

## Incidentally Yours . . .

A new school year, new pupils, new staff members, new resolutions, new goals, new hope for better results, and ardent prayers for blessings from above. —

Two former faces are again among us, namely, Deaconess Marie Twenhafel, and teacher, Mary Stack. All are happy to have them back as co-workers. —

All staff members, when they were not vacationing, were kept busy all summer beautifying our property inside and outside. Thirty rooms were redecorated and all the trees on our 20 acre campus got a real pruning — laundry machinery an overhauling, and the heating system was improved.

Our anonymous friend from Beloit, Wisconsin, this morning, Sept. 21st, again surprised us with a substantial cash offering. May the omniscient Father richly reward this friend of handicapped children. —

Wednesdays are our group visiting days. The following is our fall schedule; — Sept. 29th Jehovah Ladies Aid; October 6th, Unity Ladies Aid, October 7th, Optometrists; October 13th, Trenton and Epiphany Ladies Aids; October 20th, Redeemer, Flint Ladies Aid; October 27th Calvary, Flint, Ladies Aid; November 3, Grace Redford Ladies Aid; November 10th, Old Folks Monroe Ladies Aid; November 17th, St. James Ladies Aid; December 1st, Calvary Ladies Aid.

We will now accept appointments for group visits for next spring beginning with the last Wednesday in February.

**Our pupils were the guests at an outdoor corn roast sponsored by the North Detroit Kiwanis Club, the Air Show at Selfridge Field and the Michigan Greatest Kiddie Show;—**

Mrs. Constance Hall, the mother of two of our pupils, together with several friends have organized a Dramatic Club. All pupils from grade five up are members. Practice night is every Wednesday. We believe that much good will result from this program. —

**William Ludwig of Denver, Colorado, a graduate of our Institute and recently a graduate of Gallaudet College where he received his**  
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## WHEN THEY HAD PRAYED

On the first Pentecost things really began to happen "when they had prayed" (Acts 4,31-33) those assembled there were filled with the Holy Ghost—they spoke the Word with boldness—they became a united group—they gained a new sense of stewardship—and great grace was upon them.

Prayer helped them. It has helped many times since then. Do you remember that bit of history of the chosen people of Israel. The messenger of Sennacherib had come to taunt the children of Israel. They knew the Israelites had no resources in men or in money. — Then King Hezekiah took the taunting note and laid it before God in prayer. — God promised to help and in one night His angels slew thousands of the soldiers of Sennacherib. — All this happened "when they had prayed".

The Church today needs the Spirit of power. It is not simply one need of the Church. It is THE need. Again and again we must realize that "not by might, nor by power, but by MY Spirit, saith the Lord", can we hope to win. The knowledge is being forced upon us that "It is the Spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing."

It is easy enough to organize and to preach and to sing, to attend meetings and to pass resolutions, but the real task before us is the changing of the leopard's spots, the transformation of men's souls. To do that we must be real spiritual men and women.

And spiritual people we can be. There was a time when the baptism of the spirit was for the few. But today the promise is unto us and to our children. All we have to do is ask for it. For "if ye being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." The power is waiting to come upon the church and upon the individual today as it came then, in answer to prayer.

And, mark you, it comes in no other way. — Our enemy, the devil, is perfectly willing that we should have the best church building in the city and the community — He won't mind much if we have the best possible preaching — It won't bother him if we have very excellent singing. — He is willing to let all of these things stand IF WE WILL BUT FORGET THE MIGHT OF GOD THAT COMES IN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

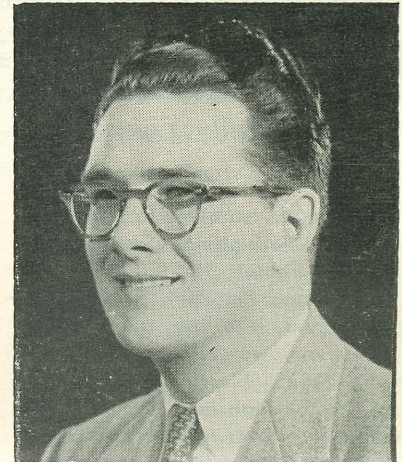
Let's remember that in our personal lives and also in our work for the Kingdom at home and in the wider field of missions and charities.

