

To every one of our readers and to all of our friends--and to everybody everywhere--we wish a glorious and blessed

CHRISTMAS
and

NEW YEAR
of abundant prosperity,
perfect health, lasting
peace, and great joy.

YOUR INSTITUTE FAMILY.

The deaf child's **ADVOCATE**

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THANKSGIVING

We here say "THANKS" to our friends in the Michigan Thumb, and the Monroe, and Macomb County areas for chickens, eggs, farm produce and canned food offerings, — to the Rogers City - Belknap areas for one hundred fifty bags of potatoes — to the C. & H. Nielsen Cartage Company for collecting and delivering these blessings to our Institute — to Mr. Schroeder of Mt. Clemens for many bags of apples, — to the many good "Marthas" who came and canned this fruit and so filled hundreds of jars for our arder --

To the Grosse Pointe Optimist Club for taking our pupils to a Minstrel show — to the Narehtul Club for taking the entire school to the Biggest Little Circus — to the John W. Smith Old Timers Club for providing football tickets for forty of our older children and a check for a partial scholarship for one of our pupils — to the Detroit Recreation Department for the much-enjoyed Splash Party — to Our Savior Congregation for outdoor bleachers — to Pastor E. T. Bernthal, the Board of Management, our Ladies Auxiliary, and Mr. M. A. Ellman for our fine office and its furnishings — to the Northeast Detroit Kiwanis Club for YMCA memberships for our boys and for glasses for our indigent children

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A Christmas Prayer



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Father

in heaven

we thank Thee

for sending YOUR

SON JESUS CHRIST,

into the world to save us

from all our sins and eternal

destruction. Help us to love Him,

and, because of our love for Him,

help us to serve our neighbors in

thei r afflictions. Increase our f a i t h

in the SAVIOR and through the same cause

us to grow in favor with THEE as we joyfully

celebrate the day of HIS birth in this YEAR OF

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Glory to God in the highest
and on earth Peace, Good Will
toward men.



GOD GAVE US THE CHRIST CHILD

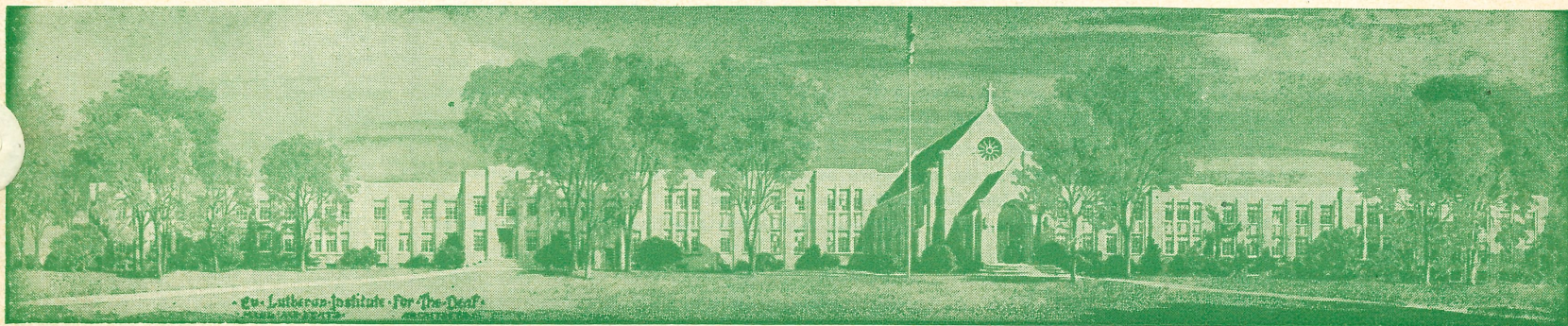
Yes, God gave. Throughout our whole life He gave and has been giving. He cannot do otherwise. He gave body and soul, eyes, ears, and all our members, our reason and all our senses. He gave, and still gives, food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, fields, cattle, and all our goods. He gives wisdom and knowledge and understanding. He gives health and strength. He gives, and gives, and gives—and never stops giving. He does this because God is Love.

