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## God's Miracle in a Rose!

By Doris B. King

*I cannot explain it;  
I can only propose  
That these that I write  
about  
Saw God's love in a rose.*

GOD works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform. How often have you heard these words yourself, but do you really believe them?

Having worked 15 years in a state mental hospital - five years in the admissions department - I had seen much to break one's heart and had also seen and heard things that would bring laughter and warmth to the soul.

There were, too, the isolated moments when beauty was to be found there in the place of fear, pain, and anguish. It is of just such a day that I would like to tell you.

Early one morning, as I was preparing for a busy day of admissions, a friend of mine, Mary M., passed through on her way to her office. She had often done this before, but what made this day just a little different was that in her hand she held two of the most beautiful and perfect pink roses I had ever seen.

She explained that before coming to work, she had stopped at the home of a friend who raised prize roses, and her friend had given Mary, even against her protest that they not be cut, the two roses she held in her hand and said to her, "This is to tell you how much I love you."

NOW MARY held out to me one of the roses and repeated the same words. Certainly, dear to the heart of each of us are these precious words, "I love you." I took her gift and placed it in a glass on my admissions counter.

I had just finished doing so when my first admission arrived. A small boy of about 10 appeared before me with a face so angelic that it made me wonder just what he was doing there. Upon reading his record, however, I had no doubt that there was much more to this lad than his angelic face. He had completely destroyed almost all



ROSES--Symbols of Love

of the furniture in his parents' living room in a fit of temper and would have loved to have killed them if it had been possible.

I was just beginning to talk with him when he saw the rose and sighing softly said, "Oh, Missus, what a beautiful rose. Where did you get it?"

I explained that a friend had given it to me to tell me how much she loved me.

Immediately, the child flew around the end of the counter and, throwing his arms around my waist, said, "Oh, I love you too. Won't you take me home so I can be your little boy? I'll cut your grass and do your dishes. Anything, Missus."

I gently explained that this was not possible but that I did love him and God loved him so much more. This explanation seemed to pacify him.

My next patient was a thin, weary, dirty, sick, old man whom no one seemed to want and who arrived on a stretcher because he no longer had the strength to do so on his own.

He kept repeating, "I want to die, I want to die. Nobody cares, nobody cares." And then his eyes fell upon the rose, and he said, "Could I just smell your beautiful rose once?"

And so I left my place behind the counter and went out  
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## From a Parent's Point of View

Mary Jane Rhodes, Conductor

"When God created man, he gave him music as a language different from all other languages." (Kahlil Gibran)

I suppose one of the most saddening facts of deafness, for hearing people, is the knowledge that their deaf friends and relatives cannot share musical experiences. Somehow this loss of sharing never loses its sting. We do learn to communicate thoughts and ideas with deaf people sharing our lives--and this is a beautiful and satisfying reward of friendship--still, there is always that sense of longing to share musical experiences.

Not only is there longing to share the music itself, but also the words to popular songs. I will never forget the experience of seeing Nanette Fabray sign and sing "The Impossible Dream" during the Second COSD Forum in New Orleans four years ago. What a moving experience to know that we were sharing with deaf friends, the inspirational words "To dream the impossible dream...To fight the unbeatable foe...To bear with unbearable sorrow...To go where the brave dare not go..." I know many of us sitting there that day, tears running down our cheeks, vowed that we could win the "Impossible Dream" for deaf Americans. A lot has been accomplished since that day in New Orleans and more than one "impossible dream" has come true.

During that same Forum, another seed was planted which has grown into a most exciting and innovative reality. One evening I was invited by a deaf friend to take part in a "sing in" being held in his room. When the time for the "sing in" arrived, I invited a hearing friend to accompany me. This was a most enjoyable experience as we sat together, hearing and deaf, singing such songs as "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," "My Wild Irish Rose," "The Fly Sat On The Wall" and other old tunes. I never forgot this experience...and neither did my friend.

Recently I attended a "Rock Gospel Program for Deaf People" at Gallaudet College. Dan Pokorny, my hearing friend who shared the "sing in" in New Orleans, and Rudy Gawlik, both chaplains at Gallaudet, presented a "happening" that will never be forgotten by those in attendance...but perhaps I should go back a little and tell you about the beginning.

In the fall of 1969, the first Rock Gospel, originated and performed by Dan and Rudy came to Gallaudet. I wasn't there at the time--but a short time later, I did see a television tape of the program. I still remember sitting all alone in a little projection room at Gallaudet College, watching my first Rock Gospel for the Deaf. The tape was poor and the musicians non-professional--but the Metropolitan Opera or a personal visit from Tom Jones couldn't have thrilled and touched me as did that first Rock Gospel. This same cast performed the program during the 1970 COSD Forum in Chicago--and everyone loved them. I recall looking around at the many deaf people in the audience to see their reaction...there really weren't many dry eyes when the audience shared a commitment expressed in the song "We shall overcome...We shall overcome...We shall overcome some day."

The Rock Gospel was performed several times in Eastern states and Canada. Then Pastor Pokorny left for a year in Switzerland and Rev. Gawlik enlisted the talents of Dennis Cokely and Pam Minger (both teachers at Kendall School) for several performances in the Washington area. Dan returned from Switzerland late last June making a reunion of the original Rock Gospel team possible. Now that you have all of the background, I just have to stop and tell you that:

ROCK GOSPEL IS LOVE!

ROCK GOSPEL IS SHARING!

ROCK GOSPEL IS PARTICIPATION!

ROCK GOSPEL IS TOTAL COMMUNICATION!

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and knelt by his side and lifted his weak body so he could have just one smell. I told him how I had gotten it and that not only did it say I love him but that God certainly did too, and that all would be right with him.

The look of sheer joy that crept across his face told me that I had got through to him and he knew that someone did care.

NEXT, a man arrived showing all the signs of an alcoholic.

When I addressed him as "Mr." his head shot up and he said, "No one has called me 'Mr.' in a long time. I'm just no good."

And then his eyes swept over the counter and stopped at the rose. Many thoughts went through his head, I could see. Then, he straightened his shoulders, took a deep breath, and with determination and dignity said:

"Perhaps things aren't as bad as they seem, and I do want to try harder to kick this miserable sickness."

And so the day went, with many other experiences.

I took the rose home and placed it in the middle of our supper table. It was on a Thursday, the day my mother usually came to spend the day.

When it came time for her to leave, I took the rose and explained the lovely and interesting things that had happened to me that day because of it and then I added "Take it home. It is to tell you how much I love you."

