Selma Pieper, Plymouth, Fred Gieseker, Prescott, Gustave Brandt and Mrs. William Martin, Sheboygan, Wisc.

Grandparents write Springfield, Ill.

DEAR BRETHERN:

On June 27th we visited your Institute where our granddaughter, Janice Dautenhahn, attends. We were much impressed by your fine school and the expert service your staff gives to the deaf children.

I shall try to boost your school and its needs.

We enclose a small mite of ten dollars for your treasury.

Thanking you for your kind service,

Pastor and Mrs.
Theo. Dautenhahn

PUPILS FIRST

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of hearing, rather than to lack of cooperation and teamwork; they have been overlooked in their social errors by some of us who felt they didn't "know" better. It is our responsibility to aim for and accept only the best efforts of our pupils, for in many instances, we receive from them in proportion to what we expect of them. Let us consider our pupils first, their deafness second.

—J. C. in The Iowa Hawkeye

TEACH DEAF FIRST

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He warned, however, that a deaf child should have some contact with normal children.

"And don't expect your neighbors to understand your child's problem", Dr. Myklebust added, "Society generally doesn't understand because there aren't enough deaf people in it."

—Science News Letter

THIS CHILD IS DEAF

(With apologies to *My Child Is Blind* by Bessie Willis Hoyt in ICEC Bulletin)

This child is deaf, Forever shut from him
The voice of speech that falls upon his ear;
His life-long silence will remain a wall—
Or so they said. But with our love and help
He, too, will hear the voice: If not of speech,
Then sure of treasured books; of symphonies
In motion where he'll see the music surge
As waves come rolling into shore or break
Upon some rockbound coast. O, catch these joys,
Dear Child! And learn and we will help you see
The beauty spread o'er God's infinite world.
You are not deaf: God did not shut the voice
That plays upon the heart-strings which are turned
To poetry of motion: as the gull
Wings down above the whitecaps of the sea;
Or to the rhythm of furrowed fields, new ploughed;
Or to the heavy beating of the rain
As it storms down in slanting needle-shafts;
Or to the whispering of the pines that stand
As sentinels about new-fallen snow—
He needs not ears who opens wide his eyes
And hears within the voice responsive play.

—Stephen W. Koziar

Did You Know That —

During the past school year, of the 21,545 pupils enrolled in schools and classes for the deaf in the United States, 13,996 were in residential schools and classes, 1,878 were in day schools, 3,771 were in day classes, 1,900 were in private and demoniational schools and classes.

Parents of deaf children will find this information and other pertinent data for \$2.00 by writing for the January issue of the "American Annals of the Deaf, Gallaudet College, Washington 2, D. C.

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

Our film,

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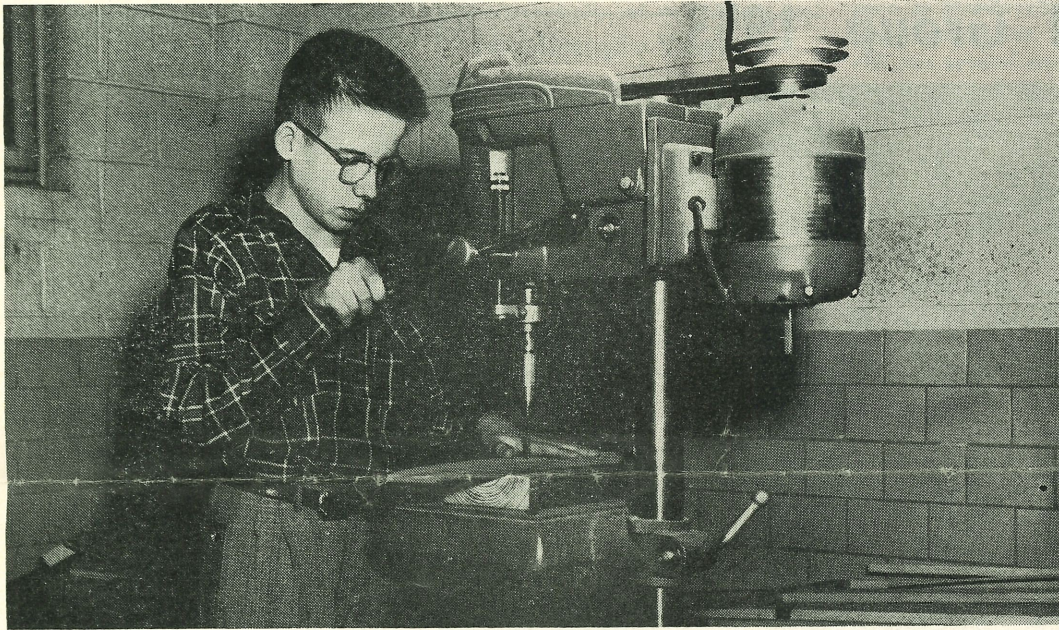
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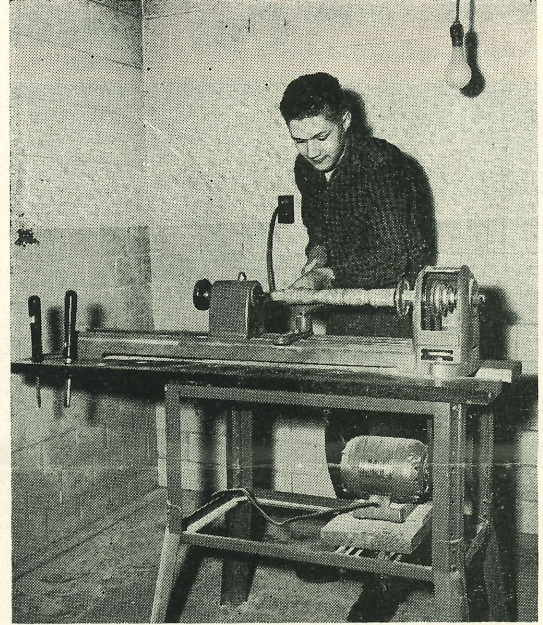
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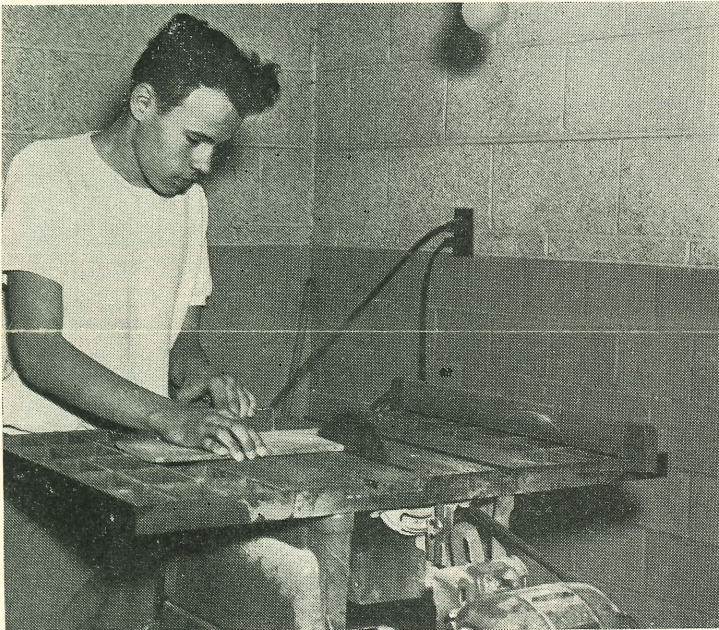
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Vincent Lackey of Detroit at the power drill press in our hobby shop where he together with other boys is learning to make things with his hands.

