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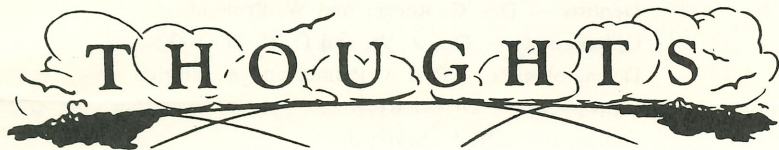
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## THINK ON THESE

*Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. Matt. 10:42.*

*Whatsoever good things any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord. Eph. 6:8.*



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

In this 94th year of our God-given School for the Deaf we would remember Christ's command: "Go . . . disciple the nations . . . TEACH".

Permit me, therefore, to quote the following from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, "The Cost of discipleship."

*"Only he who believes is obedient,  
only he who is obedient believes.*

*For faith is only real when there is obedience, never without it, and faith only becomes faith in the act of obedience.*

*For by grace ye have been saved . . . For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them. Eph. 2, 8-10.*

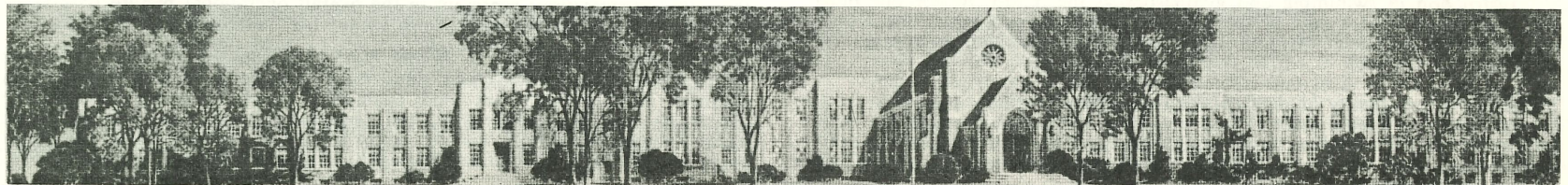
Ultimately there is only one good work; the work of God in Christ Jesus. Thru God's own action in Christ we have been saved and not thru our own works. We can never boast about them for we are ourselves His workmanship. Yet it remains true that the whole purpose of our new creation in Christ is that in Him we might attain unto good works.

But all our good works are the works of God Himself, the works for which He has prepared us beforehand. Good works then are ordained for the sake of salvation, but they are in the end those which God Himself works within us. They are His gift, but it is OUR task to walk in them at every moment of our lives, knowing all the time that any good works of our own could never help us to abide before the judgment seat of God. We cling in faith to Christ and His works alone. For we have the promise that those who are in Christ Jesus will be enabled to do good works, which will testify for them in the day of judgment. They will be preserved and sanctified until the last day. All we can do is to believe in God's Word, rely on His promise, and walk in the good works which He prepared for us."

The Rev. H. R. Wacker, President

### HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

The school film, "A New Life for Jennifer," is available for scheduling. We sincerely hope that every congregation and/or related organization will include a showing of this outstanding 27 minute, all color sound production in their 1967-68 schedule of meetings, educational programs and social events. There is no rental charge. However, it is our hope and prayer that a contribution at the time of showing or at some later date will be forthcoming.



## SCHOOL OPENING

*Lord Jesus Christ to us attend,  
Thy Holy Spirit to us send,  
With Grace to rule us day by day,  
And lead us in true wisdom's way.*

