

Incidentally Yours . . .

As the 82nd school year draws to a close, we can look back on a year of blessed activities and accomplishments. Good health enjoyed by all our pupils was perhaps the greatest blessing. For this and all other gifts we are sincerely grateful to our heavenly Father.

The last weeks of school brought many activities and connected therewith much work. - - - Among them were the boys' two camping outings - - - the kite-day contest in Chandler Park at which our pupils were awarded second and third prizes - - - the Arbor Day tree-planting ceremony for which the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation supplied Dogwood and Mountain Ash trees - - - the boys' camping and cooking demonstration - - - horseback-and pony-cart riding with refreshments and a Polo game as guests of Mr. John F. Ivory - - - the boys and girls softball league games - - -

The celebration of Mr. Walter Bellhorn's and Mrs. Emily Lietke's 25th and 20th anniversaries - - - and, last but not least, the preparations for the school-closing program. - - - All these and others kept our teachers and household personnel very busy. - - - A vacation period of relaxation and rest should and will follow these weeks of hard work for most of our staff members. - - -

The writer of these lines together with his spouse will be present at the graduation exercises of River Forest Concordia Teachers College, there to receive an honorary award. - - - During the last week in June he and two of the Institute teachers, Mr. Robert Tegeder and Mr. Donald Ravell, will attend the convention of the American Instructors for the Deaf to be held at the American School for the Deaf in Hartford, Conn. - - - Mr. and Mrs. Bellhorn will motor to River Forest on July 1st for the 25th reunion of the class of 1930. - - -

Several college students respond-

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Faithful Servants Receive Recognition

Sunday, May 15, 1955, proved to be an extra-ordinary day in our Institute's history for on this day two of our willing, able and faithful workers received their due recognition. The anniversaries of Mr. Walter Bellhorn, principal of our Institute and Mrs. Emily Born Lietke were observed in a very impressive manner.

The celebration took place at the Church of the Epiphany here in Detroit, Michigan, where Principal Bellhorn has been a member for

twenty four years. The program began with a 5:00 p.m. church service at which Dr. E. T. Bernthal, pastor of the church and a long time friend and beneficiary of our Institute delivered a very inspiring message pointing to the splendid way in which the celebrants had served their Lord for so many years in lighting the path of deaf children to the Savior through their enlightening and faithful instructions.

Principal Bellhorn is completing twenty-five years of faithful service to his Savior, twenty as a class room teacher and the past five as a kind and devoted principal. Mrs. Lietke is completing twenty years of continued and faithful service to her Savior as an amiable and personable class room teacher in our advanced department.

Mr. Bellhorn, born at Armada, Michigan received his elementary schooling in Richmond, Michigan. His higher education was received at Concordia Teachers, Western Penna., and Wayne U.

Mrs. Lietke was born at Hartland, Wis., where she also received her elementary education. Her higher training was gained at Wis. State Teachers, the U. of Colorado and



