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**'RISE! SHINE! GIVE GOD GLORY!'**

Isaiah 60:1-3

## 4th Biennial ILDA Convention ... A HUGE SUCCESS!



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of the

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Convention Headquarters

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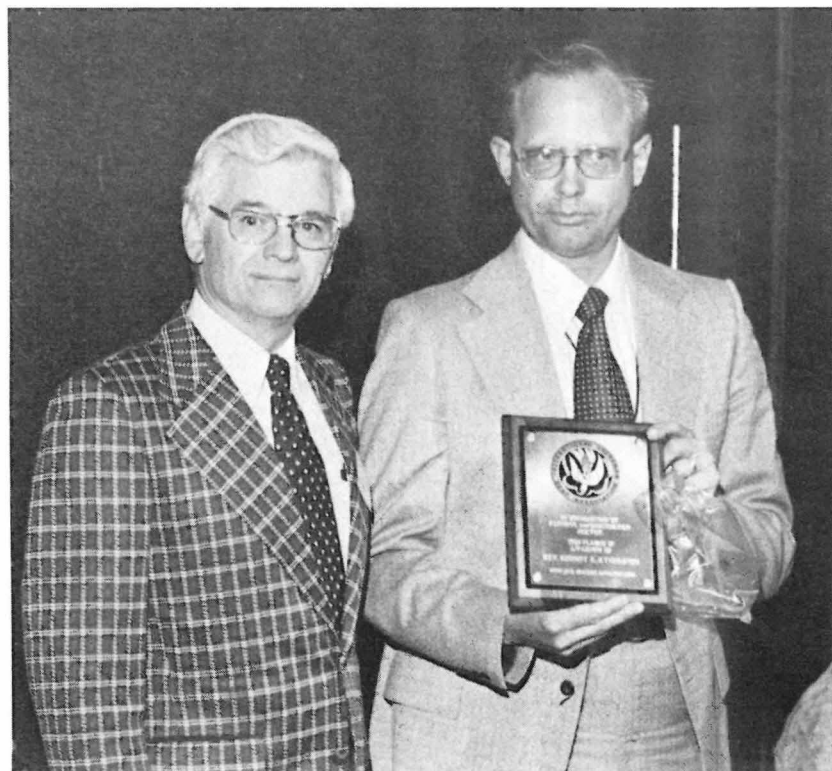
## Five Mission Projects Adopted by ILDA for 1977-1979

**Total Cost- \$5,000.00**

1. SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF IN PORTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL, \$1,000.00 THIS SCHOOL SERVES 56 CHILDREN. MOVING OUT OF A DIRT FLOOR BASEMENT CLASSROOM INTO A BETTER BUILDING. LAND HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR THE BUILDING OF A NEW SCHOOL. MRS. NAOMI WARTH, LATEST RECIPIENT OF THE JOHN OF BEVERLEY AWARD, IS THE SUPER-INTENDANT OF THIS SCHOOL.
2. SCHOLARSHIP FUND, \$2,000.00, TO HELP DEAF INDIVIDUALS STUDYING TO BECOME LAY MINISTERS AND PASTORS AND WHO ARE ENROLLED IN ONE OF OUR LUTHERAN COLLEGES OR SEMINARIES.
3. PAX NATURA RANCH, EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA, \$500.00. THIS IS A NEW FACILITY THAT IS HELPING NEEDY DEAF AND MENTALLY DEVICIENT DEAF INDIVIDUALS TO LEARN RANCHING AND SELF-HELP SKILLS IN A PLEASANT, OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT.

4. SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF IN BEIRUT, LEBANON. GRANT OF \$500.00 TO HELP WITH ITS REBUILDING PROGRAM.

5. LEADERSHIP TRAINING PACKAGE, \$1,000.00. THIS IS A TRAINING PROGRAM THAT WILL BE ON LOAN TO ANY CHURCH FOR THE DEAF THAT WANTS TO TRAIN ITS LEADERS TO BETTER SERVE OUR LORD. THIS PROJECT IS BEING CARRIED OVER FROM 1975-1977.



President Elmer D. Francisco (left) presenting a beautiful Plaque of Appreciation to retiring ILDA Pastoral Advisor, Rev. Rodney Rynearson at the banquet ceremonies.

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The Program Book of the 1977 ILDA Convention was dedicated to Rev. Rodney Richard Rynearson, beloved Pastoral Advisor of ILDA. He has faithfully served in this capacity for the past six years. During this time he has never failed to show his great love for his Lord, Christ Jesus, and for his fellow members of the ILDA Board.