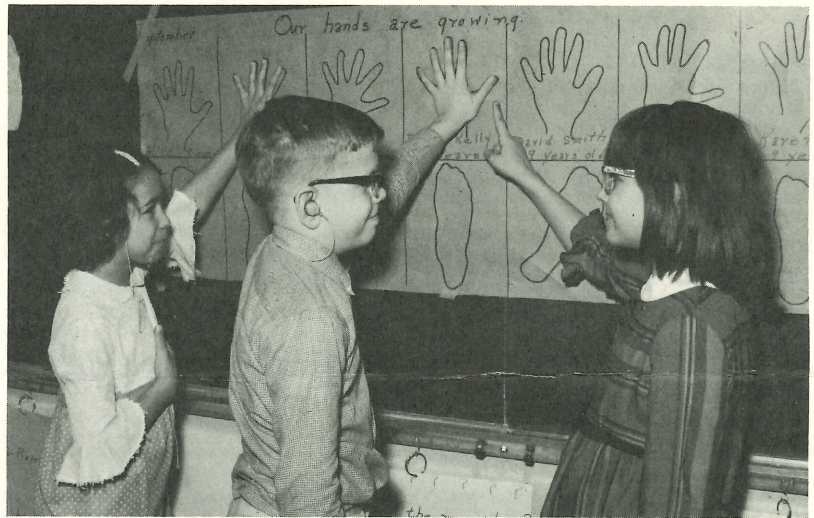
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On Tuesday, September 5, the Lutheran School for the Deaf, first and oldest Charity serving the Church Synodwide, began its 95th year of educating deaf children — preparing them for this life and for heaven.

Twelve new pupils were accepted this Fall bringing the total to 117. There is the possibility of one or two more being accepted in September.

Previous to the day of school opening, Principal Herman Holste and the Faculty held a two day workshop. Besides the new teachers, the children were greeted by two new housemothers — one in the boys and one in the girls dormitory.

The new pupils are the following: Janet Lynn Charnesky, 4, Royal Oak, Mich; Thomas Ross Guinn, 4, Vineland, Ontario; Sheila Joan Higgins, 5, Roseville, Mich; Stephen Fehlmen Jellison, 4, Owosso, Mich; Todd William Pitt, 4, Sanford, Mich; Michael Wesley Reardon, 4, Wayne, Mich; Linda Ann Vinup, 4, Dearborn, Mich; Kevin John Walsh, 4, London, Ont; Chuck Floyd Russell, 8, Jackson, Mich; John Davidson Reynold, 6, Grosse Pte., Mich; Richard Maliszewski, 8, Allen Park, Mich; Michael John Wagner, 6, Royal Oak, Mich.



Another School year begins. Peggy Nearing, Dave Kelly and Karen Marton check their hand size against last year to see if they have really grown as much as everyone says.

## PARENT-STAFF GROUP ORGANIZES

In early Spring a group of interested parents met with the Administrators and members of the School Staff to discuss the feasibility of organizing a Parents-Staff group for the purpose of gaining a better mutual understanding of the many and varied problems involved in the education of the Deaf and, particularly, in the total program of our school. Many excellent ideas were expressed and discussed relative to greater Parent-Teacher-Housemother involvement in the child's welfare both at home and in School.

It was decided that all parents of children enrolled in the school automatically become members of the organization. There are no dues contemplated at the present time.

Officers elected at the first meeting were the following:

President — Edward McLaurin

Vice President — Mrs. Fran. Petersmarck

Secretary — Mrs. Joan Swarz

Administrator, Teacher and Housemother representatives serve on the executive committee. Enthusiasm ran high and all involved are looking forward to making the new venture an important arm of the school program. Future issues of this publication will keep our readers informed concerning the organization and its progress.



Supervising teacher, Miss Grace Mannen, is back at one of the daily tasks of maintaining an operating hearing aid. Each Fall and throughout the school year the proper fitting of the ear-piece is vital for comfort and efficiency. Scott Caskey, 6 years old from Indiana carefully observes Miss Mannen's comments.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF ASSOCIATION

*Gleanings from the Reports*

**ANNUAL FESTIVAL** — The 94th school year of our beloved Lutheran School for the Deaf closed on Sunday, June 11 with the Annual Festival. The Rev. Dr. John F. Choitz was the main speaker. Instead of a separate Children's Program at 2 P.M. and Festival Service at 3 P.M. as had been the custom, we combined the two this year and began the program at 2:15 P.M. In connection with the program there was a ceremony of presenting awards of merit to pupils for outstanding performances.