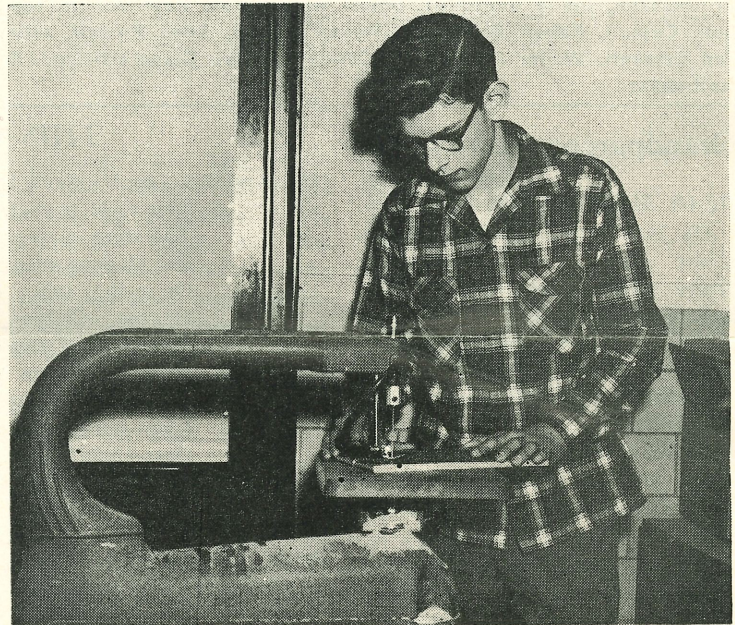


Richard Heckel of Ohio is learning to use the lathe to make the basis for a lamp.



Dean Hofman of Indianola, Nebraska discovered that a power driven circle saw is a time and muscle saver.

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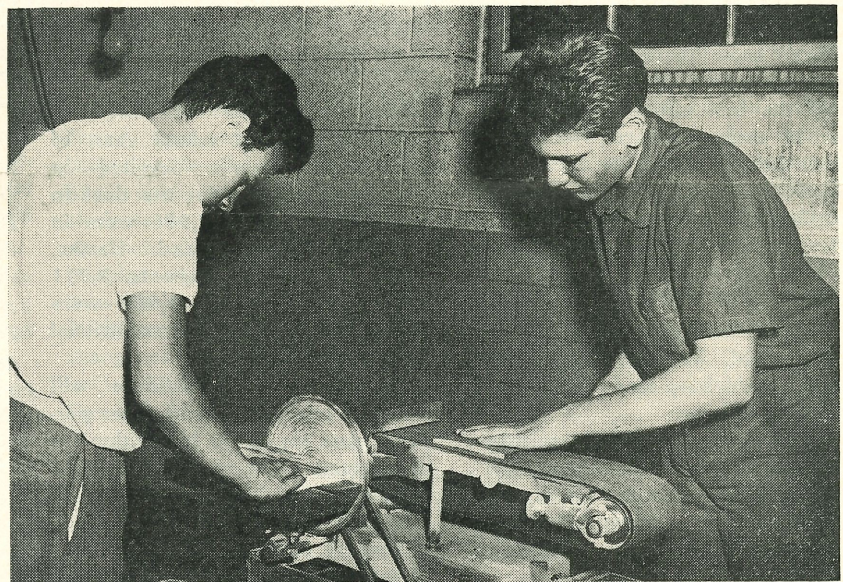


Sidney Johnson of Royal Oak, Mich., has learned that the jig saw is the machine to use for fancy scroll work.



Lynn Qualley of North Dakota and Robert Stock of Ohio selecting proper tools out of the tool crib.

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Bruce Becker and Dean Hofman both of Nebraska busily active in our Hobby Shop on power machines, several of which are the gifts of the South East Detroit Exchange Club.