During the intermission a tour and survey of the hall gave a general impression of what the Rally means to the deaf. Older folk from Birmingham and Coventry were having so much to say to those from Oxford and Reading—reminiscing of last year or already thinking of next—who knows? The younger set, with no inhibitions, were getting to know each other with perfect ease from one balcony to another. Mr. A. T. Crellin, some distance from his normal terrain in South Wales, and other helpers were organising tables and cards for the whist session, at the same time cajoling the discussion groups to come and make up just another table. Sixteen tables were managed in the end. What the standard of card play was one could not say, but the changing of seats, vaguely resembling a large game of musical chairs, was thoroughly entertaining, to the onlookers at least. A number of stewards were directing visitors and at the same time improving the shining hour by disposing of raffle tickets, while the stage took on a look of fresh activity as the band prepared for the evening to come.

33,388 people attended the Rally held in Leicester on Saturday afternoon, 6th April . . . when Leicester City F.C. at the Filbert Street ground made certain of promotion by winning their match with West Ham by 5 goals to 3.

This huge crowd did nothing to overshadow the B.D.D.A. Midland Rally for the Deaf held within cheering distance of the ground at the historic De Montfort Hall, where 500 deaf gathered to do justice to the efforts of the organisers. Buses parked in the precincts of the hall showed the pull the modern Rally has. Strange to Leicester, they bore addresses as far afield as Reading, Oxford, Birmingham and Coventry.

There were, of course, the many stalwarts who, travelling privately from Wales, London and Edinburgh, together with those from the rural areas, helped to make the huge hall homely. Early visitors enjoyed the beautifully laid-out gardens, where Miss Spring was tempting the fancy of young men although Winter still delayed her chilly farewells.

The hardy, and the hot-house variety who found temperate sanctuary inside, all did full justice to the splendid tea. (Who was the late starter who enjoyed two teas? Still, the waitress was persuasively young, wasn't she?).

Immediately after food the Association Chairman, Mr. K. P. McDougall, introduced the guests who had dined with us, Mr. E. R. Collins (Oxford)—Chairman of the Midland Regional Council; the Leicester Medical Officer of Health and Chairman of the Leicester Mission Committee—Dr. E. K. Macdonald O.B.E. and Mrs. Macdonald; the Sheriff of Leicestershire—Lt.-Col. P. H. Lloyd and Mrs. Lloyd, and also the Leicester Director of Welfare Services—Mr. K. J. Powell and Mrs. Powell.

On behalf of all the deaf present may we here pay tribute to Mr. Collins and Dr. Macdonald whose speeches of welcome were so refreshingly brief but yet so endearing.

Leicester deaf footballers, runners-up in the M.D.S.A. Knock-out competition, receive their medals during an interval at the Rally.
All in all, from a bird's eye view on the top of the balcony, it looked one big happy family party and while the Rally stays that way it cannot help being a success.

For the remainder of the evening dancing was enjoyed by everyone, not least by Mr. McDougall, who, besides being M.C. and General Factotum, set the stage, on the stage, with some crazy choreography. He cut a pretty ring in the Veleta and one young lady was heard to remark during a Barn Dance—"Boy, he's no square."

During one interval the M.C. had to perform what was, to him, a rather unfortunate duty... the presentation of the Cup and Medals to the Coventry Deaf Football Club who had that afternoon beaten Leicester Deaf by three goals to one in the final of the Midlands Deaf Sports Association Knock-out Competition. It was only then that one realised why a number of brawny young men had been monopolised by pretty female dancers all evening.

Now that the maximum visitors were scattered around the hall there was time to scan the display of fashions. At any dance the girls may be relied upon to show a kaleidoscope of fashion and colour (one girl showed more than that, and very pretty, too!) For the interest of lady readers, multi-colours were especially popular but the all-white dress was still the one to capture the attention. Ballerina dresses and slippers were a la mode, and how cool they looked, but the outstanding fashion was undoubtedly the stole.

Came the end of the day and the Rally for another year, for those who lived near, at least. For those having still three or four hours travelling one suspects they continued their enjoyment the whole way. A few minor rallies were obviously in progress around the ancient oak trees in the park while the buses were preparing to depart... what a tale those trees could tell. And while the Rally had taken place in the middle of an oasis of Spring flowers in the heart of the city, yet the enjoyment and happiness of those 500 were almost unknown to the rest of the population, least of all to the 33,388 whose enjoyment was now but a talking point soon to be forgotten. For bats must be oiled, pads whitened and King Cricket come into his own again.

N.R.C.
The Coventry Mime Play.

AN APPRECIATION.

LIKE many others I had heard a great deal about these Mime performances, both for and against, and I held certain opinions of my own about dramatics and the Deaf and Dumb, but I had never seen a Mime play performed either by the Deaf and Dumb themselves or by any one else.

So this year I decided I must see for myself, and on Thursday 18th May, I went along to Coventry, with what might fairly be regarded as an "open" mind. It did not remain "open" long; within five minutes, hearing the continuous laughter of the hearing audience of 800 echoing my own genuine amusement, I had become a convinced convert to this type of dramatic performance by the Deaf and Dumb.

But now a word about the background against which I saw this play. It was the last night, except for the Finals, of the Coventry Drama Festival. The theatre of the Coventry Technical College packed with over 800 people. They had previously, the same evening, seen three good plays performed by very competent Amateur Dramatic Societies, yet they received this "silent" play at least as well, if not better, as any of the others.

Personally, I sat for 25 minutes watching, without a word spoken or spelt or a Deaf and Dumb sign used, and yet followed the whole story of the play better than any I have ever seen. In fact, my first comment was—"Why on earth do we bother to speak at all?" Speech could have added nothing to the effectiveness of this play. I think it is significant that this particular play had been composed especially for Mime by Mr. Veysey himself, and so had been conceived in actions and not in words, and so when the actions were supplied, nothing was wanting.

The acting, all by Deaf and Dumb members of the Warwickshire Deaf and Dumb Society, was well-nigh perfect, and enhanced by highly competent production. Of the latter I can only say that it was so good that the whole play ran so smoothly, that it was only afterwards that one realised how big a part the producer must have played and how perfectly he had timed all the entrances and exits and other "business."

The dressing of the players and the scenery were excellent, and altogether Mr. Veysey and his company cannot be congratulated too highly on a magnificent performance, which gave much pleasure to many.

The supreme value of this performance of Mime by the Deas and Dumb is surely that it is a medium that can be used most effectively by the Deaf and Dumb to entertain any kind of audience. I have long been a believer in Deaf and Dumb Dramatics by finger-spelling and signs, and still am, but the scope of such performances seems limited. They can surely only be effectively performed before a Deaf and Dumb audience, and so circumstances would prevent a company from giving many performances. But there is no such limitation to Mime. Such performances can be given to any audience in one's own locality and can be equally enjoyed by both Deaf and Dumb and Hearing people.

It is obvious that Mr. Veysey has a very special gift for this sort of production, and that he has had the support of a first-class company, but I am convinced that every Deaf Mission has several members capable of giving fine performances in this medium, that is natural to them, and that there must be several Missioners, to say the least, capable of developing this talent.—(Humphrey M. Ainger.)
FINALISTS CHOSEN FOR ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST

For all but four finalists, last night was the climax of the one-act play section of Coventry’s amateur drama festival, held in the College Theatre.

Mr. Leonard Crainford, the adjudicator, selected the following teams to compete in the final on Saturday night: Warwick Road Church Players, G.E.C. Dramatic Society “A,” the Wheatsheaf Players, and the Little Theatre Players “B.”

Announcing his choice, he said: “If I had my way I would willingly see six of the plays again, but my choice has to be limited to four.”

MOST DIFFICULT

The Little Theatre Players “B” were one of the leaners that appeared in last night’s programme. In “The High Backed Chair” by Norman Holland, they had chosen one of the most difficult plays in the festival, said Mr. Crainford. It was not only Irish in its language, but in its whole theme. Whatever imperfections there might have been in individual performances, the Irish quality had been sustained throughout the production. “There was authenticity about the whole thing,” he said. “But I failed to make the final—added, and it was one of the.Just Failed

The G.E.C. Dramatic Society “A,” who performed “Dimitrius,” by Norman Hall, learned from Mr. Crainford that they had failed to make the final. “Though I should have loved to have seen their performances, we have seen their performances on the technical side.” They had presented a fine stage picture and the character of the Coventry Deaf DramaStars had been on the right track. Their dramatic move was excellent.
An Appreciation of Mime

By E. PYKETT

Mime or Dumb acting has attracted my attention for the past three years and is a grand form of entertainment for the deaf owing to the fact that no sound is needed. Experience has shown me that any deaf person could follow a play performed in mime, provided it is correctly enacted.

Here are a few observations and pieces of advice which are of great value in the performance of mime.

Firstly, let me impress upon you the importance of expression as a means of conveying to an audience what cannot otherwise be expressed in words. It is largely upon the players' ability to express themselves clearly and wholeheartedly that the success or failure of a show of this type depends. Whilst there is no finger spelling given in mime thus lessening the strain on the eyes, all expressions and gestures must clearly illustrate whatever is intended to be conveyed to the audience. The players must also express themselves naturally, the success of which is achieved when the audience forgets that a play is enacted and follows closely every movement and gesture, unconsciously enveloping itself in the silent world upon the stage. Here for instance is an example of what good mime can achieve in this way.

In our play, "Disaster," which we gave last May at the City of Coventry Amateur Drama Festival in the College Theatre, there was a certain amount of scope for emotional acting which was taken advantage of to good results.

Sitting somewhere in a hushed and highly enthralled audience was a doctor. The day after seeing our play he 'phoned our producer and stated that whilst in his career as a doctor he had seen many awful and heart-breaking sights which had left him unmoved, the scene at the conclusion of our play had brought real tears to his eyes.

Hearing people too can and have enjoyed all of our plays which have been given in public. Even our first mime play was so much enjoyed by the Adjudicator himself that he expressed a desire for us to continue and also in his conclusion said it was an experience he would remember all his life, although he had never seen deaf and dumb actors before.

The setting to the play also has an important part, as we learnt, and also speed is sometimes necessary in keeping the audience enthralled. Another important part is repose, so necessary in miming.

Make-up for miming needs the same care as other plays. It is always best to be natural and give a really natural expression of every movement. For instance, kissing should be naturally accomplished, not just a peck on the cheeks. Another important thing to remember is never to hide another person taking part in the play.