**ENROLLMENT** — Fourteen new pupils were enrolled last Fall. These hailed from Canada, Florida, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi and Virginia which makes a total of 122 children. (68 boys — 54 girls)

**CONFIRMATION** — On Palm Sunday 8 children were confirmed by the Rev. N. E. Borchardt in our School Chapel. It is on this happy occasion that parents express their deep gratitude to the school and its loyal friends and supporters for having provided a Christian Education for their deaf children.

**NEW ENROLLMENT FOR SEPT. 1967** — To date, it seems that we shall be able to accept 10 to 12 new pupils for the 1967-68 school term. The majority of these will be Lutheran children.

**STAFF** — The school's total staff consists of 51 people of which 19 are teachers. In addition to these, many faithful volunteers gave the school much valuable service.

**TEACHER RECRUITMENT** — At present the school has four (4) students in training under its scholarship program. By September 1st., one or two more will be added to the list. Two of these students who are training at Eastern Michigan University will be doing their practice teaching in our school next year.

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND EQUIPMENT** — The school continues to investigate the means whereby each deaf child may progress faster and more thoroughly. Faculty committees spend hours in examining and evaluating new text books, library books and teaching materials.

Our Federal Government is spending enormous sums of money in research projects, teacher scholarships and in making teaching aids available to schools for the Deaf. To date, our school has received 4 Overhead projectors, 8 Screens, 8 Projection tables, film strips and transparencies — with more to come. All of this equipment is on permanent loan.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** — The school has a very active Sewing Club, A Charm Club and a Busy Bee Club which are directed and supervised by volunteer teachers. Weekly Bowling is another activity supervised by the teachers.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION** — Our children now have had a full year to profit from the use of our new John A. Klein Wing and Gymnasium. The Gym has proved to be a spark plug for athletic events of all kinds and has provided the facilities for increased participation in local indoor track competition.

Our track team won the 1st place trophy for smaller schools at the Lutheran High East track and field meet this Spring.

Our boys also participated in touch football, basketball and softball games with parochial school teams.

Instruction in swimming and gymnastics at the Y.M.C.A. for our older children continues as a part of the Physical Education program. The North-east and North Detroit Kiwanis Clubs again provided the necessary "Y" memberships.

**TREATS** — Our family of deaf children was afforded many enjoyable treats during the entire school year. These consisted of parties arranged for them here at the school as well as away from school, picnics and campouts, weekly free bowling, free tickets for football and baseball games, etc., etc. These

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## TEACHERS WORKSHOP HELD

The entire teaching staff returned early to participate in a general work-shop on August 31 and September 1 at the school. This enabled the teachers to review the course of study and language outlines for the various levels. New Text Books, Visual Aids, Audio Equipment and Policy changes were discussed. It also, gave the teachers an opportunity to thoroughly prepare their classrooms for school opening.

The new teachers met with Principal Holste two days previous to the time of the work-shop for a general briefing and curriculum study.

pleasures were provided by church and other organizations as well as individual friends.

**FAMILY HEALTH AND CARE** — Due to the Lord's rich blessings and the excellent care of our housemothers, the school's large family of deaf children enjoyed good health. Generally we expect an epidemic or two of measles or one of the other so-called childhood diseases during the school year but, except for several cases of mumps, very few of such cases were experienced this term.

Professional people who volunteer their services in order that our family might have the best possible health care are the following:

- Medical — Drs. C. Sharrer and W. A. Huegli.
- Dentists — Drs. C. Rueger and W. Bruland.
- Optometrists — Drs. J. W. and O. R. Dueueke.
- Dermatologists — Drs. A. Palmer and A. Ulbrich.
- Chiropodist — Dr. L. Kreis
- Otologist — Dr. L. Seyfried.

The school is signally blessed in that it has these professional friends who serve on our "health team" without ever asking for remuneration.

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE** — The School's property is being kept in fine condition. We can expect maintenance time and cost to increase as the buildings get older. The usual painting and decorating in various areas of the buildings will begin immediately after the school closes. The heating system of the old buildings will be thoroughly checked this summer by a heating firm and repairs made where necessary.

