

CHRISTMAS

GREETINGS

May the Peace of Christ that brought Heaven down to Bethlehem on that first Christmas morning, long, long ago, bring to all readers of the Advocate unending Christmas joys and gladden all the days that God has yet in store for them here below with every needed blessing.

The universal joy of Christmas is certainly wonderful. Someone has said, "We ring the bells when princes are born, we toll a mournful dirge when great men die. Nations have their red-letter days, their carnivals and festivals; but once in the year and only once, the whole world stands still to celebrate the advent of a life. Only Jesus of Nazareth claims this world-wide undying remembrance. You cannot take Christmas out of the Calendar nor out of the heart of the world."

Incidentally yours...

December—the month when autumn ends and winter begins — the month of the short day and long night — of feverish activities in factory, shop, church and school — of preparations and expectations — preparations for the greatest festival of all, the beloved Birthday of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The pupils of our Institute love this period of the year best of all. To them it means practicing for an interesting Christmas program — Christmas parties — getting ready for that trip home to loved ones — a period of rest from studies and routine. — Truly a blessed month.

For our staff members, household, school and office, December is always a month of hard but pleasant work. The housemothers packing traveling bags and preparing the children for their homegoing — the teachers, beside teaching the regular curriculum, are busy practicing the Christmas program — the office staff arranges for transportation and receives and acknowledges the contributions from our friends which are so vital to the

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We Wish You A Merry Christmas

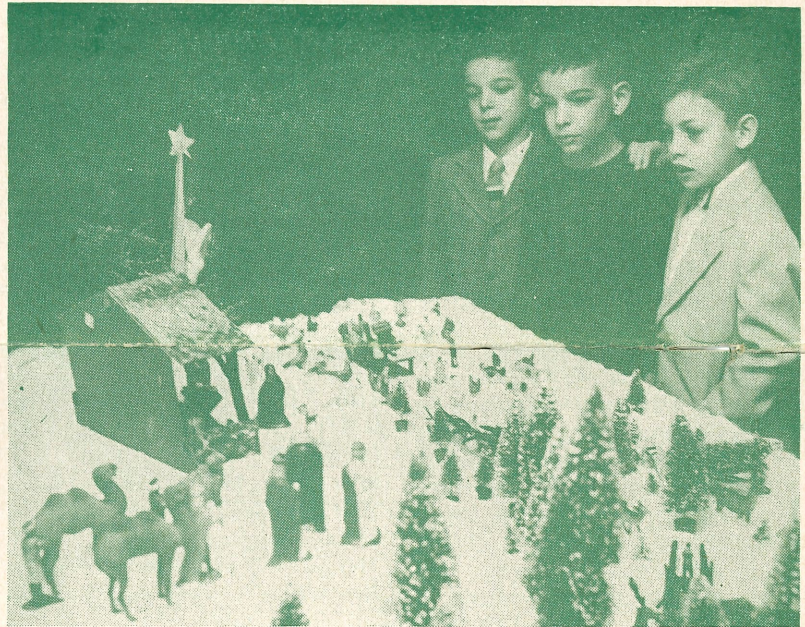
WHEN THE ANGELS WERE GONE AWAY

"It came to pass as the angels were gone away" — that is always the testing hour, the hour of crisis. It is easy enough to enjoy Christmas, to listen to the children's program, to attend the special services, to rejoice with our loved ones in that blessed season, but the testing time comes when the angels have gone away — when the sermons are over — when the choirs have ceased to sing — when Christmas is past and we find ourselves in a common place world once more.

"As the angels were gone away" what happened then? Were the shepherds any better for the sermon and the song and the heavenly splendor? They heard the message, — what would they do with it? They listened to the song — what would it mean in their lives? Would the light which they had seen lead them to greater light or only increase the darkness around them?

"Let us go" said the shepherds. That was the saving word. You and I know that when they did that, they found Jesus and that was better than seeing the angels and hearing the heavenly chorus. It was better than anything in heaven or in earth.

