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Incidentally Yours

Meetings — Meetings — Meetings. Sometimes we wish that there were less of them. But that is the democratic way of doing things. Get together — discuss a proposition — and generally some good is the end result. The Lutheran Institute of the Deaf and its God-blessed work resulted from just such meetings held 80 years ago

Eighty years—four generations—consecrated workers — Jesus-loving supporters—God's rich blessings—add them together and you have a fine Christian School of Special Education filled to capacity with deaf children from far and near plus thirty-two full-time missionaries stationed throughout our country and Canada bringing the Bread of Life to many deaf children enrolled in State Schools and ministering to thousands of adult deaf in chapels and churches built by Christians of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.—Yes, all this the result of meetings held in the City of Detroit, in the month of March, in the year of our Lord 1873.

Palm Sunday — Confirmation Day—A happy day for fourteen deaf pupils of our school and their parents all because YOU helped to provide a Christian school for these handicapped children. On Resurrection Morn, while praising their Savior for their redemption, these young people will also laud and thank you for having helped them to find the way to everlasting bliss. You will see them there because YOU helped them.

Houston Convention, June 17.—Preparations for an Exhibit, pictures, folders, etc.—Don't fail to stop at our booth to rest awhile and enjoy a chat. We will have interesting things to show and tell you.—We'll be looking for you.

Publicity — We need it. All worthwhile projects need it. The preaching of the pure Gospel together with proper and dignified publicity built a great Church, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

We, too, must publicize The Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. We do this through this little paper, The Deaf Child's Advocate, through informative talks to congregations, church organizations, service clubs, and other gatherings, through live demonstrations with deaf children, group visitors who come from far and near in chartered buses or private cars, through a color-slide lecture and, last but not least, our 16mm all-color sound film, "The World of Silence". A copy of this very interesting picture requiring 35

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The Chromovox - - Our Newest Teaching Device

Time and again the friends of our Lutheran Institute have shown their interest and desire for providing the best for our deaf children. Recently the Macomb Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf, which is doing so much for our Institute, made possible the purchase of a Chromovox, an electronic aid to teaching speech and language to exceptional children, when it appropriated a substantial sum of money to which others added the necessary balance.

The Chromovox consists of moving reels on which are printed the different speech elements as well as language and reading vocabularies which a deaf child must acquire. At the same time that he sees the word on the reel, the child is being trained to

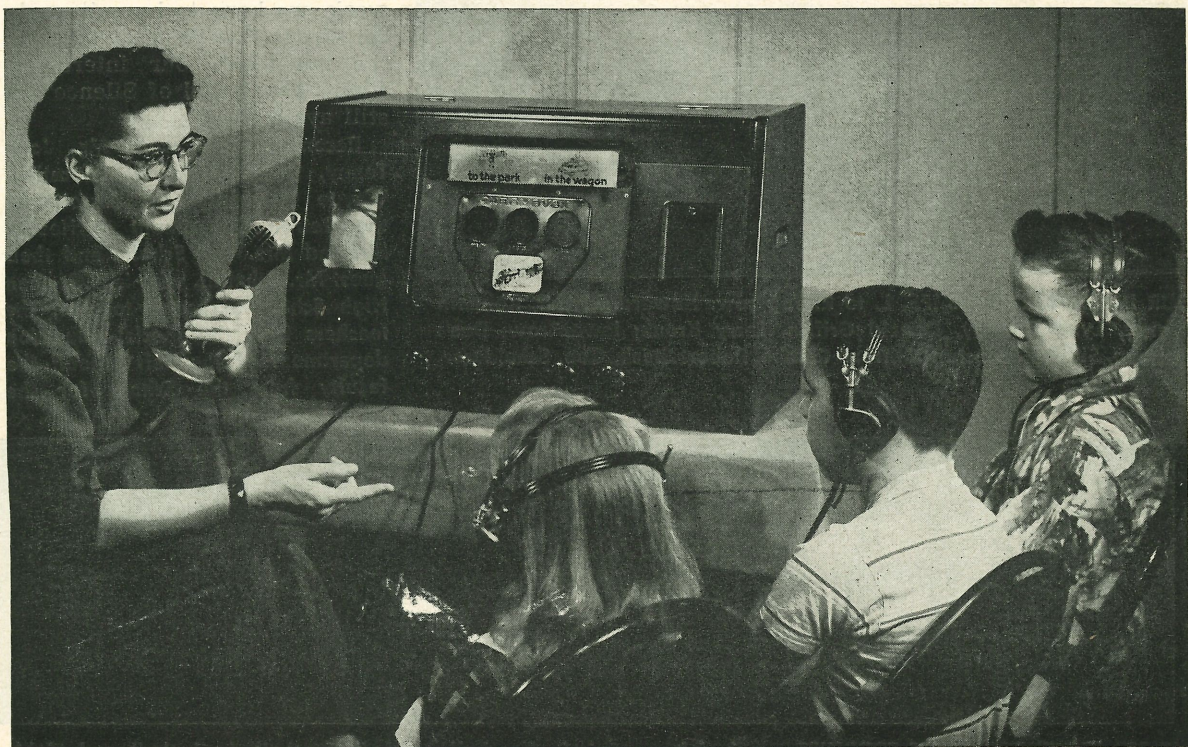
listen for the word as it is spoken into the high power microphone of a train-ear which is a component part of the Chromovox. Since the speed of the reels may be regulated, the deaf child is given valuable training in fluency of speech. Colored lights help in the correction of speech sounds and provide a means for acquiring rhythmic speech and better phrasing.