Make all your gestures as clearly as possible, remembering there are a lot of people sitting at the back; if only feeble movements are done they are likely to be unseen by this rear section of the audience.
Drama Festival

By the Rev. J. N. Veysey,
Chaplain, Warwickshire Deaf and Dumb Society

Some weeks before Christmas, 1947, a few of us got together and discussed the possibility of starting a Dramatic Society. It was found that one or two had previously danced in character studies at the Institute, but not before an audience, one had heard Mr. Mark Frame’s paper on this subject at the last Congress, and the Chaplain had helped to produce plays amongst the deaf in West Hartlepool many years ago. All were keen and decided to start as soon as possible; all agreed that our only medium for interpreting our plays would be simple gesture and expression, doing away entirely with finger-spelling and signs. It was decided to try and present a play to our own friends at the annual party in January. In fact, we presented two, a one-act comedy and a three-act version of the pantomime, “Cinderella.” Several hearing guests at the party saw this “First Night,” and their comments were such as to encourage the players to continue with their efforts.

The next step, however, though now past history, still makes the producer hot round the collar when he thinks of it. A notice appeared in the local Press announcing a forthcoming Drama Festival, organised by the City Council, to be held in a theatre used by the Midland Theatre Company of the Arts Council, teams to compete by presenting one-act plays. The producer was mildly interested, put the paper away, and made a mental note to try and see part of the Festival. How little he knew! He had a friend not quite so cautious, and before he knew it, had entered a deaf team for the competition. Then followed a fine time! A search for a suitable play—letters—phone calls—diving into libraries with the able assistance of the City Librarian, days of it.

A meeting of producers in the theatre, at which some idea of the opposition to be met was realised, and our producer felt like curling up and hiding his head in a bucket of sand. A meeting at which words, foreign words to us, like battens, No. 7 floods, sky-cloth, limes, flats, etc., were bandied about as though of every-day use.

By this time we had just started rehearsing our chosen play. How we worked; at first twice a week, later three times a week, the producer occasionally losing his temper, the players taking not a scrap of notice, sometimes good, sometimes terrible. And each night, after they had gone home, and the family had gone to bed, hack went the upper table and the producer had his own little show, trying out all the parts ready for next time. The number of cigarettes smoked during these weeks is nobody’s business.

Costumes, props, illness to one of the main characters, change of working hours for another making a change in cast necessary, all caused separate headaches. The sort you look back on and enjoy for the new experience they gave.

So we progressed, the players working hard and giving of their best, the stage manager contriving the most realistic stage properties. Near to Festival time, we visited the theatre, walked about the stage,
in and out of the wings; one or two sections of the play were performed while the producer watched from the back seats. Surrupitious we took measurements and reproduced them on our Institute floor next to the billiards table.

However much we wished the Festival far enough, it had to start some time, and start it did on April 21st, with thirty-two teams competing, mostly from Coventry, but some from Northampton, Kenilworth and other places nearby. The whole thing lasted nearly a fortnight, four teams competing each evening, with a finals night on which the four best teams played again for the trophies. It fell to our lot to present our play on the last of the qualifying nights. We came between two very good teams, who drew a record attendance of over nine hundred, and who both played again on the finals night.

And so at last we arrived at the theatre, with our bags, with our props, and so far as the team was concerned, with lots of pluck. Real theatre, with all the atmosphere, dressing rooms, massive mirrors, lots of scenery, arc lights, coils of rope, switch boards, stage hands working and sweating, in the distance faint sounds of applause for the teams on before us, good friends from another team working like mad to "make-up" our players, and suddenly a shout—"'Crystal Clear' ready please in two minutes."

Yes, that was us. The stage was set, our props suddenly came to life, the lights were on, the audience hushed, our players slipped quietly away to their positions. The organiser called for a front-stage spot and stepped through the curtains, explaining to the audience the nature of the next performance—all the players were deaf, there would be no spoken word, the play depending entirely upon gesture. He stepped away and the curtain rose. This was IT. From the beginning, the only man with nerves was the producer and he was well hidden in the wings. Strangely, before the curtain was fully up, a ripple of applause. We learned after that it was appreciation of the set, seldom given by such a critical audience. Half way through it was noticed that the audience was almost too acute to be true. Was the audience held by the play, or fast asleep? Then it was over and the curtain was down; the generous applause seemed to tell us something we hardly dare believe. It was left to the Adjudicator later in the evening to confirm that the team had done well.

He told the audience that this was an experience he would remember for the rest of his life. Frankly, he admitted having been worried. The standard set by Coventry Festivals was high, and he thought we might not reach this. However, we had, and there was nothing but praise for the players. The story had been followed with ease from beginning to end, the stage setting was excellent, and he closed his adjudication with a remark I shall always remember: "One almost felt that at any time a miracle would happen, and that the players would burst into speech." The only criticism was directed at the producer. He considered the pace to have been rather slow, perhaps because the producer had underestimated the capabilities of his players. And so to bed, utterly tired, but very happy.

The next day? Press reports—a mention in the Midland news of the B.B.C., complete strangers nodding and smiling to our players in the street and in shops. We were almost
literally "the talk of the town." It was not sympathy for the poor deaf, as we at first thought probable. Too much has happened since to prove that we were taken at face value and judged accordingly. The players did a good job of work in that play, and received their just reward in the many congratulations offered.

And therein lies part of the value of such an effort. We had a great deal of fun out of it all, learned quite a lot, and at the same time showed many people something else the deaf can do. We provided them with something that has made a lasting impression upon their minds.

Invitations are now being received to present the play on other stages, and we shall follow the advice of the Adjudicator, Mr. Leonard Crainford, Secretary for the Drama Section of the 1931 National Festival, and produce more and more plays.

The play, "Crystal Clear," was by Winifred Jones, and those taking part were Ethel Pykett, Gwen Brundley, Elsie Reardon, Sheila Moore, Reg. Miles, Eric Mann, Alan Benfold, Denis Brundley, and Keith Parker.

Though some had a special mention in the adjudication, I prefer to say that all played as a team throughout, and as such each member gave of his or her very best. Neither must we forget those gallant few who turned up regularly as understudies, ready to take over any part in the event of one of the players having to drop out.

The producer should not need to tell you, after all this, that he was very proud of his team.
THE DEAF AND DUMB
CONTINUE TO WORK
IN BUILDERS’ CHAOS

While workmen tear up floors, knock holes in walls and
generally reduce the headquarters of the Warwickshire
Deaf and Dumb Society in Hill Street to a chaos, members of
the society continue serenely with their work as if nothing
had happened. Since mid-January work has been in progress
on the re-decoration of the premises, which the society has
occupied since before the war.

For the deaf and dumb light
is the most important factor in
a building. Without it they
cannot lip read or follow
"finger spelling" and, con-
sequently, lighting has been
given priority in the renovation
of the building. New windows
are being let into the walls, the
electrical wiring is being
modernised and modern
lighting is being installed.
In the chapel—a converted
front room of the house—flood lighting is being
used to illuminate the altar
and the priest’s face and
hands as he stands in the
sanctuary. Said the Rev

Henry F. J. Fry, the chaplain
and welfare officer: «We used
to have two lights above the
altar which were very unsatis-
factory as they cast a shadow
over the priest’s hands and
lips.»

ACCENT ON BRIGHTNESS

Behind the chapel altar—
which was made several years
ago by a member of the society
—curtains are to be replaced
by wood panelling while floors
throughout the building are
being relaid with plastic tiles.
The accent everywhere is on
brightness. Modern colours on
the walls and floors and
modern lighting to illuminate
the building at night will enable
the deaf and dumb to make the
most of their most important
remaining sense—their sight.

The work is expected to cost
"anything from £3,000 to
£3,500 or it may even mount
up to £4,000," said Mr. Fry.
"The money has been saved up
in a special fund over several
years."

"FINEST CENTRE"

When finished the building
will be, in the words of the
treasurer, Mr. W. R. Heatley,
"the finest centre for the deaf
and dumb in the kingdom. But
when once that money is spent
we are dependent for future
expenditure on normal in-
come."

Mr. Fry told "The Coventry
Standard" that the society is
continuing with its work of
providing a "home from
home" for the deaf and dumb
who visit the building for their
recreation. In the large assem-
bly room there stands a much-
used billiards table and table-
tennis tables while against the
wall stand the props of the
dramatic society which re-
hearses its mime plays in the
room. There is a television
room and darts, football and
cricket matches are organised.
Model-Maker to City Architect

The man who is to build in miniature the proposed new Coventry, Mr. Reginald Warr, of 82 Gas Street, Coventry, is a 37-years-old deaf mute. Trained as a carpenter, he has by patient study and work achieved the finer points of his trade and has now been appointed model-maker to the Coventry City Architect.

Mr. Warr gained the appointment on a competitive basis, submitting models he had already made. Previously employed by the Coventry Gas Undertaking, he had made models of interest to this department, which have been exhibited.

COUNCIL HOUSE ANNEXE

Models of proposed new buildings in Coventry’s ambitious redevelopment plan do much to assist technicians and Corporation committees in the latter stages of planning, and Mr. Warr’s first model is that of the proposed new annex to the Council House.

His skill in carpentry is much in evidence at the Coventry and Warwickshire Deaf and Dumb Institute, Gas Street, and one of his proud achievements is the altar in the Institute’s chapel which he built at the age of 18.

Above is seen at a model of the Council House annexe.
He Rebuilds a City in Miniature

DEAF AND DUMB CRAFTSMAN’S WORK

In the deaf world Coventry is fast acquiring a reputation for doing the unusual. Just as we were recovering from their last achievement along comes Reg. Warr to set us all talking again.

Mr. Warr discovered his own particular niche in the scheme of things quite by accident. He served his apprenticeship as a cabinet maker, and in due course set out to earn his living as a carpenter with Coventry Corporation Gas Department. Eight years ago this 37-year-old deaf and dumb man decided that he would like to take up a hobby and turn his hand to model making. Little did he realize that in doing so he was opening up for himself an unusually interesting and profitable career.

A few months ago Mr. Warr, in competition with 14 others, including joiners and a professional model maker, became the first model maker to be appointed in the Coventry City Architect’s Department. He is now engaged in rebuilding the blitzed city in miniature, giving in his models a three-dimensional view of what the new city will look like. He has just completed his first model for the department and has now started work on the biggest task of all—a model of the central area of Coventry when reconstruction is completed. His models, it is hoped, will be ready in time for inclusion in the Reconstruction Exhibition which Coventry is to stage as part of its contribution to the 1951 Festival of Britain.
'Most Popular Camper of the Week'

The Rev. Henry Fry, chaplain and welfare officer of the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf, pictured at Butlin's Holiday Camp, Skegness, where he has been chosen as the "Most Popular Camper of the Week."
Cheerful Oscar winner helps others

WINNER of last week's Empire News Oscar at Skegness holiday camp was a man whose life is spent helping others.

He is the Rev. Henry Fry (pictured here), chaplain and welfare officer for the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf. Why was he voted most popular camper of the week? Because of his constant cheerfulness.

With him at the camp were nine deaf and dumb old people.