The greatest demonstration of His Love appeared more than nineteen hundred years ago when He gave His "unspeakable Gift"—His Only-begotten Son—The Child in the Manger—Whose Name is Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace—CHRIST THE LORD!

And with this Gift of gifts God gave forgiveness, life, and salvation—the Kingdom—spiritual riches—everlasting consolation—power to become the sons of God—peace—hope—confidence—joy—assurance—glory—eternal life.

No wonder the angels sang when Jesus was born at Bethlehem in Judea. No wonder the shepherds knelt in adoration at the lowly manger. No wonder the Wise Men came from afar to worship

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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

THANKSGIVING

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— to the North Detroit Kiwanis Club for the corn- and wiener - roast party, for equipment for our boys Club, for taking our boys Club camping and for workshop equipment - -

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To our Optometrists, the Doctors J. V. Dueweke, 7359 Gratiot, J. A. Park, 12434 Kelly Rd., C. W. Johannes, 19343 Van Dyke, K. A. Schulte, 14739 Mack, H. R. Hecox, 13739 Gratiot, B. B. Wisney, 14242 Gratiot, R. T. Hugo, 3339 Gratiot, R. R. Muse, 6609 Van Dyke, A. M. Majester, 14314 Mack, H. A. Bunge, 2409 Mt. Elliott and their assistants Mrs. Charlotte Bunte, 1044 Cleveland Ave., Lincoln Park, and Mrs. Marjorie Orthner, 19945 Moross, for testing the eyes of all our pupils - -

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To the many Ladies Auxiliaries and other groups which visited our Institute and left generous contributions — to Mrs. Connie Hall and her associates for conducting our dramatic activities — to Messrs. Geo. Cruickshank and Louis Chaney for conducting our boys' manual arts class — to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murthum, formerly of Utica but now of West Branch, Michigan, for the wonderful complete doll-house furniture — to Dr. Robert Ruthven, D.D.S. for an X-ray machine for our dental room — to the Fred Sanders Baking Company for bread and pastry — to the Borden's Ice Cream Company for many gallons of ice cream - -

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To our doctors C. Rueger, D.D.S., W. A. Huegeli, M. D., Chas. Sharer, M.D., Alice E. Palmer, M.D., Lester C. Kreis, C. D. and Hy. Ulbrich, M.D., for services rendered gratis — to our many Greater Detroit area congregations for generous grocery donations — to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schultz for a complete printing press and large paper cutter — to all our friends here, there, and everywhere, who, throughout the past year provided the necessary financial support to keep the doors of this very worthwhile missionary agency open to all deaf children - -

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And above all, do we say THANKS to our Almighty and Merciful Father, Creator, and Preserver, for having spread His protecting wings over our Institute family and for having moved sympathetic hearts plus willing and open hands to provide for our every spiritual and physical need. "Blessing, and Glory, and Wisdom and Thanksgiving, and Honour, and Power and Might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen."



SOME OF OUR "MARTHAS" who canned hundreds of quarts of fruits and vegetables for our large family. They are seated L. to R. the Mesdames: Rollo Fisher, Fred Masch, Helen Schroeder, Henry Kling, Lena Revoldt, Wm. Rominski, Clem Manus, Ed. Buchheimer, Emil Quandt; Standing: Director Klein, Mrs. L. C. Knorr, Donald Knorr, Mesdames Paul Finks, Arthur Feltz, Albert Elke, and Emily Engel.

WHO IS SMART?

I am one smart fellow. I even have a college degree to prove how smart I am. But the debts I have mounted up over the period of years since I received that testimonial of my brilliance put the lie to fact.