MRS. EMILY (Born) LIETKE



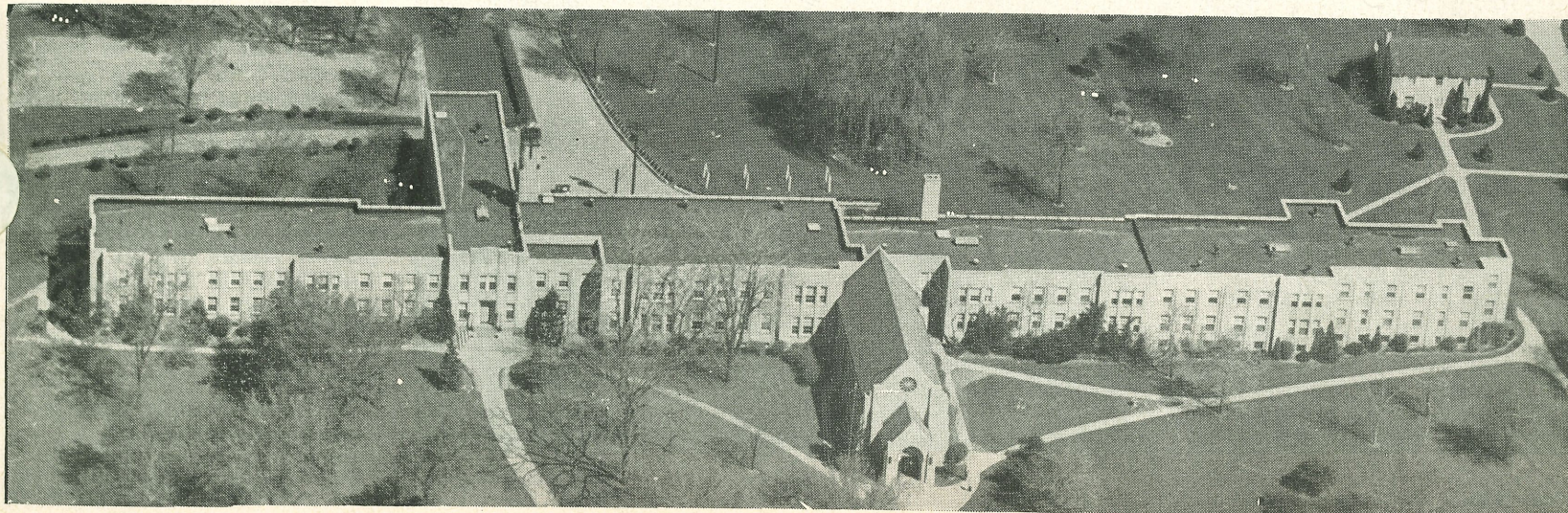
MR. WALTER BELLHORN

Wayne U.

Appropriate gifts were presented to them by our Board of Management and the Ladies' Auxiliaries for the Deaf both of Macomb County and Detroit.

We take this opportunity to wish both celebrants continued years of health and service to the deaf.

Immediately following the church service, a buffet luncheon was served by the Ladies' Aid of Epiphany Church which was enjoyed by all.



- Photo by Ravell

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ed to our Advocate appeal for candidates to take up training to become teachers of the deaf. All requested scholarship information was sent them. And we hope that some will accept our offer and that many more girl graduates will become interested in this field of education. - - -

Copies of our very interesting color film, "The World of Silence," are again available for bookings. - - -

Our Savior Church, Rev. E. H. Buchheimer and Rev. Wm. C. Huener pastors, presented our Institute with a fine tier of bleacher seats for our baseball diamond. The Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation delivered this valuable gift to our campus and also erected it. Thanks to both, Our Savior Church and the City of Detroit.

Farewell To "L. I. D."

My sister Eileen, my brother Carl and I were born deaf. I am 15 years old. I came to the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf when I was five years old. My parents chose this school for us because it teaches religion and they wanted us to be confirmed in the faith. I pray that I shall never lose my faith.

In September I will go to the Ohio State School for the Deaf in Columbus. Two years ago Eileen went to the Ohio State School after she was confirmed here. She is 17 years old. She is in the High School there. We hope that Carl can stay at the Lutheran School until he is confirmed.

I am glad that my parents sent me here because I learned to speak and many interesting subjects. I am thankful to the housemothers for taking care of me and to the teachers

for teaching me how to be a good Christian boy.

I am also thankful to the people who helped me to have many good times, just like at home. I had a lot of fun going to the circus, camp, banquets, rodeo, parties and swimming. I enjoyed playing basketball, football and baseball.

I will miss the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf very much because I must leave many friends and a school which was my second home. I know that I will come back to visit and to see my brother Carl.

Howard Snyder

INSTITUTE A MISSION AGENCY

Of the twenty one new pupils enrolled in the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf last September, ten came from un-churched homes, hence, were not baptized. It, therefore, was our great pleasure to have this fine group of youngsters brought into the fold of the church by having them baptized in our Gloria Dei (Our Savior) Chapel on February 27th.

Another group of ten young people enrolled in the Institute became full and active members of the Church when they spoke their confirmation vows before a crowded audience in the Institute Chapel on Palm Sunday.