Winners of Empire News Oscars at other Buller hotels and camps were:

BLACKPOOL: William Stevenson, Ainslio New Road, Clayton, Manchester.
BRIGHTON: Cyril Pesham, Milner House, Bryn Way, Leatherhead, Surrey.
MARGATE: John Alvery, Coventry Road, Hforder, Essex.
AYR: Edward Ainsbide, Clarendon Place, Edinburgh.
FILEY: Mr. Henry, Old Dine Road, Guisborough, Co. Durham.
PWLLHELI: Mrs. Edith Crossley, Allen Road, Urmston, Manchester.
"SIGNS" SERVICE AT DEAF AND DUMB CONFIRMATION

An impressive ceremony—only the second of its kind to be held in Coventry—took place last night, when 11 members of Warwickshire Deaf and Dumb Society were confirmed by the Bishop of Coventry (Dr. Neville Gorton) at the Society's Institute in Hill Street.

The service was held in the Society's chapel, and the congregation was comprised mainly of other deaf and dumb people.

Assisting in the ceremony were the Rev. J. Cornes, Hon. Chaplain to the Warwickshire Society, and the Interpreter, Mr. J. N. Vysey, Superintendent of the Institute in Coventry.

"SPOKEN" HYMNS

Unlike other confirmation services, the hymns were spoken and interpreted by Mr. Vysey. Every word spoken by the Bishop was also interpreted.

The Bishop, speaking of life's afflictions, said one of his best friends went blind when a boy and for seven years he was in terrible pain. In spite of the fact that he could not see, he was nearer to God than anyone he (the Bishop) knew.

All those confirmed were from Coventry and district and their ages ranged from 16 to 56.

The only other similar confirmation of a number of deaf and dumb people was held over 20 years ago at Much Park Street.
The Rev. H. F. J. Fry tries out the holiday camp slide with two young campers. (See "Camping Parson.")

CAMPING PARSON

RETURNING to the scene of his success three years ago when he was voted "Most popular camper of the week," the Rev. Henry F. J. Fry, of Coventry, last week joined a team which won the weekly tug-o-war contest at a holiday camp in Skegness.

Mr. Fry, who is chaplain and welfare officer of the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf, has been holidaying at Skegness with a dozen old age pensioners who are members. The party returned to the city at the week-end.
Cohentry Deaf Football Club, winners of the Midland Deaf Sports Association Knockout Competition. Coventry beat Leicester in the final on 6th April by 3 goals to 1.
MIDLAND DEAF
SPORTS
ASSOCIATION

Football Final at Burton

The final of the football knock-out competition of the Midland Deaf Sports Association was held on Saturday, between deaf and dumb teams from Coventry and Birmingham. The match was held through the courtesy of Messrs. Marston, Thompson and Everard Ltd., at their football ground at Shobnall Road. A very fine game ensued, the result being that Coventry won by one goal to nothing.

The cup was presented to the winning team by Alderman G. E. Rider (chairman of the Welfare Services Committee) who congratulated the teams on the very fine performance they had put up.

Among those present were Alderman Rider and Councillor H. L. Pritchard (chairman of the Handicapped Persons Sub-Committee).

The lady members of the Handicapped Persons Sub-Committee helped to serve tea to the teams and their supporters at the new social centre in Waterloo Street.

The match was refereed by Mr. R. Bladon, the well-known local referee. One of the players for the Coventry team, Roy Boulton, had played for the England deaf and dumb team on five occasions.

The teams were:

Coventry: Liddington, Clatwin, Green, Millis, Chaplow, Smith; Benfold, Boulton, Villiers, Bilton, Alderley.

Birmingham: Taylor, McCoy, Fewkes; Davis, Beasly, Clutterbuck; Bailey, Postings, Shadton, Shifler, Herbert.

All arrangements in connection with the match were made by Mr. C. G. Griffiths, missioner for the deaf and dumb, in conjunction with the chief Welfare Services officer (Mr. A. G. Earp).
Coventry Deaf Were Sports Champions

The "remarkable achievements" of Coventry deaf people in sport are recorded in the annual report of the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf.

The report says that the Coventry Deaf Football Team for the first time won the championship cup in their division of the Coventry and District Football League and won an international tournament at Cologne.

The team also reached the semi-finals of the British Deaf Amateur Sports Association inter-mission matches.

"Our teams have also won the championships in billiards, snooker, and table tennis," says the Rev. H. E. J. Fry, the chaplain and welfare officer of the association, in the report.

At the end of last year there were 650 deaf persons registered with the association, and of these 92 were profoundly deaf. Those who were attending or had attended special schools for the deaf numbered 222, of which 163 lived in Coventry.

"There are some who claim that the hearing community is adequate for deaf people. We who work among the deaf totally disagree. We insist that, while it is inevitable that the deaf should spend a considerable part of their time in a hearing environment, it is essential to their greater happiness that they should spend part of their leisure hours in a community who share their disability," says the report.
THURSDAY LEAGUE CUP FINAL

IT WAS A DING-DONG STRUGGLE, WITH THE PLAYERS RACING FROM ONE GOAL-MOUTH TO THE OTHER — AND AS BOTH SIDES WERE 'CO-OP' TEAMS, EVERY CRAFTY MOVE WAS COUNTERED

BY SOMETHING MORE SUBLIME

HALF-TIME CAME, AND THERE WAS NO SCORE!

BUT IN THE SECOND HALF, BILL BENFOLD PULLED ONE OUT FROM UNDER THE COUNTER TO PUT COV 'CO-OP' ON TOP

AND ALTHOUGH HINCKLEY 'CO-OP' TRIED HARD TO DELIVER THE GOODS, TED TOVEY HELD EVERY PARCEL OF TROUBLE — Van Art
Coventry Deaf Soccer Success

The Coventry Deaf Football Club team has just returned from Germany after winning a four-team international invitation tournament in Cologne.

They were invited to take part in the tournament after visiting Cologne for a friendly match against the Cologne Deaf F.C., last year.

The competing teams were Coventry, Cologne, Wursberg and Antwerp. In the semi-final Coventry beat Wursberg 2-2 and in the final, Cologne 3-2.

The Coventry team was:
Barry Libbington; Hugh Dwyer, George Green; Harold Shortt, Michael Chaplin, Roy Mills; Michael Woodward, Eric Blincow, Alan Beswick, David Chaplow and Bill Adderley (capt.)
The Provost, the Very Rev. R. T. Howard, chief guest at the Coventry Deaf Socci Club celebration dinner on Saturday admires the Midland Deaf Sports Challenge Shield won by the Coventry team, shown to him by the captain, D. White. Others present are: Mr. R. Bolton (left), Mrs. R.T. Howard, Mrs. Fry and the Rev. Henry Fry, chairman of the club.
Toast of members of Coventry Deaf Social Club is David Chaplow, a member of the Coventry Deaf Club football team, who was picked to play for the Great Britain Deaf team against France a week ago.

David, who lives at 97, Stoneley Street, Coventry, is employed at Massey Ferguson, Ltd., Coventry, as a clerk. He is the leading goal-scorer, with 30 goals this season, for his team, playing in the Coventry and District Football League.
The Mayor (Alderman George Briggs) giving an official send-off to Raymond Bolton, of Coventry, who is to play football for the deaf and dumb of Great Britain against those of Belgium tomorrow. Also in the picture are the Rev. J. N. Veysey, Eric Mann (who is a reserve for England) and Councillor H. Weston.
RAYMOND BOLTON, who will be at inside-right in the England team in the Deaf and Dumb Society's international match with Belgium, in Belgium, next Saturday. Bolton, who captains the Coventry D. and D. team, has played for Humber, Rother, and Guildford.
CONGRATULATIONS to Ray Bolton (right) captain of Coventry Deaf Football team before he left for Italy to represent England in the Deaf International games.
DEAF VISIT THE CONTINENT

COVENTRY DEAF Football team leave the city for the journey to Belgium to play a Ghent team
Deaf and Dumb Regional Game

In a Deaf and Dumb Regional "soccer" match at Birmingham on Saturday, the Midlands beat a Welsh side by 8 goals to 2. Two Coventry players were in the Midlands side, Ray Bolton at inside-right, and A. Benfold at centre-half. Both played exceptionally well. Right from the kick-off Bolton beat four men before transferring to the inside-left who opened the scoring. Bolton, who eventually scored twice, made at least three other goals.
Burgess Products Provide Ground For Deaf Soccer Match

Two teams of footballers, all of whom are deaf, will meet in a cup match on the Burgess Products F.C. ground on Saturday. They will be from the Leicester Deaf Mission and the Coventry Mission and will be battling for the Midlands Deaf Knockout Cup.

It is the first time in local soccer history that such a match has been played in the Hinckley area. It is being played here because Burgess Products were the only club to make their ground available for these handicapped but very keen sportsmen.

The teams will be welcomed to the ground on Saturday by Mr. W. Hill, the Burgess secretary. Kick-off is at 2 p.m.
DEAF PLAYER GETS CIVIC SEND-OFF

One of Coventry's crack amateur footballers, Roy Bolton (52), of The Moorfields, was received by the Lord Mayor, Alderman H. B. W. Cresswell, to-day, and given a civic send-off before joining the British deaf team taking part in the International Games for the Deaf in Belgium.

The British party of athletes, footballers, tennis players, swimmers and cyclists leave for Brussels tomorrow.

This is the fourth time that Roy, who captains the Coventry Deaf football team, has been selected for the international side. He is a wing-half or utility inside-forward, and some regard him as the Stanley Matthews of the side.

UNBEATEN RECORD

Roy, a fitter at the Alvis works, will be all out to help Britain maintain their unbeaten football record at the games.

Today he was accompanied by the Rev. Henry Fry, chaplain to the deaf and dumb in Warwickshire, when he called on the Lord Mayor, who told him: 'We are very glad to have produced a footballer of your calibre in Coventry. You resemble the city in some ways, for Coventry too has had to get over its handicap.'
'Give Work to Deaf' Plea to Employers

A PLEA to employers to provide work for deaf people was made at the annual meeting of the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf in Coventry last night.

The Rev. Henry F. J. Fry, chaplain and welfare officer, said that many employers tended to frighten out of giving work to deaf people.

But, he said, there were no more industrious people.

DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME

Mr. Fry emphasised in his annual report the social difficulties experienced and frequently overcome by deaf people.

On December 31, 1956, there were 577 people registered with the Association, of whom 398 were completely deaf, and 129 as severely deaf.

The severely deaf included those who had attended or were attending special schools for the deaf.

The Rev. Fry said of deaf people: "They rise over their difficulties and show what they can do in a world intended for those who can hear."

The meeting, which was held in the theatre at the Technical College, was presided over by the Lord Mayor, Mrs. Alderman P. M. Hyde, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Betty Hyde.

A loss in voluntary subscriptions was quoted in the financial report given by the honorary treasurer, Mr. W. R. Heatley.

Welfare expenditure had had to be cut in order to meet expenses, he said.