When she arrived at her home in a trailer park, she placed the rose on an end table. Almost immediately a neighbor literally barged in the door, all the time expounding upon what a miserable, dirty, uncooperative,

so-and-so her husband was. THEN SHE stopped in the middle of her tirade and, taking a deep breath, she sniffed the air and said, "What a heavenly odor!" Then her eyes spotted the rose. Hardly taking another breath, she said:

"Oh, maybe my husband isn't half bad. Think I'll go home and make him a cup of coffee and his favorite cake."

The rose had again done its work.

On the next Thursday morning when my mother came for her weekly visit, she brought her now-faded rose and told me of the things that had transpired that week because of it. She wanted me to have the rose back again, perhaps to save and press.

Instead, inspired by all that had taken place, I took it to work and gave it back to Mary M., along with the tales of what God's rose had accomplished. She felt that there was nothing left to do but return the rose, faded as it was, and now almost odorless, to its original owner.

It was then that Mary M.'s friend observed, "God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform."

Now, do you, too, believe in God's miracles? I do, because this one happened to me.

--from Grit Magazine, June 3, 1973.

A man's greatest wisdom comes in being acquainted with his own follies.

LA ROCHEFOUCAULD

LESS THAN LETTER PERFECT  
I licked the stamp, sealed the envelope  
And mailed it with great care.  
But a look at my desk has just revealed  
The left-out letter there.

—Selma Glasser

Thoughts on  
Total Communication

A recent article in one of our widely distributed magazines was titled "Try it -- you'll like it!" which encouraged the reader to try speech and lipreading with the Deaf. I was impressed by the fact that all of these remarks applied as well to total communication. There should really be no dichotomy of methods of communication nor one in opposition to the other. Total communication means not "either-or" but "both-and."

The "easy way out" method is not total communication. For the parents, relatives, friends, educators, and those working with the Deaf, total communication is really the hard way. The question should be, do we have the patience and endurance to learn total communication, the multi-media method. We must be aware of the fact that total communication means speech and lipreading together with and not apart from the manual method of communication. Any person or organization purporting to teach and advocate total communication must be concerned also with teaching speech and lipreading. Otherwise it is certainly not total communication.

The key to learning is communication. We must be daily aware of the fact that learning and education are 100% dependent upon communication. The question really is, do we want our children to learn and to be educated, or do we want them merely to communicate our way, albeit limited to what they can lipread and speak, or will we learn and permit our child to learn total communication, or in other words, full communication? The answer to getting along the best in today's world is obviously via the highest level of education. It seems the chief concern of educators and parents should be to educate to the fullest extent possible, not merely to educate the child to communicate "my way." The two are not synonymous.

To pose a premise that patience is opposed to "rapidity of learning" in early years is false. It takes patience both ways. We need proof that total communication retards a child's rapidity of learning speech and lipreading. Total communication is not sacrificing speech and lipreading but enhances and promotes it.

In the present generation which is open to multi-language communication, we are discovering thousands who are learning total communication with the Deaf, and they are discovering what a joy it is to learn to communicate with the Deaf. To anyone who is apprehensive about total communication, we say "Try it -- you'll like it!"

(The above is quoted in full from LETTER TO THE BRETHREN IN MINISTRY TO THE DEAF and was written by the Reverend Herbert W. Rohe, Secretary for Deaf Ministry, St. Louis, Mo.)

What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God.--BITS OF WISDOM

"Give me the benefit of your convictions, if you have any, but keep your doubts to yourself, for I have enough of my own."--Goethe



## From a Parent - -

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ROCK GOSPEL IS BEAUTY!

ROCK GOSPEL IS TOGETHERNESS FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN HEARING AND DEAF.

The latest Rock Gospel cast includes the "Sons of Thunder." This group has been playing as professionals since June 1972. Their performances have taken them to many East Coast cities and universities. Nine strong, with organ, piano, drums and guitars, plus excellent vocalists, the "Sons of Thunder" provide the necessary ingredients to make the newest Rock Gospel an even more exciting and exhilarating experience.

Rock Gospel is the most moving experience I have had with deaf people since 17 years ago, when my three-year-old deaf son first used a word in a meaningful way--when he waved and said "Bye, bye" to his grandfather. I won't be able to rest until I know that deaf children in schools across the country can share the Rock Gospel with their hearing friends and parents.

My own enjoyment will be marred by the knowledge that there are thousands of deaf adults who will probably not be able to enjoy music until they can share a Rock Gospel experience. My own enjoyment will be dimmed until all deaf people can share the experience of songs with messages such as "I can see clearly now, the rain is gone"... "He ain't heavy, he's my brother"... "Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water"... "Oh rock my soul in the bosom of Abraham"... and "We shall overcome."

I don't know how we can make Rock Gospel happen all over the nation... But I do know that dreams I have dreamed on the pages of THE DEAF AMERICAN in the past have come true... so here I go again...

I dare to dream that one day Rock Gospel for the Deaf will be seen and experienced by deaf children from California to Maine... deaf adults from Florida to Montana... parents of deaf children from Louisiana to Utah... professionals working with the deaf from West Virginia to Oregon. I dare to believe that Rock Gospel can and will be an instrument to bring true "total communication" to deaf and hearing people. I dare to hope that Rock Gospel will begin understanding of deafness to our nation.

To Dan Pokorny, Rudy Gawlik, Dennis Cokely and Pan Minger, your hands touch our hearts when you sing the Rock Gospel in the language of signs. To the Sons of Thunder, your music vibrates our spirit. And to all of you who work so hard to give of yourself and your talents to the Rock Gospel, I would like to close with another quote from Kahlil Gibran: "A SINGER CANNOT DELIGHT YOU WITH HIS SINGING UNLESS HE HIMSELF DELIGHTS TO SING"... thanks for delighting us with your song.

The Rock Gospel was on the Program of the COSD Forum in Williamsburg, Virginia, on March 14. If you have friends who attended be sure to ask them about the Rock Gospel. For information on how you can book the Rock Gospel into your area contact: Pastor Daniel H. Pokorny or Rev. Rudy Gawlik, Chaplain's Office, Gallaudet College, Kendall Green, Washington, D.C. 20002.

--Reprinted from the April, 1973, THE DEAF AMERICAN

## Library Board Cites Maack's Help

(This article is reprinted from the July 5, 1973, *Collinsville (Ill.) Herald*)

A memorial resolution in appreciation of the community services of Walter H. Maack, Collinsville cabinet maker par excellence who died June 24, was voted unanimously by the Memorial Public Library Board at its July meeting Tuesday night.