Because the reels vary from the most simple type of speech drill to the more difficult speech and language constructions, the Chromovox is practical and helpful to children of all ages. Since it has been designed for maximum use, this device can also be used to good advantage in speech-reading, acoustic training and reading.

Like our recently purchased Chromalizer, the Chromovox with its moving reels and flashing colors captures and holds a child's attention and creates a desire for better speech and language.

Any electronic device, especially one as diversified as the Chromovox, is very costly. This machine, with all its scientific development, was purchased at a cost of \$899.72. Yet, a teaching aid that can provide so many channels of learning for all ages of deaf children certainly will pay off in valuable educational dividends.

Further necessary electronic teaching equipment for our classrooms are group train-ear units each of which costs approximately \$700.00.



DEMONSTRATING the use of the Chromovox which is an aid for speech correction and the teaching of vocabulary, language, and reading.

Up and - - Swish!

The last basketball has swished through the nets for our boys and the curtain has come down on another season. We are proud to say that this season has truly been a pleasant one as well as a very successful one. Our boys accomplished fourteen victories in twenty attempts. A record of seven won in nine league games was good enough for a share of the championship.

We again competed in the South and East Mich. annual parochial school tournament finishing in the runner-up spot for the second consecutive year. Our squad was proud to add championship and runner-up trophies to the championship football trophy won in November making the year highly successful.

While competing in the tournament championship game, four members of the varsity bid farewell to the sport as they are happy to be members of this year's confirmation class.

We sincerely believe that participation in sports has added much to their education.

Judy Won!

That's what the children were exclaiming soon after they arrived at the Travel and Sports Show out at the State Fairgrounds. They were in the birdhouse exhibit, and Judy Clady had an honorable mention ribbon attached to her wren house.

Sixteen of our students had entries in the Detroit News Birdhouse Contest—a nesting shelf, two feeding shelves, and wren, bluebird, and martin houses. They were given exhibitors tickets for entrance to the Travel Show, at which the Detroit News displayed the birdhouses.

Last year the birdhouses were made at a city recreation center, but this year it was done in the school's own woodshop, which was partially equipped with electric tools through the kindness of Mr. Clyde Gross, the Grosse Pointe Lions Club, and others. This equipment was in almost constant use during the construction of birdhouses, and because of it Judy is the first to have won any recognition for her work. (See picture on back page.)

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minutes running time is available to you for the asking.