The president, vice-presidents and honorary officers of the association were re-elected on the proposal of Councilor Mrs. M. Ball, representing Warwickshire County Council.

Elected to the committee were: Mr. F. W. Allen, Mr. D. W. Casselden, Councillor E. H. Fyer, Mr. Oscar Grunau, Miss M. Lloyd-Jones, Mr. W. R. Heatley, Rev. F. J. H. Lisemore, and the Very Rev. R. T. Howard.

At the conclusion of the meeting the film "Mandy" was shown—the poignant story of a child born totally deaf.

Pictured at the annual meeting of the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the deaf and dumb, held in the College Theatre last night are—left to right: the Rev. H. F. J. Fry, and Mrs. Fry, Mr. D. W. Casselden, the Very Rev. R. T. Howard, Dr. T. M. Clayton, Mr. W. R. Heatley, the Rev. F. J. H. Lisemore, and Miss P. Kerridge.
Deaf Association is Preparing for Move

COVENTRY and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf will move from its premises at Hill House, 33 Street, Coventry, in two or three years’ time, the treasurer, Mr. W. R. Heatley, told the annual meeting last night.

The building is to be demolished to make way for the inner ring road.

Mr. Heatley said that the contingency fund, which was being built up in readiness for new premises, stood at £6,016 compared with £2,608 at the end of 1958. The increase was largely due to a legacy and the transfer of £700 from the general fund.

TEAM’S SUCCESS

Income totalled £3,997, and there was a balance of income over expenditure of £81 11s.

The Rev. H. P. Fry, chaplain and welfare officer, reported that 656 deaf people were registered with the association, and full employment had been achieved at the end of last year.

The successful placement of the deaf in industry is based on personal contact with employers, personnel officers and others, who are willing as a result of such contact to go all out to establish our deaf in their rightful place in industry,” he said.

Mr. Fry referred to the successes of the Coventry deaf football team, which won the championship cup in its division of the Coventry and District Football League and beat two German deaf teams at an international tournament at Cologne.

“DEEP INTRINSICITY”

Deaf teams also won championships in billiards, snooker and table tennis.

Provost Howard, who presided, spoke of the difficulty in making people realize the “peculiar nature of the handicap.”

“THERE is a deep intrinsicity and limitation which no other handicap can equal,” he said.

Mr. P. O. Smith was elected to the management committee, and all other officers were re-elected.
THREE-POINT PLAN TO AID COVENTRY DEAF

PROVOST R. T. HOWARD last night offered a three-point plan for helping the 200 totally deaf and many more partially deaf people in Coventry.

Speaking at a public meeting organised by the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf, he said: "You can become an annual subscriber to the association. We need support.

Secondly, when collectors come to your door treat them with generosity. Thirdly, and most important, if you know or meet any deaf person banish any sort of embarrassment or fear and become friendly with them. Ask clearly and, if possible, learn the finger language."

"WONDERFUL CO-OPERATION"

Provost Howard described the difficulties of the deaf as "as great, in some ways greater, than any other sort of handicap."

For the benefit of deaf people among the audience of over 200 in the Technical College Theatre all the speakers were translated into the finger language.

The Rev. H. P. J. Fry, chaplain and welfare officer to the association, said: "It is very important to get a deaf person into the right vocation. Because of their limited language professions of the higher order are a closed door to them."

"Here in Coventry," he added, "we have wonderful co-operation from the big firms."

"FORGOTTEN FOLK."

He went on: "You cannot do deaf work on a 9 to 5 basis. If you are to help deaf people then you must live with them, suffer their trials and tribulations. Personal contact is the only way.

After describing the work of the Coventry and Warwickshire Association, Mr. Fry said: "Deaf people are sometimes called the forgotten folk. It is up to us to see that does not happen."

Two films dealing with the problem of deaf children were shown. They were "Thursday's Children" and "Silent Journey."
On Saturday, the British Amateurs Sports Association is to hold a Midlands trial "soccer" match at the Hute Stadium kick-off 2.30 p.m. The object of the Association is to encourage sport throughout the country among the deaf and dumb and to hold a strong team of athletes at international games meetings. Two of these have so far been held. In 1935, at the White City Stadium, Great Britain was victorious, and in 1939, at Sweden. Great Britain was placed fifth, beating all but football.

The next meeting will be at Copenhagen in 1941. A new committee of the Association has been formed, of which Mr. John N. Vosper, the Coventry superintendent, is a member.

In Coventry the D. and D. have for the first time a "soccer" team attached to a league—the Coventry and District—and three local players have been selected for Saturday's trial. R. Bolton, E. Mann, with A. Bennett as reserve.

The referee will be Mr. A. B. Marriott, who has had previous experience of controlling such games, and will do so with a flag instead of a whistle.

Players selected are coming from Birmingham, Dudley, Leicester, Derby, Leeds, Stoke-on-Trent, Reading, Oxford, Northampton, and Wolverhampton. Later in the year other trials will be held in Scotland, Lancashire, Yorkshire, and London, after which a team will be selected to play Belgium (away) on November 1.
ENGLISH STUDENT AT GALLAUDET.

It is a fairly safe bet that until the Autumn of 1952, Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C., U.S.A., had never heard of Loughborough, Leics., Eng. Loughborough is reasonably well known in England for its Church Bell Industry, its large engineering works and its College, but it has another distinction now in that it is the home town of David Aquila Anthony.

Why "Aquila"? We don't pretend to know, but at least we did learn once that this was the Latin for "eagle," and one has to admit that the eagle is the most tenacious of birds. It is probably a very appropriate name after all, for surely David Anthony would never have become a student at Gallaudet College were it not for his tenacity of purpose.

He lost his father when he was only three years of age and since then has lived with his widowed mother and an aunt and uncle. He was educated first at Derby Residential School for the Deaf and later became one of the first entrants to the Mary Hare Grammar School. David continued to make good progress there and passed the School Certificate Examination with credit. Leaving Mary Hare School he worked until this year with Messrs. Herbert Morris, Crane Manufacturers, as a costings clerk, in Loughborough, but always at the back of his mind was the desire to advance still further. Opportunity in this country was nil, on account of his deafness, but with that determination which is characteristic of him, David decided to explore possibilities wider afield. Gallaudet College, with its degree and educational courses, could offer him that opportunity and eventually allow him to proceed towards his heart's desire, the teaching of people handicapped like himself.

The Authorities at Gallaudet were so impressed with the possibilities and fervent desire of this young man that they very generously awarded him a scholarship for studies in Education. David sailed in August and is now in residence at the College, where he appears to have settled down to the new routine with confidence and relish. The good wishes of all his friends over here go with him in his dream come true.
Although several weeks have passed since Coventry’s holiday week in July, a visitor to our club would be sure to see a certain collection of snapshots and photos. These would belong to any of twenty-two of our deaf who went together for their annual holiday to a Holiday Camp in the Isle of Wight. The idea of this experiment first came to us in the summer of 1947, when it was too late to do any booking. However, early preparations began in the autumn, and a holiday savings account was opened at the Institute, ably run by Mr. Reg Miles. Early in the new year a meeting of prospective campers was called, deposits paid and accommodation booked. From that time onwards until the day we left for the Island, everything seemed to go wrong. People who previously could not make up their minds now decided they wanted to go; transport, already booked, had to cancel the order owing to fuel restrictions; some of those who lived out of Coventry found they could not have their holiday with us. Towards the end, some of us were wondering if we wanted to go at all, but we persisted in making the best of whatever came our way, and at last the day came.

Well before time we were all present at the station. To our amusement we found seats on the first bus after waiting only a few minutes, and from there until we arrived at the camp, one would have thought we really did own the Railway! After weeks of rain, the sun shone through, and in our reserved carriages we started the business which has its ultimate end in the peeling of burned skin. Despite various warnings, the Island did not sink when our party set foot there, and according to schedule, there was the camp bus to take us to our destination. We arrived in time to be taken to our chalets, to spruce up after the long journey, and then to go in for 7 o’clock dinner. If this meal was a sample of others to follow, then some of our campers had brought a lot of unnecessary luggage in the way of tit-bits to fill up empty corners. It was.

One week of camp life was to follow, and the D.Q.N. is not big enough to tell the full story. One outstanding impression that will remain with us all is the friendship shown by all with whom we shared this holiday. If on our first day we had entertained certain ideas about the Railway, we had similar ideas about the Camp, but with a difference. We were a small group amongst so many other people, roughly 300, and in the social arrangements expected to be somewhat handicapped and left out. The difference was that on no occasion did any of us feel left out, and best of all, we were made to feel as essential part of the Camp with our part to play.

Thinking back, we remember Eric Mann stopping an evening sing-song round the pool (too hot for the usual dance) by swimming the whole length under water, and being encored again and again; Doug Edmund proudly showing a wasp sting he had dug out of his leg; the saxophonist learning finger spell; the porter following us around with bandages and plasters; Lucy and Gwenn in the Beauty Parade, the Chaplain in the knobbly knees competition, and Eileen parading in fancy dress; Ethel arriving late for dinner and having to pay her penny forfeit; Maurice dashing about fulfilling his many competition engagements.

The glorious weather stayed with us to the end; every moment was enjoyed to the full, and solemn promises made that we would revisit this place again. It was a sad party which had to pack on Friday evening, ready to leave by the earliest boat on Saturday, long before other campers would wake. After a specially prepared breakfast, we made for the bus and met the greatest surprise of all—half the camp was there, just to give us a send-off.

If anyone ever feels in danger of losing faith in mankind, they should try a holiday like this. If the spirit shown during the week by all with whom we lived could only be taken home, and expressed there in the factory and the shop, this world would be a far happier place.
DEAF GIRL IS "BEAT-THE-BUDGET" BRIDE

Deaf girl Miss Mary Hopley, of Church Walk, Atherstone, and Mr. Brian John Hall, of Coventry, who is also deaf, pictured at their wedding at Atherstone Methodist Church on Saturday.
DINNER - DANCE at the Masonic Hall of the Coventry Deaf Association, attended by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.
At Coventry Club's Dinner-dance

Seen at the annual dinner-dance of the Coventry Deaf Social Club are, left to right: Miss Henrietta Fairhead; Mr. D. White, secretary; Mrs. H. Fry; the Rev. H. Fry; the Deputy Mayor; Mrs. R. P. Hyde; the Deputy Mayor; Mrs. Alderman F. M. Hyde; Miss P. Kerridge, assistant welfare worker; and Mr. W. F. Kelly, Missioner for Wolverhampton.
WATCHING THE CABARET at the dinner-dance of Coventry Deaf Social Club.
WELCOMING GUESTS. Rev. Henry Fry, chaplain of the Coventry and Warwickshire Deaf, welcoming guests to the annual dinner and dance of the Coventry Deaf Social Club at the Masonic Hall, Coventry, on Saturday evening. Over 250 guests from all over the country attended. Richard Hearne—"Mr. Pastry"—and his wife presented the prizes won during the evening. Coventry’s Youth Employment Officer, Mr. D. W. Casselden (centre) proposed the toast of the Coventry Deaf Social Club.
PROVOST HOWARD and Mrs. Howard being welcomed to the Coventry Deaf Social Club annual dinner by Mr. D. Chaplow.
MR. TOM DOWNING (centre) 'mine host' at the Sir Thomas White Hotel, White Street, Coventry, uses sign language to communicate with two of his deaf and dumb customers.

