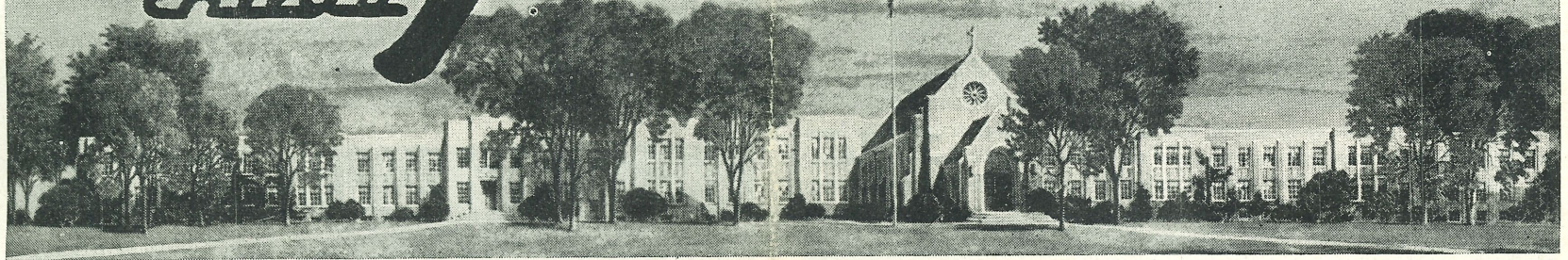


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Leo Kuehn age of seven months he lost his hearing due to a severe case of scarlet fever. His parents enrolled him in the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf where he was confirmed and graduated on June 19, 1910. He received his High School education in the Indiana State School for the Deaf. After leaving school, Mr. Kuehn learned the printing trade at the Detroit Daily News. Not being given an opportunity to become a linotype operator, he became an apprentice tool and die maker at the Ford Motor Company. Having become a master tool and die maker, he was given charge of a department in the Ford factory.

Mr. Henry Ford, Sr., being impressed with Kuehn's work, despite his hearing disability, offered to assist him in establishing his own machine shop. And with machinery loaned him by Mr. Ford, together with \$300.00 of his own, he started the Oakland Machine Works, which eventually grew to nearly a \$200,000.00 business.

For extending a helping hand to handicapped persons to whom he gave employment, Kuehn received a Presidential Award of Merit which was presented to him by Governor G. Mennen Williams.

Mr. & Mrs. Kuehn are members of Our Savior (Deaf) Lutheran Church where Kuehn has held every church office and where he now is the senior deacon.

Mr. Leo Kuehn, the son of Rev. Ernst C. and Emma Kuehn, was born in Kendallville, Indiana, June 22, 1896. At the

In this rather unusual issue of the Deaf Child's Advocate, we wish to bring to the attention of our readers and especially, also, to the many delegates and visitors to Synod's convention in St. Paul, the blessed missionary and habilitation work of Synod's oldest child educational and charitable agency, The Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. We do this with the several human-interest stories on page one and the pictorial display of the Institute's varied activities on the succeeding pages.

Aside from having brought Christ and His salvation to hundreds of deaf children, the greatest blessing that can be attributed to this agency is Synod's far-flung mission activity among the adult deaf. In this blessed work thirty-six full time missionaries bring the saving gospel to thousands of adult deaf throughout the U.S. and Canada and to the Lutheran children enrolled in the many State Schools for the Deaf.



Clarence Schulz His parents were the Rev. William and Mrs. Ella Schulz. Due to a mastoid infection he lost his hearing at the age of five months. Being deaf, his widowed mother sent him to the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in Detroit for his elementary education. After confirmation and graduation from the eighth grade, Clarence received his secondary education in the High School Department of the Michigan School for the Deaf where he specialized in printing and linotype operating. Returning to Detroit, this young printer soon established a fine reputation for himself. He has been working at this trade for fifteen years and is a member of the Typographical union which is composed of highly skilled linotype operators and printers.

Clarence is happily married and has a daughter who is nearly three years old. The family owns its own home in a Detroit suburb. Both Mr. and Mrs. Schulz are active members of Our Savior (Deaf) congregation where Clarence is a deacon and also lay reader on the Sundays when Pastor N. E. Borchardt cannot be in the pulpit.

Mr. Clarence Schulz was born in Vernon, Texas.