MOTHER—What a sweet-sounding word.—Our boys' longtime house-mother, Deaconess Esther Matz, became ill with rheumatic fever and had to leave us.—We are praying and looking for a good Christian person between the ages of 25 to 55, one who loves children, especially boys, to be matron and house-mother in our boys' residence. The salary is fair and the work is glorious and God-blessed because it is work done for the least of Jesus brethren.

Our handicraft class, all girls, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Betty Ohlinger, entered a group of birdhouses in an exhibit at the Sports and Travel Show. The winners have not been announced at this writing. But even if all girls did not win a prize they at least had the satisfaction of being admitted to the show free of charge.

Miss Eleanor Powell, one of our teachers, with several pupils of her class gave a very interesting demonstration of the use of the Chromovox and language teaching in the Sheraton-Cadillac hotel at the occasion of the convention of the International Council of Exceptional Children.

Again our boys, under the leadership of their coach, Mr. Robert Tegeder, walked away with a basketball league championship trophy. We are proud of our boys and their coach.

A new all - color sound motion picture is in the making. After many headaches and much work, we hope to have it ready for circulation by next fall. In the meantime, our interesting film, "The World of Silence", is still available.

Recent visitors were Mr. John Tenny, Dean of Special Education, Wayne University; Dr. Barrette of the Detroit Department of Health; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schultz and their guest Mr. Schmidt, who is a German High School exchange teacher; the teachers from the special education department of the Taft School; the faculty from the School for the

Deaf in Grand Rapids; Mrs. Erdt with her Brownie Troop; Grace Ladies' Aid, Pontiac; St. Timothy's Ladies group; Mercy College students; Guardian Ladies' Aid; students from St. Phillips H. School; And the Ladies' Aid from Kilmanagh, Michigan.

Future visitors will be a Detroit library committee; St. Paul's School, Mt. Clemens; Roosevelt Unit Am. Legion Auxiliary; the Lutheran School Principals; Mt. Zion Luth. Ladies Aid; Lutheran Womens Missionary League, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. We shall be glad to welcome these groups and we hope that more will come.

Our sincere thanks go to the anonymous donors in Janesville, Wisconsin and St. Louis, Missouri, who respectively sent us \$50.00 and \$100.00. God bless them.

Fourteen pounds of money, not English pounds, but good solid U. S. coins, a whole boxful of them, was another recent gift of our friend, Mr. William Kroll, who always dedicates all his loose change to our cause. This time he sent his offering through his sister, Miss Gertrude Kroll, who also left us a sizable Memorial offering plus other gifts. May God bless both for being so thoughtful of our needs.—Oh, you want to know how much money the box contained. We do not know because we haven't counted it yet. We'll tell you in the next issue.

The Institute's handicraft shop boasts of several more power tools, the gifts of friends interested in this department. More equipment is needed for this room.

Three new pupils joined our family since Christmas. They are: Denis Hall from Toledo, Ohio, Thomas Bradley from Pontiac, Michigan, and Terry Baughmann from Storm Lake, Iowa. These boys like our school and are very happy to be with us. Parents intending to enroll their children with us next September should write for information soon.

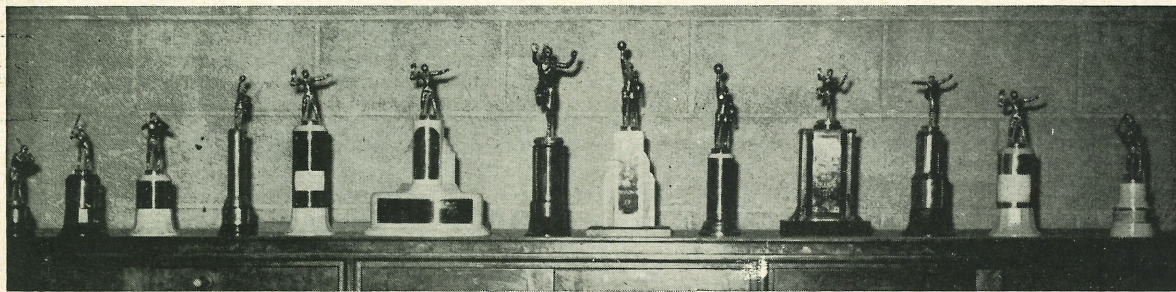
Our entire Boys' Club enjoyed a Father-and-Son banquet through the generosity of Mr. Al. Raisch of Brown and Raisch.—Twenty of our other boys enjoyed the same privilege through the courtesy of members of Iroquois Ave. Christ Lutheran Laymen's League.

