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Here we are, starting our seventh year at the Pilot Institute for the Deaf. Those of you who started with us six years' ago, remember our little class with only eight boys and girls and one teacher in one room? Just look at us now. Aren't you proud of what you have helped us to do and to grow?

We in the oldest class now can remember back six years ago when not one of us had a word of speech. Today we are in the Fourth Grade, doing the same work as our hearing brothers and sisters.

It makes us very happy to know that this year seven little babies are just beginning in our School just as we did all those years ago and that they, too, will learn to understand the speech from the lips of their mothers and daddies and friends and to talk with them in speech they can understand.

Just think, six years ago there were eight of us and now there are 53

pupils in the School. And we have eight teachers and Mrs. Gibson, and Mrs. Lemons who prepares our nice lunches, and Mr. Lemons who keeps the lawns spick and span, and Laura who looks after us when we are not in the classrooms, and Miss Self who teaches us dancing, and a beautiful school building and assembly room, and a puppy and goldfish and picture shows, and we suppose just about everything we can think of.

It's a wonderful world and wonderful people must live in it to do all these nice things for us little children who can't hear but who can feel your kindness and love. We believe we can see it in your faces, too.

You know, we have boys and girls here from 16 states and 17 Texas cities and all of us are going to try real hard to grow up to be the kind of men and women you will be proud of. That will be our way to say, "Thank you--thank all of you."

The Oldest Pupils



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TEACHER ACTIVITIES

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Two new teachers have joined the staff of the Pilot Institute this year, and one formerly with us has returned after a year's leave of absence.

Miss Irma Johnson, who has had vast experience with the deaf child, came to us from Alabama.

Mrs. Russell Aldridge came to us from Oklahoma. Last year she attended Clarke School for the Deaf at Northampton, Mass.

Mrs. Jean Weida has returned for half-days when she teaches the beginners who attend only in the mornings. In the afternoon, Mrs. Weida teaches a class in the Speech Department at SMU. The mothers of several of the pupils are enrolled in this class which deals with problems of the deaf. In the evening she teaches a similar class at Dallas College. From her work at SMU it is hoped that training of teachers for the deaf will develop. The Pilot Institute has offered its facilities for practice teaching in regard to such work.

Principal Ruth Orenbaum and Primary Teacher Dorine Cunningham attended the SMU workshop during the summer, and Miss Searight attended summer classes at the

State Teachers College at San Marcos.

Miss Orenbaum took courses in curriculum planning, preparing outlines so that the work at the School will coincide with that of the Dallas Public Schools. Text books were examined and purchased during the summer for the pupils to use during this term of school. It is the objective of the Pilot Institute to prepare these deaf children to enter public school and to take their place and continue their education side by side with the hearing child.

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On Friday, September 30, the pupils of the oldest class (4th graders) consisting of Virginia Climer, Eileen Rogers, Deana Cunningham, Martha Roberts, Charles Randolph and Michael Felts, together with their teacher, Miss Irma Johnson, and Principal Ruth Orenbaum, were luncheon guests of the North Dallas-Park Cities Kiwanis Club at the Melrose Hotel.

Richard Hawkins is a 3-year-old beginner this year. Being the baby that his years make him, Richard is used to being at home with his mother, and school routine, even for half a day, came hard to the blond, blue-eyed

youngster. During the first week of school he got tired and one morning decided to take a nap. Off came his outer clothing. Turning from individual work with another pupil, Mrs. Weida discovered the little boy standing in his little shorts and shirt—ready for bed.

"So I'm sleepy, so what?"



HAIL, KIWANIS!

During the summer vacation, the North Dallas-Park Cities Kiwanis Club, who support the maintenance of the building and grounds of the Pilot Institute as their project, had the halls and the stair well painted, greatly improving the appearance of the entrance and hallways. This, together with the painting this group had done a year ago, completes the major part of the building and adds wonderfully to the light and brightness of the School. They also had two of the garages redecorated for use as a work shop and for the teaching of handicraft.