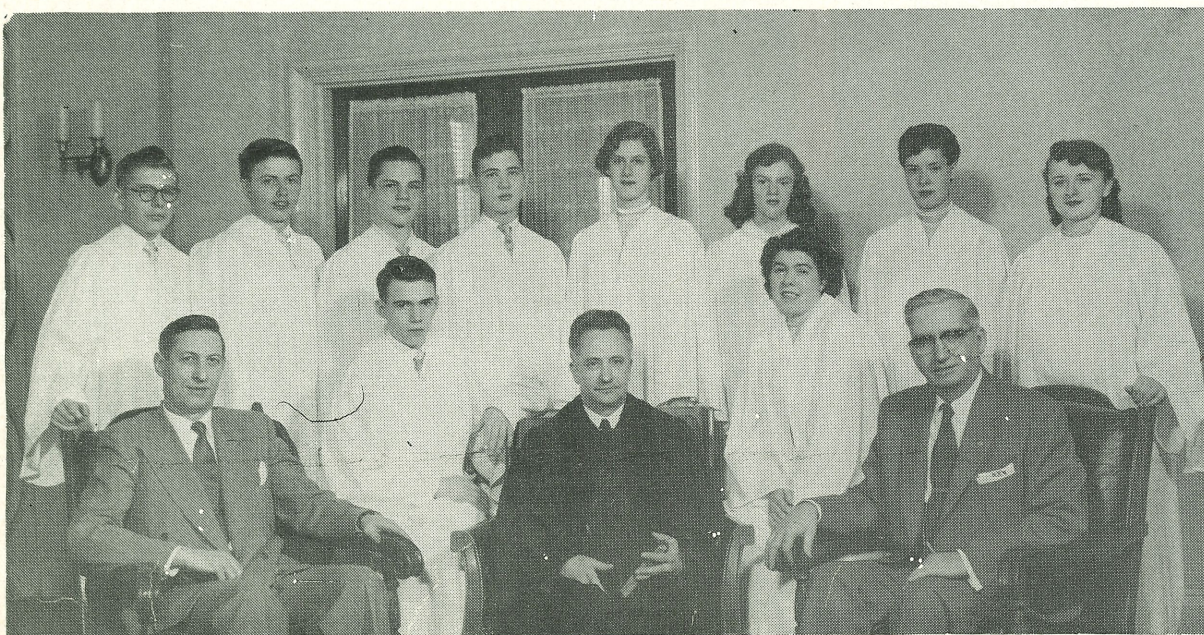
Eternity will reveal the wonderful and everlasting blessings the Institute brought to handicapped deaf children during its many years of existence.

The legends under the baptism and confirmation picture give the names and home states of the baptized and confirmed children.



ABOVE-BAPTIZED GROUP.—L. to R. Standing: Jane Anderson, Indiana; Robert Schulze, Iowa; Romeo Baker, Indiana; Linda Cervi, Iowa; Rickie Rowray, Iowa; **Seated:** Janice DeWitt, Michigan; Linda Ledford, Michigan; Nancy Jamison, West Virginia, and Ronald Cross, Michigan.

BELOW—CONFIRMATION CLASS.—L. to R. Kenneth Sting, Michigan; Kenneth Toerpe, Illinois; Howard Snyder, Ohio; Bryant Schroeder, Michigan; Ann Moore, Michigan; originally Arkansas; Ruby Blackburn, Michigan; Wonny Lee Goble, Kentucky; Hanni Ziegler, Michigan. Seated: L. to R. Principal, Walter Bellhorn; Larry Kronk, Michigan, originally Indiana; Pastor N. E. Borchardt, Virginia LeWicki, Michigan; Director J. A. Klein.



LETTER BOX

Parent Teacher League Writes

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Klein:

We felt you would be interested in the number in attendance and their impressions. In the evening your film "The World of Silence" was shown to approximately 40 Parent-Teacher League members and the following morning 185 school children viewed it.

The picture was greatly enjoyed by all of us. It impressed the children so much that some of them were looking into the future and picturing themselves teaching and helping the deaf children. They thought it would be such gratifying work. That an institute such as the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf can be such a beautifully kept school on only donations is remarkable. Everything about the school and the grounds make it an extremely pleasant place for the children to receive their schooling.

The enclosed check is the result of an offering taken at our meeting and at a Children's Matins Service a few days after they had seen the film. We sincerely hope and pray it will help in some way in the caring for the children in your excellent school.