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club again afforded our entire family a wonderful treat by taking us to the Circus. This has become an annual affair to which our children eagerly look forward as soon as Christmas is past. And what a day it is for them. There is no limit to anything they desire such as ice cream, pop,

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OUR BASKETBALL CHAMPS, L. to R. Top row: Howard Snyder, Kenneth Torpe, Lynn Qualley, Donald Griffin, Larry Kronk; lower row: Dean Hofman, Sidney Johnston, Clifford Combs, Robert Stock, Geo. Scheiderer.



THESE ARE THE VARIOUS TROPHIES our deaf boys won in baseball, softball, football, basketball and Field Day competitions with league teams consisting of hearing boys.

Festival Anecdotes

Since 1953 is the 80th anniversary year of our Institute, one's thoughts are turned to related happenings of long past annual festival days. They are expressed as follows by faithful old timers who seldom miss the occasion: "Cherry blossom time meant that we would soon be going to the 'Taubstummen Anstalt' for the annual picnic." — "It was at one of these festivals that I first met my wife." — "I remember when we took the train out to the Old North Detroit or Norris station and then walked to the picnic grounds." — "One time the roads were so bad that Dad refused to take out the surrey. So we had to ride in the farm wagon." — "Once it rained all morning, so the Ladies' Aid didn't prepare much food. At 2 o'clock the skies cleared and the crowd just didn't stop growing.—That day the choir peeled potatoes for two hours so that all could be served." — "The festival day for me is always also a day of shaking hands with old friends and acquaintances. I always look forward to it." — "The traffic jam in those early days consisted of scurrying around looking for a place to tie 'Nellie'." — "Ice cream and pop were rare treats for kids in those long past years, so the oft repeated clicking of Pa's change purse was real music to our ears, but not to his."

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candy, balloons, noise makers or what have you.

Rose Marie Bier, one of our pupils, had the honor of being the Queen of the Day. As such she was privileged to ride in state on the new Pontiac convertible in the parade that preceded the show and to present a large bouquet of flowers to the Circus manager. We are thankful to the Lions Club for this treat as well as for all previous assistance it has given us in other ways.

Annals of the Deaf

Parents of deaf children will find valuable Educational, Medical, Social and vocational information in the January issue of the American Annals of the Deaf. Yearly subscription price is \$4.00. January issue alone is \$2.00. Order from The American Annals of the Deaf, Gallaudet College, Washington 2, D.C.

To Give is To Live!

Teachers Wanted!

Good teachers for the deaf are as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth, and all schools for the deaf are constantly looking for them. Our school is no exception.—Four members of our present teaching staff will leave us at the close of the school year; two because they have invited the stork, one because she feels compelled to set out at least one year and devote it to her own family, and the fourth because she intends to retire.

One of the vacancies will be filled by Mr. Donald Ravell, a River Forest graduate, who will complete his training in special education in the Pittsburgh School for the Deaf in June. The other vacancies are still open.

For lady teachers up to 40 years of age who have an A.B. or B.S. degree and who would like to enter this very interesting field of education we have a very attractive offer by which they can obtain a training course free which will prepare them to become teachers of the deaf. We have another fine offer for normal students who have completed at least three years of college. Volunteers accepted for either of these courses will receive free board, room, and tuition plus a cash stipend while they are training. Interested teachers or students should write us stating their qualifications and enclosing a snapshot of themselves. If a personal interview is desired, we shall be glad to arrange for one. Address your letter to J. A. Klein, Director, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit, Michigan.