They came with haste and they found — as millions have found



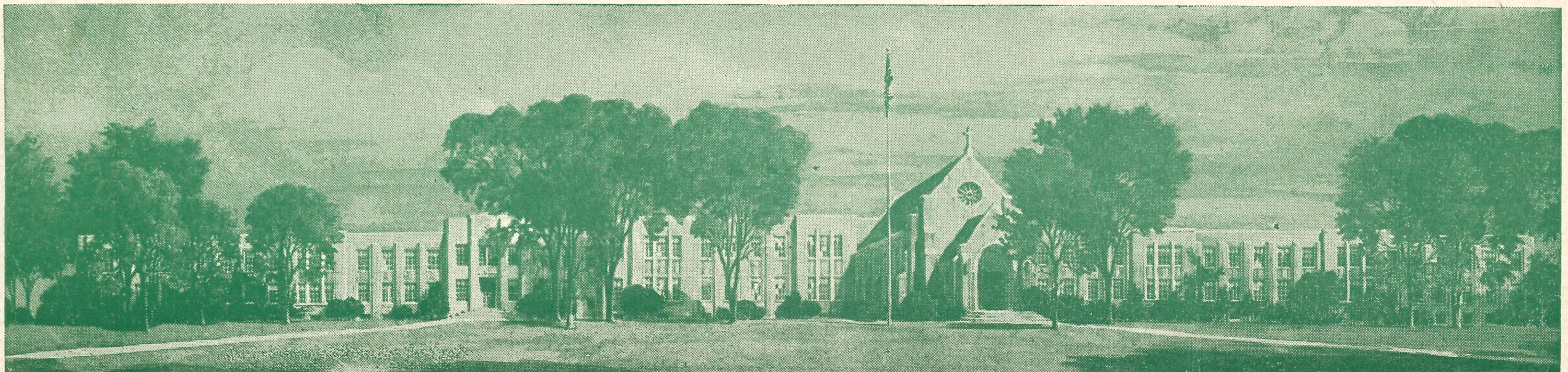
since that time — that the old, old story is true. That is why we can say, "I love to tell the story — Of unseen things above, — Of Jesus and His glory, — Of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story, — Because I know 't is true, — It satisfies my longing, As nothing else can do.

And not only did these shepherds find the Christ but in finding Him they also found, as every man finds, the power of a new life. It was again the old, old story of how having

found Jesus they had found the Christmas spirit — they had learned to share.

Now, if the story of Christmas has become true to your own experience in that you have seen the Christ then the other part will also be true. You will go forth from this season with the true Christmas spirit, determined to share the wonderful blessings of Christ's coming. You will be trying to do all the year

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—Photo by Windhorst

Incidentally yours...

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successful operation of this special mission endeavor.

Recent enjoyable events were:— the Halloween party given by the South Macomb Jr. Chamber of Commerce women; two days of camping arranged for our boys by the North Detroit Kiwanis Club; a Broadway show by invitation of the Grosse Pointe Optimist Club; a roller skating party given at Royal Oak by Mr. and Mrs. Sutphen at the Academy of Roller Skating; the Soup Bowl, the Goodfellows, the Detroit-Parochial High School and the Detroit Lutheran High School football games. Tickets for these games were provided through Patrolmen John M. Chick and John S. Rutkowski by the Detroit Police Department, Mr. Don Pitters, Thomas Wysocki of the John W. Smith Old Timers' Club, Rev. H. R. Wacker and Edward C. Levy, Sr. respectively. Last but not least enjoyed were the horseback and buggy rides afforded by Mr. John Ivory who transported his horses and vehicles to our campus for this outstanding treat. — The football contests having come to a satisfactory end with three wins, two losses and one tie, our coaches Tegeder and Ravell are now concentrating on winning basketball games.