During the year approximately 20 diseased Elm trees were removed.

**INSPECTION** — The State Department of Health made its annual inspection of all school facilities and found them in very good order. The Detroit City Department of Health inspects several times a year. These Departments always commend the school on its neat and well-kept buildings and appointments.

Since we are on the Government School Lunch Program, the Department of Agriculture also inspects our Government Lunch account, Government food supplies on hand and menus. This inspection was made last week with the inspectors comment that the program is being excellently administered.

**PUPIL COST** — The Annual cost to educate, house and feed a deaf child in our school still stands at approximately \$3000.00 which is on a par with other schools of a similar nature. Since the school can expect to receive on the average only about 1/8 of its annual total financial needs from parents in the form of tuition fees, much publicity is required.

**PUBLICITY** — The school's publicity work so necessary for the ingathering of the required operating funds again consisted of the **one appeal** letter per year to the readers of our School Paper which includes the pastors; four issues of the quarterly periodical "The Deaf Child's Advocate"; the motion picture "A New Life for Jennifer"; Memorial folders; Informational pamphlets; Speakers and demonstrations with children for various types of programs; and visiting days for groups. Publicity activities are continually going on during the year. A total of 89 activities such as talks and demonstrations and the entertaining of visiting groups were a part of the school's 1966-67 program in bringing the deaf child and his needs to the attention of ever greater numbers of people.

**THE DEAF CHILD'S ADVOCATE** — Our School's quarterly paper endeavors to tell the story of educating deaf children for this life and for heaven and to keep the needs of the school before its many readers. The paper which has a circulation of approximately 90,000 copies is considered the important "life line" in our publicity department.

**THE FILM** — The movie "A New Life for Jennifer" which has been in circulation since September 1965 has enjoyed an exceptionally fine reception in our congregations, related organizations, parent groups, service clubs and educational institutions throughout the U.S. and Canada. Twenty-eight copies are in circulation at the present time. To date the film has won five National Awards at Film Festivals and an International Blue Ribbon award at the World Festival held recently in Tehran.

**LADIES' AUXILIARIES** — The financial assistance and volunteer services rendered the school by its wonderful and everwilling Ladies' Auxiliaries during the past year were tremendous and varied. Each Chapter will render an activities report at this meeting.

We should never under-evaluate the tremendous power for good which these two organizations represent in the overall operational picture of making this school a real "Home away from home" for the children in our care.

**DONATIONS IN KIND** — "Pound Day" donations of groceries from our Metropolitan congregations and some farm produce from the Thumb Area churches, plus Sanders baked goods again have greatly assisted us in providing our pupils with good diversified and wholesome food. The Alpena Circuit again provided the school with its yearly supply of potatoes. (153-100 pound bags) Mr. Schmaltz of Galien, Michigan donated 75 bushels of apples.

Dear Friends: For many years I have wanted to teach the deaf, and now that I will be a senior this fall I must make plans for college. Would you send me information about the colleges that have programs concerning this field of teaching? Neither my parents nor I feel that a large college would be good for the first two years. Any information you could send me would be appreciated. Thank you. Sincerely Kristine Nitz, Sebawaing, Mich.

Dear Mr. Bellhorn: Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of \$..... This represents the total gift offering from the children of St. Lukes V.B.S. You will also receive a large box or two of religious hand puppets made by the V.B.S. ages 9 to 13, which we hope you will be able to use as a visual aid. There will also be several small wood crosses which are easily put together ready to finish. It is our prayer that in some small way we were able to help a less fortunate child. Sincerely, Mrs. Donald Zimmerman, V.B.S. Supt. 1967 — Aurora, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bellhorn: This gift to be used as a Memorial was given to me by my neighbors. I have given a memorial card to my father. Also, I would love to have more reply envelopes and Memoriams on hand. 1 or 2 would be sufficient. Thank you very much. Mother always loved your school and the good work you do for little ones and it gives great comfort to know that friends and relatives are making donations in her memory. Yours in Christ, Mrs. James Lueders, Madison Heights, Mich.