—Charity Thermostat

## OUR PRAYER

Lord, we pray for friends to lend their ears to hear the sighing supplications of deaf children for an opportunity for a Christian Education, for friends who will lend their sympathetic hearts to speak for such

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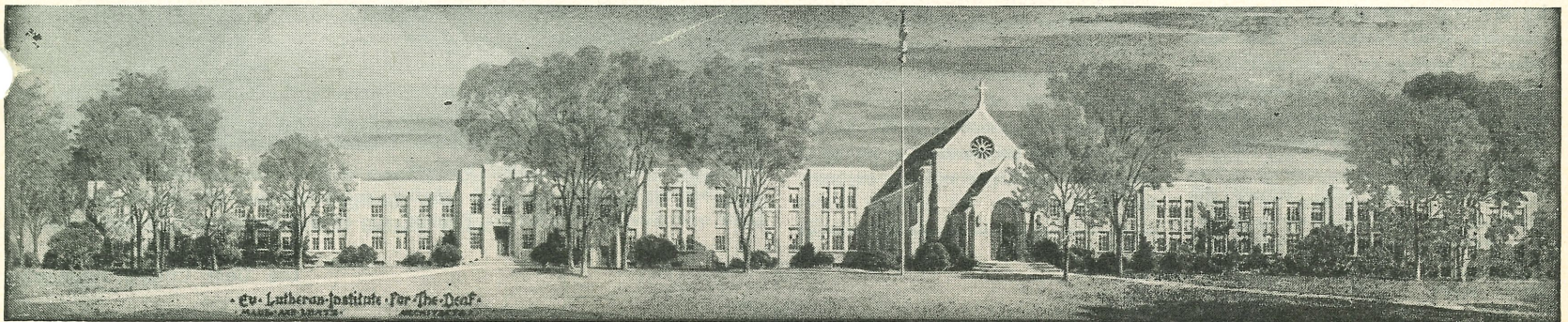
Donald Ravell

## Teacher Installed

A special event in the October 10th morning service at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mount Clemens, Mich., was the installation of our newly called teacher, Mr. Donald Ravell. The rite of installation was performed by the Rev. G. Walter Schoedel, father-in-law of the installed.

Mr. Ravell is a graduate of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., with the class of 1953. He received his Specialized training at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, Pittsburgh, Penna. He is not new to our school, having served on our staff last year. During his last year's service he demonstrated himself as a very versatile worker. Beside being a good teacher, he is also quite proficient in photography, a vital need in our school.

Our entire school and associates wish upon him the Lord's richest blessings in our midst.



Lutheran Institute for the Deaf



A GROUP of our teachers discussing problems of the new school year with principal Walter Bellhorn and Director J. A. Klein.

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B.A. degree enrolled as a student in the Springfield Seminary to prepare himself for the holy ministry among the deaf. Billy, as we called him, is a very gifted young man, and we are confident that with God's blessing he will attain to the high goal he has set for himself. — Dear reader, does it not make you feel a little warm around the region of your heart to know that your offerings to your Institute have helped to give this lad a Christian education?

We are again most grateful for the pears, apples and plums we were privileged to get from the Knudsen farm on Grosse Ile, the 80 hampers of tomatoes from Mr. and Mrs. Beland of Petersburg, Mich., the Harvest Day offering from Plymouth, Mich., congregation, the vegetables from Mrs. Stenke, of Utica, Mich., and the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation, the potatoes from the Rogers City area and the canned fruits and vegetables plus root vegetables, beans and potatoes from the Thumb congregations.

A recent comment on our film, "The World of Silence" reads as follows, "Enjoyed it—very informative—should be shown EVERYWHERE."

Pastor H. A. Theiste of Minneapolis writes:

"Having been deeply impressed by my trip through our marvelous Institute while attending the Synodical Conference Convention, I want to bring this impression to our people. Am therefore asking for a booking of the new film for November 20th."

May the Lord who knows the needs of the deaf child create a de-

sire in many to schedule this very interesting and informative picture.

Miss Eleanor Powell, one of our teachers, will tell our readers something about her trip around the world which she was privileged to take last summer.

If a sufficient number who read the report concerning our last year's drop of \$20,000.00 in income will respond as did the Yale Business Men's Club, we shall be able to continue to render services to all deaf children who knock at our doors for admittance.