Our expressions of gratitude go to the many friends who so thoughtfully provided so much happiness for our many youngsters. And we are also most grateful to the many volunteer women workers who each week give hours of time doing the mending, patching and darning of our pupils' garments, to the women who came to can many hundreds of quarts of fruit, to the "Marthas" who operated our addressing machine and assisted in the mailing of our appeal literature. The number of such volunteer workers is so great that it is impossible to mention them all by name. — The Lord knows them and He will reward.

Our "Thank Yous" also go to Mr. Theodore Heinecke of Albion for two cases of fine comb honey, to the good people in the Rogers City-Belnap district, the Thumb District, and to the Detroit area congregations for potatoes, fruits, and groceries which they so generously supplied for our large family.

Our anonymous friend of Janesville, Wisconsin again sent us a substantial cash offering. May our heavenly Father bless this generous donor as well as all our many other friends who so generously and consistently provided for our needs.

Due to the fact that Susan Hall, one of our pupils, was the torch lighter for the Detroit United Foundation's 1955 fund raising cam-

paign, our Institute, for the period of the campaign, daily received much free publicity in the press, on radio, television, and at many public gatherings and luncheon meetings at which Susan was the guest of the heads of corporations such as Ford Motor Company, Chrysler Motors, General Motors, and numerous other organizations and industries.

A plane flight to Texas for both business and pleasure was recently enjoyed by the writer. Relatives living in Houston, Tomball, Highlands, Klein, Spring, and Cypress were visited. A family reunion and a postwedding dinner for 170 guests, given by his sister, Mrs. Ella Doering, in honor of her youngest daughter Marilyn, now Mrs. Cooper, was an outstanding event as were the dinners in Houston at "Kelly's" and "Maxim's" with personal service by Camille Maxim and his capable waitresses Irma Taimer and Elina Burkhalter. — What "Antoine's" is in New Orleans, "Maxim's" is in Houston. Brother Alvin and wife, Roberta, and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Fontenat, were the gracious hosts respectively.

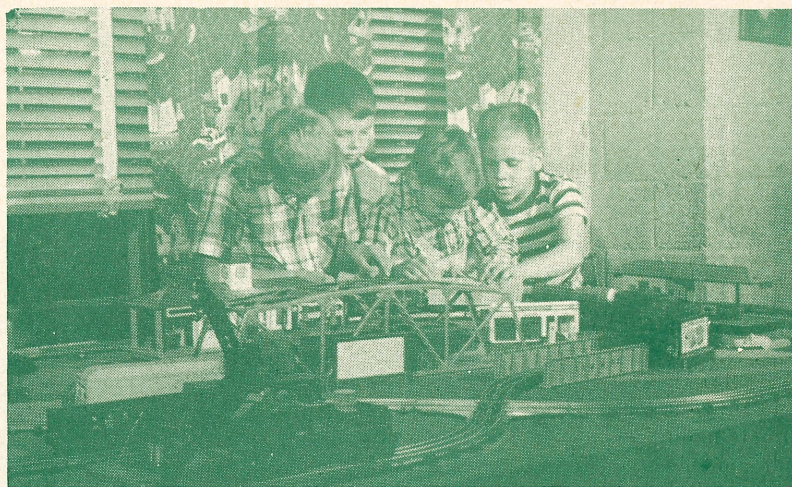
Optometrists and assistants who again gave of their time and services for the testing of our pupils' eyes are: Doctors J. A. Park, 12434 Kelly Rd.; R. D. Sobieski, 14619 E. 7 Mile Rd.; C. W. Johannes, 19343 Van Dyke; H. A. Bunge, 16800 Harper; J. V. Dueweke, 13904 Gratiot; Richard Muse, Belleville, Mich.; L. F. Goodwin, 7459 Brentwood; O. R. Dueweke, 13904 Gratiot; R. T. Hugo, 14619 E. 7 Mile Rd.; Mrs. Charlotte Bunte, 1044 Cleveland, Lincoln Park, and Mrs. Marjorie Orthner, 19945 Moross. We appreciate this annual free service tremendously and offer our sincere thanks.