There was a special class in my school. We all referred to them as the "dummies" and we had good reason. Yet, each one of that class was happy in his heart, and went about his own way learning a trade. There was Joe who never spent a happier moment than he did behind a linotype keyboard, and Jim enjoyed shaping wood into tables, chairs, mortises and joints until it became a gleaming thing pleasing to the eye. There were others in that class; Herb, the mechanic; Lawrence, the tailor; Howard, the shoe repairman, and Mitchell, (such a pretty name for a dumb boy) the laundryman. Sure, they were not as smart as we. If Miss Miller asked them what an adjective was, they probably didn't know. And maybe

they couldn't always tell the difference between a preposition and a pronoun. Neither did they know that X is equal to Y plus Z, nor what the symbol for infinity looked like.

But now that I am older, I wonder who the "dummy" is. Joe is married to a fine girl, has a modern home, a brand new automobile, money in the bank and two fine youngsters.

Jim has his own cabinet shop, and people come from miles around for his work.

When my ancient jalopy becomes a bit contrary with what the wife terms as "high octanecholic", I make a bee line for Herb, the whiz with a wrench. There isn't a better mechanic in the state.

It so happens that my waistline is expanding, and all of my suits are down at Lawrence's shop. Lawrence can fix a hole or turn out a suit fit for a king.

Like Adlai, the former president—
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A MISTAKE

Yes, we, too, make mistakes. It has been said that, "He who never makes a mistake never does anything;" and "To err is human". So our mistake is proof that we are human and that we are doing things.

Our mistake is that, in SOME of our recent letters to our readers we enclosed a Memorial Gift envelope instead of one in which to forward your regular offering to us.

We are very sorry that this happened. And since it is too late to correct the error, we ask all our friends to use that Memorial envelope when forwarding your gifts to us. Just sign your name and address on the envelope, but leave the lines for the Memorial information blank.

If you desire MEMORIAL FOLDERS we will be glad to send you such free of charge together with the necessary postage saver Memorial envelopes.

Letters We Appreciate

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Brother in Christ:

Having been deeply impressed by my trip through our marvelous Institute while attending the Syn. Conference Convention, I want to bring this impression to our people. I am, therefore, asking for a booking of your new film for Saturday, October 16. If it is not available for that date, then November 20th is our next choice. —May God bless you and your work.

Fraternally, H. A. Theiste, Pastor

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Beloit, Wis.

Brethren:

Just received a copy of "The Deaf Child's Advocate" and since we encourage the people of this congregation to support the L.I.F.D. through a special envelope in our envelope packet, I wondered whether we might receive 100 copies of each issue of your magazine to distribute for the promotion of your cause. Perhaps we are asking too much. Let us know.

Sincerely,

Rev. Ernest F. Werfelmann

Editor's Comments:-

Pastor Werfelmann was not asking for too much. Upon request we always gladly place all congregations on our "Advocate" mailing list and send it either directly to the individual members or to the pastors in bundle lots. It is only necessary to send us your mailing list or specify how many copies of each issue of "The Advocate" you desire.

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Toledo, Ohio

Dear Mr. Klein:

How are you? I have been sick but feel much better now. Would you please tell me the address of the preacher who baptized and confirmed me? I'm moving to Toledo and am going to join a Lutheran Church there. The preacher wants to get in touch with Pastor Borchardt to get my transfer.

I went to a special school last year and took typing. Then I got a job at the Sane Electric Company. I take care of the mail for the salesmen. I work the Addressograph and the Graphotype. I work five days a week. I like it very much. I have worked there for six months.

I wish I could still go to your school. I miss it very much. Thank you very much for teaching me about God's commandments, the Lord's Supper and everything about Jesus. —When will the festival be? I want to come up for it.

Yours truly, Joyce Hart

OUR PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO YOU

Dear Brother in Christ:

The answer to the question why the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, which is a member of the Council of Lutheran Agencies, and as such is an approved charity of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, will NOT be a beneficiary in the \$5,000,000 "BUILDING FOR CHRIST FUND", is the fact that the fund is designated and will be used ONLY for EXPANSION purposes.