Dear Christian Friends: It gives me great satisfaction that I am in a position one more time to send a contribution to your institution. I'm not designating it for any particular purpose. I know you will use it where it is most needed. May you and your staff enjoy a few weeks of relaxation after a year of strenuous and exacting work with your handicapped children. Very sincerely yours, Mrs. Louis C. Pozehl.

Dear Mr. Bellhorn: Thank you for your fine co-operation in completing arrangements for our Lutheran Church Women to view the film, "A New Life for Jennifer." It arrived promptly Monday morning. The film was well received by our ladies and it was the general opinion of the group that the story of the work being done at your School was presented in a charming and instructive manner. We are pleased to enclose a check as a token of our appreciation for this service. With kindest regards, Sincerely yours, Mrs. Dale L. Kohr — Youngstown, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Bellhorn: When I read the June 1967 issue of The Deaf Child's Advocate, I was led to thank God for you and to intercede with Him for your important ministry to the deaf. May God give you much continuing joy in your important ministry to those who have a spot in the heart of our Lord Jesus. Gratefully in Christ, Martin L. Koehneke — River Forest, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bellhorn: Thank you for your recent letter concerning our Walther League's contribution to the Deaf Institute in the amount of \$..... Our Walther League has worked hard to raise this money, and they are concerned Christian young people. They recognize that your work is done for the good of people and for the glory of God. God's richest blessings to you and to your staff. Yours in Christ, Vicar Glenn E. Niebling — Epiphany, Detroit, Michigan.

Gentlemen: We truly enjoyed the Jennifer movie. Used it in V.B.S. 135 children and adults saw it. Never were they more quiet and attentive. This film should build up much interest in the school. Many thanks! Rev. Mueller — Messiah, Sterling, Ill.



Miss Helen Szajna has been teaching classes at the school for 21 years.

**TEACHER COMPLETES 21 YEARS**

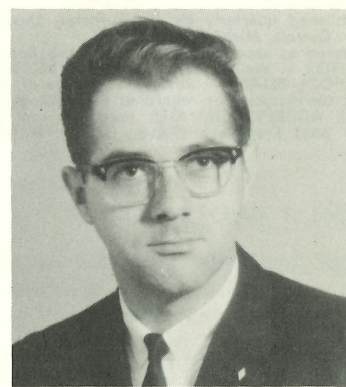
In June Miss Helen Szajna completed 21 years of faithful and outstanding teaching service to the School. During these years she has taught classes from the pre-primary department through the 8th grade and has served on many study committees and planning groups. She is the energetic type of person who makes every minute of the day count.

On Festival Day, June 11, during the afternoon program the Board of Directors presented her with a gift check in appreciation of her many years of service.

We congratulate Miss Szajna and wish for her the Lord's richest blessings in the years to come.

**NEW TEACHERS**

Mr. Robert Schweitzer is a native of Michigan, returning to his state to enter the teaching field. Mr. Schweitzer comes to our teaching staff with a varied background of experiences which should prove to be of great value in his work with the deaf. He has served his country in the U. S. Navy for four years as an electronics instructor and technician and upon his discharge was an employee of Boeing Aircraft. Desiring to enter the teaching field, he enrolled at Concordia College, Portland, Oregon for two years, then transferring to Augustana College at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, from which he graduated in June 1967. Mr. Schweitzer has an assignment to teach a class of twelve year olds and will assist with the sports program. Mrs. Schweitzer will be teaching at East Bethlehem Lutheran School, a short distance from our school. We extend a welcome hand to Mr. and Mrs. Schweitzer as they settle in our community.



Robert Schweitzer



Mrs. Helen Robinette

Mrs. Martin Robinette joins our teaching staff this year as a newcomer to Michigan. She is a graduate of the University of Utah and has spent the past two years teaching at the Utah School for the Deaf. Her husband has accepted a position at Wayne State University in Detroit where he is enrolled on a doctoral program. We are pleased to have them settle in the Detroit area. Mrs. Robinette will be teaching a group of seven year old children.