BEQUESTS

"Their works do follow them" can always truly be said of such Christians whose wisdom and sound sense of stewardship prompted them to plan their finances so that they continue to serve the Kingdom militantly while they, the donors, are already enjoying the full and eternal blessings of the Kingdom triumphant.

Following is a short form for a bequest in behalf of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf:—

"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."



L. to R. Barry Rousse, Bobby Fuller, Rickie Roway and Bobby Gates busy operating the electric train, a gift of Mr. Theodore Brennan.

DEAF CHILD'S ADVOCATE CELEBRATES TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Ed. Note: With this issue of the Advocate we enter the second quarter century of its publication. Reminiscing, we bring you some of the highlights featured in the past issues.

1930 — Twenty-five years ago this month "The Deaf Child's Advocate", then only a 6 x 9 inch four-page paper, made its first appearance in the homes of our readers. The very first lines printed in that first issue of our school's publication was Mt. 18:14, "It is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven, that one of these Little Ones should perish." Gleaned from one of the articles of this first issue — quote — This little paper is going to be what its name implies, a true advocate of the cause of the deaf child in our midst. It is going to bespeak the cause of the deaf child for its advancement physically, mentally, morally and spiritually. --- Approximately 4,000 people received copies of that first issue.

1935 — The Advocate reports school progress. --- Due to the large enrollment in the lower grades it became necessary to employ a fifth teacher.

1940 — It was a joyful day when over eight thousand Lutherans of Detroit and vicinity assembled Pentecost Sunday afternoon to dedicate to the Glory of God the Gloria Dei Clara Elizabeth Knudsen Chapel and all the other new buildings of our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. --- The Board of Directors publicly expressed its appreciation and gratitude to the Campaign leaders, The Rev. E. T. Bernthal, Chairman, and The Rev. A. Fahling, Assistant, who with the blessing of our Lord and the prayers of our friends accomplished this glorious undertaking.

1945 — English District Convenes at Institute for The Deaf. — Lutheran Deaconesses meet at Institute for the Deaf. . . . , again there was need for additional room and we read, Board of Directors plans expansion program --- Teachers are needed.

1948 — Diamond Jubilee --- Begin 75th School year. --- An outstanding event in Detroit Lutheranism was fittingly celebrated by the presence of Dr. J. W. Behnken, President of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, who appeared as the main speaker for the Diamond Jubilee service of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, Sunday, June 13, 1948. --- Director John A. Klein on this festival Sunday was accorded public recognition for his forty years tenure in office at the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. --- From a list of more than two score applicants only twelve could be enrolled because of lack of room and teachers. --- All eight copies of our all-color sound movie, "The World of Silence" have been booked to Nov. 15th.

1950 — Macomb County Ladies' Aid for the Deaf marks 15 years of service. — Teachers needed. --- English District Lutheran Women's Mission League convenes at Institute. --- Board Appoints Walter Bellhorn Principal. --- Mr. Leo H. Kuehn, Graduate of Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, receives Presidential award . . .

1955 — Powerful Warren Trainear Units now installed in every classroom.

Our film, "The World of Silence," revised and children's voices added. --- Institute observes Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Principal, Walter Bellhorn, and Twentieth Anniversary of Teacher Emily (Born) Lietke in special service. --- All classrooms acquire new look. — Improved lighting, sound conditioning, and venetian blinds. --- Deaconess Marie Bliefnick completes 15 years of "mothering" Institute's little tots. --- Doctor of Laws degree conferred upon Director J. A. Klein by Concordia Teachers College. --- Classes filled to capacity and waiting list growing. --- Scholarships offered to prospective teachers. --- Mailing list now stands at 44,000.