Sixty-seven-year-old Mr. Downing first took an interest in this sign language years ago, while manager of the nearby Swanswell Inn. A dozen or so of his customers were deaf mutes, and from them he learned the five vowels of the sign language. He bought a card of the deaf and dumb alphabet, and can now hold a normal conversation.

Mr. Downing, who in the 1930's was a professional comedian, can also tell good jokes by sign, and his silent friends can regularly be seen, doubled up with mirth, after a few rapid gestures from his fingers.

This kindly landlord sympathises with his afflicted customers in their efforts to make themselves understood by the rest of the world. "Everyone should learn the language," he says, "then they would be on equal footing with the rest of us." He would like sign language to be taught at schools.
Deaf Association to Get New Coventry Premises

INNER RING ROAD CUTS INTO PRESENT SITE

WHEN the Hill Street headquarters of the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf come down to make way for the city's inner ring road it is hoped to move into new premises entirely free of debt.

This was stated by the association's treasurer, Mr. W. R. Healey, when he presented the accounts to the association's annual meeting at the College Theatre, Coventry, last night.

Expressing gratitude for the financial help given by the City Corporation, Warwickshire County Council and the many voluntary subscribers, Mr. Healey said that their contingency fund now stood at over £2,600.

Negotiations

A year ago it was intended to improve the present headquarters but with the inner ring road coming along they faced a far greater problem.

Because of this new development, which would cut through the site of Hill House, the committee had decided to designate the fund towards the new headquarters. Preliminary negotiations were now going on with the city planning authority for a new site.

"I am sure it will be the wish of everybody if we open the new building entirely free of debt," said Mr. Healey, appealing for continued assistance towards that goal, and therefore providing an even better home to carry on the association's activities.

Welcoming the large number of people who attended the meeting, the Lord Mayor, Alderman W. H. Edwards, said they were doing a wonderful job, and he expressed the hope that during his year of office he would be able to do something for the association.

Church Help

Making his first appearance on a public platform in Coventry since his retirement 10 months ago, Provost R. H. Howard, chairman of the management committee, said that when he retired he came off all the various committees and councils on which he had sat as Provost.

"But I did not come off this one," he went on. "I wasn't going to because I am so deeply interested in this deaf welfare association."

In Britain today they had some 80 associations for the welfare of the deaf, each of them having been started either directly by the Church or through stimulus from the Church.

By degrees the State, the city and the county had come in with them in a joint association, working together in a common aim.
Deaf Welcome More Help From Employers

GROWING appreciation of the capabilities of deaf employees among firms is acknowledged by the Rev. H. F. J. Fry, chaplain and welfare officer, in the annual report of the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf.

The report, which is to be presented to the annual meeting of the association in Coventry on Thursday, says that the association is grateful for the help it receives from official organisations in placing deaf people.

All deaf school leavers during the year were satisfactorily placed in employment.

TRAGIC FLIGHT

"It is only by sympathetic imagination that the ordinary man in the street can begin to understand the appalling significance of total deafness from birth or early childhood," says the chaplain.

"Although considerable advances have been made in our generation concerning the education of the deaf it must be remembered that even today only one deaf child in three ever achieves real speech.

"For them the pattern of life is so tragically changed that the provision of a highly specialised education and welfare service is of supreme importance."

The accounts show that £2,926 was received during the year, including £1,385 from collectors. This compares with £2,737, the income for the previous year. A sum of £550 was transferred to the Contingency Fund at the end of 1958. £150 more than last year.
Chaplain on Misuse of the Word ‘Deaf’

The use of the word “deaf” was applied so indiscriminately to those with defective hearing that it was necessary to impress on people that it referred only to those who lived in a “soundless world,” it is stated in the annual report of the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf.

The Rev Henry P. J. Pry, chaplain and welfare officer of the association, says that deafness means the loss of the most vital stimulus—the sound of the human voice that attracts language, sets thoughts astir and keeps people in the intellectual company of mankind.

“It requires sympathetic imagination to understand the devastating isolation and intellectual starvation caused by deafness at an early age,” he says.

“Too often, ideas about deafness are based upon experience with some hard-of-hearing or partially-deaf attending Coventry units for preference can be quite misleading when thinking about the deaf.”

STATISTICAL SURVEY

The report will be presented at the association’s annual meeting at the Hill Street, Coventry, headquarters on Thursday.

In his statistical survey for 1963 Mr. Pry says that there were 156 people deaf without speech in Coventry and 20 deaf with speech. The number of hard-of-hearing was 180.

In Warwickshire there were 292 without speech, 16 who could talk and 180 with defective hearing.

Three numbers included children in special schools and those attending ordinary schools with hearing aids.

Nineteen children attended schools for the deaf in Coventry and 61 attended them in the county. There were 31 partially deaf attending Coventry units for the partially deaf and 14 in Warwickshire.

In a review of the association’s activities during the year, Mr. Pry says that 46 deaf people were placed in employment, including school leavers.

“In these days of comparatively full employment, it is not easy to place our deaf in work which utilises their highest skill and encourages them to display their capacity for better and more responsible types of employment,” he says.

He thanks all those who have helped in any way to maintain the association’s philanthropic work which continues to develop.

The association’s income for 1962 was £3,322 compared with £3,036 for the previous year. The excess of income over expenditure was £281 15s.
SIGN LANGUAGE AT COVENTRY MEETING

CHARITY meetings are not always well-supported, but almost every seat in the Coventry Technical College theatre was taken for one on Saturday.

The meeting was held by the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf and the chief speaker was its chaplain and welfare officer, the Rev. Henry P. J. Fry.

One reason for the extraordinary success of the meeting goes back to earlier this year when Mr. Fry agreed to coach members of Hartop Theatre Society for their parts in "Johnny Belinda," a play in which the leading character is a deaf-from-birth girl.

PERFORMANCE OF PLAY

In return, the society brought their play to Coventry on Saturday and performed it after the short meeting. They have already presented it successfully several times in Rugby.

Protestant R. T. Howard, chairman of the association, presided at the meeting, during which Mr. Fry's words were translated into sign language on the stage by a helper.

Mr. Fry spoke of the work of the Coventry and Warwickshire Association among the totally deaf, some of whom had learned to speak "words which they themselves would never hear."

CLUBS' NEW PREMISES

They were given training and help in their everyday affairs. At Hill Street, the association had a thriving club for them and the partially deaf.

The chairman referred also to the club, saying that the new premises meant leaving the Hill Street premises.

"We shall be given new premises nearer the centre of the city and this will give us the opportunity to give the deaf something better than a converted house. We hope to have a thoroughly good institution," he said.
Sign-Language Relay at Cathedral Deaf Service

ABOUT 2,000 totally-deaf people from all parts of England and Wales attended a rally in Coventry Cathedral yesterday, organised by the Midland Regional Association of Missioners for the Deaf.

The Rev. Henry Fry, of the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf, conducted the service.

He led the hymns in sign language with the aid of eight interpreters who passed his words up the aisles of the Cathedral.

CYCLED FROM LEEDS

The same method was used to relay the address of the Provost, the Very Rev. H. C. N. Williams.

Two lessons were also read in sign language, one by an 83-year-old deaf man from Bristol and the other by Mr. H. V. Fowler, a deaf man from Coventry.

Among the people who attended the rally was a young deaf man from Tredon, near Leeds, who had cycled the distance to Coventry on his bicycle.
M.S.D.A. DINNER and DANCE

An innovation—and a very successful one—took place on Saturday, December 3rd, when the Midland Deaf Sports Association held its first Annual Dinner and Dance in Birmingham. This Midland body has gone from strength to strength since its foundation in 1950 and almost every Institute in the area now takes part in its sporting activities. It was obvious that an annual social "get-together" must come sooner or later and the Committee is to be congratulated on meeting it in a big way and arranging so successful a function.

At the dinner table 130 members rose to welcome the guests of the evening, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham, who were escorted by the President, Mr. H. E. Ashton and Mrs. Ashton. The Lady Mayoress graciously accepted a floral bouquet which was presented on behalf of the Association by Mrs. W. Westgate, wife of the Hon. Secretary. Dinner concluded and the Loyal Toast having been honoured, the health of the Association was proposed by Mr. K. P. McDougall. He praised the way in which the Association was conducted, with the management carried out entirely by the deaf themselves. The reply was given by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. J. Wicks, who traced the growth of the M.D.S.A. and appealed for continued active support from the members.

Mr. Ashton, in his customary racy and amusing style, gave the health of the Guests, a toast which was replied to by the Lord Mayor. He had not, until that evening, realised to the full the difficulties of deaf people and he was full of praise for the manner in which they were overcoming them. At the conclusion of the speeches the floor was cleared and a programme of dancing began with Mr. McDougall and Mr. W. F. Kelly acting as M.C.s. Thanks were extended to these two gentlemen for interpreting throughout the evening and to Messrs. Ashton, Wicks, Verney and Westgate, the principal officers, for their organisation of so successful an event.

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TABLE TENNIS – 4th ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The above Championships were held in London on 5th November and attracted quite a good entry. The most noticeable thing to one who has seen little Deaf Table Tennis since the last Championships in 1952 was the all round improvement in play, there being at least a dozen players who might have won the Men's Singles, while in the Ladies' Singles at least half the players were capable of winning.

The Men's Singles provided the biggest turn up of the form book ever known in the Deaf World. At least eight matches in which the favourites were taking part went the wrong way and the winner was an unknown player from Coventry, one Roy Millis by name. A. Weinstine, winner of the first two Championships, just edged out P. Bradley, 23-21, in the first round, then beat R. Brooks, but went out 22-20 in the third game to G. Hiscock, the favourite. R. Johns beat J. Foot in the first round and then surprised everyone by beating Mulcock and losing to E. Bushnell. This last player (who has, I understand, played regularly in the F.L.D.C. Championships but never accomplished much) now proceeded to knock out Jones from Liverpool, a stylish player, and then to crown the lot beat Hiscock in the semi-final 2-1.

In the other half of the draw Millis had easy wins to the semi-final over Masters and Bestier. He then out-hit E. J. Owen, who had in the previous round outsmarted his Club mate D. Berry. In the final Millis displayed a deadly all-round attack and over-ran Bushnell to win 3-0. The title has therefore left London for the first time and on the day's play it was richly deserved and should do the game a lot of good. One would like, however, to see Millis opposed by Messrs. Bradley, Berry and Gibbs, three of the best defenders, before passing a final verdict on his game, though there is no doubt he is in the top class of the deaf players.