Sincerely in Him, Ruth H. Lorenz
(Mrs. Earl)—Our Savior Lutheran
School-Parent-Teacher League

THE UNKNOWN TEACHER

I sing the praise of the unknown teacher. Famous educators plan new systems of pedagogy, but it is the unknown teacher who delivers and guides the young. He lives in obscurity and contends with hardship. He keeps the watch along the borders of darkness and makes the attack on the trenches of ignorance and folly. Patient in his daily duty he strives to conquer the evil powers which are the enemies of youth. He awakens sleeping spirits. He quickens the indolent, encourages the eager, and steadies the unstable. He communicates his own joy in learning and shares with boys and girls the best treasures of his mind. He lights many candles which, in later years, will shine back to cheer him. This is his reward. Knowledge may be gained from books; but the love of knowledge is transmitted only by personal contact. No one has deserved better of the republic than the unknown teacher.

—Henry Van Dyke.

All earthly things will speed away.
Eternity alone will stay.

Ear - Nature's Microphone

An American scientist has come up with a theory to explain one of biology's most baffling mysteries—how the ear can hear.

Dr. Hallowell Davis of the Central Institute for the Deaf, St. Louis, Mo., said his new theory also would shed light on the way other living organs respond to a mechanical stimulus.

The human ear is nature's microphone, Davis says minute movements in the ear—no bigger than the diameter of a single hydrogen atom—modify electric currents in the way a variable electric resistance in a carbon microphone modifies a steady flow of electricity.

Davis' address to the closing session of the 1952 annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science was hailed by other researchers as a highlight of the week-long convention.

Physiologists in the past "simply have ignored" the question of how hair cells in the ear convert mechanical energy into electricity, Davis said.

According to his theory the inner ear has its own electric battery and there is always a regular flow of current passing through. Some of this current leaks through the hair cells. When sound causes vibrations in the inner ear the hairs on the end of the hair cells get pushed around—just as the granules of carbon inside a telephone microphone are moved mechanically when a voice speaks into the instrument.

Davis argued the movement of the hairs brings about a change of resistance to the current and that this change is sufficient to trigger off the relatively large amount of energy needed to send impulses through nearby nerve cells.

"On this hypothesis the source of the energy that stimulates the nerve is not the original acoustic energy", Davis said, "but the hair cells of current which already is present.

"Nature, which invented a system of echolocation to guide bats in flight long before we humans ever thought of radar, did not overlook the possibility of a special pre-amplifier to put in the ear ahead of the standard repeater units of the nerve fibers".

One of the main points of the Davis theory is that it explains how a tiny mechanical movement smaller than that of a hydrogen atom—the smallest atom in nature—can lead to the relatively strong current in nerve fibers.

But its chief importance is because it tackles a primary mystery of physiology—how sense organs are able to respond in the first place to a mechanical stimulus and convert it into the electric impulses which nerves carry to the brain. —

—The Ohio Chronicle

Deaf Workers Efficient On Assembly Line

A person who is hard of hearing or deaf has the best chance of any handicapped person to be hired as a new employee by the Ford Motor Company, Dearborn.

Ford employs 4,200 hourly-rated handicapped persons—an average of one out of every 15 at its vast Rouge plant at Dearborn, Michigan.

There are 103 deaf working at practically every kind of a job that starts with raw material to finished automobiles.

And according to Thomas Hetu, supervisor of medical placement and counseling at the Rouge, they are among the very best workers because of their handicaps.

"They are not as susceptible to diversions like their fellow employees," Hetu said. "In other words they don't engage in idle chatter nor become distracted by noises."

Hetu said that the deaf are very efficient at assembly jobs and that many of them work in the motor assembly plant.

"We even have a deaf die-maker," he added. "This is one of the most highly skilled jobs in the Rouge plant."

The supervisor said that certain restrictions are necessary in the matter of placing handicapped persons in suitable jobs.

The deaf are never assigned to buildings where overhead cranes are in operation. They would not hear the warning whistle as the crane moves through the plant.

Hetu said that handicapped persons are never employed in jobs where risks are involved and that the company protects them from other hazards arising from their handicaps.

"We have one building where few if any deaf persons can work in comfort," Hetu said. This is the frame and cold heading plant where machines cut and thread steel.

"Certain vibrations from these machine operations are painful to the ears of deaf people. So the moment they complain we move them to other buildings where they can work in comfort."