Doris Krist, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Krist of Detroit, was born September 24, 1931. She lost her sense of hearing completely through Spinal Meningitis at the age of three and one-half years. Enrolled in the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf she was confirmed and graduated in 1946. She acquired her secondary education in the Detroit Lutheran High School where she was graduated in 1950. After a one-year course in Business College, Doris obtained employment in the Accounting Department of the Blue Cross organization. Later she became affiliated with the General Motors Technical Center where she has an important position doing stenographic and typing work in the Engineering Department, where she is capable of doing everything except answering the telephone.

Doris' hobbies are bowling and ceramics. Having completed a course in the latter she devotes much of her leisure time to this art. She is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church where she is active on the Sunday School staff and is the treasurer.



Doris Krist

William A. Ludwig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reinhard Ludwig, was born deaf in Winner, S.D., February 29, 1932. The cause of his deafness is unknown. However, German Measles which his mother contracted while pregnant might have been the cause.

He was enrolled in The Lutheran School for the Deaf at the age of five where he completed his elementary education in 1947. After graduation and confirmation he enrolled in the High School Department of the Colorado School for the Deaf and completed a four year course in two years. In September of 1950 he entered Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., from which he was graduated in 1954, receiving a B.A. degree in education.

Rev. Westermann, a missionary to the deaf in that area, encouraged William to study for the ministry. As a result, he is now a prospective pastor to the deaf enrolled as a Senior at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill. God willing, he will serve in the Lord's vineyard after another year of study. (William's father is a member of our Synod's Board of Directors.)

Every Sunday William goes to Jacksonville to assist in Rev. Uhlig's Sunday School where more than one hundred deaf children from the Illinois State School for the Deaf attend.

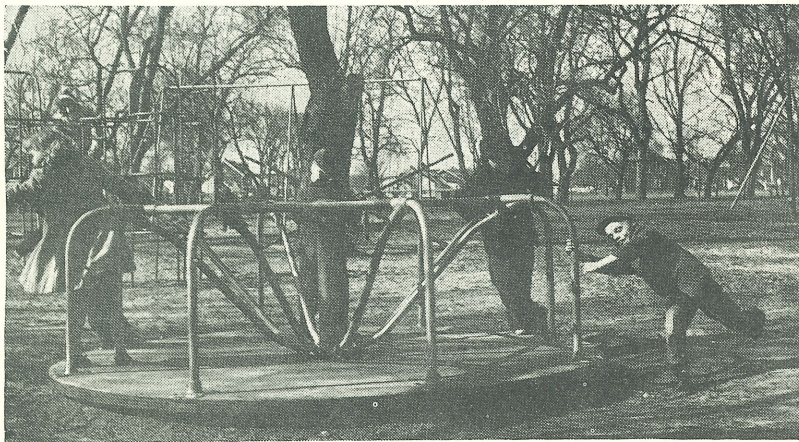
The Bible class, consisting of older children who have already been confirmed, is taught by William. Kenneth Toerpe, another graduate of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf also teaches a class. His intentions are not known but it is hoped that he also will become a missionary to the deaf.



Wm. Ludwig



THERE IS NO LACK of space at the Institute for softball games where two contests may be in progress simultaneously. Girls' and Boys' teams each compete in a Detroit parochial school league each spring.



PROBABLY THE MOST POPULAR piece of equipment on our entire play ground which consists of many, is this merry-go-round. It seems to be the first occupied and last unoccupied when play time is over.