# Faith of Spokane, Wash. Celebrates 50th Anniversary



On June 26, 1977, Faith Lutheran Church for the Deaf of Spokane, Washington celebrated its 50th Anniversary.

The guest speaker for this celebration Service was Pastor August Hauptman of Toledo, Ohio. Pastor Hauptman served Faith Congregation from 1948 to 1959.

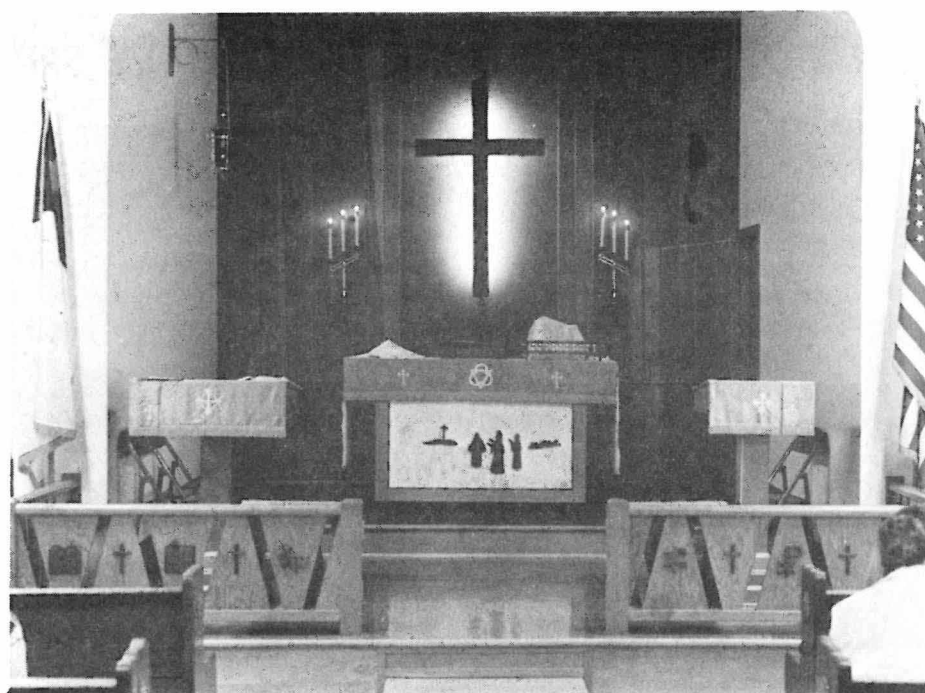
A hearty welcome was extended to the ILDA delegates and conventioners and guests during the Sunday morning worship services, especially to the pastors who have been so very important a part in this fifty years of history. Among the guests were Pastor Rodney Rynearson, Pastor Russell Johnson, Pastor Donald Zuhn, Pastor and Mrs. Walter Uhlig, Pastor and Mrs. George Ring, Lay-Minister and Mrs. Donald Fairman, Pastor and Mrs. William Ludwig and daughters, and Pastor and Mrs. August Hauptman.

Pastor William A. Ludwig, pastor to the deaf in the Seattle area and co-vacancy pastor of Faith was the liturgist for the service that morning.

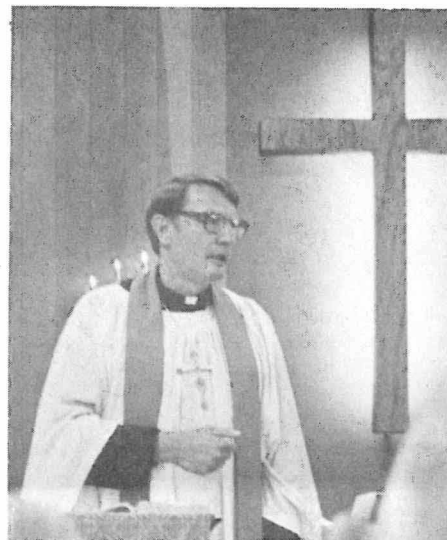
After service members of Faith Congregation served Potluck Dinner in the church parlors of Pilgrim Church adjoining. Afterwards a brief fellowship was enjoyed as several pastors and Layministers gave an account of their years at Faith.

It was reported that the former parsonage had been sold in the last several weeks. The property netted over \$28,300 for the Synod. The money is supposed to be used toward furnishing a housing allowance for future pastors of Faith Congregation.

Faith has been without a resident pastor since mid-May, 1976. Faith is being served jointly by Pastor Wm. Ludwig, Seattle, and Pastor William Albach of Spokane.



Interior view of the Chapel of Faith Lutheran Church for the Deaf of Spokane, Washington.