Vice President Dr. T. Penrose Francis and attending Board Members Henry L. Gray, Mrs. Earl E. Jukes, Mrs. Jean R. Scohy and Mrs. George R. Gillespie all paid tribute to Mr. Maack's great help to the Library in building high quality book shelving, magazine racks and display cases as well as tables and other children's and adult room furniture over a period of some 30 years.

Irving Dilliard, Board President, related how he, on the Thursday before Mr. Maack's death, visited the Maack cabinet shop at the rear of 310 West Clay Street, and thanked him through written messages for the high quality of his work for the Library over so many years.

The Library Board signed a communication of sympathy to the Maack family and directed that the minutes record the memorial action. A book on Cabinet Making will be placed in the Library in appreciation of Mr. Maack as a fine citizen as well as skilled artisan.

## Parents Respond

After reading Pastor's comments on the little children attending church services published in last month's *Lamplighter*, we feel that we as hearing parents of a deaf child must make some comment.

Our family background is not Lutheran. (Many of our deaf children come from other church backgrounds). The people of our family's church are willing and have tried to teach our child the teachings of Christ. However, despite their well-intentioned efforts, they made no more progress in teaching our child than he would in other all-hearing situations.

Our deaf children need help and special education to live in a hearing society. They also need special help to develop a Christian way of life. It was this need for special help and our desire that our child might have a Christian education that brought us to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf.

If people who are deaf cannot understand the problems faced by deaf children and do not have the patience or the desire to give them the benefit of their experience, then where are these children to go? IF YOU CAN'T WANT THEM WHO WILL?

Many hearing people think our deaf children are not only deaf but also retarded. You, the people and congregation of Prince of Peace have so much to offer and give these children. We are well aware that many times they are noisy and distracting (we live with them day by day).

We hearing people have not come to Prince of Peace to take over your church. We come to church to help you in some way so that you may in turn help our children.

We are coming to you for help with our children. We hope you will think about our comments. Try to accept our children. We need your help and so do all these little children.

--Mr. and Mrs. R. Logman in *The Lamplighter*, St. Paul, Minnesota.

## New Total Approach Helps Children Fit Into Life

WASHINGTON -- An increasing number of deaf children across the country are learning to talk with their hands and their voices at schools which traditionally have insisted that students use oral speech only.

The recent change, which will permit deaf people to function more freely in both the hearing and the deaf worlds, is a product of a growing new awareness among the deaf--a kind of "deaf power."

"For many years, hearing people have said to the deaf, 'you must learn oral speech so that you can be like hearing people and move into the mainstream of society,'" said Mervin Garretson, 49, principal of the Gallaudet College Model High School for the Deaf.

"But the deaf person must live with deafness so he must decide how he will be educated," Garretson said.

"It's like black people saying they believe they know what's best for them or Indians saying they know what's best for them."

Garretson uses both oral speech and sign language.

AT LEAST 50 OF the country's 107 largest and most prestigious schools for the deaf have switched in the last five years from a program of strictly oral education to an approach that combines manual communication with all other types used by the deaf.

Supporters of the new approach, called "total communication," say that for the first time deaf children--beginning soon after birth--have the tools to freely express their feelings, thoughts, and ideas to their families and other people around them.

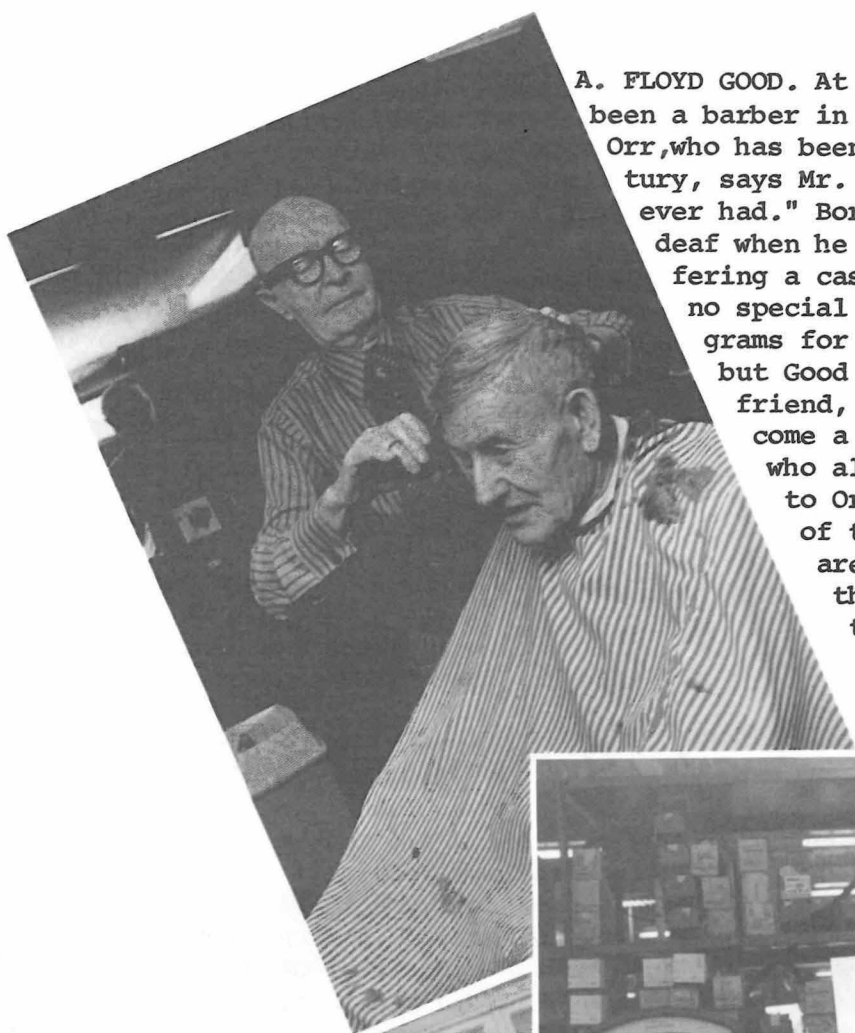
On the other hand, oral communication requires that a child develop a vocabulary before he can begin to express himself. Even then, his ability to communicate is limited to only the words he has learned to speak.

"A child lives in a world of feelings and ideas," said David Denton, superintendent of the Maryland School for the Deaf, which changed to total communication in 1969 after teaching oral education for more than 20 years.