Your Detroit Institute for the Deaf has no immediate plans for expansion, and for that reason is not entitled to Expansion Fund benefits. But your Institute IS dependent upon its friends and well-wishers for \$160,000 OF ITS ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET. And it is for THIS need of the Institute that we come to you personally at this time with our ONE annual appeal.

Our prayers go to the Throne of Grace and Mercy asking that God may give success to the "BUILDING FOR CHRIST CAMPAIGN" and also to our own efforts to obtain the MUCH NEEDED MAINTENANCE support for Your Detroit Lutheran Institute for the Deaf.

With fraternal greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

REV. H. R. WACKER, President
Board of Management

Christmas is Coming

Christmas, one of the glorious festivals of the Church year, is coming again. And that reminds us of that old German Christmas carol the first stanza of which reads:-

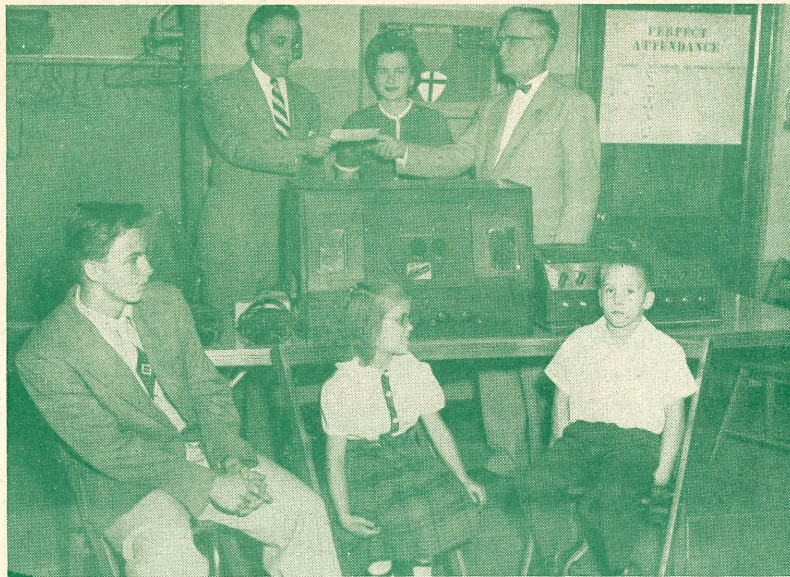
Alle Jahre wieder Kommt das
Christus Kind

Auf die Erde nieder Wo wir
Menschen sind.

Yes, because Jesus, the Christ Child comes down to earth where we humans live to be our Savior from sin and eternal death, we Christians joyfully celebrate the occasion by planning special services and programs in schools and churches.

And so our school, too, in a public service annually presents the Nativity story both in word and pageantry. Our youngsters enjoy doing this more than anything else, because they sincerely love their Jesus, whom they have learned to regard as their very best friend.

After the celebration follows the distribution of the Christmas gifts provided by our Institute's Ladies Auxiliary, a Christmas tea, and then the grand rush to the parents' autos, the school bus, or taxi which take the boys and girls directly home, or to the train and bus stations, and airport from where they are hurried home to be with their loved ones during the holiday vacation period.



MR. MARVIN ORTWEIN, President of the Northeast Detroit Exchange Club, handing Director J. A. Klein a thousand dollar check for further classroom Trinear equipment.

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS

One thousand dollars is a lot of money. And to receive such a large sum at one time from one organization for one specific purpose is quite unusual. But this very pleasureable experience was ours, not only once, but twice within the past six months. And both gifts were for much-needed classroom equipment.

The first was a gift from the Down Town Detroit Exchange Club for two Chromovox units. And the second, as our picture shows, came from the Northeast Detroit Exchange Club and is to be used towards the installation of Warren Trinear Equipment in one more of our class rooms.

We are most grateful to all our friends who have so generously assisted in providing the funds necessary to supply Trinear units for twelve of our class rooms. And we here wish to express our special thanks to the members of the Northeast Detroit Exchange Club who, with their recent most generous gift of \$1,000.00 made it possible to provide a Trinear for another entire class room.