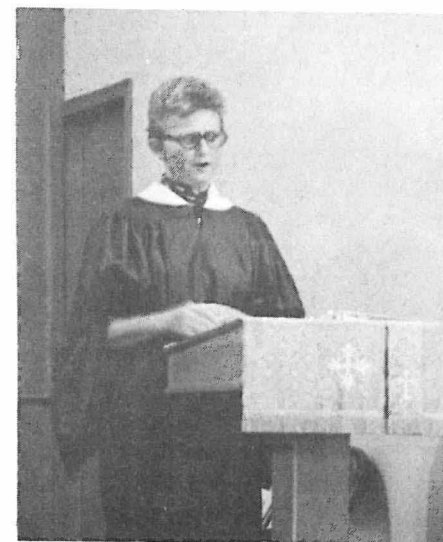
Rev. A. Hauptman of Toledo, O. Guest preacher. Former pastor of Faith, 1948-1959.



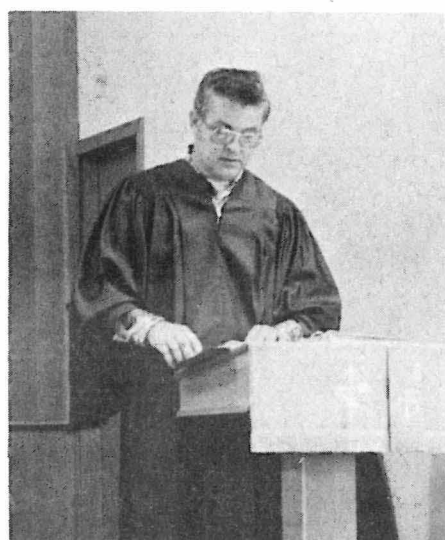
Rev. Wm. Ludwig of Seattle, W. Liturgist and Co-vacancy Pastor of Faith.



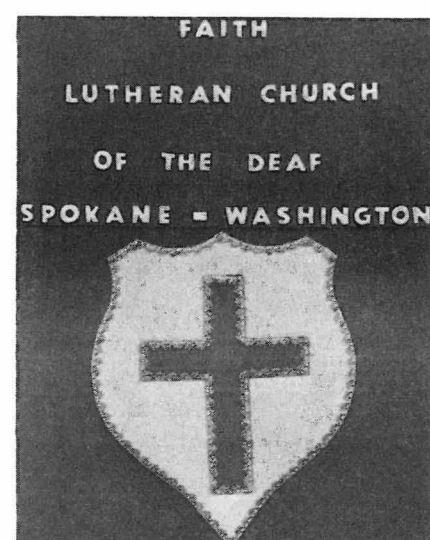
choir, Harriette Wyene



choir, Millie Francisco



choir, Clyde Catron



The Church Banner

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# More Pictures of Faith of Spokane's 50th Ann. Celebration!

## SOME WHO HAVE SERVED FAITH CONGREGATION



Rev. William Ludwig, Emcee & Co-vacancy pastor of Faith.



Rev. Walter D. Uhlig of Kansas City, Missouri



Rev. August Hauptman of Toledo, Ohio



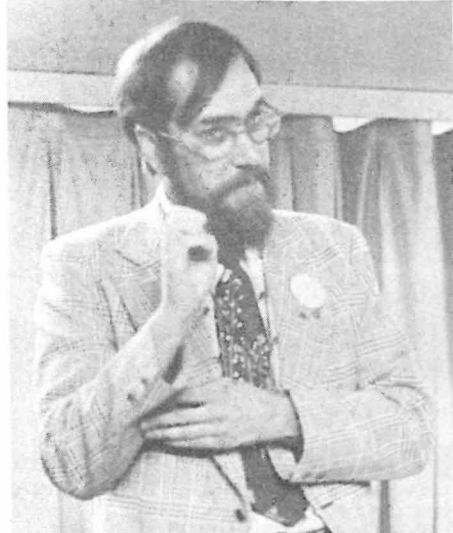
Rev. Rodney Rynearson of Detroit, Michigan



Layminister Don Fairman of Jackson, Mississippi



Rev. Donald Zuhn of Brainerd, Minnesota



Rev. Omahr Mork of Omaha, Nebraska



Rev. George Ring of Des Moines, Iowa.

## SCENES FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DINNER



# The ILDA Board Meeting at GONZAGA UNIVERSITY



The 1975-1977 ILDA Board of Directors. Left to right: Pres. Elmer Francisco; Secy. Archie Marshall; Ronald Nester, Midwest Region; Billy Fitzgerald, Dixie Region; Rev. Rodney Rynearson, Pastoral Advisor; Mrs. Joanna Mae Thuve, visitor; August O. Beyer, Eastern Region; Clarence Schulz, Great Lakes Region; Harold Rife, Northwest Region; Bettye Jo Healey, Central Region; Treasurer Russel Healey; Harold Thuve, Pacific Region; Nominations Chairman Charles Kotal; Pres.-Elect Joseph Kindred; and Patty Wyatt, visitor.

