

News and Announcements

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(Information for this department is always gladly received and the help of those who have contributed in the past is much appreciated although it is impossible to acknowledge each letter personally. This column can function only with the help of interested members.

The deadline on which this editor must submit copy is two months ahead of the date of publication of each issue:

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The Department of Audiology, Eye and Ear Hospital, Pittsburgh, is presenting a series of 12 lectures on Hearing and Deafness for parents of aurally handicapped children, and other interested persons. Cooperating in the lectures are the Departments of Psychology and Speech, University of Pittsburgh, and the Pittsburgh League for the Hard of Hearing. Among the lecturers are: Miss Charlotte Avery, Clinical Audiologist, Department of Audiology; Dr. Jack Matthews, Director, Speech Clinic, University of Pittsburgh; Miss Phyllis McCalmont, Executive Secretary, Pittsburgh League for the Hard of Hearing; Mr. Sam Craig, Superintendent, Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf; Dr. Raymond Jordan, prominent Pittsburgh otologist; and Dr. Leo G. Doerfler, Assistant Professor of Audiology, School of Medicine, and Director of the Department of Audiology.

The Institute for Human Adjustment, University of Michigan, is undergoing extensive alterations of its present building which will provide additional rooms and special facilities. When completed, these changes will

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include: the creation of nine consultation and practice rooms for the hearing rehabilitation program, a special suite equipped with an isolated sound-proof room for clinical testing and research and three cubicles for student practice of audiometry, a recording room, office, laboratory, and shop.

In the fall 12 children, ranging in age from five to eight years, presenting severe speech handicaps, were enrolled in an 8-weeks intensive group training program placing emphasis on speech usage as well as on the mechanics of speech production. Dr. Ollie Backus and Miss Jane Beasley directed the program. The mothers of these twelve children were encouraged to observe at the training periods, and were organized into a class that met regularly at the Clinic with a staff member to discuss training and to outline suggestions for home guidance. A group of pre-school children and their parents were present for a 2-weeks training program in January.

The Aphasia Division supplied intensive retraining for 12 brain injured veterans in residence for six weeks last summer, and for 20 others in residence the first semester of this year; the Adult Division, for 12 adolescents in residence for six weeks last summer and for 12 adults in residence for eight weeks this past semester. Mrs. Vivian Sheehan is in charge of the work for the aphasics, Miss Ann Madsen is Senior Clinician in the Adult Division.

The cooperation of the State Departments of Health and Public Instruction with the Hearing Division of the Clinic directed by Mr. Morley, last summer produced for the second time a 6-weeks program for a group of children from 10 to 12 years of age whose handicapping hearing losses were incapable of further medical treatment.

The children, each of whom was provided with a properly fitted hearing aid, were given intensive auditory training, lip reading, and speech instruction at the Rackham School in Ypsilanti. At intervals of six months, they return to the Clinic for acoustic and academic re-examination.

At Shady Trails Speech Camp this summer 12 junior staff appointments are available, each carrying a stipend of \$75.00 plus room and board for the entire camp season. Requests for information may be addressed to Dr. Bloomer or to Mr. Clancy at the Clinic.

The fourth annual Speech Correction Conference at the University of Missouri was held on October 29, 30, 1948. The conference theme was articulatory problems. Dr. Grant Fairbanks was the key speaker.

The Minnesota Speech Clinicians Association held their fall meeting the last of October. The program was integrated with that of the State Education Association.

A new graduate program leading to the Master of Education degree in the field of the teaching of the deaf has been introduced at Smith College. The program will consist of twelve hours of work at Smith and eighteen hours at the Clarke School for the Deaf, which is cooperating with the college.

The Lip Reading Department, a division of the National Education Association, was established in 1926. It is concerned with the problem of hard of hearing and deafened children. Membership in the Lip Reading Department is aimed at professional growth of teachers of the aurally handicapped and is not intended to supplant any other professional affiliation.

The following officers have been elected for 1948-49: President, Miss Alice Burtnett, Hearing Therapist, Youngstown, Ohio, Public Schools; Vice-president and Managing Editor,

of *The Lip Reader*, Thomas D. Houchin, Speech Consultant, Crippled Children Services, Minnesota Division of Social Welfare, St. Paul; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Dorothy Swope, Hearing Therapist, Houston, Texas. The Editorial Board of *The Lip Reader* is composed of Miss Laila L. Larsen, Speech Clinic, Indiana University, Bloomington, and Dr. Harold Westlake, Speech and Hearing Clinic, School of Speech, Northwestern University.