Now we have only two rooms left without such a costly but extremely necessary teaching device. It is our hope and prayer that some organizations, or some friends whom the Lord has specially blessed with this world's goods, out of love for the Savior and our many handicapped little ones, will decide to complete our Trinear equipment installations by supplying the necessary funds for that purpose.

All offerings to our Institute are deductible for income tax purposes.

GOD GAVE US THE CHRIST-CHILD

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Him. No wonder the faithful people of old rejoiced and thanked their God for having fulfilled His promise. No wonder believers of all generations have had hearts throbbing with joy and gratitude when hearing the never-aging story of Christmas.

What does God's giving do to us? What response does it awaken in our soul? "Soul, what return has God, thy Savior, for all He gives thee day by day? Oh, hast thou in thy gift a favor that can delight and please Him? Say! The best of offerings He requires: Thy heart it is that He desires."

So the great Gift of God from heaven looks to us again, as we prepare to observe the Blessed Christmas Festival, and asks:

WHAT WILL YOU GIVE HIM?

—Mich. Stewardship

Film Responses

Although we have nine copies of our revised and improved film, all are booked up to and including January 2nd.

Anyone wishing to schedule this very interesting and informative film should do so early in order to get the picture for the date it is desired.

Following are some comments received on this new film:-

Excellent!—Rev. Paul Schliesser, WhitRiver, Ariz.

Received with much enthusiasm! —Rev. W. F. Remking, St. Louis, Mo.

Excellent-heart-warming!—Rev. C. F. Knauff, St. Louis, Mo.

Wonderful-fascinating! — Ernest Ramm, Lariat, Texas.

Very good - gripping-comforting! —Should be seen by more people!—Hugo Fuhrmann, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Should be shown everywhere! —Thomas Hurd, Yale, Mich.

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tial candidate, I, too, must have my shoes half soled, and Howard's Shoe Repair is the place to go for a neat job.

The better half is visiting her mother for a month and she leaves explicit instructions to send the laundry to the Sunshine Laundry and Dry Cleaning because, "they do your shirts up so nicely." Mitchell is part owner of the establishment.

Now you can see where all my debts come from?

I'm one smart fellow, I am. I even have a college degree to prove it, Oh, yeah?

The vocational department of any school for the deaf or any hearing school for that matter, is just as important as its academic department. Aptitudes and special skills must be developed and evolved. A boy who possesses all the prerequisite aptitudes for a printer should not be placed in the bakery. We know of a man who went through one of our nation's largest universities, who by his brilliance and hard mental labors, came away with all the academic honors a college man can win plus offers of good jobs. Yet the man is a sheet metal worker today, and, by his own admission, happier than he would be in one of the jobs offered him at his graduation. All of this comes under the increasingly important field of vocational guidance or counseling.

What the boy learns today, the man will know tomorrow. Those skills developed today means money in the bank tomorrow and not another panhandler accosting us with a plea to our tender sympathies. It would be unimaginable to see Joe or Herb or Lawrence or Howard or Mitchell peddling. They are highly respected members of their chosen communities. They are the product of an ideally operating school and are all a shining example of what can be accomplished.

—The Messenger

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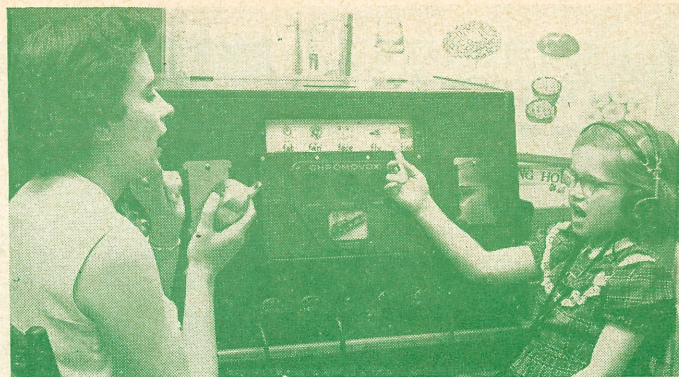
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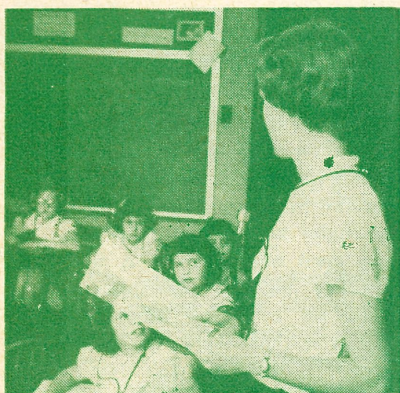