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The 1975-1977 ILDA Board of Directors held its final meetings on Wednesday, June 29th until noon Thursday, June 30th. The meetings were held at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington.

Business consisted of:

1. Spiritual devotions and prayers; especially in thanking God for His guiding hand in helping us with our board meetings, in helping the local Spokane committees in preparing so well this 4th Biennial Convention, and for our safe trips here.

2. New Regional Presidents are strongly encouraged but not required to attend the International Conventions. During the installation of ILDA officers at those conventions, the new Regional Presidents and the Regional Pastoral Advisors will be introduced and welcomed. The actual installation of the Regional Presidents and the Regional Pastoral Advisors should happen in their own Regional Conferences. The new Regional Presidents will probably be asked to meet with the new international officers at the conclusion of conventions to begin planning for the next two years. This will reduce the heavy drain on ILDA treasury in providing traveling funds for newly elected Regional Presidents attending international conventions.

3. It was reported that at this time there are over 300 delegates registered for this convention.

4. Rev. Rohe's secretarial staff is to be paid \$10.00 for typing up our new Constitution and By-laws.

5. The Law Committee must meet at least once a year. This committee is encouraged to plan its meetings at least four (4) hours before a set meeting of the ILDA Executive Committee and in the same location.

6. The Business Manager is given permission to seek out better and cheaper ways of labeling and mailing out The Deaf Lutheran.

7. "Right Hand" award nomination applications were reviewed and a winner selected.

8. It is hoped that a way will be found that will enable ILDA to give its "Right Hand" awards biennially at Synodical Conventions.

9. None of the books of outgoing Treasurers will be acceptable to newly elected Treasurers until such books have been satisfactorily audited.

10. The next time ILDA brochures are printed, the quantity will be increased by 1,000.

11. Regional Presidents are hereafter required to submit a written report, giving statistics, themes, and interesting events, etc. at the close of their conferences. Copies should be sent to the ILDA Secretary and to the editor of The Deaf Lutheran. (The editor would appreciate any photos of Regional Conference events that come with the reports).

12. Nine (9) Mission Project proposals were reviewed out of which five (5) were accepted for presentation and acceptance by the convention. (See page two (2) of this issue.)

13. The Regional Advisor Committee Chairman is to be supplied with information about all ILDA Mission Projects that are accepted at conventions and he is instructed to pass on such information to the Lutheran Laymens League (LLL) and the Lutheran Womens Missionary League (LWML) for publicity purposes.

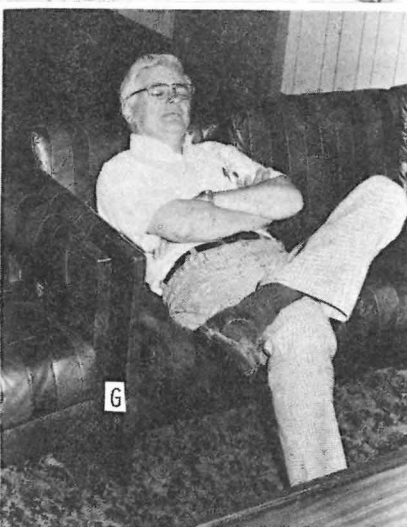
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Photo A. Treasurer Russel Healey keeping his records in good order as usual. He is also The Deaf Lutheran Business Manager.

Photo B. Main Administration Building of Gonzaga U.

Photo C. The dormitory building in which the Board of Directors met and boarded.

Photo D. Happy convention goers. Foreground L.to R. Jack Burns of Los Angeles; Patty Wyatt of Los Angeles; Billy Fitzgerald of Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. Joanna May Thuve of Los Angeles. Background L. August O. Beyer of New York; & R. Rev. R. Rynearson of Detroit, Michigan.

Photo E. Board of Directors taking a needed rest break.

Photo F. Some Board members preferred to shoot pool.

Photo G. The President preferred to take a nap.

## ILDA BOARD MEETING AT GONZAGA UNIVERSITY

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14. Constitutional rules governing nominations of officers in the ILDA will be suspended at this convention. Nominations will be accepted from the floor of the convention.

15. An Assistant-Secretary will be appointed by the Board of Directors to assist the regular Secretary in keeping the minutes of this convention.