### OUR PRAYER

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as have not as yet acquired the ability to voice their needs, and for friends who will extend their helping hands with offerings so that the blessed work of mental and spiritual rehabilitation of handicapped children in the Lutheran Institute For The Deaf may continue to be a blessing to many.

We ask this in the name of Him Who showed compassion for the deaf lad when he opened his ears and loosed his tongue so that he could hear the sweet Gospel message and his Savior's name. AMEN

### 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 Englishman's Impressions

Many English people are under the erroneous impression that Americans are either Cowboys or Filmstars. I first began to doubt it on the way across. My doubts however, gave rise to another wrong impression, and that was that America had more than its fair share of comedians. My reason for thinking this was because many of the passengers seemed to be dressed on all occasions as though they were attending a gala carnival party. Most of the passengers were young Americans returning home after extensive European tours. I was assured however, by one of the ship's crew that these clothes were normal American attire during times of relaxation. Now that I have been in America a few weeks, I am beginning to wonder if people think that I am about to attend a carnival.

I was very fortunate to be met by one of the members of the school staff. I had a great introduction to America for I was shown the main sights of the city, and then driven to the school along the Pennsylvania Turnpike. We have no roads like that in Britain. I cannot recall all the places of interest that we passed, but just a few of them stand out in my memory, one of these places was a beautiful residential area in which George Washington was reputed to have stayed, but nearly every house seemed to claim that distinction.

It is now more than a year ago since I thought of leaving England to teach in a school for the deaf in the United States. I consider myself greatly honoured to be given a teaching position on the staff of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. I have been teaching here now for several weeks and I can say without hesitation, or my tongue in my cheek, that we have no schools in England that provide such splendid facilities for deaf children's physical and religious education as the Lutheran Institute. The school does great credit to both its founders and present day maintainers.

One of the things that impressed me about the school was the friendly way in which all the school staff cooperates on a basis of mutual friendship in order to make and keep a happy home environment for the children. From the looks of many of the children's faces on enrollment day, it could be positively concluded that they were not just leaving home, but returning to home, from home.

There are a few differences in the way in which we teach deaf children, but our purpose in attempting to teach them is precisely the same, and that is, so that, as far as possible, they may become educated citizens and become acquainted with their Lord and Saviour. —Charles Finnett

### OUR 1954-1955 FAMILY

When a family grows from zero children to 108 in the space of three or four days, there is much excitement. And when among the 108 there are twenty three new enrollees from here, there, and everywhere, accompanied by their parents and friends the excitement is doubled.

But we can truthfully say that everybody is always happy to welcome our youngsters back and to see that they are happy to return to us.

And we are also happy that the many fine little four-year-old boys and girls coming from as far as Texas and Montana adjusted so quickly to their new surroundings.

Our twenty three new pupils are Jane Anderson from Goodland, Ind.; Mark Anderson, from Sidney, Montana; Romeo Baker, from Goodland, Indiana; Linda Cervi from Des Moines, Iowa; Mark Combs from Westlake, Ohio; Janice DeWitt from Benton Harbor, Michigan; Jack Doerk from Chicago, Illinois; Ronald Gross from Hazel Park, Michigan; Nancy Jamison, from Logan, West Virginia; Dale Kasarda, from Windsor, Ont., Canada; Cynthia Kellis, from Monroe, Michigan; Linda Ledford, from Pontiac, Michigan; Scott Kurschner, from Chicago, Illinois; Sharon LeClerc, from Detroit, Michigan; Martin Luger, from Fort Yates, No. Dakota; Rodney Rensch, from Utica, Michigan; Rickie Rowray, from Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Diana Martinez, from Corpus Christi, Texas; Robert Schulze, from Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Ellen Singels, from Alexandria, Indiana; Lois Stahl, from Kitchener, Ont., Canada; Betty Schwartz, from Utica, Michigan; and EuDell Halverson, from Dearborn, Michigan.

### Craft Shop Functioning

A real pleasure it is to walk into our boy's craft shop on a Saturday morning. There, may be witnessed two very skilled and patient men working conscientiously with a group of our boys teaching them the fundamentals of wood craft. These two able and willing men are Messrs. L. C. Chaney and George Cruickshank who have for the past two years gratuitously given countless hours of their time in arranging our shop and conducting Saturday morning classes.

