

When this issue of The Advocate reaches its readers Thanksgiving will have passed and Christmas will be knocking at our doors.

Christmas, a word at the sound of which every heart is thrilled. Our children, too, even though they cannot hear the sound of the word, nevertheless delight in seeing it in print and on the lips of people. They love it first of all because it is the birthday of our Savior and second because it brings to many of them the first reunion with their parents and loved ones since September.

During the past three months and a half our pupils had varied and interesting experiences. Among them were a horse show and polo game, a trip to the Ford Greenfield Village and Museum, the movie, titled "The Robe", the Air Show at Selfridge Field, an outing to the famous St. Clair Beach, a part in an evening United Foundation parade down Woodward Avenue, the Optimists Minstrel Show, a Hallowe'en Splash Party and our school Hallowe'en party, and of course, the weekly trips to the Y.M.C.A. and the Recreation Center for the Health and Handicraft Program which includes lessons in swimming, and last but not least, their Sunday afternoon motion picture programs.

Our very nice 52 passenger school bus makes many of these interesting and worthwhile activities possible for our children.

Thanksgiving blessings — Among these are the money contributions to our Institute from our many loyal and true friends, the generous offerings of food and farm products from our local churches, and the local farm congregations and especially also those from the Michigan Thumb and the Rogers City - Belknap farm areas, the services of members of our good Ladies Auxiliary who came and canned a thousand jars of fruits.

Messrs. Charles and Henry Nielsen and Sons Cartage Co. and their helpers earned our unending gratitude for placing their Motor Freight equipment as well as their services at the disposal of our Institute to gather and deliver the many blessings of fields and orchards to our doors.

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*We Wish You A Merry Christmas*

## The Birth of the King

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

## NO ROOM

No room for the Christ-Child at Bethlehem's inn -

O Little Lord Jesus, the shame of that sin

Burns down through the ages - would we had been near To fling wide the doors for Thy mother so dear!

Room for the feasting, room for the mirth,

Room for the pride and the hatreds of earth,

Here in the world-inn—but, O can it be,

Little Lord Jesus, still no room for Thee?

Blinded by beauty, humbled by awe,

Silenced with wonder how starlight and straw,

Heaven's high angels and shepherds could meet,

Little Lord Jesus, we kneel at Thy feet!

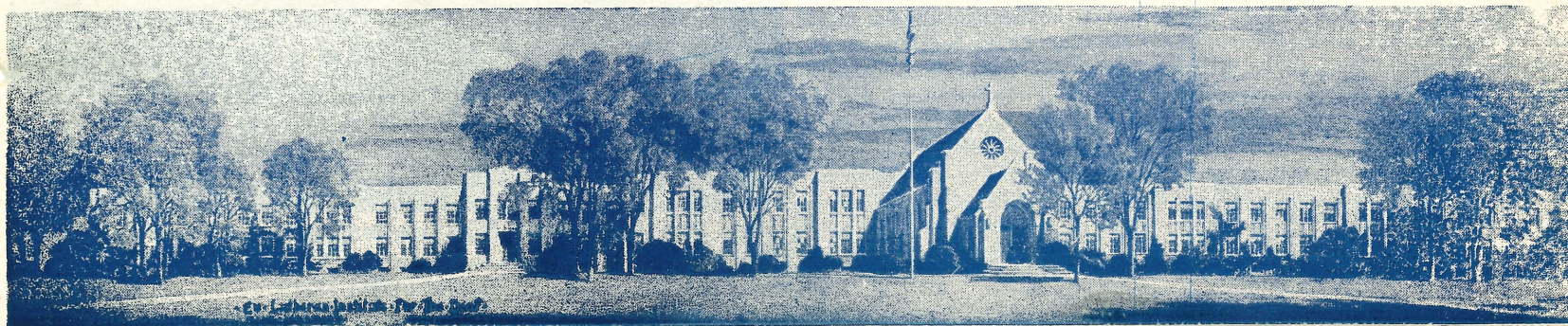
No room for the Christ-Child! Adoring we plead,

"Our lives be the shelter prepared for Thy need;

Our love by Thy manger, our hearts by Thy Throne,

O Little Lord Jesus, come bide with Thine own!"