THE LETTER BOX

October 17, 1955

Dear Mr. Klein:

I was delighted on coming to my office today to find a copy of "The Deaf Child's Advocate", which you sent me. Thanks for calling my attention to the article telling of acoustic treatment of five of your classrooms and the announcement that other classrooms will be similarly treated in the future.

All of these reports come to us and Dr. Tenny and I bring them into our literature as teaching material for our students. We will want to come and see your rooms at the earliest convenience.

I get a thrill every time I look at a picture of your institute or drive by and see it, and know what a tremendous accomplishment you have brought about in building such a magnificent institution and in such a relatively short time.

We appreciate more than we can tell you all of the courtesies you accord us and all of the opportunities we have to work together.

Cordially and sincerely yours,
John J. Lee, Ph.D.

College of Education, Dept.
of Special Education and Vocational Rehabilitation

Lansing, Mich.

Dear Rev. Zeile:

Enclosed you will find \$50.00 for the Deaf Mute Institute, Detroit, Mich., to use where it will do the most good.

From A Cheerful Thankful Giver.

Saginaw, Mich.

Dear Brother Klein:

The letter above with gift of \$50.00 was brought to my door by Special delivery yesterday. It comes from Lansing, Mich.

You already know about this friend. Already several times he (or she) has opened his hand in support of our Deaf Mute Institute.

I shall publish an acknowledgment of this gift in the Michigan Lutheran—We fully appreciate such proofs of a living faith by people whom God has made "cheerful, thankful givers". With my greetings.
A. Zeile

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round what Jesus is always doing — GIVING.

We might look at it in this way. You and I are regularly hanging gifts on the world's greatest Christmas tree and the gifts that we hang are the lives that we give. — Some of us are offering empty lives. — But it is our privilege to live a life so full of Christ that those who are close to us will readily realize that we have been with HIM. — It is our opportunity to share Him with others through our activities in our program of missions and charities. — As we do this our gift to the world will be in our own small way the gift that Christ made — the gift that God made — even Jesus Himself.

God grant that after the services are over — after the lights are out — after the trees are removed — when the Christmas season is past — AFTER THE ANGELS HAVE GONE AWAY — we may do that very thing. —Charity Thermostat



R. to L. Mr. Carl Witt and the Mes. Ernest Martin, Emily Engel, Rollo Fisher, and Lena Revoldt rendering volunteer services; stuffing, sealing and sorting our annual appeal letters in preparation for mailing. Mrs. Carl Witt also helped as did many others.

Kind Readers

Recently you received our annual silent appeal for the support of our Christian school for the Children of Silence. Since this effort is our Institute's only "lifeline", upon which it depends for four-fifths of its operating needs, we hope and pray that you will respond to our petition as the Lord has prospered you and as your love for Him moves you to lend a helping hand to the less fortunate of His brethren.

WHAT TO GIVE

Many times we are asked regarding Christmas suggestions. We deeply appreciate such thoughtfulness for our pupils. And any gift you may decide to send always provides joy and happiness for the child that receives it. However, since ours is an educational rather than a custodial agency, we always prefer that money be sent rather than individual gifts because then we can buy such games and play equipment which all children can enjoy and appreciate. Items which we purchase with such funds are not only of use in the playroom and playground, but may also be of value for educational purposes in the classroom.

Of course, quilts, blankets, pillow slips, bed sheets, mattress covers and pajamas, the latter for children from the age of four to fourteen, are always welcome items.

Our donor friends can rest assured that all funds received for Christmas cheer or for gifts for the children are always set aside and spent for the purpose for which the givers designated them.

SUPER DUPER PARTY

Three cheers for the members of the South Macomb Jr. Chamber of Commerce and Jr. C. of C. Auxiliary who treated our children to a super Halloween Party on October 27th. Costumes, masks and facial make-ups were a sight to behold. Prizes for the funniest, the cutest, the most original, and the prettiest outfits thrilled the winners. After the parade Mrs. Sommers sent her cute little trained poodle doggies through their paces. As Milky the Clown stepped onto the stage, he was recognized by our kiddies as their favorite TV actor and brought down the house with applause.