Hetu said, "The deaf are not only the most adaptable of the handicapped workers but also the most active. Our Rouge motor plant has an all deaf softball team." —

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High School Student Judy 'Hears' By Seeing

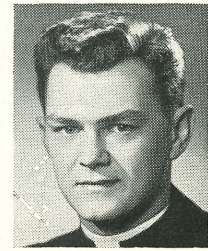
"Judy Johnson goes to high school like other normal girls. But there's a difference. Judy is deaf. Nevertheless, she keeps up with her class. And that's more of an achieve-

Institute Festival Scheduled For June 12

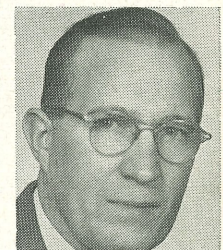
82nd Annual Festival Features

12:00-2:00—DINNER served by the Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf
 1:00-2:00—Open House — All visitors may tour the buildings
 2:00—DEAF CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
 Entitled "HIT PARADE"
 3:00—Divine Service
 Speaker—Rev. Wm. Huener, Our Savior, Detroit; Mrs. M. Schmitz's Covenant Choir.
 4:30—Open House—Ball Game
 4:30-7:00—SUPPER served at outdoor pavilion
 7:00—Vesper Service
 Speaker—Rev. K. Lohrman
 Choir—St. Stephens, Detroit
 Organist—Mr. Edward H. Busse, Detroit
 Refreshments and lunches at stands throughout the day.

On Sunday, June 12th, thousands of Institute friends from far and near will again spend an afternoon and evening on the school's beautiful campus enjoying a diversified program scheduled from 12 noon to



8 p. m. with ample time allotted for relaxation, chatting with old friends and new acquaintances. Teachers and pupils have worked many hours preparing a program of entertainment called "Hit Parade" which will begin at 2 p. m. They are especially anxious that no one miss this unique and colorful presentation. The children's program officially brings to a close the 82nd school year during which teachers and pupils have worked together as an educational unit.



The Rev. Wm. Huener of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Detroit will deliver the sermon in the afternoon Divine service at 3 p. m., and the Rev. K. Lohrman, St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Detroit, will close the festivities with a vesper service at 7 p. m.

The Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf will serve dinner from 12 noon until 2 p. m. in the Institute basement dining room. Lunches and refreshments will be on sale at the outdoor pavilion and stands commencing at noon. Plan now to attend this annual get-together where voices are raised in praise and thanks to God for His manifold blessings so abundantly showered upon the school during the past year.

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ment than you can imagine. She has to read the lips of her teachers at all times to keep up with her classmates. This she is doing nicely.

But to do this Judy had to go to a special school. While other students were learning their three Rs, Judy had to go to a special school to learn lip reading and speech before she could get to the basic subjects.

Judy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Johnson of 1835 Courtlandt, attended the Fannin School, which had courses for deaf children, at the age of six. But she was forced to drop out because there was at that time no teacher for the deaf. Luckily Judy was admitted in the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Michigan, where she eventually was graduated from special courses in lipreading and speech.

Her problem then was to be admitted to a high school. This was solved by enrolling her in the Houston Lutheran High School. There she is completing her second year. And the principal said she was doing extremely well and is admired by her teachers and fellow pupils alike.

Mrs. Johnson, Judy's mother, says Judy's ambition is to land an office job after graduation. She hopes to do clerical work, especially with office machinery where hearing will not be required.

Judy is a normal healthy girl on whom sympathy is lost. She's doing all right on her own." —Houston Chronical, Houston Texas.

"World of Silence"

Plan NOW to treat your Daily Vacation Bible School to the showing of our revised film.



MOST CITY CHILDREN do not have a horse for a pet, but at the Institute "Spotty" is available for any cowboy or cowgirl who is hankering for a ride. (L. to R. George Zein, Oklahoma; Carl Snyder, Ohio; Curtis Coveyou, Michigan.)