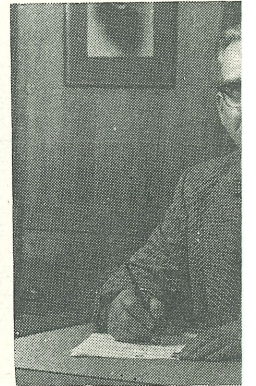
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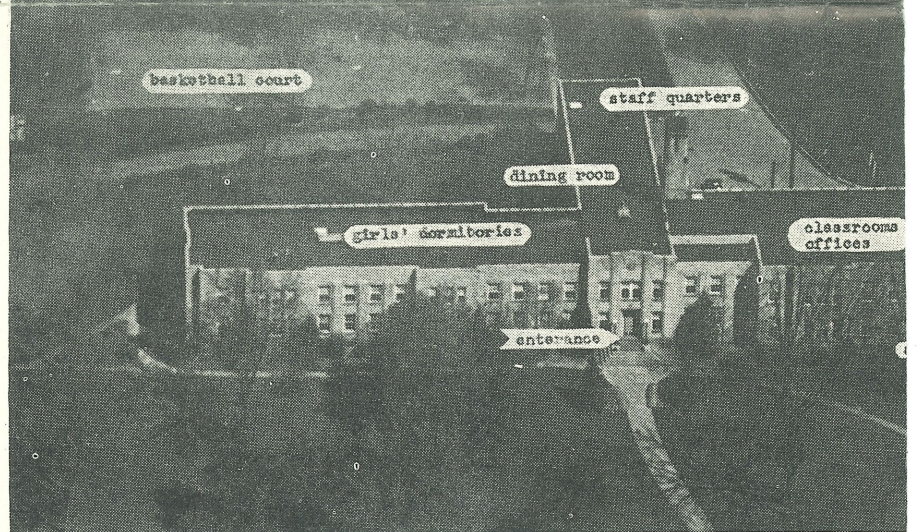
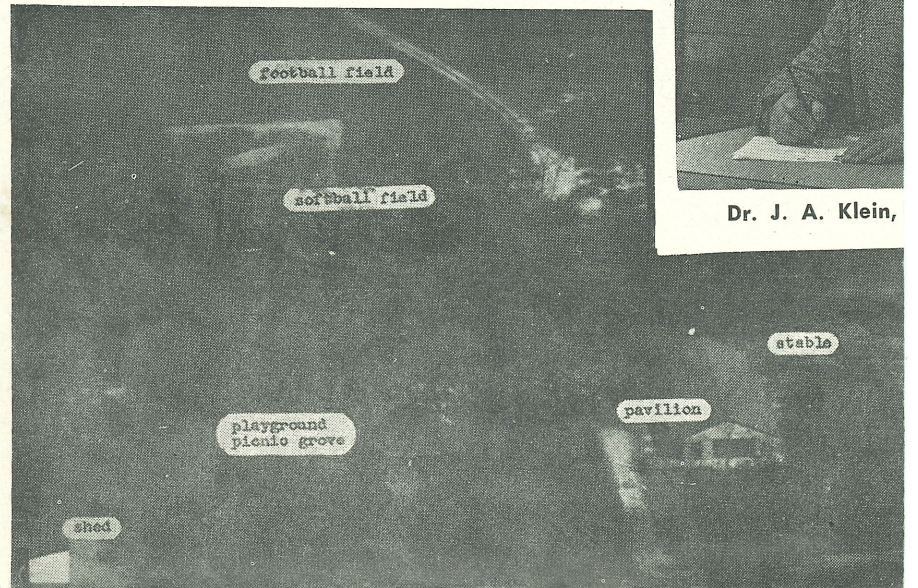
AN HOUR EACH EVENING is devoted to study in preparation for the next day's lessons. The large living room pictured above serves as the center for such quiet study hour.



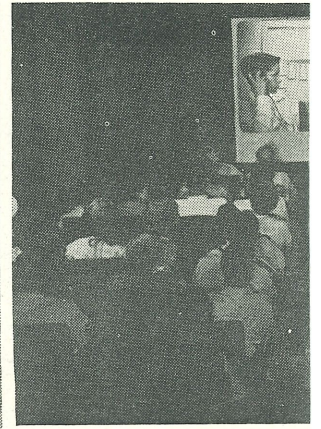
Touch football is probably the favorite sport of our boys' who compete in the East Side Parochial School Football League in the fall.



Dr. J. A. Klein,



IN OUR DINING ROOM the family style at meal time establishes a natural social relationship which eases pressures and creates a better understanding between children and supervisors.