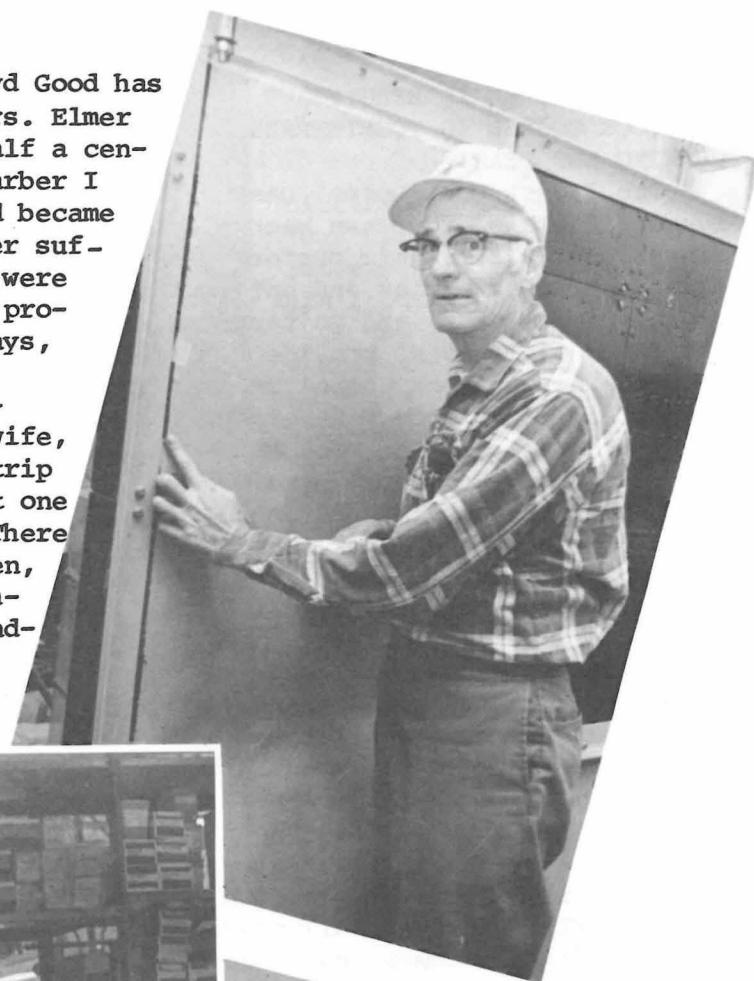
"If we give a child symbols that he can use and understand, then he can say 'good, bad, love, hate, or hurt,'" Denton said.

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## The Deaf Prove Their Worth in the Noisy World of Work



A. FLOYD GOOD. At 79 years young, Floyd Good has been a barber in Sergeant for 60 years. Elmer Orr, who has been his customer for half a century, says Mr. Good is "the best barber I ever had." Born at Smithland, Good became deaf when he was 9 years old after suffering a case of measles. There were no special schools or training programs for the deaf in those days, but Good was encouraged by a friend, John Colburn, to become a barber. He and his wife, who also is deaf, plan a trip to Oregon in May to visit one of their two children. There are seven grand-children, three great-granddaughters and a great grandson.



B. DONALD HAINES - Donald Haines is a familiar face at Nutra Flo and Kay Dee Feed as he has performed almost every job in the last 30 years from painting to feed mixing to maintenance. He became deaf at 11 months and later attended the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs where he was a football player. Mr. Haines loves to fish and hunt. He and his wife, who also is deaf, have five children and three grandchildren. It's obvious from the good-natured joking that Haines and his fellow workers have no problem with communication.

C. RUTH HOMER - Mrs. Albert (Ruth) Homer was born deaf, but that didn't stop her from receiving an education at the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs and obtaining a good job at Zenith of Iowa, Inc., three years ago. She operates a machine that cuts and preforms resistors to fit into the assembly. About a year ago, she married her husband, who also is deaf and is a welder in Smithland. Her special skills were acquired in training at Zenith. Gary Klassen, Zenith foreman, is trying to learn sign language as he has four deaf persons in his area. Of Mrs. Homer's performance, Mr. Klassen reports that she "does the maximum efficiency that anyone can do."

D. DEAN KRUGER - A good bowler and avid hunter and fisherman, Dean Kruger is also very skilled in woodworking, a profession he has pursued for 30 years. Above, he glues wood for a cabinet at National Wood Works, 509 Water St. Mr. Kruger also works on finishing jobs and construction work. At National Wood Works, he can perform all phases of manufacturing of items ranging from circle staircases to fancy woodwork. Kruger became deaf when he was only a year old from unknown causes and received his education at schools for the deaf in Council Bluffs and Sioux Falls. He and his wife have two daughters.

E. MR. AND MRS. ROBERT DUNNINGTON - Robert Dunnington shows his wife, Ileen, how the new Hendrix CRT operator for proofreading operates at The Journal. He was a linotype operator and TTS monitor for 22 years before moving with The Journal to its new quarters. Mr. Dunnington was born deaf and she became deaf after suffering measles when she was 2 years old. She worked in photograph finishing in Omaha and Sioux City until she began raising their family of two sons. Mrs. Dunnington is active in deaf education and has taught sign language at Western Iowa Tech for seven years. She also is a trustee of the Iowa Association for  
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# Total Approach - - -

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"But in oral communication, the child begins learning such words as 'ball, fish, airplane' because they can be easily read on the speaker's lips," Denton continued. "But such words do not express what the child wants to say. His personal expressions must wait until he has learned to say and lip-read the proper words."

"SINCE OUR school has adopted total communication, I'm beginning to see small children become interested in writing poetry for the first time," Denton said. "They now have the tools to be creative linguistically."

Backers of "oral communication" say that while the idea of having deaf children use a wide range of communication methods is a good one, what it often means is that a child will communicate only with sign language because it is the easiest method to learn.

"We want to give the person with a hearing impairment the same capabilities that a hearing person has. And if a deaf person doesn't have speech, he's in trouble," said Addison Neal Smith, acting director of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf.

The Bell Association, the world's most powerful promoter of oral communication, was founded in 1890 by Alexander Graham Bell, a scientist and teacher of the deaf who invented the telephone while attempting to develop a hearing aid for his wife.

"WE DON'T SAY that every child who goes to an oral school will grasp oral communication training, because experience tells us that many of them won't," Smith said.