THE PRAYERS AND GIFTS of our many friends have provided sound for our children through fine group hearing aids like this one in Mrs. Karus' Class.

*What
A
Difference
Between
The
World
of
Sound
and
Silence!*



THE CHROMOVOX shown here in Miss Powell's classroom is another valuable instrument for improving Wally Gaertig's speech and oral reading.



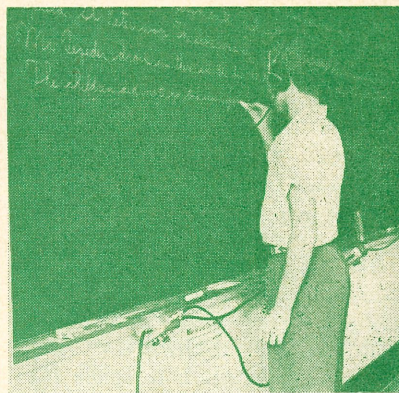
WITH her ever present collar microphone, Mrs. Overmyer's voice is never far from her children who have some usable hearing.



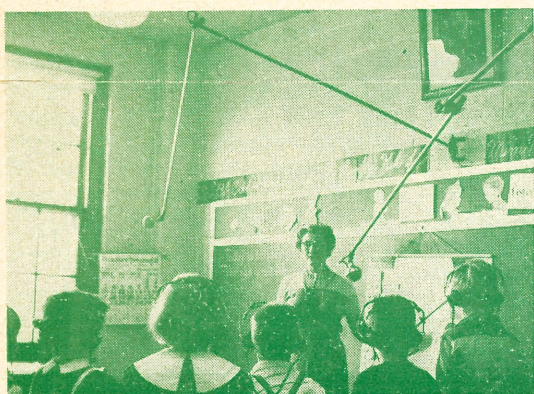
A MONITORING HEADSET helps Mr. Finnett adjust the volume for Barbara Gossman.



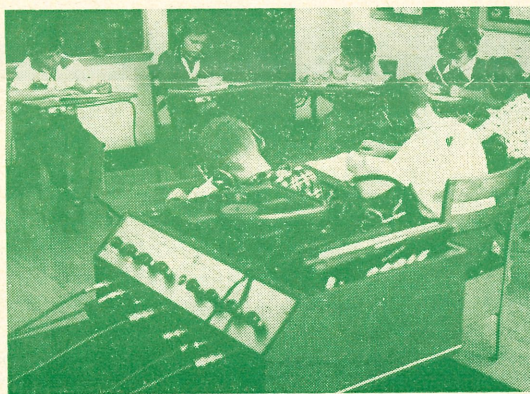
BINAURAL CONTROL permits Mark Anderson to make a separate adjustment for each ear.



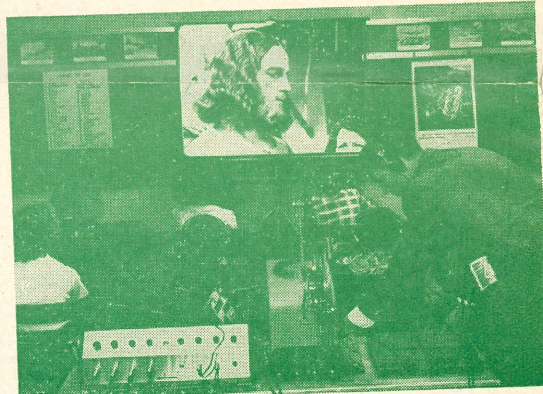
WITH BLACKBOARD OUTLETS, Gary Larson doesn't leave all sound behind when not working at his desk.