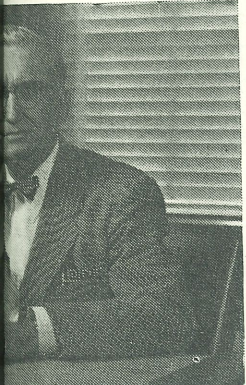


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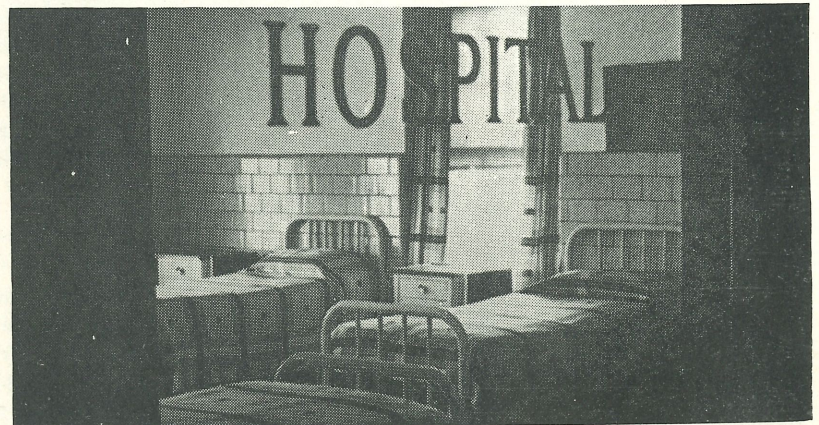
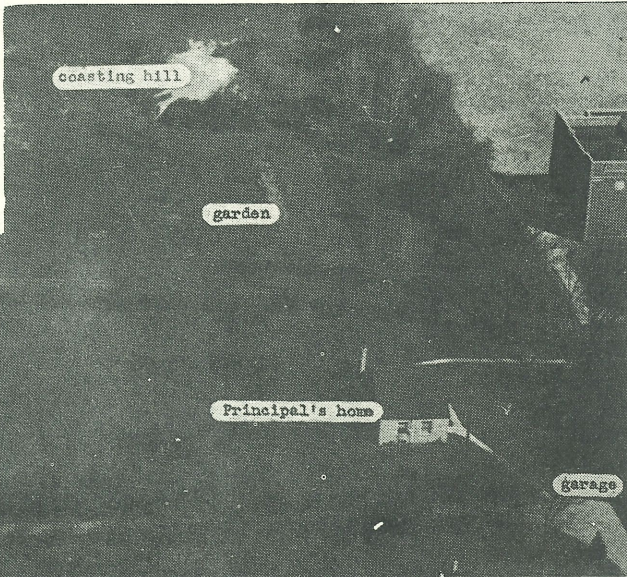
Our pony offers a rare treat for children who are staunch members of western pictures booster clubs and are endowed with urges for diversion.



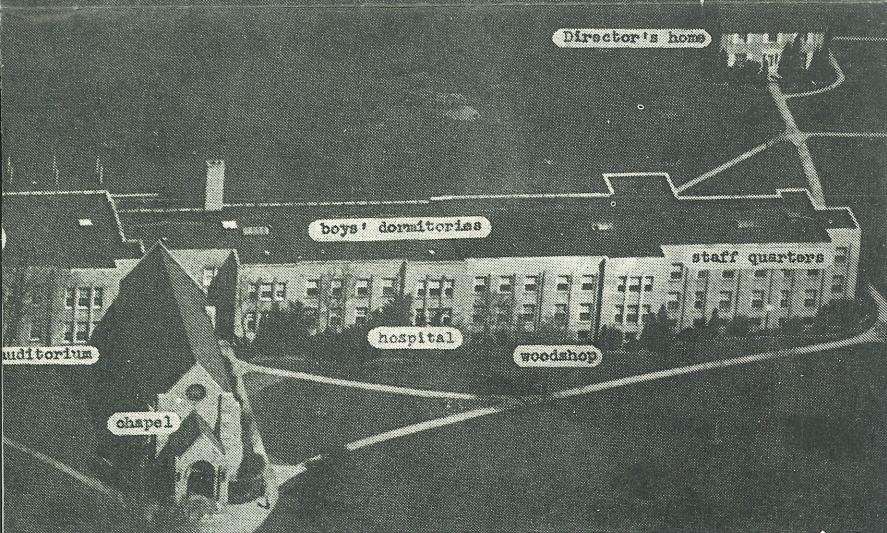
A COMMON SCENE in one of our gardens during the summer months when fresh garden vegetables are grown primarily for treats on a small scale basis. Our garden tractor is a valuable tool especially on warm days.