"What we do say is that every child should have the opportunity to develop speech so that he will have a better chance of moving into the mainstream of life and pursuing a profession like any hearing person."

Smith said that sign language, which many students tend to learn because of its flexibility, often relegates the deaf people who use it to a lower class and limits their work opportunities in life.

For more than 100 years, the bitter debate has continued among educators of the deaf over the question of which is better, to communicate with the voice, or the hands.

Caught in the middle of the controversy are the parents of the nearly 100,000 deaf babies born each year who must face the dilemma of choosing one method or the other to educate their children.

"The only reason there is a dilemma is because parents are told they have to make a choice--either their child will speak or he will sign," said Mrs. Lee Katz, president of the

International Association of Parents of the Deaf.

"DEAF PEOPLE and parents traditionally have never spoken out, although many have felt oral communication left much to be desired," Mrs. Katz said. "But I believe now that the deaf and parents of the deaf are being touched by the climate of the world which says that consumers and minorities must be heard."

"Usually the only question the new parent knows to ask is, 'Will my child be able to talk and go to school like other kids?' she added. "For years, the supporters of oral communication have said, 'Yes,' because that is what the parents wanted to hear."

When Matthew Heller of Silver Springs, Md., was seven weeks old, his mother, Rachelle, noticed he did not respond to her cheerful "baby talk."

She asked a doctor for advice and was assured Matthew would eventually grow out of it.

But at four months--when Matthew had not improved--Mrs. Heller and her husband, Stephen, had the baby's hearing tested at Johns Hopkins University Hospital, where doctors found that the infant was severely deaf.

THAT IS WHEN the agony began for the Hellers. "It was like a time of mourning for us," said Mrs. Heller, who has two other sons with normal hearing.

"At first we cried a lot, but then we decided that Matthew was still our child and we must provide the best of everything for him," she said.

After hearing the arguments of both oral and total communication advocates, the Hellers enrolled their four-month-old son in a new program for deaf infants at the Forest Grove Elementary School in Montgomery County, Md. The school teaches "oral communication."

"We decided to place Matthew in the oral program because we believe he can learn to speak and enjoy a normal life," Mrs. Heller said.

"I think total communication is the easy way out," she continued. "When deaf people use their hands to talk, it moves them further from the mainstream of society and makes them more suspect to people who don't understand the deaf. I feel I have to protect my son from that."

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## DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN 1973 American Bible Society THE GOOD NEWS IS TO BE BELIEVED

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2 .....2 Peter 3:5-14....

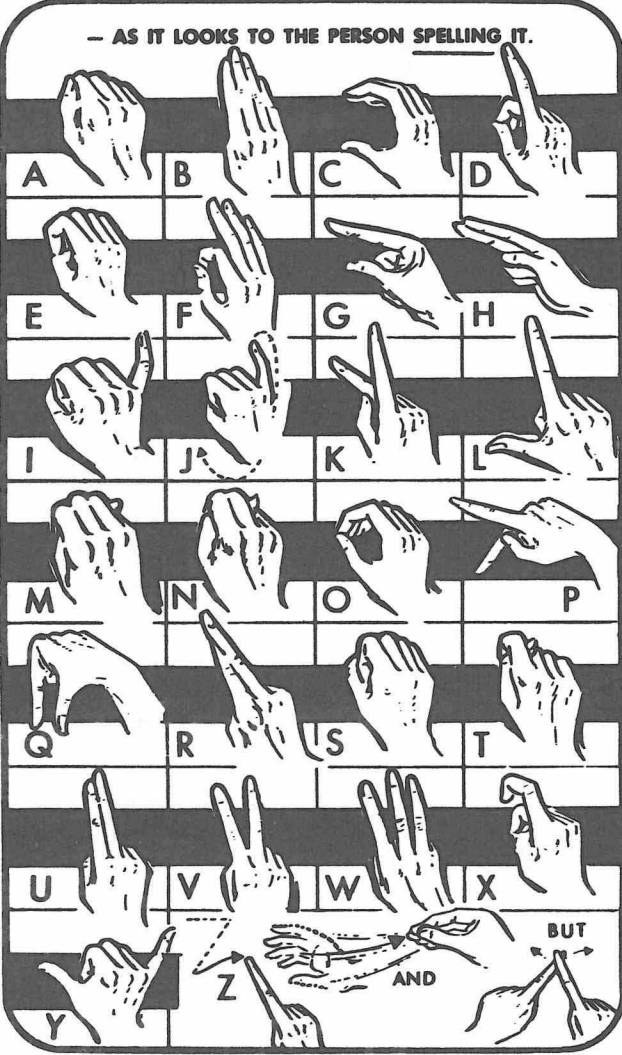
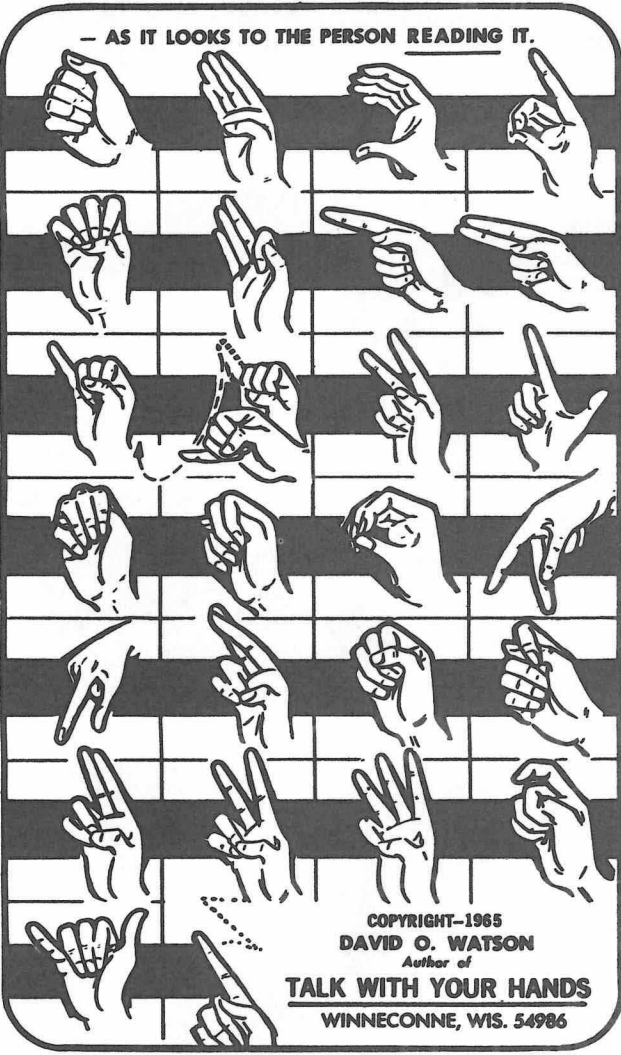
3 .....Exodus 19:5-6.....  
1 Peter 2:9.....  
4 .....Romans 1:3-5,18-32  
Romans 3:9-26.....  
5 .....John 1:29-34.....  
2 Corinthians 5:21.  
6 .....2 Peter 1:19-21...  
Hebrews 2:1-4.....  
7 .....Hebrews 4:12-16...  
1 John 5:1-5.....