Appreciation

Napoleon, Ohio

Dear Mr. Klein,

Please accept the heartfelt thanks to you and to your fellow workers who so kindly showed us the way you are teaching the knowledge of the Savior to these children who live in the world of silence. Our ladies were especially impressed by the cheerfulness and contentment of these children.

Would you also express our appreciation to the Ladies of the Aid who prepared the delicious meal for us.

May the Lord bless your work in the future as He has in the past.

Rosalie Trautman Durham,
President L. Aid

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office.

He never owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He had no credentials but himself.

He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of his divine manhood. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves.

His executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth while he was dying—and that was his coat. When he was dead he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today he is the center-piece of the human race and the leader of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as that One Solitary Life.—Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World.

—Harold A. Bosley in "A Firm Faith For Today"

80TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

The Lutheran Institute for the Deaf has reached its 80th year of service to deaf children,—educating them for this life and for heaven.

Elaborate plans are now being crystalized for the proper observing of this birthday at the occasion of the school's annual festival which will be held on Sunday, June 14th. The day's special anniversary service will feature outstanding Synodical speakers and the Detroit Lutheran High School choir. The teachers and children are preparing colorful pageantry and costume drills as their contribution to the occasion.

Outdoor entertainment for young and old will include a championship baseball game of the Southeast Michigan parochial School league, a Detroit Police band concert, and games and races for the tiny tots. Meals will again be prepared and served by our ever active Ladies Auxiliary. Mr. Elmer Engel, member of the Board of Management, is serving as Festival Committee chairman.

We have been informed that distant groups will charter buses to journey to Detroit to celebrate this eventful service with their Detroit brethren.

Encircle June 14th on your calendar now and plan to attend your Institute's 80th Anniversary celebration.

Fine Work

South Africa

Dear Mr. Klein,

I wish to thank you and your staff very much for a very pleasant day I spent at your school. You really have a very beautiful campus and school.

I did enjoy seeing that movie of your school. You did a fine piece of work there. I saw a great many things I am going to take back to my school in South Africa.

Angelique M. Cillie

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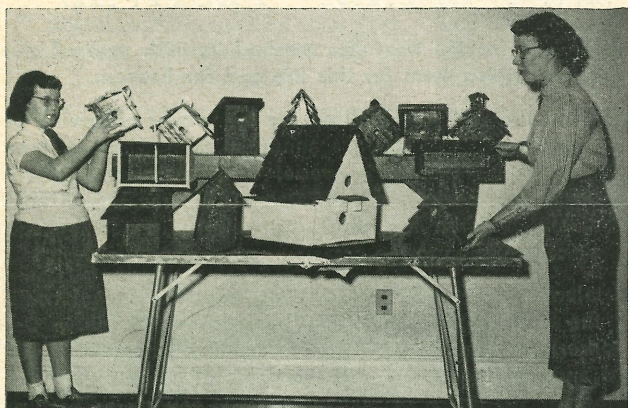
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OUR WELL-EQUIPPED play ground is a very busy place again these spring days.—Sandra Braszko under the parallel bars.

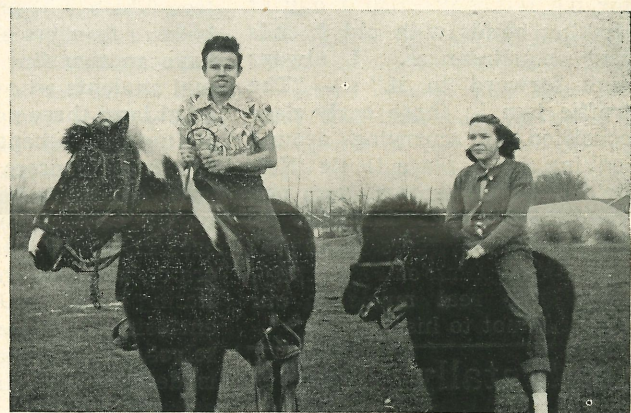


ENJOYING the merry-go-round and slide.—L. to R.: Eva Waisanen, Viola Schankin, Susan DeBaeke with a housemother and one of our babies in the background.