Mrs. Lois Greene, who was formerly affiliated with the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center, is studying with her husband at the University of Zurich. In September she attended meetings in London and reports as follows:

One of the most exciting experiences I have had here was to attend the Conference on Speech Therapy sponsored by the College of Speech Therapists in London and representing twenty countries. This Conference also served to provide a nucleus for further international meetings, the next of which is to be held in Holland next year or the year after. The meetings were held at the Royal Society of Medicine from September 20-24 and consisted of extremely well-organized sessions and excellently presented papers from speech therapists, speech pathologists, psychiatrists, psychologists, dentists, and physicians. The topics included aims of therapy, theoretical basis and treatment of stammering in all stages, neurological disorders with emphasis on dysphasia, dysgraphia, and dyslexia, visual hearing methods, esophageal voice, obturators, and school programs for speech defective children. It was also enlightening to learn what is being done in this field in the countries represented. The Conference was attended by about 400 people and all were congenial and anxious to exchange views. The social occasions provided by the Conference Committee consisted of a formal reception by the Ministry of Education, a dinner, tea, and tour of London and vicinity, and other opportunities to mingle and get acquainted.

Dr. Marie Mason (Ohio State Univ.) and Dr. Mabel Gifford (Univ. of California) presented papers on 'Visual Hearing Methods' and the 'California School Program,' respectively. They were the only other rep-

representatives from the U.S.A. Mrs. Greene voices the opinion that every effort should be made to have more representatives at any future conferences of this sort.

The National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., has compiled a *Speech Correction Bibliography* which is available without charge from the Librarian of the Society, 11 South La Salle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois.

An experimental laboratory for research in both normal and disordered speech and hearing has been established on the Urbana campus of the University of Illinois as a feature of the Department of Speech. Known as The Speech Laboratory, the unit is designed to serve graduate instruction and to furnish facilities for student and faculty research.

The project has been allotted approximately 7500 square feet of space in a permanent building, which is being remodelled to provide suitable conditions for acoustical, physiological, and psychological investigation. Equipment will cover the full range of modern research instrumentation.

Director of The Speech Laboratory is Professor Grant Fairbanks. Other participating faculty members of the Illinois Department of Speech are Professors E. Thayer Curry, Karl A. Windesheim, Glenn J. Taylor, and Lee S. Hultzén. Part-time research assistantships are available for qualified students who are interested in advanced study and experimentation.

An \$11,000 grant from the Office of Naval Research has made possible the extension for a third year of a research project in shorter intelligence tests at Northwestern University under the direction of Dr. William Hunt. The new tests enable examiners of naval recruits to obtain in a few minutes data which usually require approximately an hour. In addition to

testing intelligence, the new tests have a diagnostic value in detecting psychotic tendencies, neurotic traits, traumatic effects of brain injury, and results of shock therapy. The tests will be available to all clinical institutions and personnel workers in industry.

The Midwest City Schools, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, have recently established a new Speech and Hearing Clinic. Mildred Allen, formerly on the faculty of the University of Missouri, has been appointed the director. The Clinic has been equipped with new wire recorders, audiometers and other materials used in diagnosis and treatment. Midwest City, established in 1943, has been planned as a model community in housing, business districts and educational facilities. The Special Education Program of the schools includes a Reading Clinic, and a Sight-Saving Program, as well as the Speech and Hearing Clinic.

The twentieth anniversary meeting of the Acoustical Society of America will be held May 5-7, 1949, Hotel Statler, New York City. The theme of the meeting will be Acoustics and Man. Acoustics will be classified by function rather than by type. Sectional meetings will deal with: Acoustics in Communication; Acoustics in Human Comfort and Safety; Acoustics as a Tool of Basic Research; Acoustics and the Arts. The May 6th meeting will be devoted to technical papers and demonstrations at the Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill, New Jersey.

The Training School at Vineland, New Jersey, has expanded its facilities to include speech rehabilitation for its children. Dr. George W. Gans, formerly Chief Language Therapist of the Aphasia Section at the Cushing Veterans Hospital in Framingham, Massachusetts, has accepted the appointment as Speech Pathologist at the Training School.

The Training School is known for

its pioneer work in mental deficiency. Research work at the School's Laboratory has produced such studies as the 'Kallikak Family' in heredity and developed the Vineland Maturity Scale, which provides evidence of motor, social, and linguistic aspects of growth in normative terms. It also introduced into this country the Binet-Simon Scale for measuring mental maturity. Work in the Cerebral Palsy Study produced the textbook by Doll, Phelps, and Melcher, and gave impetus to the establishment of many cerebral palsy clinics throughout the country. The establishment of a speech clinic at the School is a part of the new Child Development program now being introduced, with the aim to coordinate research and training. Additional qualified speech therapists will be needed to fulfill the needs of the children. Interested workers in the field are invited to contact the Training School for further information.

The Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center has made a new training film, *New Voices*. The film shows the complete rehabilitation process of the laryngectomy patient. Special emphasis is laid upon speech training. A small pamphlet accompanies the film, containing the full script and additional exercise material for self-teaching of esophageal speech. This film is available to clinics who wish to consider purchase of a copy of the film as additional training material. It was first shown at the AMA convention in Chicago and later at the ASHA convention in Washington.

The American Hearing Society has announced a scholarship available to a prospective teacher of lip reading to the hard of hearing. Known as the Coralie Noyes Kenfield Scholarship for Teachers' Training Courses for Teachers of Hard of Hearing Adults, the scholarship will be available only to persons who are themselves hard of hearing and who are able to meet

certain educational and personal requirements. Applications must be filed between March 1 and May 1, 1949. Information can be obtained by writing to Miss Rose V. Feilbach, American Hearing Society, 817 14th Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C.

The seventy-third annual meeting of the American Association on Mental Deficiency and the Pan American Congress on Mental Deficiency will be held at Hotel Roosevelt, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 26-30, 1949.

In September, representatives from eleven different institutions and agencies met in Pittsburgh for the purpose of coordinating speech and hearing services in the community. Each representative presented the program and facilities of his organization with the idea of acquainting the group with the services available and to coordinate efforts.

The Johannesburg Hospital in South Africa has had a speech clinic for a number of years. It has grown steadily despite difficulties due to lack of definite and permanent accommodations. The hospital board is now considering the question of accommodations and development of the clinic as well as its relationship to the University's Department of Logopedics. About a hundred speech and hearing patients of all types were treated last year.

A pamphlet, 'The Illinois Plan for Special Education of Exceptional Children—Those with Impaired Hearing (Circular Series C No. 12),' is now available from the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Springfield, Illinois. It was prepared after two years' study and conference by a committee headed by Ray Graham, Director of Special Education for the state.

The Indiana State Speech and Hearing Therapy Association and the

Indiana State Society for Crippled Children held a meeting on February 25 and 26 at Bloomington, Indiana. Mrs. Spencer Tracy and Dr. Claude E. Kantner were the speakers.

PERSONALS

Dr. Harlan Bloomer announces the appointment beginning last September of new staff members for the speech and hearing clinic of the Institute for Human Adjustment of the University of Michigan—Dr. Earl Schubert, directing the visible speech research project, assisted by Miss Doris Richards at the Rackham School of Special Education, Ypsilanti; Mrs. Barbara Cook, social case worker; Miss Anna Carr, visiting lecturer; and also the new appointments of Miss Jane Beasley and Mr. D. E. Morley to instructorships in speech. In addition to former duties, Mr. John Clancy has accepted an administrative assignment as Assistant to the Director.

Dr. Rutherford Porter has accepted the directorship of the Special Education Clinics, Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute. Dr. Porter is a clinical psychologist. Mr. Edward T. Jordan of London is the speech therapist and Miss Margaret Rowe is the hearing therapist.

Miss Roma Hayworth has resigned her position in the speech clinic at Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Indiana. She is working on her doctorate at the University of Southern California and at the John

Tracy Clinic. Miss Lois Norton who recently received her M.A. from the University of Nebraska is now a speech correctionist at Ball State.

Miss Doris L. Trepel has been appointed Instructor in the Department of Speech and Dramatics at Hunter College.

Miss Norma Ansher has been in private practice in Des Moines, Iowa for the past year doing speech correction and hearing rehabilitation. Miss Ansher did her graduate work at the University of Iowa.

Dr. Elizabeth Andersch, Associate Professor of Speech at Ohio University has accepted a three year term as Editor of the Ohio Association of Speech and Hearing Therapist's *Bulletin*.

A. C. LaFollette was granted his Ph.D. from Denver University in August, 1948. Dr. LaFollette heads the Speech Clinic at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

David Williams (M.A. University of Iowa) joined the faculty of Marshall College, Huntington, West Virginia, as Instructor in Speech and Director of the Speech Clinic in September, 1948.

Mrs. Elizabeth Scott has accepted a position in the Public Schools of Evansville, Indiana. She has organized the deaf department and currently has a class of twelve deaf children. Mrs. Scott was formerly with the Chicago Public Schools.