—Selected





## I AM DEAF

The above is the title of the informative folder which accompanied our annual letter to you and all friends of our Institute. For the sake of our many deaf children entrusted to our care and training in our home and school, we hope that you have read our appeal, and that, as you have been prospered by our good Lord, you will respond with your gifts. Only if you will bend your understanding ear to the needs of our handicapped children, lend your sympathetic heart to their tremendous burden, and then extend your helping hand can this God-pleasing work continue and prosper. So you see, dear friends, that the deaf children depend upon you and, above all, our Savior depends upon you. You nor we will want to fail Him.

## A Kiss Can Do It

Walle or Waltrude Gaertig is the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gaertig. She is the second oldest of six children. All members of the family are German D. P.'s from Roumania whose coming to America was sponsored by Rev. W. C. Liebfarth's congregation in Marion, Indiana.

After coming to America Walle's father worked on a farm where he received a leg injury. Later he worked in a factory where he was injured again on the same leg. These injuries resulted in a cancerous condition which required a surgical operation.

Walle had learned to speak German. Upon the family's arrival in Marion she was sent to a public school with her older sister. There it was discovered that she was so hard of hearing that the teachers were unable to instruct her. They, therefore, advised the parents to send her to a school for the deaf.

The parents took their problem to their pastor who, after having received information concerning the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, suggested that they enroll their daughter in that Christian school. This they did.

When the parents showed Walle the picture of the school she was to attend, she was delighted and expressed eagerness to be taken there. The day finally came when Pastor and Mrs. Liebfarth together with Walle and her parents left Marion by auto for Detroit. After being on the way for a little while, Waltrude had a change of mind. She began to cry and said, "Walle will nicht zur Schule gehen." ("Walle does not want to go to school.") The parents tried to comfort her as best they could with all sorts of promises. But the little girl, wishing to emphasize her dislike for being taken away from home, said, "Walle wird weinen." ("Walle will cry.") When she saw that that threat failed to induce the good pastor to turn his auto homeward she said, "Walle wird Schreien." ("Walle will scream.") Thereupon the parents told their little girl that at the school which she was going to attend she would meet many nice girls with whom she could play. But that, too, met with no results, and in final desperation Walle replied, "Walle wird die Maedel mit Steinen werfen." ("Walle will throw stones at the girls.") This change of mind on the part of their little girl caused the parents considerable worry. They wondered how they could ever leave her in the hands of strange people when she was so disinclined to be separated from her loved ones at home.

When the good people arrived at the Institute at about 8:30 o'clock on a Sunday evening, the writer was called to come and meet them. In the meantime Walle had already had a glimpse of the school's beautiful little girls' playroom with its many dolls, doll houses, tables and other play items. And when the writer met her, Walle had one of the dolls in her arms. Seeing her so happy, he stooped down, took her in his arm, and gave her a kiss.

Soon thereafter everybody went to bed. The next morning after the parents and Walle awoke and had breakfast, Walle removed all worries from her parents' minds by saying, "Walle will hier zur Schule gehen. Der Herr hat ihr gestern Aben einen Kuss gegeben." ("Walle wants to go to this school because the man gave her a kiss last night".)

Walle has been a very happy child ever since she came to us. Not once did she cry or scream or throw stones at her playmates as she had threatened to do on the way to the Institute. The reason for this is the loving care and understanding deaf children receive in this beautiful home-like school which your regular and generous contributions help to maintain for the many handicapped children committed to its care and training.—If we but bend our ears, lend our hearts, and extend our helping hands, joy and gladness will come to those upon whom the Lord has seen fit to lay an exceptionally heavy burden. Therefore let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

## A Dime for Bonnie

On Saturday, the Quota Club of Sarnia is asking for support of their "Mile of Dimes". Proceeds of this project will be used to further the work of this Sarnia service club with those who are totally or partially deaf. One of the primary objectives is to raise funds for the education of "Bonnie", a little girl five years old, living in Sarnia, who was born completely deaf with no chance to ever hear.