In the first round of the Ladies' Singles Miss R. McLean beat Miss Potter—generally considered the favourite—and Mrs. Stryker beat Miss Llewellyn, the 1950 Champion. Mrs. Miller, whom I remember as Miss Harper, showed she has not lost much of her form and reached the final easily. Mrs. Stryker beat Miss R. McLean in the semi and then Mrs. Miller to win the title 3-1, but the result might have been closer if Mrs. Miller had kept her mind on the game.

The Ladies' Doubles was as usual very poorly contested and Mrs. Benn and Miss Walsh rather surprisingly beat the Misses M. and R. McLean in the final, 22-20, in the second game.

The Men's Doubles was won by Hiscock and Masters over Weinstein and Bradley. The standard of play in most matches was good, there being one amazing win, when Weinstein and Bradley played Gibbs and Bestier right out of the game, conceding only 11 points in 2 sets.

The Mixed Doubles was won by Bradley and Potter. The Old Firm, beating Gibbs and Woodhatch. There was much good play here too but Bradley showed that he is the master tactician at this game, able to put the ball where he likes and hit it when he has to.

Bradley, for a change, won the Consolation Singles, beating Mulcock in a lighthearted affair. Miss Potter likewise beat Miss Llewellyn in the Ladies' Consolation but it was noticed that Miss Llewellyn's play improved as the day wore on and discreet enquiries showed that she has very little practice. One would hazard the guess that if she got in a few weeks' steady practice in January she would be a real danger in the F.L.D.C. Closed Championships.

The prizes were presented by the Reverend L. O. Kent, the T.T. Parson, and for a change everyone was on their way home by 10.30 p.m. Out of it all a few impressions emerge—the great willingness of the Recorder, Mr. Stryker, in carrying out the task of arranging over 100 matches; the way players disappear just when they are wanted to play; how some people seem to enjoy umpiring and others hate it; how on earth does E. Owen find time to play in the midst of all the other things he finds to do? In all, a good Tournament and let's hope there is another one next season.

R. E. PORTER.
## MIDLANDS DEAF SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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League Champions: Birmingham; Billiards: Birmingham; Table Tennis: Wolverhampton; Darts: Birmingham; Dominoes: Brierley Hill.

### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Cup for the Winner: Shield for the Runner-up.
- **Billiards:** H. Wagstaff (Dudley) beat F. Armitage (Birmingham).
- **Snooker:** H. Malpass (Birmingham) beat F. Armitage (Birmingham).
- **Table Tennis** (Men): B. Parsons (Wolverhampton) beat A. Jones (Wolverhampton).
- **Table Tennis** (Ladies): Mrs. A. Morris (Birmingham) beat Miss B. Lodge (Birmingham).
- **Darts:** G. Whitehead (Birmingham) beat S. Berridge (Brierley Hill).
- **Dominoes:** W. Westgate (Birmingham) beat G. E. Elcock (Wolverhampton).

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### CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS AND TROPHIES

Left to Right: Back Row: S. Berridge (Brierley Hill), A. Jones and B. Parsons (Wolverhampton), W. Westgate (Birmingham), G. Whitehead (Birmingham).

Front Row: G. Elcock (Wolverhampton), F. Armitage (Birmingham), Mrs. A. Morris and Mrs. B. Lodge (Birmingham), H. Wagstaff (Dudley) and H. Malpass (Birmingham).
DEAF VISIT THE CONTINENT

COVENTRY DEAF Football team leave the city for the journey to Belgium to play a Ghent team.
COVENTRY

Our Club’s Annual Dinner and Dance last February was again a success thanks to “behind the scenes” work by our Chaplain and Honorary Secretary Erl Blincow. Over 200 people came from all parts of England and we were indeed grateful to Mr. Richard Hearne (“Mr. Pastry”) who presented the prizes at the end of the evening. We were very glad to welcome Mrs. Hearne who with her husband signed autographs for all our guests. Thanks are due also to Bill Alderley who was our gracious Master of Ceremonies.

In the sporting field, the Club has had a most successful season. Led by Bill Alderley our football team clinched the Coventry & District League Championship in the last game of the season and over the Easter weekend went to Cologne to take part in the International Trophy Competition in which Cologne, Antwerp and Wunsburg also took part. We beat Wunsburg 3-2 in the semi-final and went on to defeat Cologne in the final by 5-2 and came home with the Trophy Cup.

It seems likely that we may win again the M.D.S.A. Indoor Sports Competition and several members are still engaged in the B.D.A.S.A. competitions.
British Deaf Amateur Sports Association

The finals of the B.D.A.S.A. competitions were held in Leeds on Saturday, 30th April. Results:

**Football**—Liverpool 9, Coventry 2.

**Billiards**—Winners: Warrington. Runners-up: Coventry.

**Billiards: Individual**—J. Lymb (Doncaster). Runner-up:


**Snooker**—Winners: Warrington. Runners-up: Barnsley.

**Snooker: Individual**—J. Lymb (Doncaster). Runner-up:

C. Otter (Bolton).

**Table Tennis**—Winners: Coventry. Runners-up: Doncaster.

**Table Tennis: Individual**—R. Millis (Coventry) Runner-up:

C. Boucher (Doncaster).

The prizes and medals were presented to the winners by the Vice-President of the Association, Mr. Geo. E. Robinson, Liverpool.
Coventry Visit by Chairman of Society for the Deaf

LADY HOARE, who is coming to Coventry on February 20 to help launch an appeal for partially deaf children throughout the Commonwealth, visited the city today to see children from the partially deaf unit at Spon Gate School at swimming and other classes.

Lady Hoare is the wife of Sir Reginald Hoare, who is next in line to be Lord Mayor of London. She is chairman of the Appeal Committee for the Commonwealth Society for the Deaf, which aims at raising £50,000 to help deaf children.

She told The Coventry Evening Telegraph that 12 out of 19 Commonwealth countries have no schools or institutions for the deaf. The society seeks public support to provide things such as hearing aids, classes and scholarships.

AT SPON GATE SCHOOL.

Lady Hoare's first visit today was to the swimming bath at the City of Coventry Training College, Castle, where partially deaf children were included in a class receiving instruction.

She later went to Spon Gate School, to see the 30 children in the partially deaf unit, and others who were working with children in ordinary classes.

Lady Hoare, who was accompanied by Mr. R. D. Nixon, assistant education officer, listened at Bagesholt Fields School for the Physically Handicapped, where there are some deaf children.

Lady Hoare and Brigadier G. Chatterton, who served together on the World Refugee Year Committee, are touring English cities with a giant autograph book donated by the Daily Telegraph.

"BOOK OF SILENCE -

The first signature was that of the Lord Mayor of London, and it is hoped that at each city, the signature of the first citieth will be followed by those of the public who make donations.

This "Book of Silence," in which it is hoped will be 50,000 signatures when it is presented to the Queen on Commonwealth Day, will be at Queen's House, Coventry, for the week beginning February 20.

It is guarded by men of the Commonwealth Legion of Frontiersmen, men who served with regiments on the frontiers of the Commonwealth.

At a reception given by the Lord Mayor of Coventry, Alderman H. Sneathey, in St. Mary's Hall on the 20th, Brigadier Chatterton's film, "The Silent Hope," will be shown.
Lady Hoare has a word with children of Spun Gate School, some of whom are partially deaf, at their swimming lesson at the City of Coventry Training College today. Behind her is Mrs. V. C. Taylor, a Corporation swimming instructor.
The annual party for deaf children at the Coventry Deaf headquarters in Hill Street on Saturday. Their chaplain, Rev. Henry Fry, is seen in the centre with the guests.
Our Coventry Deaf Sports & Social Club’s Annual Dinner and Dance is on Saturday, 11th May. This Maytime event in the Midlands attracts many of our Deaf friends from all parts of the country and we do advise early application for tickets.

On Sunday, 16th June in Coventry, a United Diocesan Church Rally for the Deaf (arranged by the Midland Regional Association of Missioners for the Deaf) will be held in the new Coventry Cathedral.

The football team, newly promoted to the 2nd Division of the Coventry & District League, is having a season of mixed fortune. While we have won 7 and lost 3 league games to date, Birmingham has knocked us out of both the M.D.A.S.A. and B.D.A.S.A. knock-out competitions by 4–2 and 2–1 respectively.

New boy Tom Ferguson from Belfast has added punch to the forward line but unfortunately is not able to play regularly because of his work. Scotsman George Calder is to be commended for his consistently good displays in both full-back and half-back positions. Ray Bolton, in spite of his retirement, is still having the odd game now and then. Alan Benfold, another long service stalwart also retired was presented with camera equipment. Alan does play on rare occasions however. David Chaplow continues as captain of the team.

Colin Blagden is commended for his useful work on the Club Committee.

ONE for the album. In the Belgrade Square, Coventry, today, a German visitor snagged a group of footballers inside the fountain. Later the two teams, one from Cologne and the other from Coventry, were meeting at the Bulls for a match in which the referee’s whistle would never be heard, for the players are all deaf.

How do they know when they are offside? The Rev. Henry Fry, chaplain and welfare officer of the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf, who made arrangements for the match, explained: "They rely on their conceptions and look for the linesman’s signal."

Mr. Fry is on the right of the group.
Coventry Visit Adds to Bond of Silence

A SILENT bond of friendship between the members of the Coventry Deaf Sports and Social Club and similarly handicapped young men from Cologne was strengthened by a football match at the Butts Stadium, Coventry, on Saturday.

For the first time since the club from overseas was entertained in Coventry, the Cologne Deaf XI were beaten 3-1 by the Coventry Deaf, who play in the third division of the Coventry and District League.

By winning on Saturday, Coventry Deaf maintained an unbeaten record against the German side. The friendship between the two communities began in 1959 at Cologne when a match was drawn. Last Easter Coventry Deaf again visited Germany and won a Deaf International Trophy tournament, beating Cologne in the final.

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The referee, Mr. R. P. Watts, match secretary of Coventry and District Football League, and the linesmen, Mr. D. Deval and Mr. P. Montgomery, were also able to control the game with little difficulty.

BANNERS EXCHANGED

"I have refereed matches for Coventry Deaf before but it was much easier then because the opponents were able to tell them my instructions and rulings," said Mr. Watts.

"With two teams of handicapped players it means that I had to communicate more when I blew the whistle. Only once or twice did play carry on after I had whistled."

Before the match, banners were exchanged between the two teams and the players were introduced to Mr. D. W. Cassid, vice-chairman of Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf.