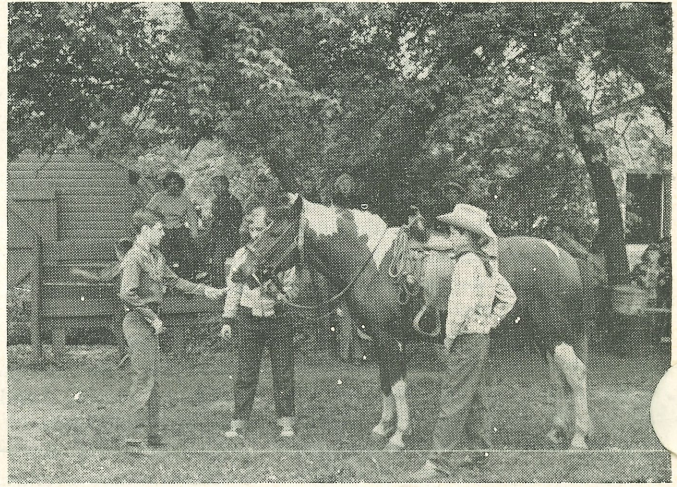


SPOTTY'S AVAILABILITY however depends on how the children try to gain her services. It's obvious in the above picture that she doesn't like to be taken by force.

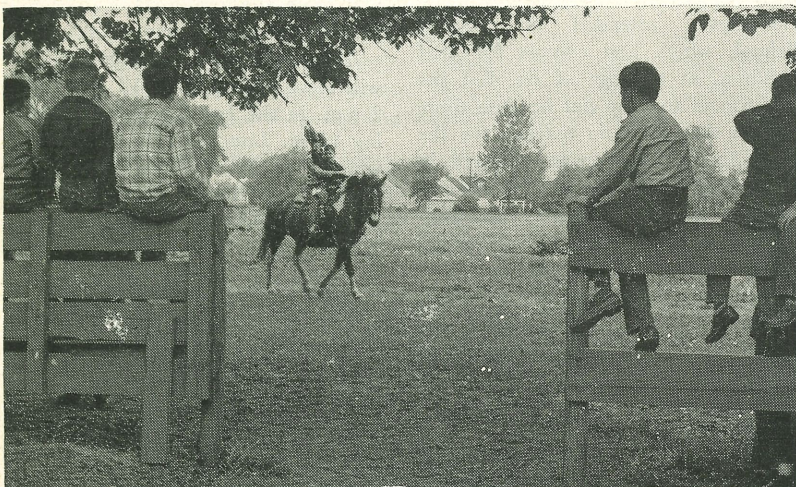


WHAT A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE though when she's offered a nice carrot! (Patricia Endress, Michigan)

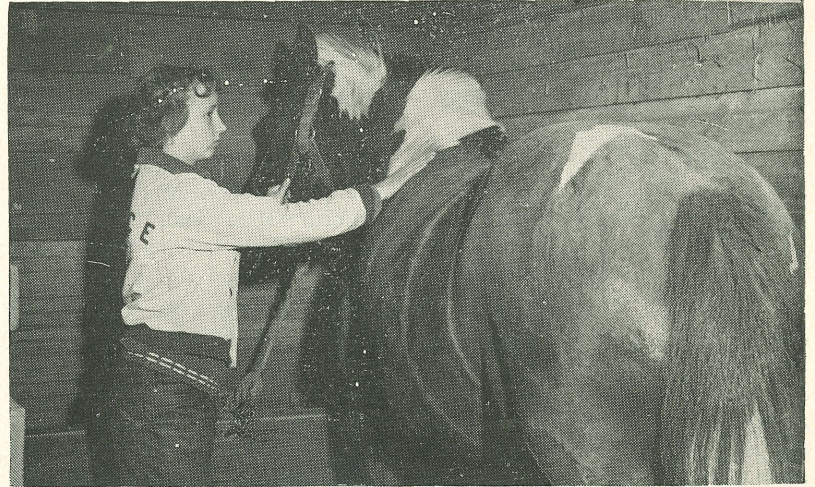
**WHOOPEE!
RIDE
'EM
COWBOY!**



HERE IS FURTHER PROOF that the quickest route to the heart is through the stomach. (Carl Snyder, Ohio; Janice Logan, Michigan; George Zein, Oklahoma)



SO, FOR THE PRICE of a few carrots, Spotty gives the children a real thrill. (Riding Spotty are George Zein and Larry Ginter)



—AND FOR HER CO-OPERATION, Spotty receives a good home, food, and the attention of dozens of children. (Janice Logan)



—BUT WHEN SUMMER VACATION ARRIVES, Spotty, children and teachers all breathe a little easier for now they can all relax.