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Dr. Helen Schick Lane, principal of Central Institute for the Deaf at St. Louis, Mo., was in Dallas last summer as a traveling consultant for the Hogg Foundation. While here she gave a series of lectures at SMU, devoting one evening to the parents of deaf children. Most of the Pilot Institute parents attended.

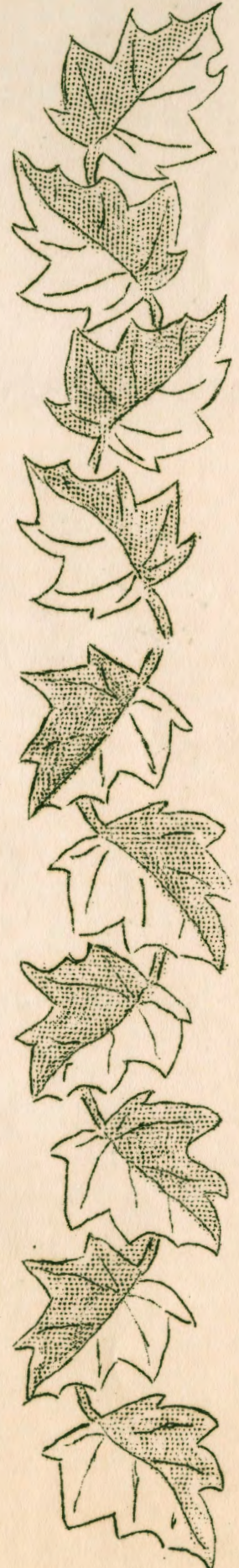
Dr. Lane declared that with the proper background, a totally deaf child can be prepared for normal schooling by the time he reaches high school age, but that opportunities for the proper background were few and far between. "Many families," she said, "have moved to Dallas to enroll their children in the Pilot Institute for the Deaf, one of the comparatively few institutions throughout the country which begin training at nursery level and teach lip-reading and speech entirely instead of sign language."

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During July, H. G. Large, local chairman of the White House Conference Planning Committee, conducted a health and welfare survey for needs of children. In his report to Mrs. George H. Abbott, state chairman, Mr. Large suggested additional teaching space and personnel for the Pilot Institute. The Institute, he reported, accepts children at the nursery-age level for training in speech and lip-reading, but its enrollment is limited and it can accept only a few of the youngsters who need this service.

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Closing exercises for last term's school were held in Munger Hall on May 29. The program was presented entirely by the children, even the announcements. Each class had a part in the program and its own number. The exercises opened with the oldest class chanting the Lord's Prayer to music and closed with the entire School saying the new Pilot School song to music. Dr. and Mrs. Ewing had sent a silver medal from Manchester, England, to be presented to the pupil having made the greatest progress during the year. After numerous tests, the medal was awarded to Deanna Cunningham. Judy Allen won the Merit Badge for lip reading of stories with Larry Francis, Fred Clarkson and Jimmy Chaney in the run-off. Barbara Peterson in a close contest with Gloretha Sosebee won the achievement medal in the younger group. Sherry Lemons was cited for perfect attendance and Mrs. Gladys Drake's class won the Ann Plaxco plaque for having chalked up the best class attendance.



CAMP PI-KI

The entire week of July 25 was a gala occasion for the twenty-five pupils of the School who attended Camp Pi-Ki (Pilot-Kiwanis) held on the School grounds.

Under the supervision of Mrs. M.D. McCarty, leader of the School's Girl Scout Troop, and her assistants, and of Mrs. H. R. Avera, Camp Fire instructor, and her assistants, the children enjoyed supervised play and handicraft both in the mornings and afternoons. The Girl Scouts arrived each morning at 8:30, and the Campfire group at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The children learned to play base ball, badminton, croquet and other games according to technical rules. In the handicraft shop they learned to do many things. They painted the character chairs used at the "baby" table in the dining room, one a bunny, one a gingerbread man, another a bear, etc.