16. Seven resolutions were presented by the Resolutions Committee (Mr. Charles Kotal and Rev. Rodney Rynearson) and were accepted by the Board. Summaries of those resolutions are as follows:

#77-1 That the Missouri Synod be encouraged to keep separate the Ministry to the Deaf and the Ministry to the Blind.

#77-2 Thanks are sent to the Missouri Synod at this summer's Synodical Convention in Dallas, Texas for its past support of our Deaf Ministry and our hopes for its continuing support.

#77-3 The Synod, the Board for Higher Education, and the Board for Missions be encouraged to develop an adequate recruitment and training program for our Ministry to the Deaf.

#77-4 A request to the Task Force on Constitution and By-laws to express Synod's commitment to a united and viable organization of Deaf Christians through providing By-laws to establish ILDA as a Synodical auxiliary.

#77-5 A request to the Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) and Lutheran TV Productions to provide "This Is The Life" films in signed and/or captioned versions for viewing by the deaf.

#77-6 A resolution to thank all the people who have worked hard to make this 4th Biennial Convention a success.

#77-7 The establishing of an ILDA Deaf Student Scholarship Fund. This fund is to be named "The Zacharias Fund" in honor of the Biblical Priest who communicated with his hands.

17. A letter from Rev. Walter D. Uhlig of Kansas City, Missouri that suggested membership in ILDA be made to include a free subscription to The Deaf Lutheran. This was tabled for further study.

18. A motion made to purchase a portable TTY for use by the President of ILDA was rejected.

19. A motion was made and passed to present before the convention the purchase of \$3,000.00 worth of equipment for use by the editor in preparing our Deaf Lutheran publication.

20. A motion was made and passed that in the event the convention passed the above motion in paragraph 19, ILDA's Treasurer will pay the sum of \$600.00 per year to Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf of St. Louis, Missouri who have agreed to lend ILDA \$3,000.00 in the purchase of the equipment. At this rate the loan will be paid off in five (5) years. (see story about this equipment purchase elsewhere in this issue.

21. Unanimous approval was voted to present Rev. Rynearson and Rev. Herbert Rohe with "Plaques of Appreciation" during the convention banquet ceremonies.

22. A motion was made and passed to establish separate treasuries for ILDA and the office of the Business Manager of The Deaf Lutheran.

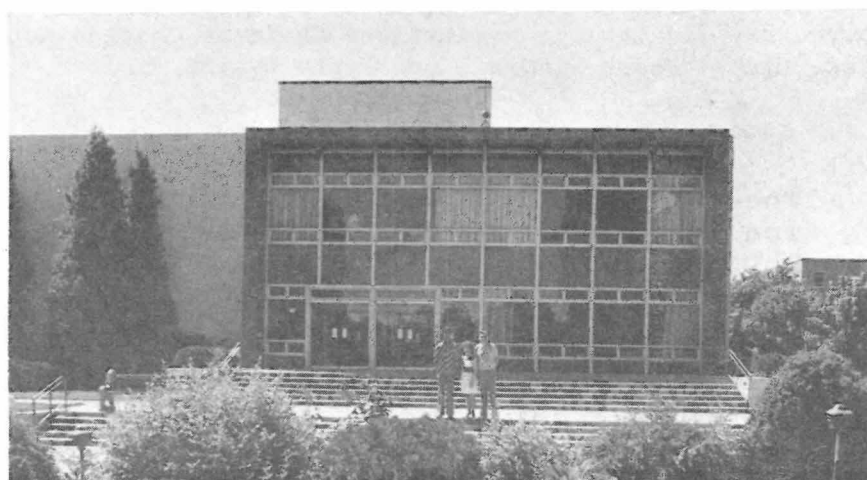
23. The Law Committee is to define more clearly

the purpose and funding of "God's 1,000 Club". It is understood that this club is officially recognized by the Board of Directors as a volunteering project of ILDA. No one shall be forced or coerced to contribute and that any contributions received are separate from regular ILDA membership dues.

24. Charles Kotal, ILDA Nominations Chairman, reported that several candidates do not have clear cut membership in ILDA. He encouraged Board members from whose regions those candidates come to get to those people and get them to clear up their memberships.

25. After this convention, the Nominations Chairman (the immediate past-president) is strongly urged to attend or send a substitute to all Regional Conferences, especially the Regional Conferences in-between ILDA International Conventions. His job will be to work out a time slot in such regional programs in which he can speak about ILDA and secure nominations for offices in the international.

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After the meeting of the Board of Directors, some of the members took time to visit the multi-million dollar Bing Crosby Library (Photo A) which is a part of Gonzaga University. This library has on display (Photos A & B) all of the Gold Records and other trophies that Mr. Crosby has won over the years with his golden singing voice. The library also has many very old and valuable books. Some of the books were over 500 years old.