Coventry Deaf built up their lead through goals by Benfold, Mills and Bumby and continuing it became a 20-minute rally by the Germans.
THE EXCHANGE of bannerettes before a football match between Coventry Deaf and Cologne Deaf at the Butts Stadium. This was the first visit of an Overseas Deaf Team to Coventry. The result was a win for the Coventry side by three goals to one.
DEAF GERMAN FOOTBALLERS FOR BUTTS

FOR the first time since the formation of the Coventry Deaf Sports and Social Club, a football team from overseas will be visiting the Buts Stadium on Saturday.

The Coventry Deaf will be meeting a Cologne deaf XI for the third time. The two previous encounters, both in Cologne, ended in a draw and a win for the Coventry side.

Before the game, which will begin at 2.30, Mr. D. W. Casselden, vice-chairman of the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf, will be presented to the teams.

The Cologne party of 20 players and supporters will arrive at Coventry station on Friday evening. On Saturday they will be shown round the city and will be entertained to dinner at the Hotel Leofric.

They leave Coventry on Sunday and travel to London for a second match before returning to Cologne on Monday.
Deaf ask ‘where did our pigeons go?’

Coventry, Wednesday

WHERE, and why, did all the pigeons go has been the problem troubling the people in the Hill Street and Gas Street area of Coventry, particularly the former Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf headquarters.

The birds, I understand, had been perching in the...
# TABLE TENNIS: FINAL LEAGUE PLACINGS

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DEAF ASSOCIATION'S SEARCH FOR NEW H.Q.

THE finances of Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf are "in an extremely satisfactory state," members were told at the annual meeting in Coventry last night.

Mr. W. R. Healey, treasurer, said that the association could call on, at almost a minute's notice, about £35,000, all of which is invested.

Mr. Healey reminded the members that a compulsory purchase order had been placed on the association's present premises in Hill Street, Coventry, and a site for new premises had not yet been found.

He said that Hill House would have to be vacated in two years' time.

"SILENT DISREGARD"

The Rev. R. J. Pray, chaplain and welfare officer, spoke of the difficulty of deaf people to fit into their own home life and at work.

"There is an isolation because of the lack of language and communication," he said.

He continued: "Only one deaf child in three achieves real speech. I feel that in some cases we should get our deaf people to work in threes or fours. The lack of communication and the apparent silent disregard of fellow workers can upset a deaf worker to such an extent that he or she will walk out of the job."

All the officers were re-elected. They are: chairman, the Very Rev. R. T. Howard; vice-chairman, D. W. Casselden; treasurer, Mr. W. R. Healey; and secretary, Mr. R. A. Wilson.
New H.Q. to be Built for Deaf Association

MEMBERS of Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf heard last night that their Hill Street headquarters would be demolished within the next eight months and that plans were going ahead for a new building near the Moat Street flyover.

Mr. W. R. Heasly, the treasurer, told members that it would definitely be the last time that they would hold their annual meeting at Hill House.

"I am surprised the bulldozer has not arrived earlier but now the ring road must come and we will have to get our by next July or August," he said. "In the meantime a provisional site has been arranged for our new premises between the flyover and the baths although no definite plans have been formed.

HOUSE TO BE FOUND

Mr. Heasly said the architects would be submitting plans to the City Council very soon and it was hoped that the building would start next April and be completed in a year.

The Corporation had agreed to find temporary accommodation for the association during the months before the new headquarters was finished.

A problem that would have to be overcome was to find a house for the Rev. H. J. F. Fry, the welfare officer, and Mrs. Fry as the new building would not include this, said Mr. Heasly.

Finding the money to pay for the new headquarters was another problem that faced the association although they had a fine start due to the prudence in building up a contingency fund of £1,533 over the last few years.

There was another investment of £3,660, which provided the pension for Mrs. M. Fry, wife of the founder, and last year the association were able to transfer another £350 to the fund because of their success, he said.

"But this will not be near enough and it will be up to all of us to make every effort to raise the remainder of the capital cost," said Mr. Heasly.

Income for the year 1962 exceeded expenses by £651 to enable the transfer of money to the building funds. Income was nearly £3,006 higher than in 1961 and expenditure had risen by only £651.

Rev. H. J. F. Fry, the chairman, said the news that the association was at last to have new premises was "very pleasing indeed" and he hoped that all members would realise that all our planning is beginning to bear fruit.

In welcoming the members, Mr. Fry described the association as a "four-fold partnership" between the Church, the voluntary workers, Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council.

REVIEW OF WORK

It was the only organisation he knew that brought all four together and it worked "wonderfully well," he said.

Mr. Fry reviewed the work of 1962 which had been done for the 1962 totally deaf of the city and county and the 363 hard of hearing.

He thanked the Youth Employment Office and the Industrial Rehabilitation Unit in Coventry for their help in finding jobs for the deaf and also paid tribute to the work of the Coventry Citizen's Guild for Deaf Children.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. and Mrs. Fry, Mr. Heasly and to the secretary, Mr. K. A. Wilson, for their efforts.

All the officers were re-elected and Mrs. E. M. Wickens was added to the members of the management committee.
New record

St. Peter's, from Leamington, who took the League title at their first attempt, established a new record for the number of games won—34—and they won all their 26 matches. They have also reached the final of the Warwickshire Knock-out Cup, which will probably be staged in Coventry in early May at a venue to be decided.

Lockheed took the runners-up position in Division I, while Herbert's and A.K.C. "A" will be relegated.

The Division II champions are Lockwood "C" and Chains will accompany them into Division I.

A great right-arm by Chievecombe enabled them to escape the drop and the relegated teams are Ships "B" and Chains "A".

In Division III, Courtaulds just took the title by one game from Warwick C.C., Lillington, and Wedman will be relegated.

A.E.I. (Cov.) won Division IV by 19pts. "D" and Coventry Deaf Social took the runners-up position to round off a very successful season.

As expected, the Hill and Wooburn C.C. won promotion from Division V, but only three points separated these two after 26 matches. Relegated teams are Massey-Ferguson and Self-Changing Gears.
Promotion fight

On the home league, front the match of the week took place in Division IV at the Sphinx Club, where the home side were involved in a tense promotion struggle with Coventry Deaf Social.

Deaf Social enhanced their promotion chances with a 6-4 victory after some fine play from both teams. Roy Millis was the star for the visitors with two fine wing after some sustained attacking play. A Chaplow clinched victory for his side when he beat Ian Sim in straight games.

The Deaf Social are enjoying a successful season, apart from being in with a chance of promotion, they recently took part in the Deaf Association Championship at Sheffield and came back with the Champions Shield.

Their successful team was R. Millis, D. Chaplow and R. Hall, and they beat the West Regional team 5-1 in the final. This was a great performance by this very popular local team.
Still unbeaten

Coventry Deaf Social are enjoying one of their most successful seasons for some years and they extended their unbeaten run to five matches when they notched a 7-3 victory at the G.E.C. club against the latter’s “D” team.

Roy Mills was the most successful for the winners with two singles wins and a share in a doubles. He received splendid support from B. Hall who also won his singles matches.

Denmar Sports faced quite a challenge when they won Division
**Gatehouse becomes a temporary club for the deaf in Coventry**

**By 'Coventry Evening Telegraph' Reporter**

MEMBERS of Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf, which is in temporary premises until the new headquarters in Hertford Place are built in about a year's time, are among the latest addicts of the 'do-it-yourself' school.

The temporary centre is the gatehouse of the former Coventry Radiator and Pressure Factory, now demolished, in Tralfalgar Street. The association is renting it from Coventry Corporation.

"We were delighted to say, in particular, that if we had an absolute magician," said the Rev. Henry Fry, chaplain and welfare officer, "we had one in residence.

"Milk" came from Hill House, Mill House, and Broad Street, and the building is now comfortable and transformed the gatehouse into a bright, pleasant living quarters.

Replastering and painting

After such jobs as repainting, the temporary premises consist of a network of pipes and the walls of the upper floors, which were cleaned and replastered, a hole in the kitchen ceiling and building a large counter. The members painted the rooms in bright colours.

"As we shall only be here for a year or so, much of the work was really 'pachking' done," said Mr. Fry. "If we were to stay on longer, we might have done it differently."

The gatehouse now contains offices for the chaplain and for the secretary, Mrs. H. A. Wilson, a kitchen on the ground floor, a dining room and sitting room on the first floor, and a small room in the cellar made into a reception room and television room upstairs.

The chapel, around which much of the work of the association revolves, has the task of being completed.

'A right proper pickle at first'

Furnished rooms include a sink and a range, which was made by Mr. A. R. Wilson of the firm of Mr. A. R. Wilson, and which he was a member of the firm. Mr. R. C. M. Wilson, a local architect, is to design a three-dimensional effect, and the church window to be designed by Mr. G. C. Scott. Other features are the sanctuary, a window, given by neighbours in memory of a former chaplain, Mr. J. C. C. Clark, and the altar, which was made by local joiners. Other work included as much labour as possible.

Other features were the sconce lamp, made by the West End, and the chancel, made by the council.

"Almost all work is done by local people. More work will be done by local people."

Over the years, by careful management, the club has accumulated a fund of £150, which is in good shape with compensation for Hill House, in

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"I am a great believer in not treating the deaf like children, if they are responsible, intelligent people," he says.

He became a student teacher at the Royal School for Deaf Children in Middlesbrough in 1939. Four years later he started his present position, for seven years in Bath and Somerset and then for five periods at the Royal Association in Astor of the Deaf in London, and in Hanover, before coming to Coventry.

The chaplain's wife, Mrs. P. M. Fry, works hard as part-time woman welfare officer in the association, helping deaf mothers with difficulties of communication at homes and hospitals.

The problem will not be so bad, but the problems of the association for its members, help them to lead, much fuller, happier lives than would otherwise be the case.

The premises are open every evening except Fridays, which are reserved for special meetings. These meetings are on Wednesday and Friday evenings.
Need for care of deaf school-leaver

THERE is always the need for a sense of urgency in educating and looking after the deaf when they leave school, says the Rev. Henry Fry, chaplain and welfare officer of the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf.

In his annual report, he explains that deaf people are “intimately isolated in a social world designed for the listener.”

His report will be presented at the association’s annual meeting, which follows the laying of the foundation stone of new headquarters in Mersford Place, next Wednesday.

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Mr. Fry comments that children lacking “quick communication” with those who can hear are severely crippled in their education and are limited to a very marked degree in post-school placement in industry.

“This is the most serious consequence of deafness from birth or early infancy. Only one deaf child in three ever achieves real speech,” Mr. Fry says.

In Warwickshire, he states, there are 341 totally deaf and dumb people and 32 people who are totally deaf but can speak. A further 117 have severely impaired hearing.

Throughout the country there are 17,000 people who have never heard sound and 11 million who are handicapped by partial hearing loss.

Sixty-two children in Warwickshire attend special schools for the deaf, while another 65 go to schools or units for partially deaf children.