Bonnie is a lively, attractive youngster with a superior intelligence for one of her years. Most people do not realize that children born deaf cannot learn to speak because they cannot hear the sounds they must copy. Bonnie, therefore, is going to a School for the Deaf where she will be taught by slow process how to form the sounds of the words, then how to voice them, and how to lip read so that she may understand others. Her handicap does not make Bonnie a tragic little figure—on the contrary, she is a joyful child with a sparkling personality.

Deaf children require special education and training and it is the purpose of the Sarnia Quota Club to help such as these. Hearing aids for partially deaf children who have difficulty assimilating lessons with their classmates, equipment to test hearing of students who seem to be having difficulty in comprehension... all of these are work which the Sarnia Quota Club hopes to accomplish. This organization, with a mem-

bership composed of business and professional women in the city, was organized on an International basis.

### Editor's Note:

Bonnie is enrolled in our school. The above news item was sent to us by her parents with the following letter.

Sarnia, Ont.

Dear Mr. Klein:

My husband and I thought you might like to read this article concerning our daughter and what fine work the ladies of the Quota Club are doing to help the deaf get as much out of life as possible. This is the first time a Mile of Dimes campaign was waged in Sarnia for the benefit of deaf children. Our Bonnie is so well known here and she is the first child the Club has taken on as it's protegee. The campaign was a big success and we were so pleased with the results. We both wanted to let you know how interested the members are in children who cannot hear. They have kept in contact with us about Bonnie and they are anxiously waiting to see how her education is progressing. We are both very pleased with Bonnie and we feel so good seeing that she is so happy and doing the little things here at home which she has learned at school.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. James Taylor



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Marie Twenhafel

The Deaf Child's Advocate



# GOD GIVES — DO WE?

## REMINISCING—

It's not too long ago, that we were at Calvary—watching eternal love pour itself out for us—paying for our sins—bringing us back to God.—

We went to Joseph's Garden—we stood with Mary, as He called to us, to reassure us—we walked with two men, worry-filled and doubt-ridden, on the way to Emmaus—our hearts burned within us, when He, the great Prophet, joined us and opened the Easter Scriptures to us—

We went out to the Mount of Olives once again—we gazed into the heavens and saw the Ascending Christ go to prepare a place for us—

We heard Him say—can still hear it today—"Go ye, into all the world"—

We thrilled at the work of the Holy Ghost—the Pentecost confession of the disciples—a confession He used to lead 3000 souls that Jesus bought, to baptism, to faith, to salvation.

Now we are ascending the heights of the Advent and Christmas season to behold the great display of divine love which gives us the Babe of Bethlehem and fills our hearts with "peace on earth, good will toward men."

And these blessed things we have been privileged to experience year after year for as long as we can remember—and even longer.

Our Lord went about doing good.—Our charitable agencies try to follow in His steps as they have opportunity.—The need is so great—but the resources are so small.

There is so much to be done—but too little to do it with.

**GOD GAVE SO MUCH TO US  
ARE WE GIVING TO GOD?**

Adapted

# MOVIE IMPRESSIVE

Kensal, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Klein:

We showed your film, "The World of Silence", at our Mother's banquet last night. The main reason for showing this film was to acquaint our members with the Deaf Institute and the wonderful, God-pleasing work which it is carrying on.

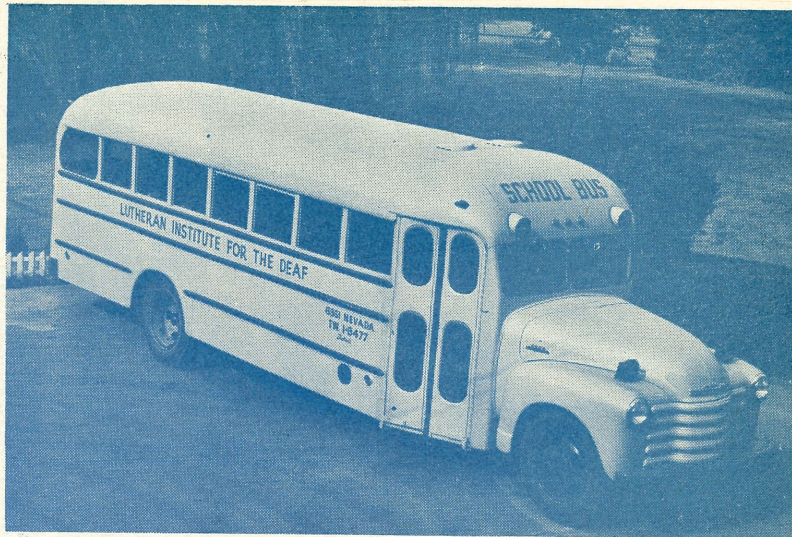
It is truly a shame that our people know so little about the various welfare organizations and institutions within our Church. Before last night's showing not a one of our members were aware that such an institution for the deaf existed within our Church. I can think of none more touching and worthy of our support than the Institute for the Deaf. The ones who saw the picture last night were all greatly moved, and they were unanimous in their praise of it. It is truly a very vivid, educational and inspirational picture and I am sure that it has stimulated the interest and support of many of our fellow Lutherans.