# The Story Behind The \$3,000.00 Equipment Purchase



Left: Editor Archie D. Marshall making the motion and urging a vote in favor of the equipment purchase. Right: Rev. Omahr Mørk who seconded the motion and is waiting to speak.

-by Archie D. Marshall

Since the time of my appointment in August 1974 to this position of editor of The Deaf Lutheran, there has always been a need to have one piece of copy either reduced or enlarged to meet the needs of whatever we had to print in this publication. We needed more mast heads, art cuts that we used in every issue, and changes in our roster columns.

At that time, our printers at Concordia Publishing House were able to furnish those needs satisfactorily enough. I almost never had to worry about making the changes in our roster because the printers at Concordia took care of it. So for a while, all I had to do was indicate the changes that were needed, confident that good old CPH will handle it.

Times change. Two years ago, Concordia Publishing House went out of the printing business due to high labor costs, etc. They gave our contract to another printing firm in Washington, Mo.

This firm could handle our prepared photo-ready copy and do our printing satisfactorily enough and at a much lower cost, however, we lost the other services that we took for granted when we had CPH doing our printing. By this, I mean, this printing firm in Washington, Mo. were not able to reproduce our mast heads from old plates and this called for setting up a fresh mast head

with each issue. They also could not handle any changes in our roster, or reproduce any art cuts in quantity.

There have been times when I had an urgent need for what a photo-stat machine could do. Like the time in 1975 when the Constitution and By-laws of ILDA were reproduced on those pages. In order to get this done, I had to get permission from the Art Director of the firm where I am employed to get this work done for me through their photo-stat department. Although permission was granted and the cost was small, I was told that this service was strictly discouraged.

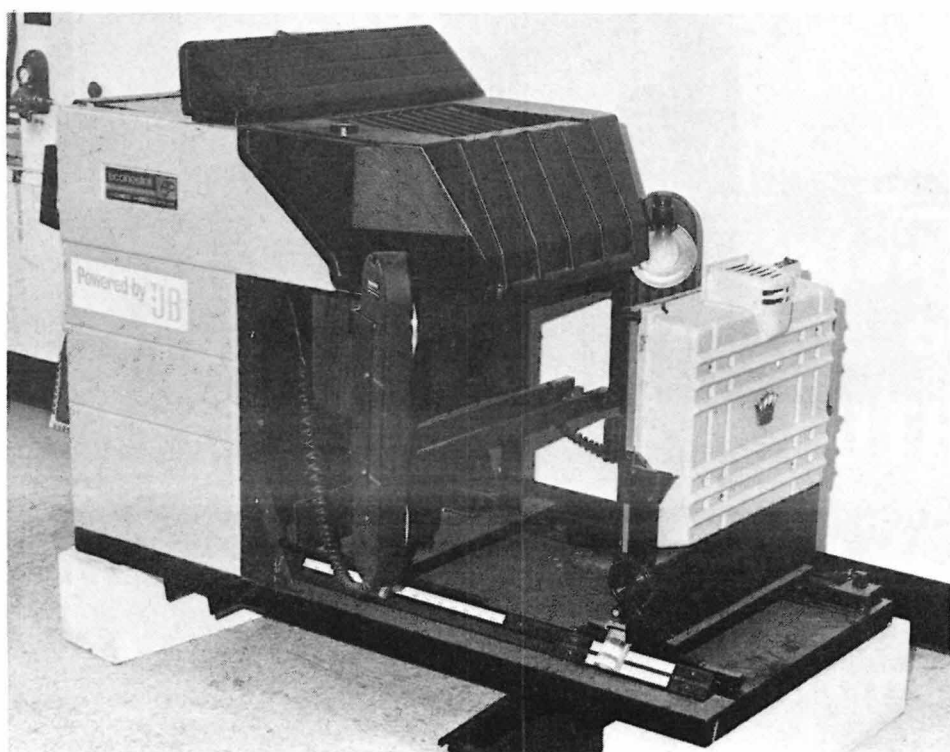
In the meantime, our roster went untended as it was very difficult to make additions and changes. We were compelled to use xerox machines which in turn made reproduction of the roster become almost unreadable. In some cases, Rev. Rohe could get some of the reproductions of the mast head, coupons, and other cuts done in the small printing shop at his office. Eventually this service was also lost.

For about a year, I had been investigating the possibility of buying or trying to get ILDA to buy a Photo-stat machine. The cost of those machines were not very encouraging and some were too large and expensive to operate on the limited needs of this publication.