During the year, the association received £2,125 in subscriptions and donations and £201 in grants from charitable organisations.
ALL WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE H.Q.

Deaf transform old buildings

An old factory gatehouse and adjoining buildings have been transformed into a bright and comfortable headquarters and club by members of the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf.

For the past 20 years, Hill House, in Coventry's Hill Street, has been the Association's headquarters and club, but last month demolition workers moved on to the site to make way for the new headquarters and club.

One of the old factory buildings was chosen as the site for the new headquarters, and the end of next year is the target date for its completion.

In the meantime, the Association's committee has been working on the plans for the new building, which will include a large dining room, a stage, a kitchen, a lounge, and a swimming pool.

The new building will be opened in the autumn of next year, and the Association is hoping to raise the necessary funds through a variety of fundraising activities.

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BRIGHT & GAY

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SILENT WORLD

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A SILENT DISCUSSION over a cup of tea in the newly-converted canteen of the Association's gatehouse headquarters.
MR. F. W. COCKERSOLE, of 80, Wellington Road, Edgbaston, headmaster for 30 years of the Royal School for Deaf Children, Birmingham, until his retirement in 1955, has died aged 78.

In a tribute to him, the present headmaster, Mr. Arnold Kay, said: "He gave a lifetime of service to improving the lot of deaf children."

The teaching profession owes a great deal to this wise, austere, kindly, yet completely unassuming man."

Mr. Cockersole was one of the pioneers of electronic group aids and individual aids for the deaf, equipment which is now standard in schools for the deaf.

"He appreciated long before most other workers in the field the paramount importance of the early acquisitement of hearing, and the need to start the proper educational treatment at once," said Mr. Kay.

VIEWS ACCEPTED

"He felt this to be essential in view of the appalling retardation in speech development suffered by even the brightest children. His views on these matters have now gained complete acceptance."

The son of a Tipton Methodist minister, Mr. Cockersole rejoined the staff of the Derby School for the Deaf in 1920 after service as a captain in the 1914-18 war. Eight years later he became headmaster of the Royal School in Birmingham.

He was a registrar of the National College of Teachers of the Deaf and a vice-president. For many years he was editor of the college Journal, "The Teacher and the Deaf."

He leaves a widow, who is also a teacher of the deaf, a son, who is an obstetrician and gynaecologist, and two daughters, of whom one is training to be a doctor.
PRACTICAL HELP IS THE AIM

We must not feel sorry for the deaf

THOSE of our readers who visited the Church stand at the Royal Show will remember the theme of this year's exhibition "The Hands of God" which showed the many ways in which Christians are working in the world to help the less fortunate.

One of the ways — illustrated by the picture we reproduce below — was work for the deaf.

Totally fit people rarely give thought to the problem of the totally deaf in our midst — except perhaps on flag days — but this quiet work goes on day in and day out 365 days a year.

There are 4,000 totally deaf people in this country and

Covemtry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf, together with many other organisations, is doing a great deal more about the work already being done.

The Rev. H. E. L. Vye, every one of these is writing yearly to a special church for the deaf and the service is specially attended by the local congregation.

The Church of England does not have the facilities for the deaf, but it is doing a great deal for the deaf in many ways.

We send thanks to Rev. Harold E. J. Fry, Chaplain, and Walker Butler of the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf, who have been working for the deaf for many years.

The new Club and Headquarters will incorporate several unique features. A specially designed stage and bar in a play specially designed for the deaf by Mrs. Joan Morris will be performed in the Autumn of this year.

The Association is concerned to fight the battle against prejudice. Educational services, in the form of the deaf children's summer schools, are planned.

The Association is also working on a new project, the "Deaf" which will go into training at the Sports and Social Club in Coventry.

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BREAKING THROUGH THE SOUND BARRIER

What's it like to be deaf? It's all to easy to be sentimental about that silent world in which no bird sings and no voice is ever heard, but in modern society, the totally deaf daily face down-to-earth problems. What is being done to help them meet the demands of everyday living?

It's easy too, to assume that, with all the benefits of the National Health Service, improved hearing aids and continual research into this and other handicaps, the problem is well on the way to solution. A rosy picture painted by a film or television programme can give the impression that with the help of medical science and valiant efforts, the barrier can be broken down. Unfortunately this is not so. Most people know that the development of speech depends entirely upon hearing, and go on to assume that the new transistor hearing aids are the answer. Few realise the grim fact that at present only one deaf child in three ever achieves real speech.

Practical help

This year, "Epiphanea Sunday," the twelfth after Trinity, falls in September, and for a modern side-light on to its Gospel of the man who "was deaf, and had all his impediment in his speech," we went to the Headquarters of the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf, in Hill Street, Coventry. There we met the chaplain and welfare officer, the Rev. Henry F. J. Fry, who has worked on behalf of the deaf in this area, which includes the whole county except for the city of Birmingham, for the past ten years. His register contains the names of four hundred people who are completely deaf from birth or early infancy, and approximately two hundred and fifty with marked degrees of deafness.

"One of my main tasks is to help the deaf man or woman to find a job with a sympathetic employer," he explained. "I have a strong link with the offices of the Youth Employment Services, the disabled persons' section of the various employment exchanges, and the Industrial Rehabilitation Unit. The personnel officers of the factories are very good, and fellow workers are helpful. Fortunately the educational standard of the deaf has considerably improved in recent years, and they make valuable employees. But often they need help with form-filling, in connection with income tax, and if they are ill or..."

Pat Watson investigates

along to their home or to hospital and interpret when they see the need. If they want to set up home, I give them advice and information, and if personal problems crop up, I try to help, without realizing that he has a name of his own, or that there are words for what he says around him. Outings and holidays organised for the deaf, children's parties and social events take up much of Mr. Fry's time and living their own problems.

Entertainments must be visual for those to whom written cues are meaningless, and acts like "Mr. Pasty" are most popular. The Sports and Social Club has made several trips abroad for inter-club competitions with the deaf of other countries, and the television room at the Headquarters is decorated with cups, shields, and pennants they have brought back. "They're a lively lot," Mr. Fry assured us. "We have football and cricket teams, darts, billiards, an annual dinner and dance, and plenty of contact with similar associations in other areas."

The blessing

Along with the recreation room, the Headquarters includes its own chapel, furnished with gates made by deaf people, and specially lit to emphasize the gestures of the priest. A hearing service is of no value to the deaf, and they come from all parts of the county to attend the special services conducted in a combination of lip-reading, sign-spelling and gesture. The services take place in the form of minster, and the conventional sign-language of the deaf is used, "Jesus Christ," for example, being shown as an inversion of his pierced hands. Everything is done to give ministerial to the worship by visual means.

The challenge

The ministry to the deaf is sometimes described as "working in the silent corner of the Master's Vineyard." As a child, Mr. Fry was himself hard of hearing, and had spending lessons in his Dublin home. Later, a chance encounter led him into his life's work, when he met a party of deaf people while on holiday in Norway. After two years' painful work, he began to follow up his main interest in missions for the deaf in London, Munich and Bath, gaining the approval of the National Council of Ministers and Welfare Officers to the Deaf and Dumb.

"In this area," he says, "the Association offers a welfare service that has one outstanding characteristic—it is personal service for the deaf.

Future plans include the formation of a new Headquarters from which, in industry, social life and worship, the Association can continue to meet the challenge of "the Sound Barrier."

The Chaplain and Welfare Officer, the Revd. Henry Fry, congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Koyston Clarke after their wedding.

All the things you and I take for granted have been so much more complicated when the person involved is deaf. The driving test is a good example—deaf people make excellent drivers but to pass their test they need an interpreter, and that's where I come in."

'A lively lot'

Though experts believe that the deaf should take their place in the hearing world as far as possible, for their satisfaction and social life, it's usually best for them to mix mainly with others who are also deaf and share their interests and limitations. Mr. Fry feels that most help is needed by the two groups at opposite ends of the age scale, the very young and the old. Less of giving means more love: loneliness for old folk, especially when they have to face it for the first time in their sixties and seventies. A deaf child who has never heard a sound at all goes to school...
The man with the magic hands

He's the deaf people's link with the outside world

At Coventry's strangest religious services, held regularly in a chapel in Hill Street, all is silent. There is no music, no sound of preaching.

The 20 or 30 members of the congregation pray with their fingers. They "listen" to sermons spelled out in sign language by a tall, smiling clergyman.

The Rev. Henry Fry (49), is known to the deaf people of Coventry as "the man with the magic hands."

For more than 25 years, he has conducted their services...and been their main link with the outside world.

It is a soundless world in which he is the detrimiend of Henry Fry and others like him—they would be the loneliest of the lonely.

Gravest

Many psychologists believe that deafness is the gravest affliction of all. Deaf people are strangers in their own country. For them no birds sing.

Nearly 140 Coventry people are unable to speak in the normal way—because they have never been able to hear the sound of words.

About 20 have managed to acquire speech, even though they have never been able to hear their relatives and friends.

Another 130 are hard of hearing—a lesser affliction which still presents serious problems of communication.

At the headquarters of the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf, Henry Fry and his attractive wife, Marlyn, are on call 24 hours a day to deal with their difficulties.

Mr. Fry told me, "The heaviest curse they have to bear is the difficulty of communication. But they are not more, as many people think. For the most part they are extremely courageous and intelligent."

"When they talk in their own sign language they understand everything."

This 37-year-old Coventry widow is deaf, speechless and silent. Through a "linking" of the Rev. Henry Fry forms a vital link with the world of sound.

Is very rare for a deaf person to have a chip on his shoulder.

Mr. Fry, who can "talk" in alphabetic sign language at about 20 words a minute—suggests a very fast typist—helps when deaf people have job interviews, consultations with doctors and lawyers. He even interprets during matrimonial quarrels.

He recently gave help to a deaf policeman, who was a. man dying from cancer, and recalls "the deep and heartfelt thanks in his eyes."

Mr. Fry, a dynamic Dublino, wears a hearing aid. He has been bedded of hearing since he had double mastoid at the age of six months.

Now he hopes that new doors will be opened for the deaf of Coventry and Warwickshire. Their present headquarters, formerly a rich man's mansion, are not for disposal. They dream of a new, tailor-made building in the centre of the City.

"We may need about $15,000 to effect the move," Mr. Fry told me, "I have great faith that the money will be raised. It must be raised, for we must go on helping the people from the silent world."
In a World of Silence

SUNDAY SERVICE at The Warwickshire Deaf and Dumb Society Mission at Hill Street, Coventry, conducted by the Rev. Henry Fry.

Picture by Staff Photographer
E. W. ASKILL
Like scores of Coventry people, 10-year-old Peter Brindley, of Green Lane, will never hear the sound of cymbals... or any other sound. Peter attends the Royal School for Deaf Children at Birmingham, and is a friend of Coventry's "man with magic hands," whose story is told on page 9.