We of the Institute, along with the boys, deeply appreciate their efforts. Through their patience and skill it is felt that a glaring gap in our boy's educational program has been amply filled. We are justly proud of the shop, our instructors, and the skills which our boys are acquiring through this training.

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## New World of Silence

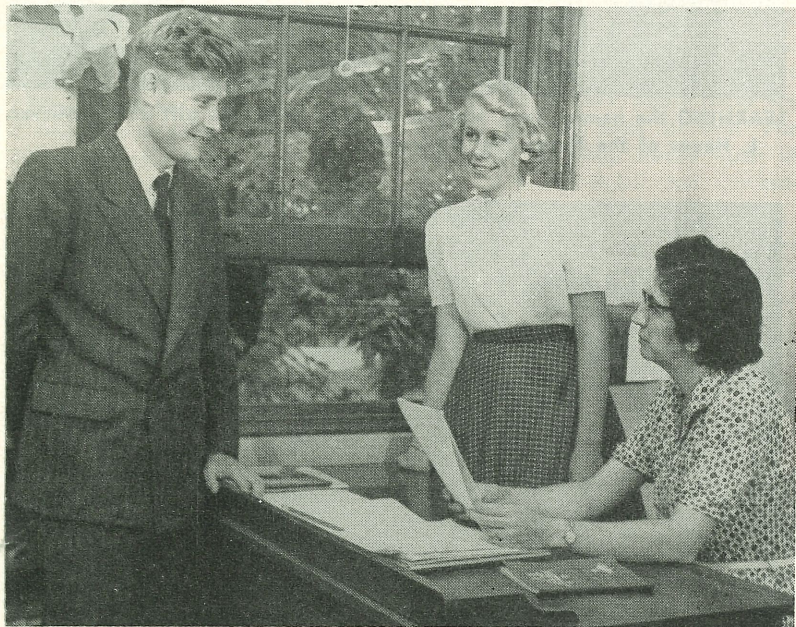
The new "World of Silence" film is really NOT a new picture. It is rather a revised, brought-up-to-date, and lengthened film which has incorporated in it all the good features of the old, plus such others as were suggested by many who saw the original, namely, more direct speech by our deaf children. — All who saw the first picture will also enjoy seeing the improved version.

We believe that we have ordered a sufficient number of copies to supply all demands for this highly instructive and informative all-color sound film. However, we suggest that you make your choice of dates known to us as far in advance as possible. — All copies are brand new. And there is no fixed rental charge. — The running time of the picture is FORTY MINUTES.

## Little Things

Oh, it's just the little homely things, the unobtrusive, friendly things, the won't-you-let-me-help-you things that make our pathway light. It's just the jolly, joking things, the never-mind-the-trouble things, the laugh-with-me-it's-funny things, that make the world seem bright. For all the countless, famous things, the wondrous, record-breaking things, those never-can-be-equalled things, that all papers cite, are not like little human things, the just-because-I-like-you things that make us happy quite! So here's to all the little things, the done-and-then-forgotten things, those Oh-it's-simply-nothing things that makes life worth the fight.

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**We are confident that when contemplating offerings to charity you will also remember the needs of your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf.**



**OUR NEW TEACHERS** Sizing One Another Up—They are left to right Mr. Charles Finnett of London, England, Miss Jeannine Owen of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Ruby Murrell of Detroit, Mich.

## Letters We Appreciate

*Yale Business Men's Club*  
 Att: Mr. J. A. Klein,  
 Managing Director  
 Dear Sir:

..On receiving current issue of "The Deaf Child's Advocate", which I much appreciate, I noticed that in your financial statement, you suffered a loss of \$20,000.00 for the year, compared to previous and that unless some extra assistance was forthcoming, it would be necessary to leave out that amount of assistance to those children, whose parents could not meet the necessary expenses. I brought the matter to the attention of the members of the above club, of which I am secretary, and they immediately instructed me to forward a check to the amount of fifty dollars, \$50.00, to which a member kindly added a personal gift of \$5.00, so please do accept the enclosed check for the amount of fifty five dollars, \$55.00 in the name of the Yale Business Men's Club.