Our beautiful Memorial Wreath Folders are always available free and postpaid.

**1967 - 1968 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

September	5 (Tues.)	Children return to School. School Year Begins.
September	22 (Fri.)	Y.M.C.A. Program Begins (Older Children)
October	20 (Fri.)	United Foundation Collection by Teachers (No Classes, No School)
November	3 (Fri.)	End of 1st Quarter
November	22 (Wed.)	Thanksgiving Recess Begins at <b>NOON</b> (12:00)
November	26 (Sun.)	Children Return from Thanksgiving Recess.
December	20 (Wed.)	Christmas Pageant — 1:30 P.M. Classes dismissed after the service for Christmas Recess.
January	2 (Tues.)	Children Return to School from Christmas Recess.
January	3 (Wed.)	Classes Resume.
January	26 (Fri.)	End of 1st Semester.
March	29 (Fri.)	End of 3rd Quarter.
April	5 (Fri.)	Easter Recess Begins at <b>NOON</b> (12:00).
April	7 (Sun.)	Confirmation — Palm Sunday.
April	15 (Mon.)	Children Return to School from Easter Recess.
April	16 (Tues.)	Classes Resume.
May	17 (Fri.)	Y.M.C.A. Program Ends.
May	30 (Thurs.)	Memorial Day. No Classes.
June	9 (Sun.)	Annual Closing Festival — Classes Dismissed.

**FORM OF BEQUEST**

I give, devise and bequeath to the Lutheran School for the Deaf, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48234, a duly organized and incorporated, non-profit corporation, the sum of \$..... and/or the following described real estate and/or stocks and bonds. The receipt of the Treasurer or Executive Director of said corporation shall be sufficient discharge to my executor for same.

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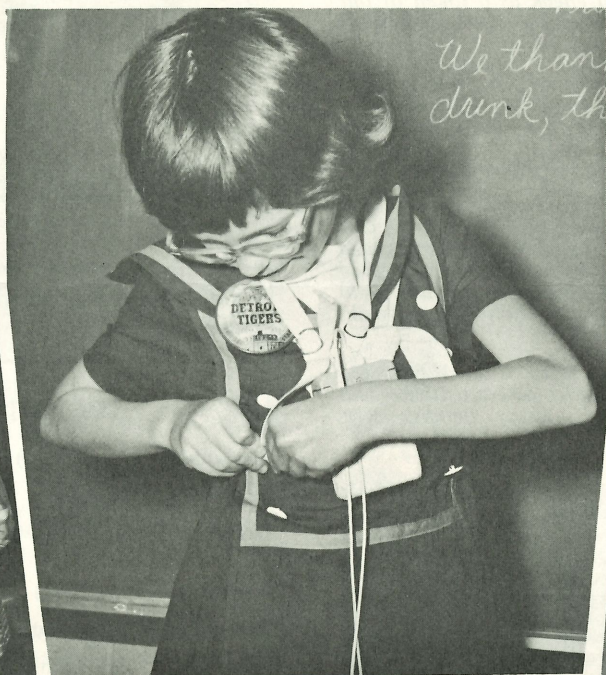
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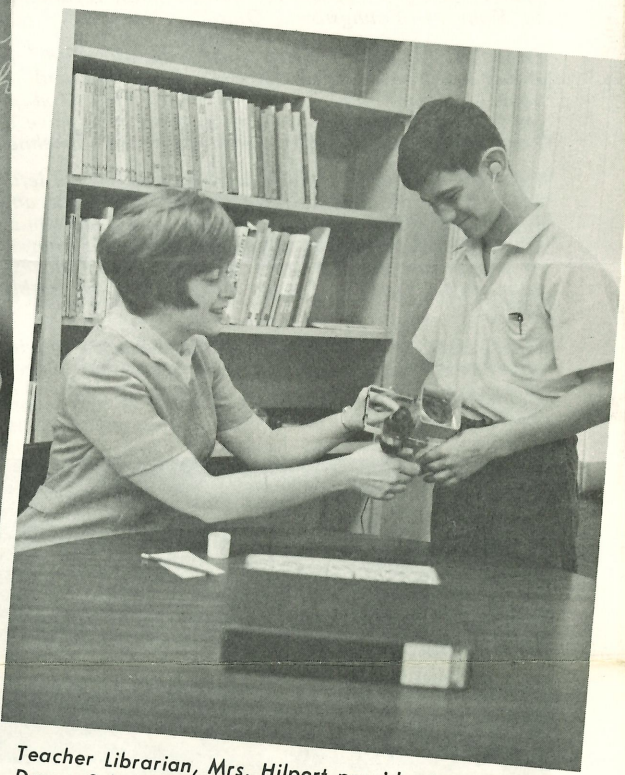
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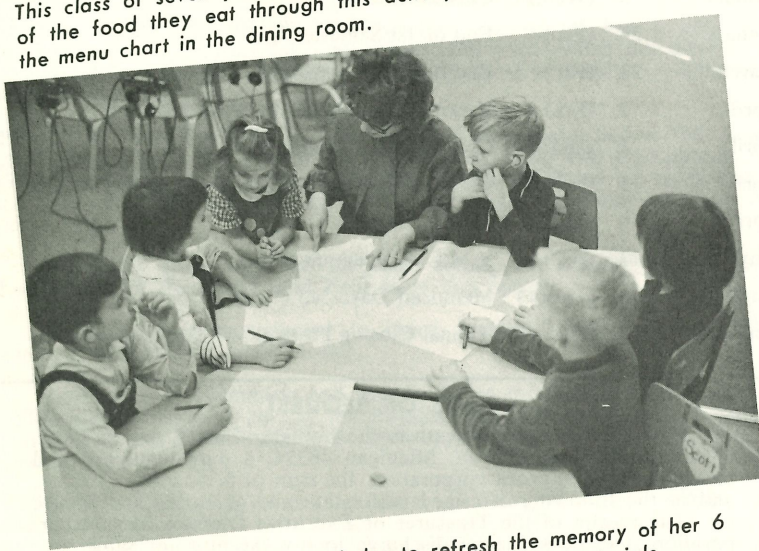
This class of seven year olds is learning the names of the food they eat through this activity of fixing the menu chart in the dining room.