May the Lord bless the Institute as you go forward in His name.

Sincerely yours, Rev. John F. Bollmann

## Office Equipment

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Diederich, loyal friends of our Institute, visited us recently and as they were being conducted through our large building they evidently noticed the lack of equipment which every establishment such as ours should have. As a result we now have an additional 13 cu. ft. refrigerator, an Ediphone Voice Writer with all necessary equipment, and a Photostat machine; all free gifts of our dear friends. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Diederich.



Our new Americoach bus purchased last summer renders excellent service transporting our pupils to the health centers weekly and taking them to their football and basketball league games.

## A LIVING FAITH

Two of our former pupils, Kathleen and Ronald Backer of Saginaw, Michigan, who received their Christian education and training in the Lutheran Institute have repeatedly demonstrated their love for the Savior by sending contributions to their Alma Mater so that other deaf children might also receive such spiritual benefits. The following letter is proof of their Living Faith.

Saginaw, Mich.

Dear Mr. Klein:

Kathleen and I are sending a \$30.00 money order to the Lutheran School for the Deaf. You may use the money where it is needed most.

I am still working as a printer at the same place where I began to work a year and two months ago. I earn good money. Because the Lord blesses me with good health to earn the money, I want to send this gift to the Institute from Kathleen and me.

I hope you and the Institute family are well and may the Lord bless all of you in the future.

Sincerely  
Ronald

## FORM OF BEQUEST TO OUR INSTITUTE

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 of ..... dollars and the receipt of the Treasurer of said corporation shall be a sufficient discharge of my executor for same.

Our beautiful Memorial  
Wreath folders are  
always available upon  
request,  
free and post-paid.

## The Christmas Program

Our principal, Mr. Walter Bellhorn, and his teaching staff are preparing a very interesting children's Christmas program. This service, talent-ed entirely by our deaf pupils, is always greatly enjoyed by all who come to hear and view it.

The program, which is staged in the Institute auditorium, is scheduled for 1:30 P. M. on Friday, December 18. It marks the beginning of the Christmas vacation period. The public and all parents are cordially invited.

The Institute Ladies Auxiliary sponsors this event annually and presents gifts to all children. It also invites all visitors to be the guests at a Christmas Tea which its entertainment committee will serve immediately after the children's program. Mrs. Richard Deierlein is the president of the Auxiliary.

Our film,  
"THE WORLD OF SILENCE."  
is again available.