Biblical Examples of Belief  
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9 .....Job 19:25-27.....  
10.....Matthew 9:18-26...  
11.....Matthew 11:1-6....  
12.....John 4:27-39.....  
13....1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
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19.....Philippians 3:7-14  
20....1 Thessalonians 2:1-13  
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Its Effect on Us Today  
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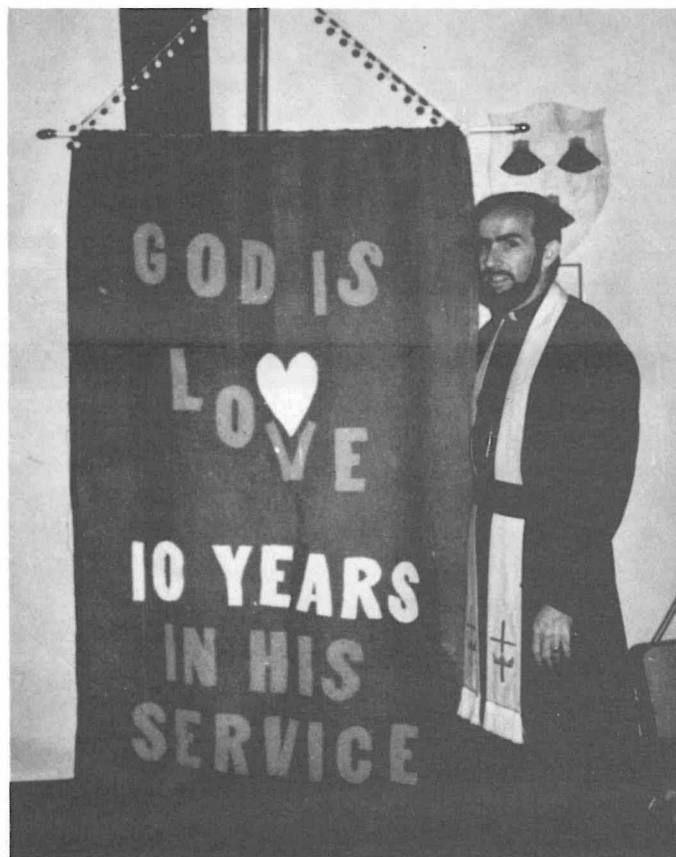
# Happy Tenth Anniversary Celebration for Rev. Leber

The members of Eternal Mercy Lutheran Church for the Deaf surprised their pastor, Rev. Donald E. Leber, on May 27, 1973, with a special Tenth Anniversary service. The Rev. Paul Dorr of Jackson, Miss., was the guest preacher. Mr. Robert Case, Lay Assistant at Eternal Mercy, planned the surprise along with the officers of the congregation and all the members. At the close of the service Pastor Leber was presented with a scrapbook of



Pastor Leber receiving the grandfather clock from Lay Assistant Robert Case and the officers of the congregation.

pictures entitled "This is Your Life," a scrapbook of letters sent to congratulate him from all over the country, and a giant sized grandfather clock. Besides all this they also gave him a cash gift. One hundred and fifty people attended the service. Mrs. Rose Wallace made a special banner to commemorate the service. A meal was served by the ladies of the church following the service.



Pastor Leber with the special banner made by Mrs. Rose Wallace



The largest confirmation class ever at Eternal Mercy. On May 27th these eleven people shared that wonderful day with Pastor Leber.