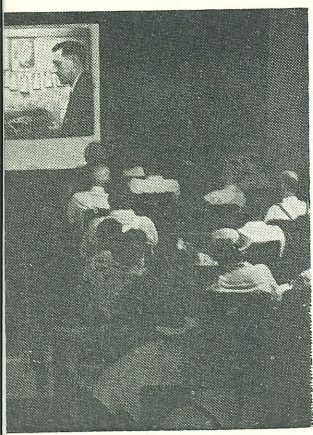
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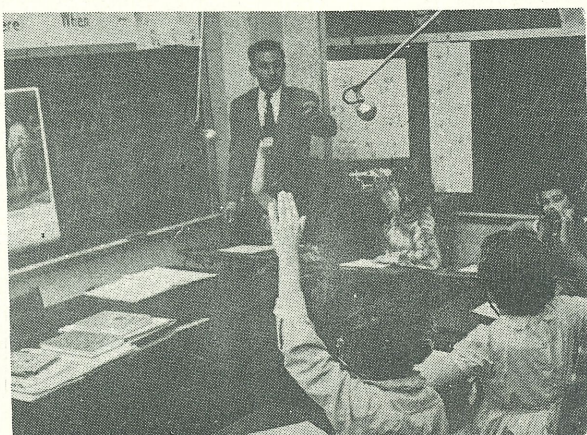
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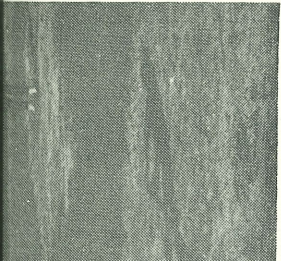
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AS WE LOOK IN ON Mr. Roy Kaiser's room we find him in the midst of the Bible Story lesson, an important phase of Christian education.



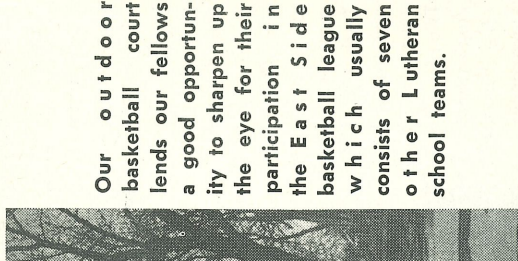
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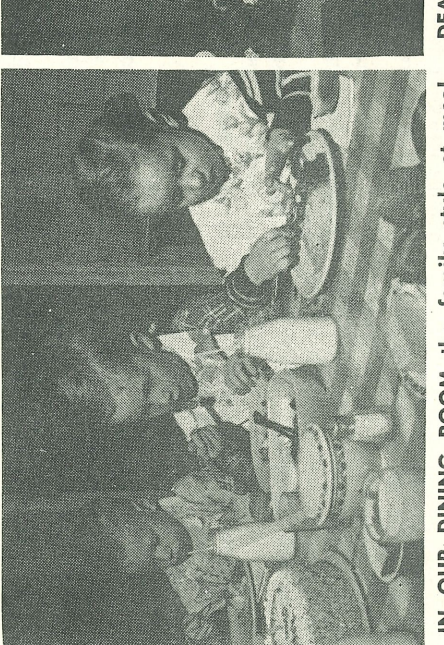
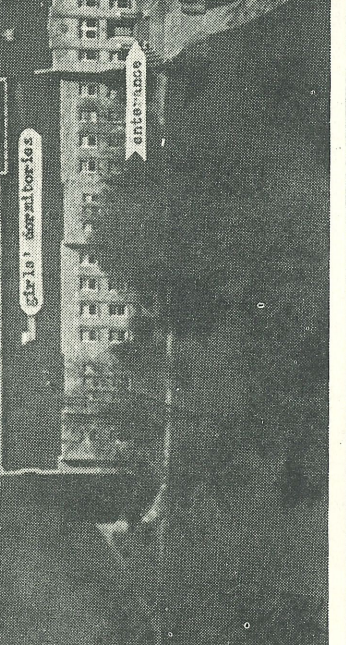
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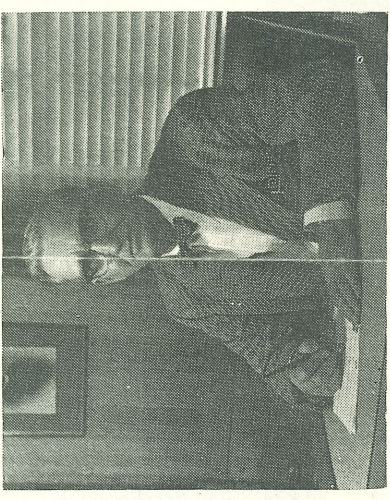