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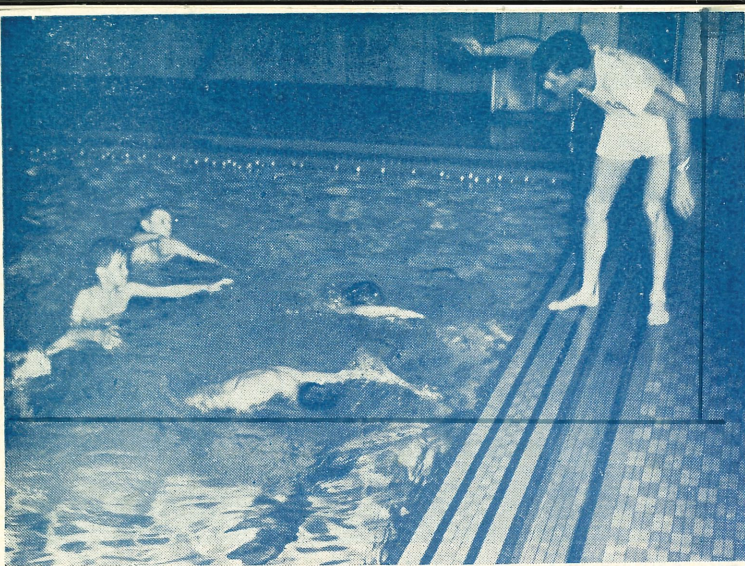
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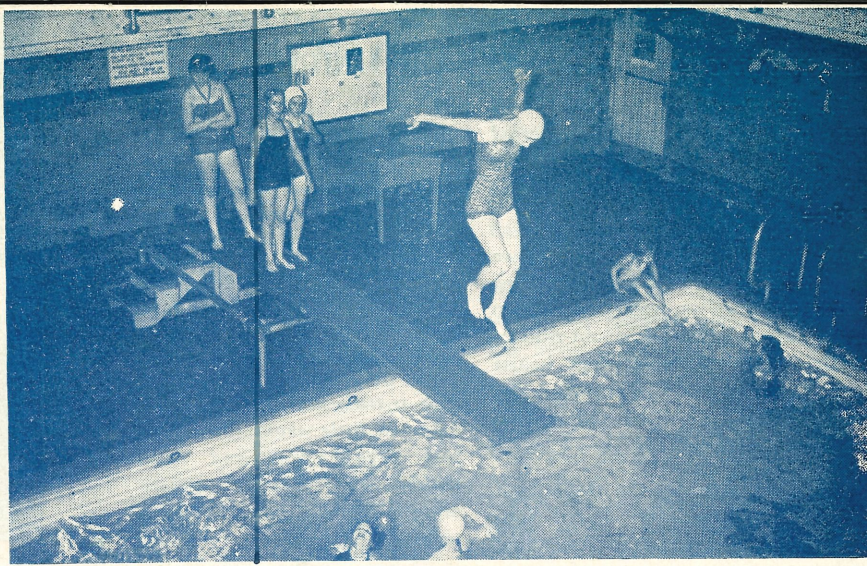


A day spent at Selfridge Airfield viewing the Army air show where the performances of the speedy "jets" were breath-taking.