All eyes followed his every movement as he mystified them with his slight of hand tricks. Puppies and magic will long be their subject of conversation.

The usual Halloween games which followed were enjoyed by all down to the tiniest tot. Party ended with doughnuts, cider, cookies and favors for refreshments.

A "big" THANK YOU to the two wonderful and tireless groups that provided this real thriller for our large family.

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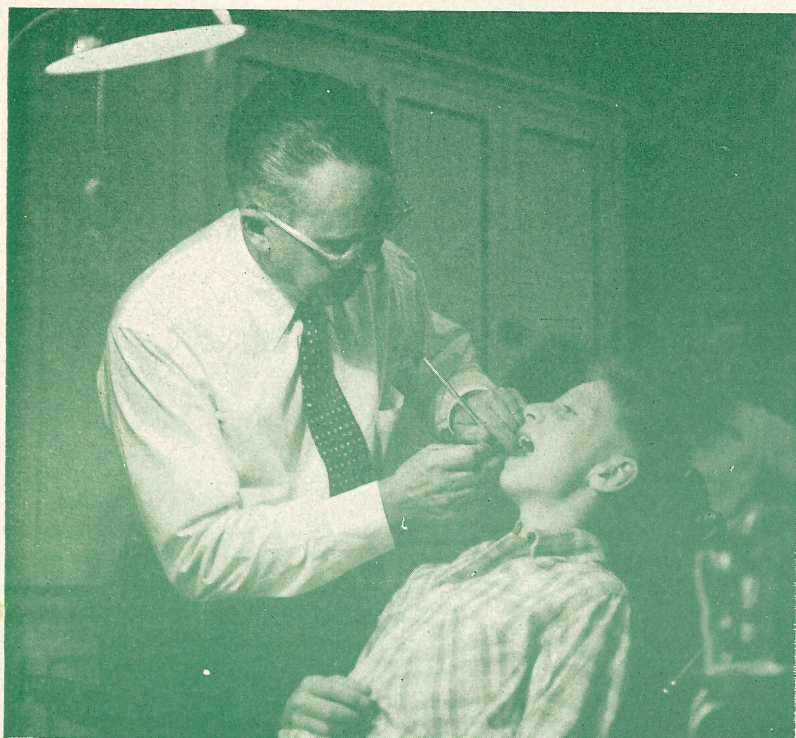
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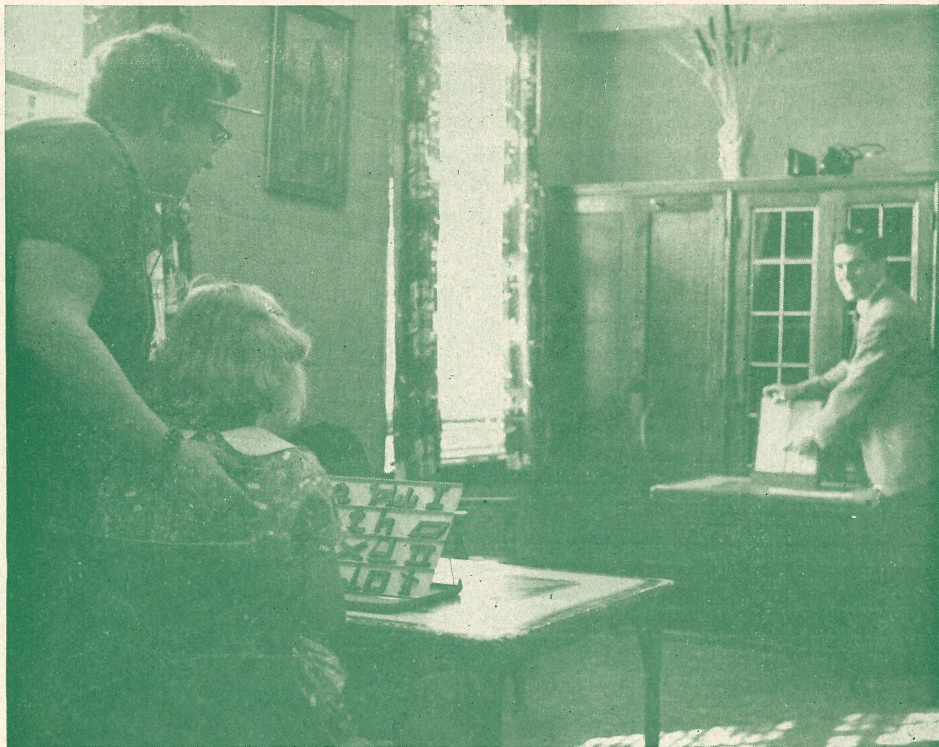
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DR. CARLISLE RUEGER filling Curtis Coveyou's cavities. This good doctor has taken care of all our pupils' dental needs free of charge for the past twenty years. For this purpose, he is a welcome visitor at our school every Thursday morning.