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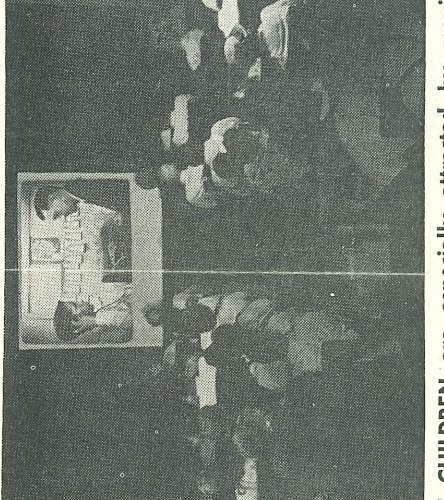
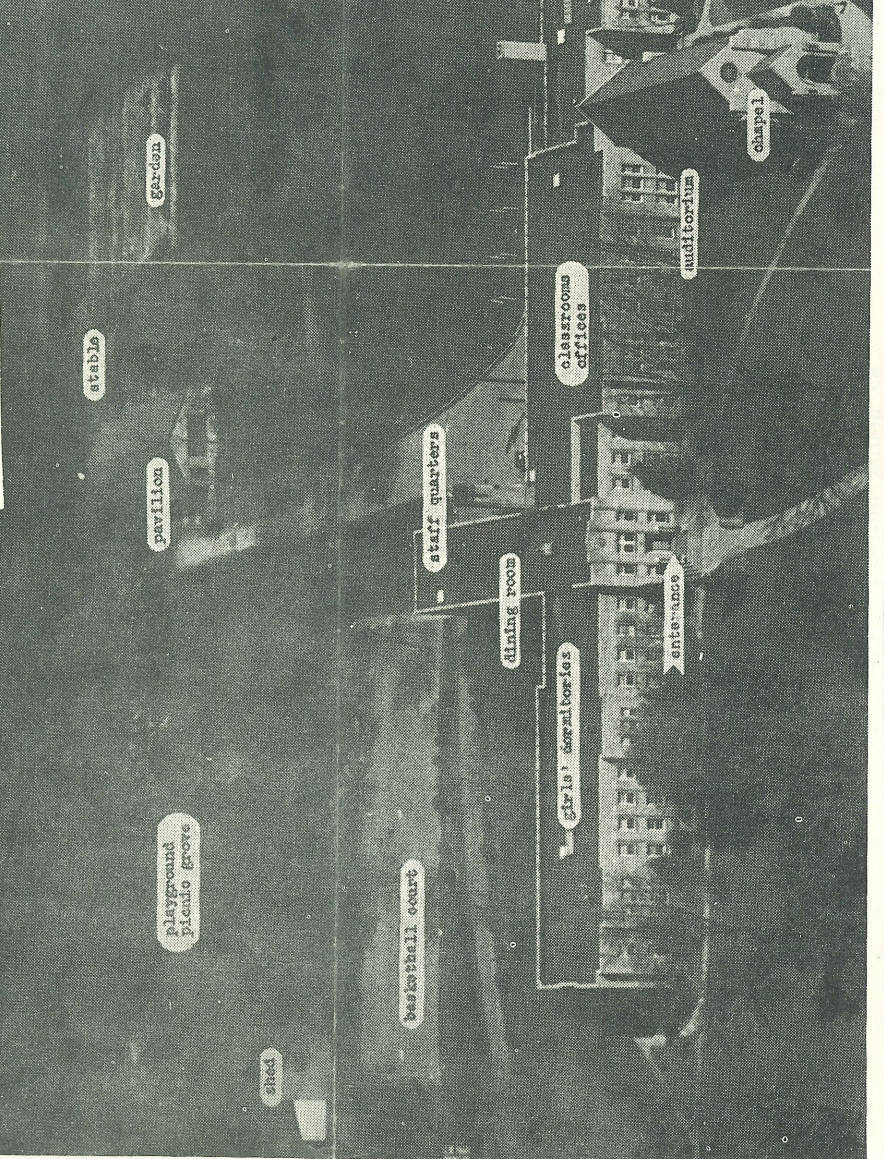