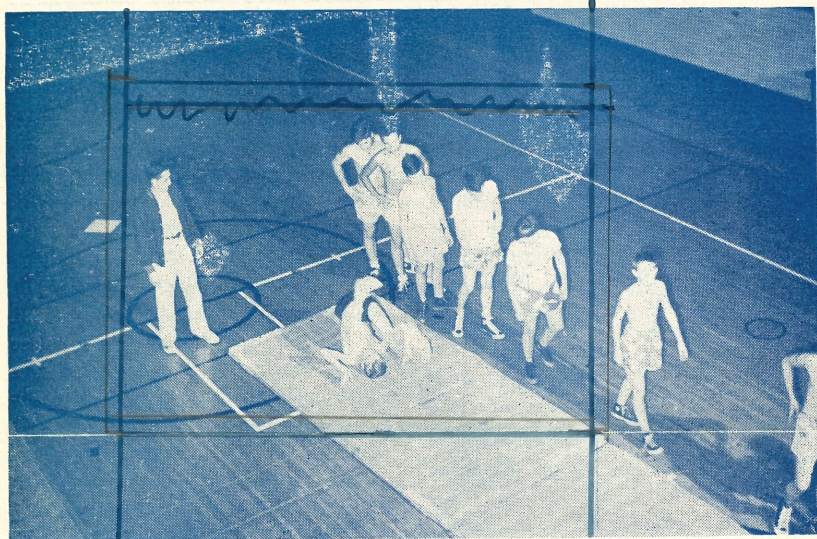




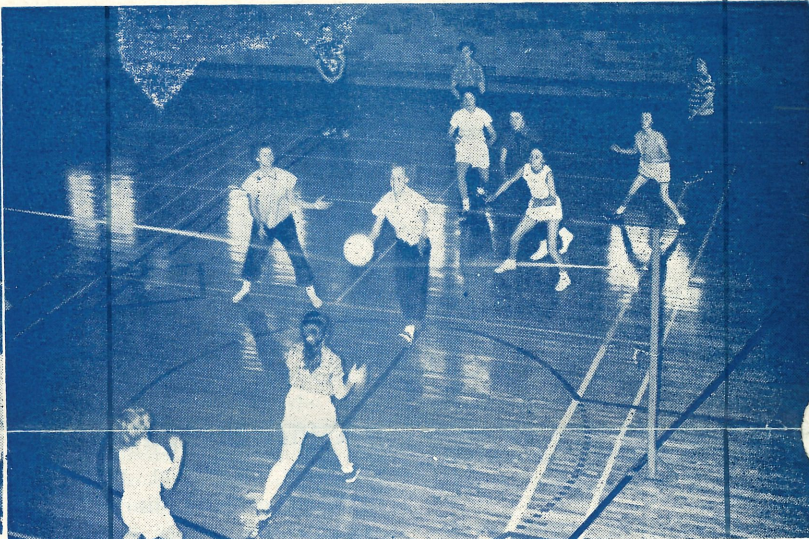
Our boys enjoy their handicraft and health programs at the "Y" due to the generosity of the Northeast Kiwanis Club.



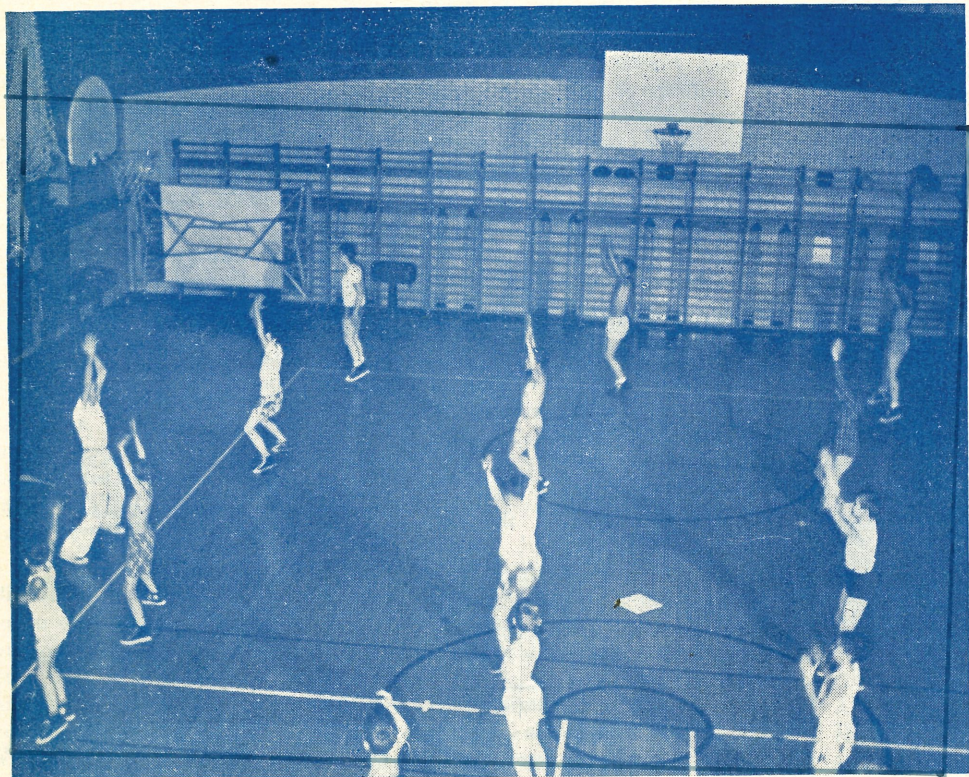
Our girls receive their swimming lessons at the Fairview Recreation gym where they also receive instructions in handicraft every Friday afternoon.



Messrs. Robert Tegeder and Donald Ravell are in charge of the boys' health program. Limbering-up exercises in the "Y" gym.



The girls get their exercises in the Fairview Recreation gym where volley ball and basketball are the preferred sports.



Numerous championship trophies are proof that our deaf boys give the hearing lads in league games plenty competition, be that soft ball, foot ball, basket ball or what have you.

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Not having our own gym our boys practice "shooting baskets" on our outdoor court.