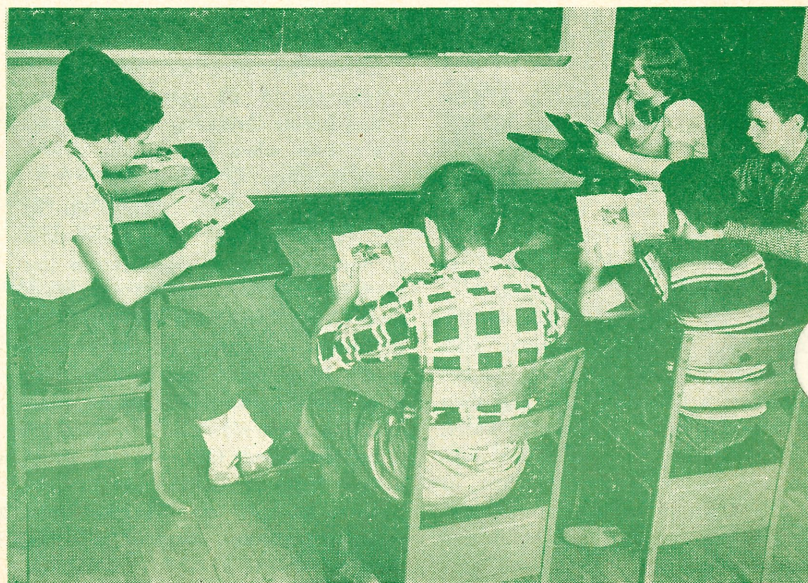
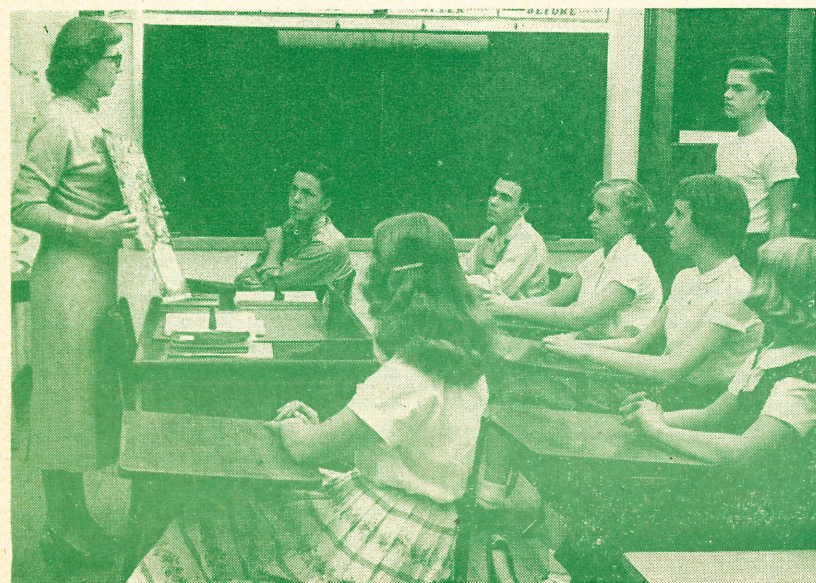
THE FLEXIBLE BOOM MICROPHONES are within easy reach of Mrs. Hance and her children almost anywhere in the room.



THROUGH THE RECORD PLAYER our children learn to enjoy amplified music and other sounds that otherwise might never reach their ears.



COMBINING THE HEARING AID with a sound motion picture projector enables Mr. Tegeder's class to more fully enjoy the movies.



BUT . . . These children are still living in a world of silence due to the lack of equipment! Who will supply the \$1400 necessary for each of these two rooms?