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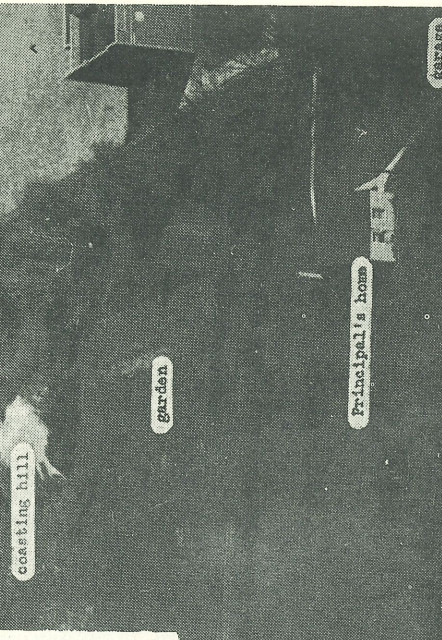
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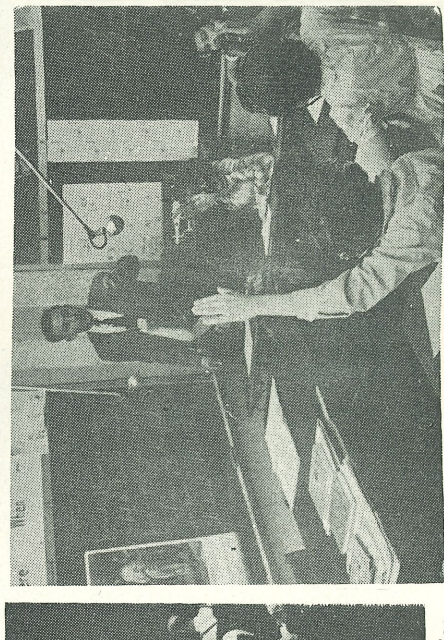
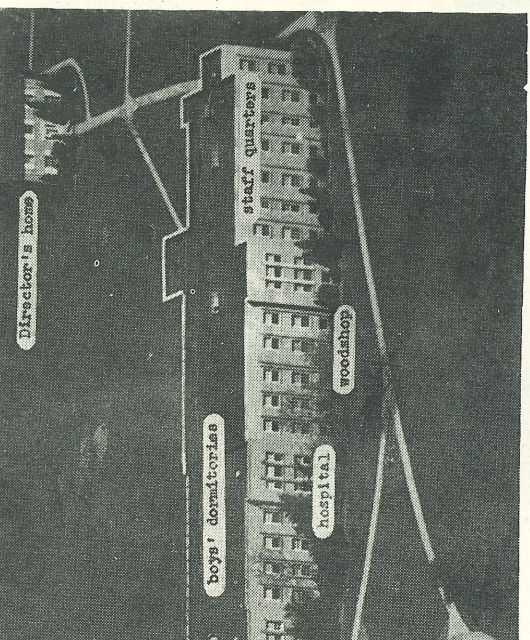
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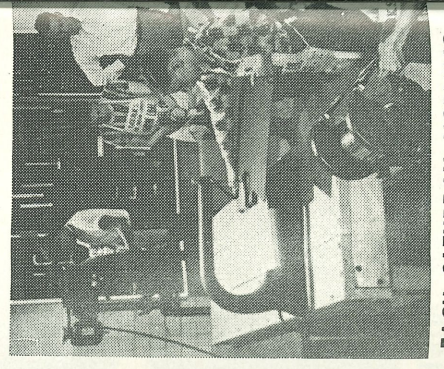