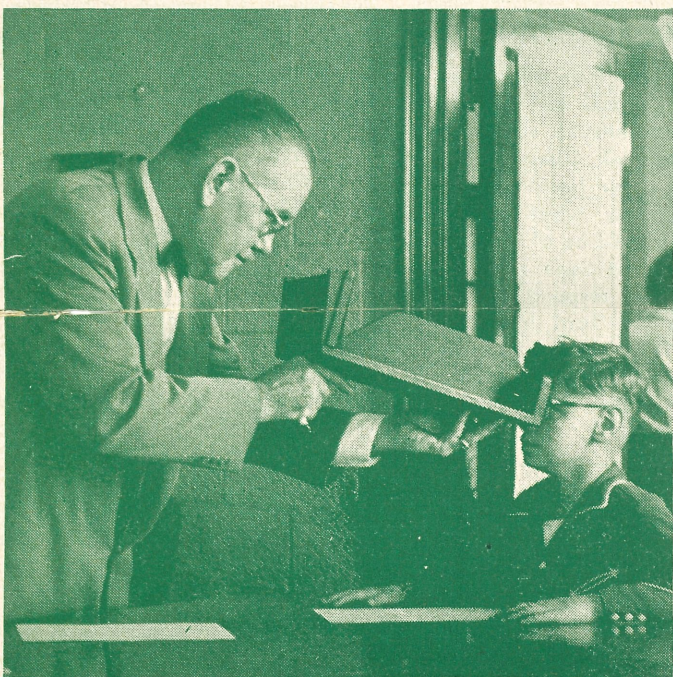
DR. JEROME DUEWEKE taking case histories of Carol Schwermann and Barry Rouse with the help of their teacher, Mrs. Agnes Hance.



IN THE ABOVE PICTURE, Dr. Owen Dueweke and Charlotte Bunte are making a visual acuity test to determine visual efficiency with the use of the Bailey test chart.

A GIFT AS GOOD AS GOLD!

Each year, professional people, service clubs, civic groups, industries, and church organizations give generously to the Institute of their valuable time and services. One act of love is the annual eye examination pictured on this page. Such a service rendered is truly a gift as good as gold. However, for each service gratuitously rendered, there are many more which skyrocket the cost of educating a handicapped child. You, dear reader, can help us meet the staggering cost by responding to our recent appeal with your offering of love.



DR. HUGO making a test to determine Bobby Schulze's fusion ability and to determine whether he is using both eyes.



IN THIS DARKENED ROOM the children's eyes were examined to determine the absence or presence of disease and the error of refraction.



DR. CHARLES JOHANNES, being our nearest optometrist, is kept busy fitting and repairing glasses for our pupils for which he never charges a penny. Here we see him fitting glasses for Janice Katzel.