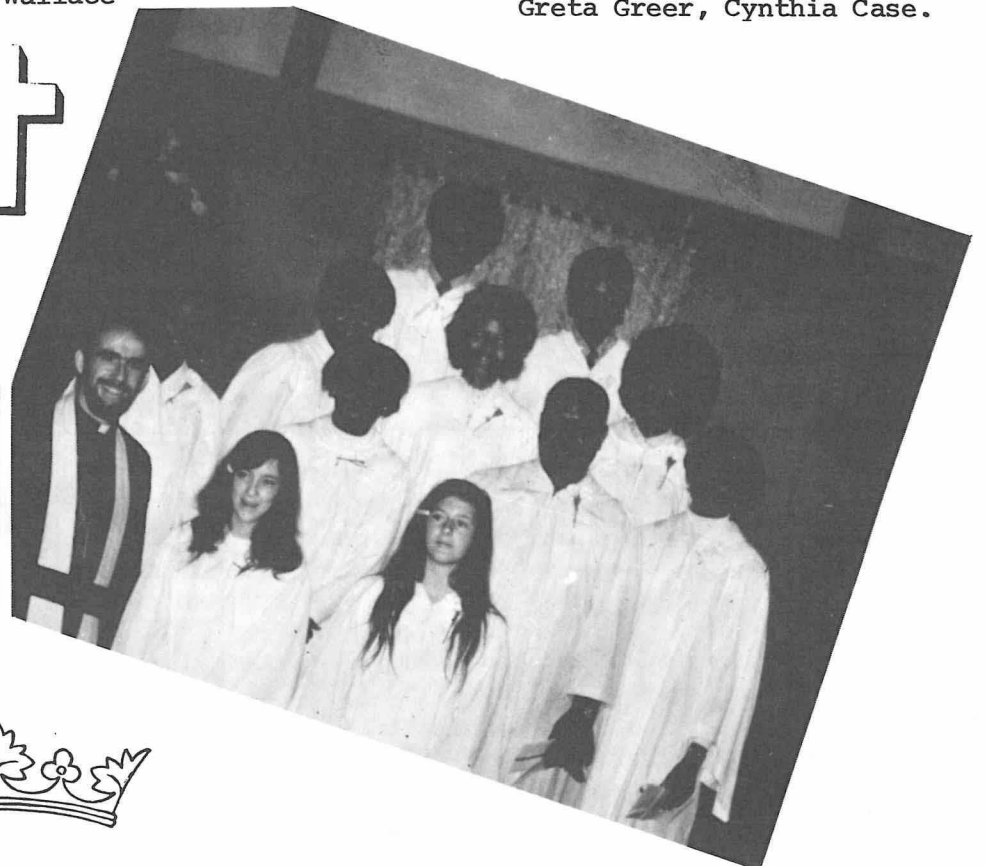
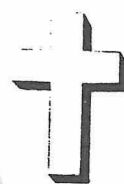
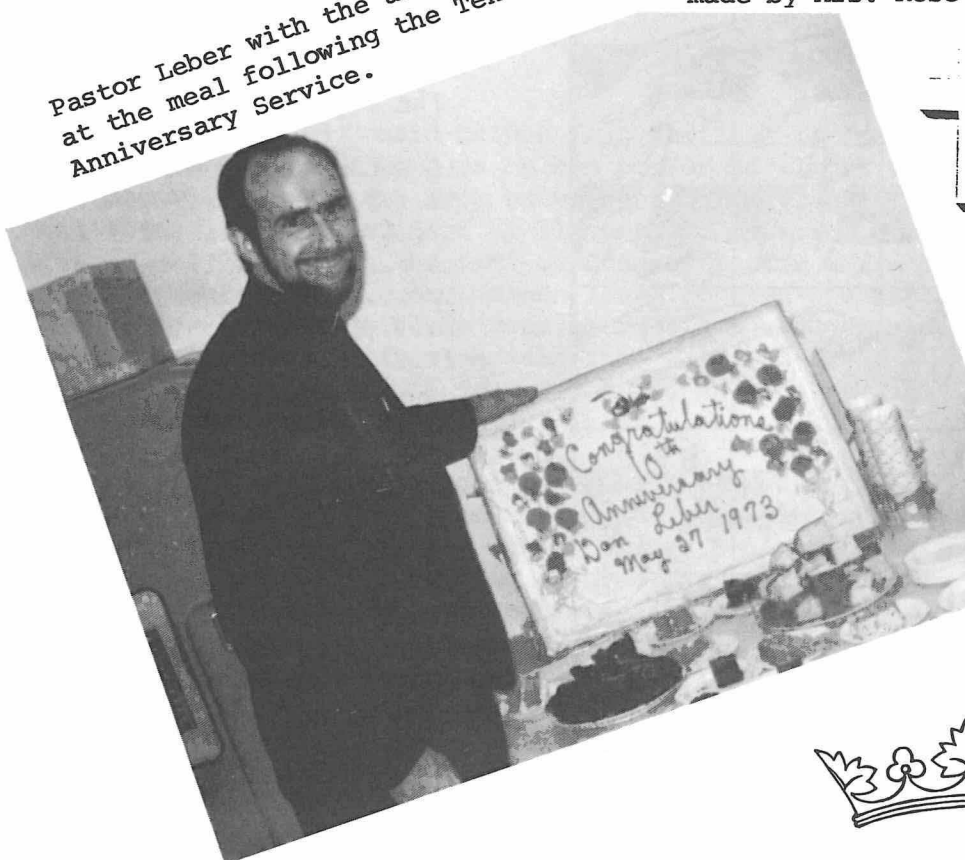
Top row: Willie Pearson, Billy Fitzgerald, Jr.

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3rd row: Sharon Crawford, Katie Redmon, Clorzil Taylor, Susan Crawford.

Bottom row: Pastor Leber, Greta Greer, Cynthia Case.

Pastor Leber with the anniversary cake at the meal following the Tenth Anniversary Service.





The Deaf Prove - - -

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the Deaf, a vice president of Parents of Hearing Impaired and editor of the Siouxland Courier, a monthly newsletter for the deaf.

A story about five persons who have successfully held good jobs for a number of years is not very unusual, unless it happens to be about five persons who are deaf.

Fortunately, even that is becoming less and less unusual as improved and up-to-date training programs become increasingly available and employers in ever-increasing numbers accept the deaf for their individual merits and intellectual potentials.

In a world filled with innumerable and often cacophonous sounds, many of which seem to those who can hear an absolute necessity to maintain a "normal" life, the deaf perhaps are the most isolated of the disability groups.

Richard H. Hagen, Sioux City area counselor for the deaf and hard of hearing for the Rehabilitation Education and Services Branch of the Iowa Department of Public Instruction, pinpoints the problem.

Although speech training is a vital prerequisite in schools for the deaf, the deaf communicate mainly through the manual alphabet, the American Sign Language and the written word.

The degree and age of onset of the hearing loss may determine the proficiency in speech and speech-reading of each deaf person.

"The most skilled adult deaf, however, do not approach the proficiency in communication skills that most employers anticipate of them," Mr. Hagen said. "Consequently, unemployment and underemployment among the deaf is too high considering their intellectual abilities, aptitudes, economic needs and vocational aspirations."

Individuals with hearing impairments which are totally or partially corrected by electronic devices and who can speak can be placed in almost any type of employment except isolated situations where it is necessary to have normal hearing for reasons of safety, he added.

Profoundly deaf persons with or without speech impairments are limited only by specific job demands such as those requiring the use of the telephone or extensive communications with the hearing community, Hagen reported.

"The deafness need not interfere with performance on the job. If employers would take the time and interest to interview the deaf, they would find that the effort is worthwhile," he added. "Employers who have hired the deaf generally agree that they have proven to be efficient, dependable and loyal employees."

Hagen operates out of the rehabilitation branch office at 425 Badgerow Building which is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. week days.

To enable the deaf to become employed or at least as self-sufficient as possible, the office offers counseling, remedial medical services and vocational training. Otological examinations are made of the ears to determine if surgery can restore hearing to normal.

Most of Hagen's deaf clients either go to Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C., the only liberal arts college in the world specifically for the deaf; to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, a facility on the campus of the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York; the Technical Vocational Institute in St. Paul which has a very sophisticated program designed for the deaf within an integrated population; or the Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs.

One deaf client also is studying electronics at Western Iowa Tech in Sioux City.

"The basic problem we've had in training is the change-over to a highly technological society," Hagen said. "Years ago, the deaf person went from high school into a job, but now he or she needs further training."

Hagen reported however that special training facilities for the deaf are "catching up" and providing advanced courses that are necessary.

Services offered by the Rehabilitation Branch are free of charge in most cases including tuition, books, supplies and tools or equipment. Some students may be asked to help if they are able to provide part of the cost.