We were deeply impressed with your work when you demonstrated your activities, and if it is possible we would very much like to have the use of your film "The World Of Silence" to run at our next meeting Wednesday, August 25th. Please let me know at once, so we can arrange this as program for the day.

Yours Sincerely,  
 Thomas Hurd, Sec'y.-Treas.

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*Concordia Seminary, St. Louis*  
 Dear Mr. Klein:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the gracious hospitality you showed during the days of the convention of the synodical conference. It was worth very much to me to see the very fine plant that you administer and to get a little closer insight into the work, as I did on



**DEMONSTRATING** the possibilities of the Chromovox to Mr. Dan Fierz, Pres. of the Down Town Exchange Club.

Thursday evening at your home. Allow me to congratulate you on both and to express my confidence, that God will continue to guide you and the Institute.

With cordial greetings,  
 Very sincerely yours,  
 Alfred O. Fuerbringer, Pres.

## Welcome New Teachers

Mr. Charles Finnett came to us from London, England where he has lived most of his life, and had previous teaching experience. He studied at Culham College and Manchester University under the world famous Ewings, experts in the field. While serving with the Royal Air Force, Mr. Finnett was stationed in Egypt and Aden. He is teaching our second grade.

Miss Jeannine Owen is a native of St. Louis, Mo. where she received her higher education at Washington University, receiving her B.S. degree in June, 1954. She received her special training at Central Institute in St. Louis, a very reputable training center for teachers of the deaf. She is teaching our Prep. B. class.

Mrs. Ruby Murrell is a native Detroit. She received her degree in Special Ed. at Wayne University last June. Incidentally her training was unique in that she had the distinction of being the first student to do her practice teaching at our school last year. She is teaching our Kindergarten II class.

The entire Institute family bids these fine people a warm welcome to our staff, wishing them a large measure of success in their work. measure of success in their work and God's blessing for continued service in our school.

## Important Gifts Received

Through the efforts of the Down Town Detroit Exchange Club our school was the recipient of two new Chromovox units. These combined visual and auditory aids are of great importance in the teaching of speech and language to deaf children. We now have a number of electronic teaching devices, all of which are producing noticeable results. The true value of these instruments can not be measured. However, research proves their near indispensibility in this specialized and tedious work. It is our fond hope that funds may soon be made available so that, in the very near future, we may be able to equip our final three class rooms with such teaching units.

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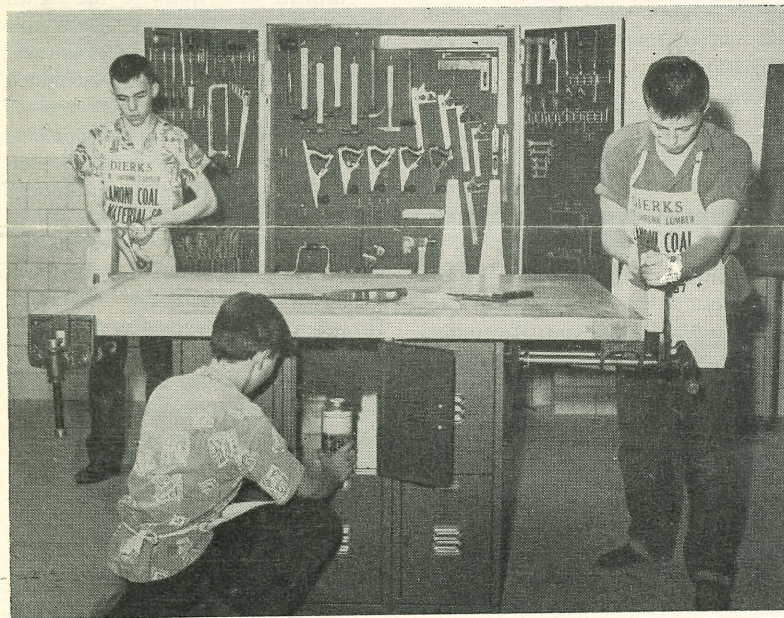
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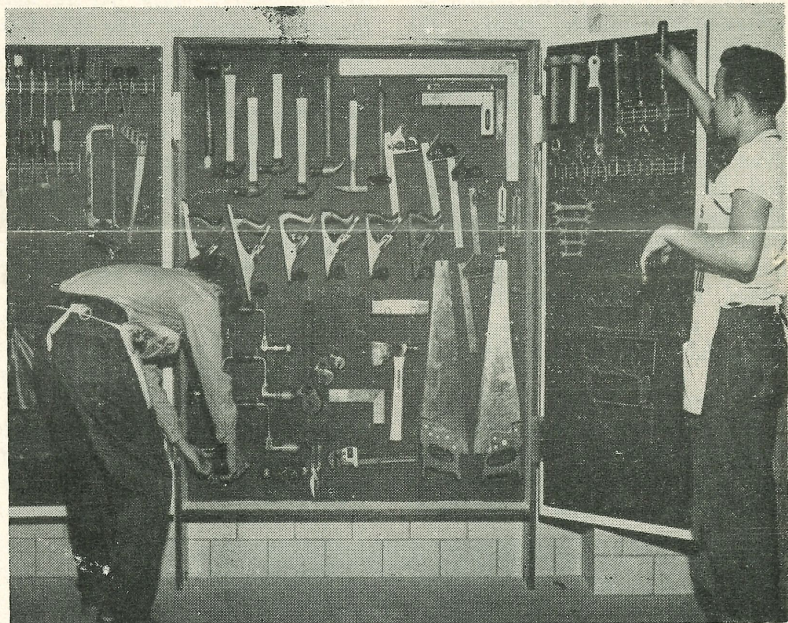