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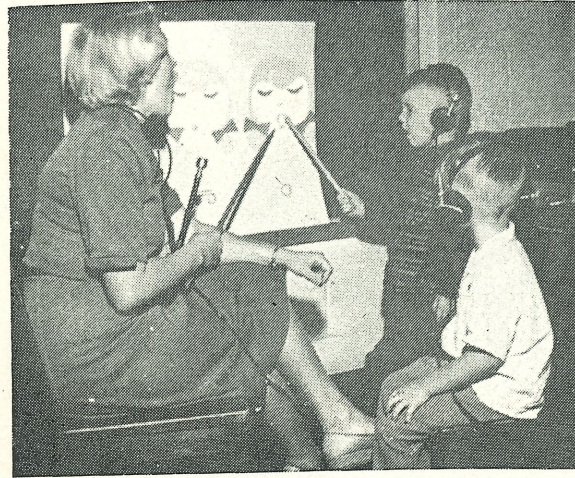
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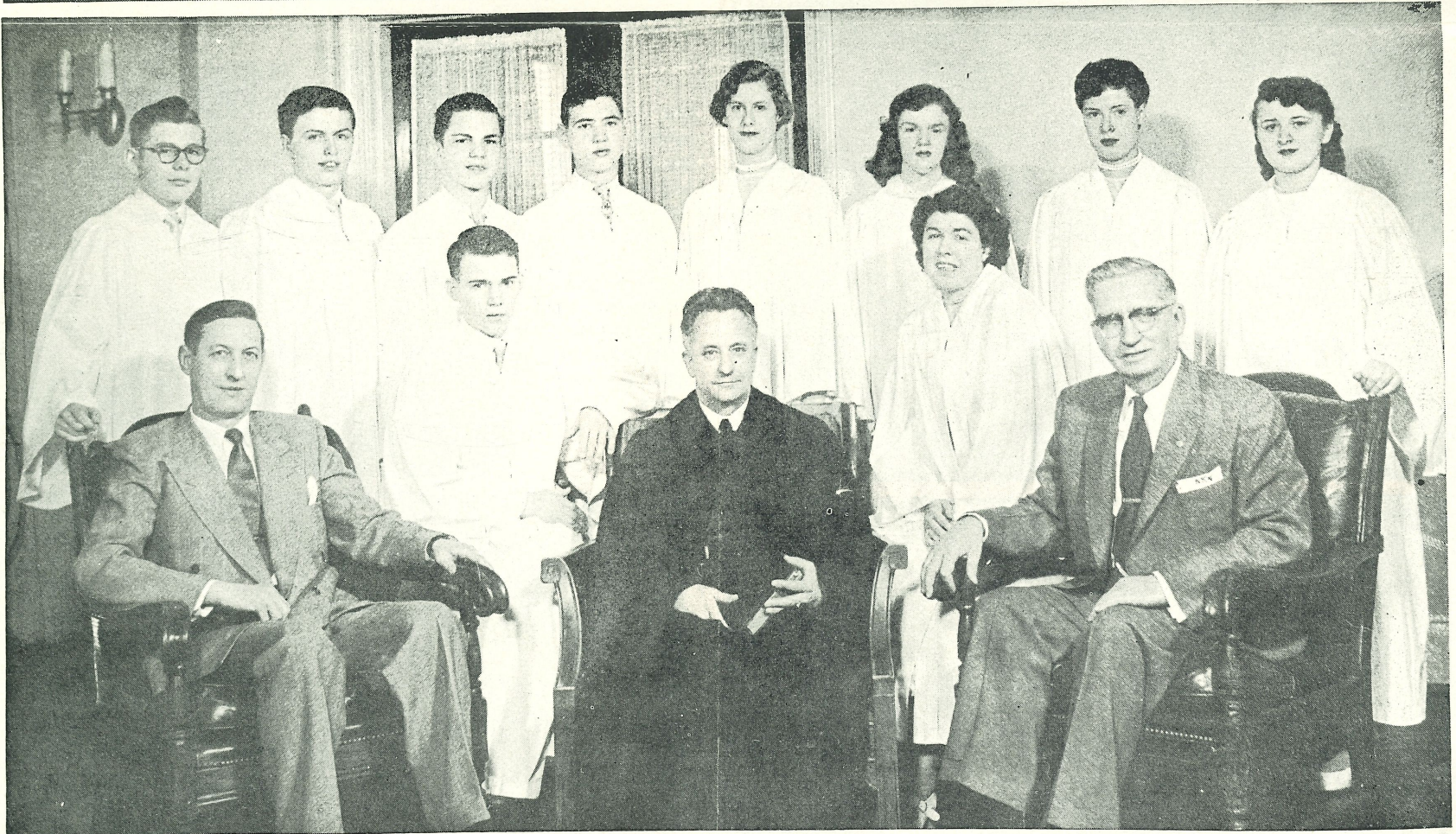


Mrs. Benda begins the task of developing speech in deaf children and it continues to the very day of graduation. The tremendous difficulty in establishing speech in a deaf child is second only to its importance.



Language being the avenue of learning, it must be developed. Here Miss Stack diligently introduces another step which will further weaken the barrier that deprives young deaf children of a satisfactory normal communication.

The body, "the temple of God", must not be neglected during the child's stay in school. To assist in the proper development our pupils receive the benefits of physical education at a nearby Y.M.C.A.



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