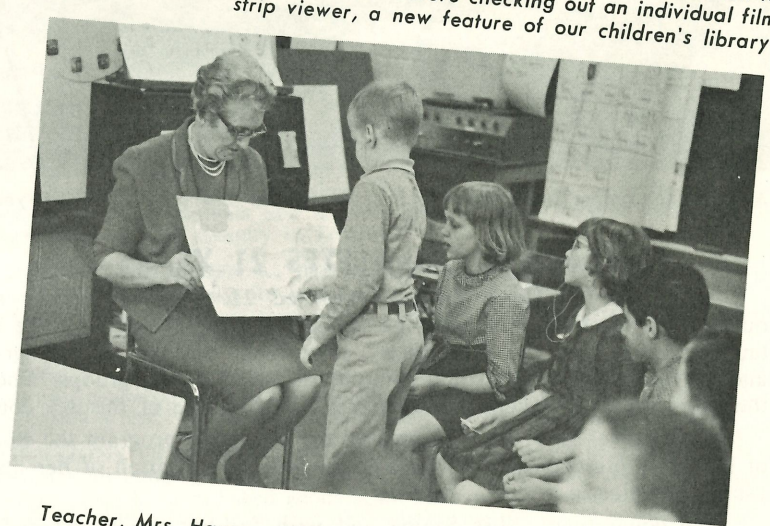
Alana Daws, North Dakota, prepares herself for school as she puts on the hearing aid, first thing in the morning.



Teacher Librarian, Mrs. Hilpert provides instruction to Danny Schuber before checking out an individual film strip viewer, a new feature of our children's library.



Teacher, Mrs. Gregory, helps to refresh the memory of her 6 year old pupils from last year with readiness materials.



Teacher, Mrs. Hance, gains the attention of her pupils with a flannelgraph in reviewing some recently taught materials.