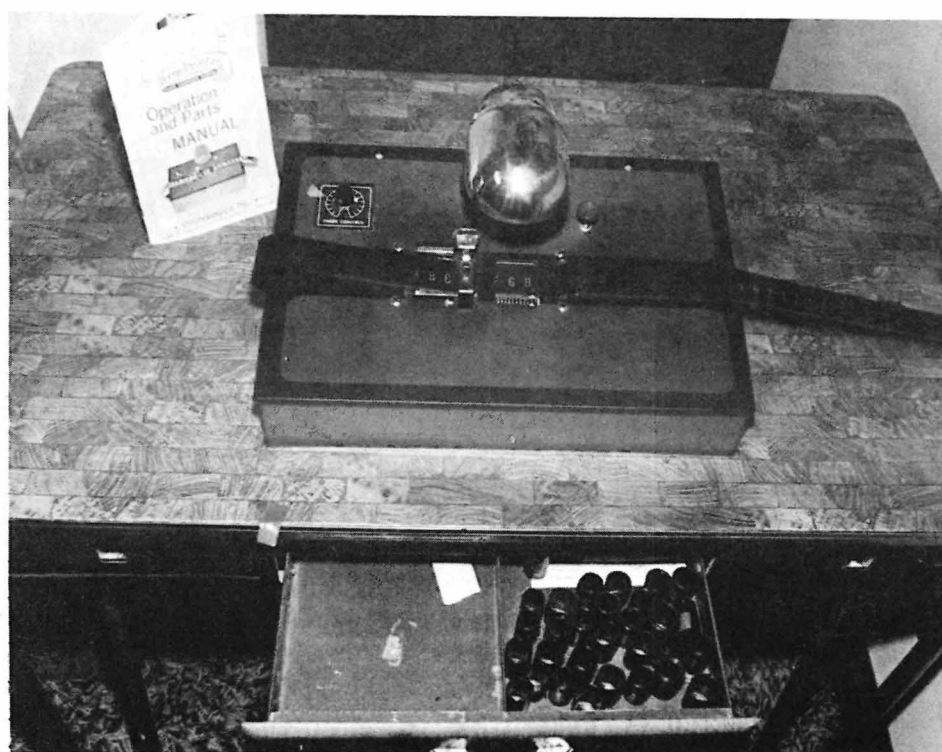
In May of this year, I happened to mention to a fellow worker that I was in the market to buy a stat machine. Much to my surprise, this fellow, Mr. Jerry Boschert, told me that he was closing down his business and had such a machine up for sale. A few days later I went with him to his studio to view the equipment and to take pictures of it. He had up for sale one Econostat machine, one Strip Printer, and a 17" Direct Projector. He told me that he bought the Econostat three years ago at a cost of \$3,650.00 and wanted to sell it for \$2,500.00. The Strip Printer also was bought new two years ago at a cost of \$560.00, and the 17" Direct Projector was bought used a year ago for \$650.00 and was being sold for \$400. He asked \$350.00 for the Strip Printer. The total sales price for all three pieces of equipment totalled \$3,250.00, but Mr. Boschert agreed to sell them all for \$3,000.00 if sold together.

The one that I figure will be used the most in preparing this publication will be the Strip Printer. It makes beautiful headlines and other copy that calls for heavy lettering. Within two

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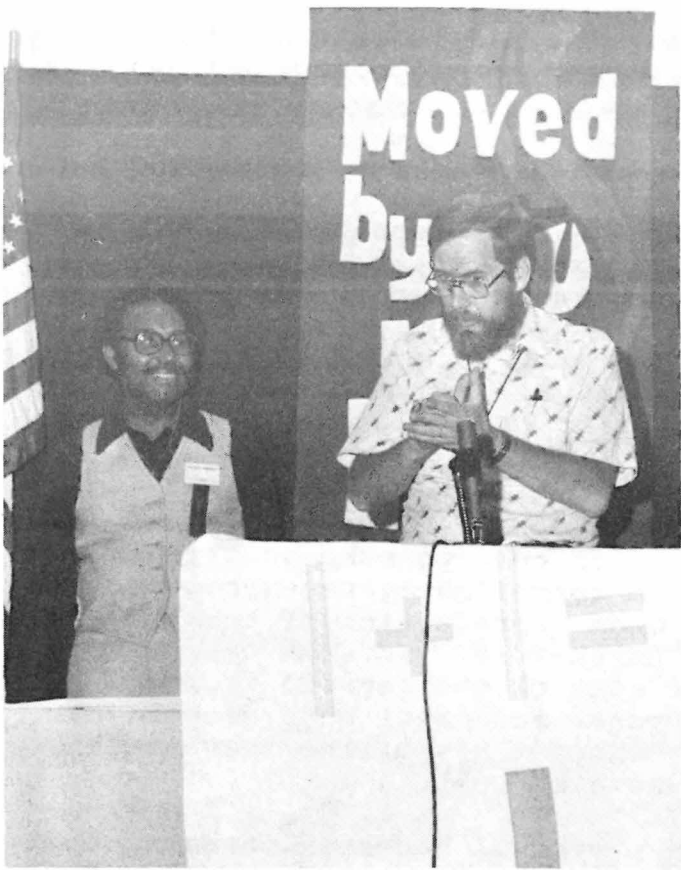
An Econostat. Useful in reproduction of copy. Can make enlargements or reduce black and white drawings to size.