Once education is complete, the office also assists the trained person to obtain a job and provides follow-up services to assure that the job is suitable and both employee and employer are satisfied.

Hagen currently is helping 125 deaf persons in western Iowa.

"The only common denominator in the deaf community is

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the handicap of deafness," he said. "Each of them deserves to be evaluated on his individual merits and should not be victimized by the tendency to stereotype the deaf into a collective category."

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# The Rose Still Grows Beyond the Wall

Near a shady wall a rose once grew,  
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,  
Watered and fed by morning dew,  
Shedding sweetness day and night.

As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,  
Slowly rising to loftier height,  
It came to a crevice in the wall,  
Through which there shone a beam of light.

Onward it crept with added strength,  
With never a thought of fear or pride;  
It followed the light through the crevice-  
length  
And unfolded itself on the other side.

The light, the dew, the broadening view,  
Were found the same as they were before;  
And it lost itself in beauties new,  
Breathing its fragrance more and more.

Shall claim of death cause us to grieve  
And make our courage faint or fall?  
Nay, let us faith and hope receive;  
The rose still grows beyond the wall.

Scattering fragrance far and wide,  
Just as it did in days of yore,  
Just as it did on the other side,  
Just as it will forevermore.

-- A. L. Frink

## DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS:

This month I have two articles on "Roses." I have a special reason for being fond of roses. My wife so loved them. There are so many very beautiful roses raised all over the world.

God had a special reason for making so many beautiful flowers that grow all over the world. Different nations have special flowers that they call their own. Do you know the name of your State Flower? Find out.

Flowers are sent to the funerals of friends or relatives. Why? Do show how much we love them. Then a young boy takes a bouquet of flowers to the girl he likes very much.



### SKETCHES

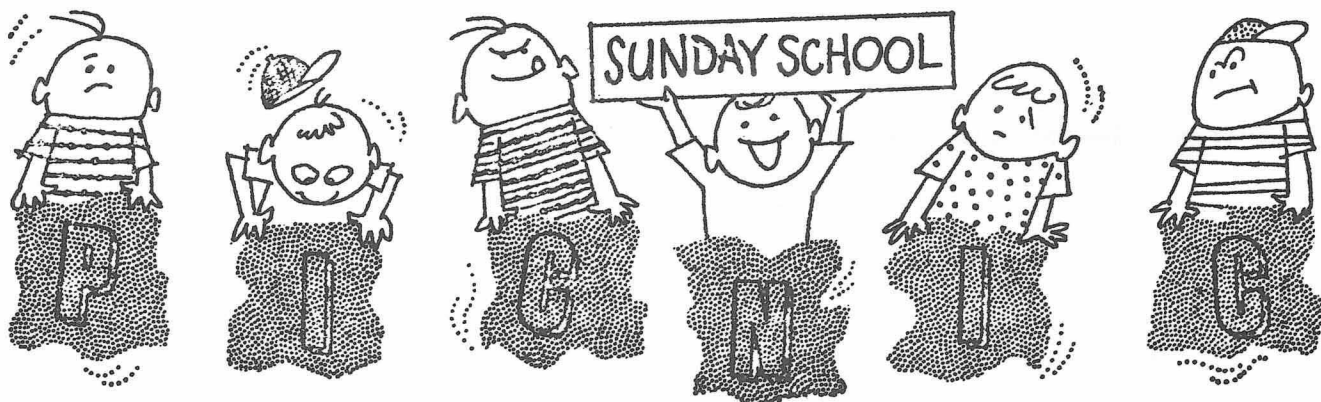
By BEN BURROUGHS

**F**ATHER must be good and kind . . . as well as very fair . . . he should be able to maintain . . . the family in his care . . . a father must know how to smile . . . when skies above are gray . . . and speak words of encouragement . . . to make his loved ones gay . . . a father must be stern and yet . . . show tenderness as well . . . and he should set examples that . . . are without parallel . . . he is indeed a guiding light . . . for children to behold . . . and so he must have principles . . . that shine like purest gold . . . a father must have faith in God . . . that never becomes dim . . . because he holds a sacred trust . . . so much depends on him.

## CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

The sign read FOR RENT—NO CHILDREN. When the landlady heard a knock on the door and opened it, an engaging eight-year-old stood there. "Ma'am, I see your house is for rent, and I don't have any children; just me and my old parents." Behind him was a hopeful young couple. They got the apartment.

—Ellen Kort



## CHILDREN'S PAGE



## My Dear Young Friends: Brave, Smart Girl Earns Medal

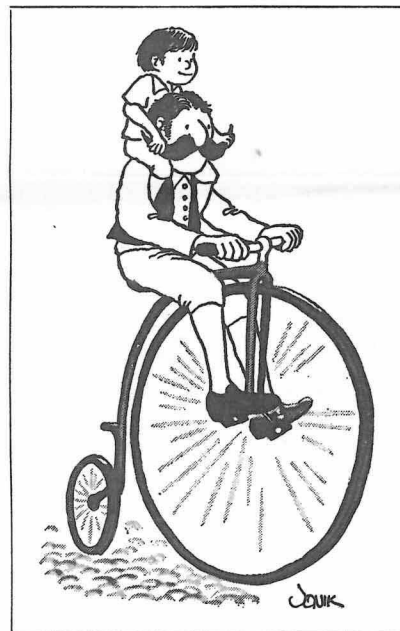
A second-grade pupil at St. Rita School for the Deaf in Cincinnati has received a special award for heroism.

The youngster, Kristine Whitlock, eight, was given a silver medal commendation by Ed Gassert, Cincinnati fire chief. The girl was cited for rescuing her two young brothers from their burning home in Loveland, Ohio.

Kristine, who spends nine months a year at the school, was home for a vacation at the time of the fire. Firemen said she bundled her two little brothers, Brand, Jr., three, and Stephen, one, in their coats and led them to safety when fire broke out.--GRIT



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## DEAR YOUNG (AND OLD?) FRIENDS:

I was surprised very much this past summer to find out that some of my "young" friends were not 8 or 9 years old--but 80 and 90 and in between??? No, I am not angry but very happy that I have friends of all ages! The older ones were asking me questions that I find hard to answer!

The young ones were just sending me riddles and things for the CHILDREN'S PAGE. I have books and books with riddles and such for my favorite page. But, I have been so busy and traveling that I have not had time to answer all of the letters and make up the Quiz Columns. Will now get busy.

Your Friend. The GLEANER