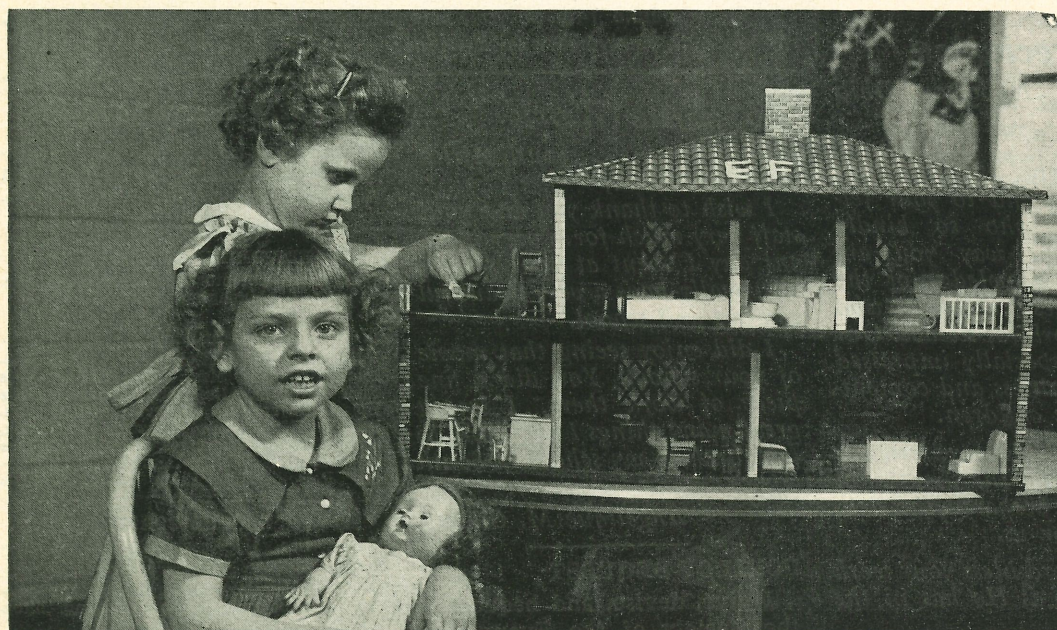


OUR BIRDHOUSE EXHIBIT produced in our handicraft shop and shown at the Sport and Travel Show.—L. to R.: Judy Clady and her teacher Miss Betty Ohlinger.

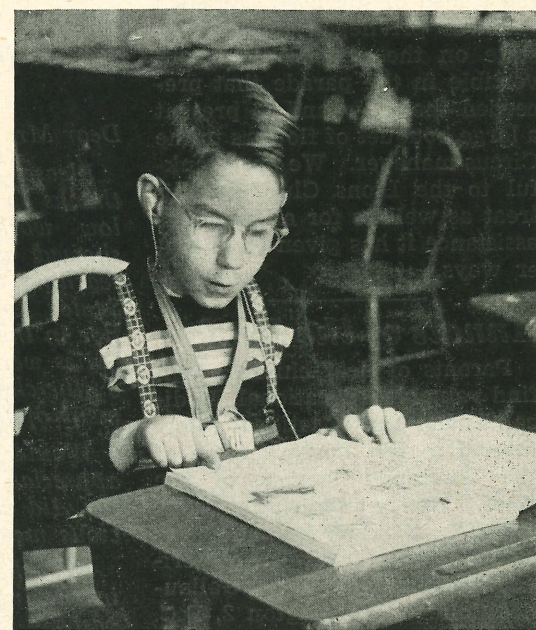
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DEAN HOFMAN from Nebraska and Geraldine Smith from Memphis, Tennessee, giving the ponies a workout. Geraldine really should change places with Blackie.



OUR LARGE PLAYROOM for our little girls which is chuck full of all manner of play equipment is a sight worth seeing when all the little tots are busy in it. Here is Barbara Gossman and Sherri Painter of Indiana playing house.
—Photo by Windhorst



STUDIOUS BOBBY FRANK from Dallas, Texas. Bobby is a regular patron of the air lines which he uses frequently.