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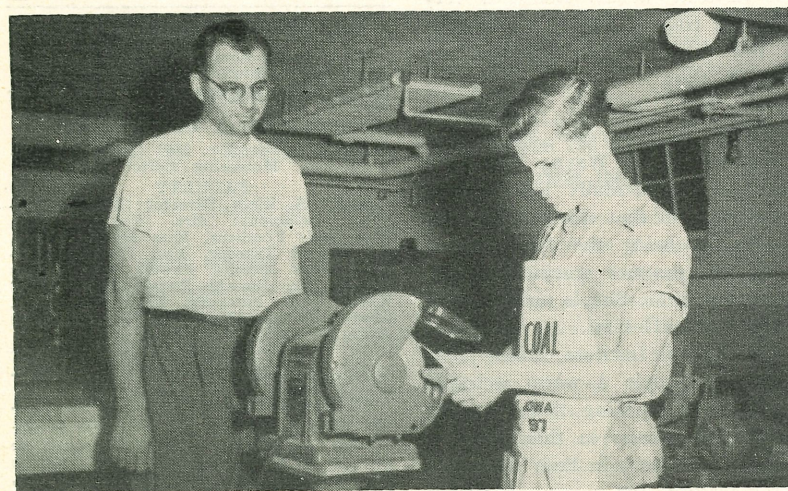


LARRY KRONK, Clifford Rincken, and Kenneth Toerpe at work at one of the new work tables, the gifts of Northwest and North Detroit Kiwanis Clubs.

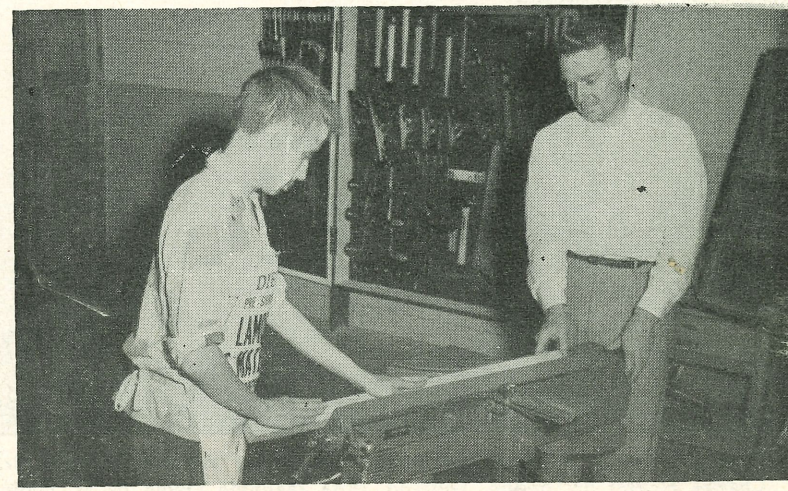
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