A Strip Printer. Useful in making headline copy.

## THE STORY BEHIND THE \$3,000 EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

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Editor Marshall smiling while Rev. Omahr Mørk tells the convention why he is in favor of the equipment purchase.

years this Strip Printer should pay for itself in savings. The use and value of the Econostat cannot be underestimated. If you like the front page of this issue you will know what I mean.

The beautiful things a creative artist can do with such equipment at his disposal is great. I am sure that our readers will agree when I have fully mastered using this equipment that the pages of The Deaf Lutheran have improved. Hopefully in the next issue, I will have a roster that is better looking and more readable than it ever has been. Changes and additions ought to be child's play.

The 17" Direct Projector probably will be the least used of the three, at least for the time being, however once, if and when ILDA extends its printing operations, this projector will also prove its worth.

Mr. Jerry Boschert wanted to sell this equipment as soon as he could and had several buyers who were interested. He agreed to sell it all to me if I could make a \$1,000.00 down payment and would wait for the balance until after the ILDA Convention.

Then I remembered my talk at Central Regional's Conference only a few weeks ago. The topic of my talk was "How Can Central Region Help The ILDA?" So I went and discussed this with my Pastor, Rev. Martin A. Hewitt. He questioned me carefully and saw that something good could indeed come from owning such equipment. From there I presented my case before the Church Council of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Louis. A Special Meeting of the voters was called shortly and a decision to help ILDA was voted for. The agreement was to lend me \$1,000.00 immediately to make the down payment and the rest would be available in the event that ILDA voted to buy but did not have the necessary funds. We would then own the equipment and lease it to ILDA at the rate of \$600.00 per year until the loan is paid back in about five years.

On June 7th, I sent off a letter along with photos of the equipment to Mr. Clarence Schulz, ILDA's Projects Proposal Chairman, hopefully that it would be accepted as one of ILDA's Mission Projects for 1977-1979.

The Board of Directors meeting at Gonzaga University rejected the idea of making this one of their Mission Projects. Instead they voted in favor of presenting this purchase of equipment before the convention for acceptance. Also it was voted to accept Holy Cross loan, paying it back at \$600.00 per year for five years in the event the convention voted to buy.

When this business finally came up before the Convention on July 2nd, I made the motion which was seconded by Rev. Omahr Mørk. Then I explained in detail why I needed this equipment in the preparation of The Deaf Lutheran and also how much value it will be to ILDA in its future plans. Most of the delegates were already familiar with this equipment as I had prepared a large poster with clear and detailed photographs explaining purpose and cost. Then I sat down and Rev. Mørk took the floor, speaking briefly in favor of the purchase, put down on the table a \$10.00 bill saying this was his donation towards the purchase. As if by signal, one by one came the convention delegates placing their own donations, large and small on top of Rev. Mørk's until soon there was a pile of bills and money on the table. To facilitate the counting and recording of all this donations, Pres. Francisco appointed an assistant to help Treasurer Healey. Because of the response shown by the delegates, Pres. Francisco took it as a vote of affirmative and did not bother to call for an actual vote. The minutes were written thusly.

That night at the banquet, Rev. Pokorny said that Ephphatha Conference voted to give the proceeds of that conference to ILDA to be used in any way needed. A vote of hands gave this extra donation towards the equipment purchase. Treasurer Healey then reported that the donations totalled over \$1,400.00, leaving a balance of only \$1,600.00 needed. More pledges of donations were received afterwards.

As editor of The Deaf Lutheran, AND as a fellow Christian, I thank God for His blessings in putting the love in our hearts that we have for Him and for one another. Pray with me that He will also grant me the wisdom and creativeness to use this equipment wisely. . . FOR HIS GLORY!



A 17" Direct Projector. Useful in making line drawings from opaque photographs accurately and speedily.

ILDA CONVENTION WILL CONTINUE IN THE NEXT ISSUE!!