Nail kegs were painted in bright colors--green, yellow, blue and red--and placed about the lawns for seats. Also, hurricane lamps were made for the lawns. A gallon can was used for the

base, which was filled with dirt and ivy planted in it. Then a 4-foot broomstick was placed in the dirt, and at the top of the stick went a tuna fish can with a candle holder in it. An old-fashioned lamp chimney was placed around the candle. The lamps were painted bright colors and scattered over the grounds where they were lighted at night.

The little girls learned to knit which fascinated them to the extent that they were reluctant to lay it aside at night and go to bed. They also made bracelets, and out of corks and yarn they fashioned little pins to be worn on their winter coats.

All the children made sun hats out of paper with the name of each painted on one.

The new tent was put up and the boys painted Indian designs and emblems on it. A cot was made for the tent, the frame of heavy lumber and the mattress of strips of old inner tubes. Jig-saw puzzles were cut out--enough to entertain the children on many a rainy day this winter.

Miss Virginia Self, dancing teacher at the School, came each day at 1:30 and until 3 o'clock gave the children work in creative dramatics. Of course, the children loved this period.

And then there were the picnics and the fun of sleeping at the School, and all the other things that made it a real camp. There were picture shows, too.

Miss Marybelle Searight, a teacher in the School, came up from Austin to help.

On Saturday afternoon, under the supervision of the Scouts and Camp Fire girls, a tea was given for the mothers of the children. At its close, the sign, CAMP PI-KI, made by the children of bark and painted by them, was removed from the tree where it had been nailed.

Camp Pi-Ki was over for another year.



MR. AND MRS. REECE PRESENT NEW
GROUP HEARING AID TO PILOT INSTITUTE

While Camp Pi-Ki- was in session, picture shows were held for the campers on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Parents and friends were invited and free will offerings were made for a new group hearing aid. During the showing of the picture on Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Reece, grandparents of little Judy Allen, handed Mrs. Gibson, the School's secretary, a check for \$192 for the new group aid, telling her to use the proceeds from the picture shows toward the purchase of another aid.

Announcement of the gift was made during a break in the show.

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One day Principal Orenbaum was showing visitors through the lunch room. Stopping at one of the "baby" tables, she asked Linda Nelson if she liked her lunch, expecting her to say yes. But the despised peas were too much for politeness and Linda responded with an emphatic "No!"

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MEET THE PILOT SCHOOL'S NEW PUPILS

There are eleven new pupils enrolled at the Pilot Institute this year. In the beginning class there are seven "babies," most of them three years old. Five are from Dallas and the others from outside the city or state.

Richard Hawkins is the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hawkins.

Michael Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Moore, is three years old.

Lonnie Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Young, while 3 years old also, is the baby of the school by a few weeks, usurping this place formerly held by Doretta Lance.

Lynn Nowlin is the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Nowlin.

Martha Roberts is a former pupil in the oldest class who has returned to the School.

From Santa Fe, N.M., comes Jimmy McNeely whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. McNeely have bought a new home near the School.

Shirley Tracy is the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and

A DuKane tape recorder was delivered to the School recently, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. V. Y. Rejebian. Recordings already have been made of songs, nursery rhymes and patterns of speech to be used in acoustic work. By means of this equipment, the children will be able to get the correct speech through the ear which will give them additional aid in learning to talk. It will also improve their accent, fluency and pronunciation. Again the Rejebians have made a lasting and valuable contribution to the work of the School and one that is much needed and appreciated.

Mrs. M.M. Tracy who moved here from Kentucky to put Shirley in the School.

Bobby Alexander is the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Alexander of Kermit.

Ken McLellan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G.K. McLellan from St. Louis.

Walter Kelly is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kelly whose home is in Ferris.

Linda Nelson is the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Nelson of Tyler.

To all these children and their parents, we extend a hearty welcome.

