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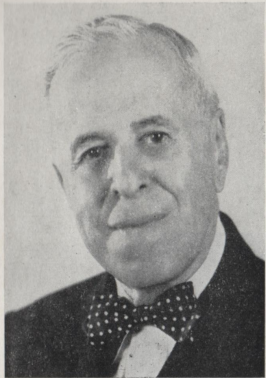
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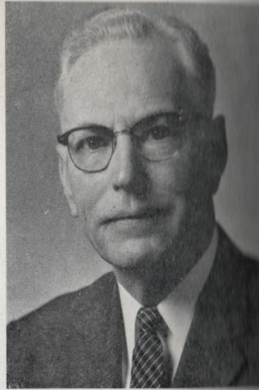
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To the Seniors:

As you leave the School I hope that you have learned your lessons well. We hope you have faith in yourselves, believe in the rights and privileges of others and have an understanding of the Mission of America. Above all, have faith in your God.

The School has been your training ground. You should seek further learning and greater accomplishments. Good Luck and God Speed in whatever you may undertake.

Rustelle

Superintendent

Each of you of the Graduating Class of 1960 has just reached one of your visions, that of getting a diploma. We, who have had the privilege of helping you reach this goal, hope that we have also helped you develop greater visions for your future and that some of the standards you have met and used will help you to realize these goals.

We pray for your success and hope that you will always retain your sense of humor as an insurance against any discouragement that you feel in meeting life's challenges.

May God bless and be with each of you.

The seeds are in the ground. The hoe is in your hands. A new day is dawning. What shall the harvest be?

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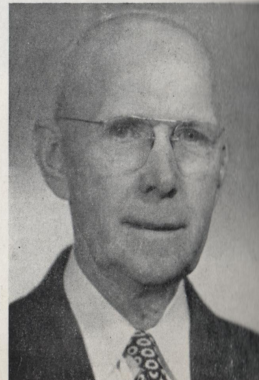
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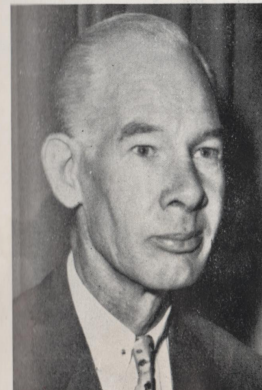
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DEDICATION



Mrs. Elizabeth Veditz

Mrs. Veditz, who passed away last April 21, devoted fifty years of faithful service as teacher to the deaf at the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind before her retirement in 1948. It is with loving remembrance that this issue of the COLUMBINE is dedicated to Mrs. Veditz and her memory.

Class of 1960 . . .

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KNOWLEDGE IS A RUNG ON THE LADDER OF LIFE;
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SILVER AND SKY-BLUE

SALUTATORY

By Ronnie Jones

We, the Class of 1960, welcome you, together with the parents and friends who honor us by your presence.

This afternoon we have reached the end of our school life here and we can truthfully say we have learned a great deal. If we can remember only half of it, we shall be happy.

There is a truly wonderful recompense for study in the feeling of satisfaction for work well done, and we, this afternoon, are enjoying a great deal of satisfaction.

Although this may be the end of study, as such, for many of us, it is by no means the end of learning. We know that the years to come will greatly add to our store of knowledge. We feel, however, that our safe arrival this far along on the highway of learning is worthy of celebration, and we are grateful to you for coming to share our pleasure.

We hope that you will enjoy our program, not because it is of great literary or dramatic value, but because of your friendly interest in us.

Speaking in behalf of my classmates, I bid you welcome. May you be as glad as we are that you came.



Maxie Mae Bristow

Denver, Colorado

Maxie has been quite active in the Music Department through the years, her main interests being piano, organ, and voice. She had one of the leading parts in the operetta, "Down in the Valley", in her junior year, and for several years has been one of our organists for Chapel. She has served as president of the G.A.A. this year, and did a very fine piece of work as manager of the Talent Show. One of her consuming interests is in the progress and development in the use of medicine, and especially of therapy. Her goal in life is to be of some help to others.

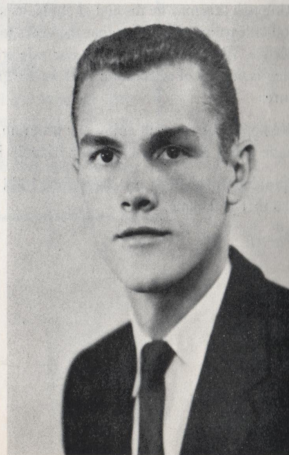
Ronald Ray Jones

Denver, Colorado

Ronnie was born in La Junta, Colorado in 1941, but has spent most of his years in Denver. Deaf from birth, he also has two deaf brothers and a hard-of-hearing sister. Ronnie says that he still remembers the day he started school here in 1947 and how kind the teacher, Miss Woods, was to him.

Two years ago Ronnie left this school to attend South High School in Denver, but found it advantageous to return here this year. Ronnie has been active in sports and did especially well in basketball this season. A good student, he feels a deep gratitude toward all of his teachers for their help and encouragement in his academic work. He is appreciative of the training he received in printing, the trade he intends to follow after his graduation. Ronnie hopes to make his home in Denver. He feels it holds promise for his future in printing.

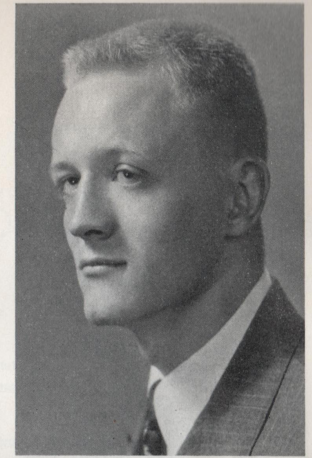
Ronnie's parting message to present and future students of the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind is this, "Work hard, study hard, and play hard. Then go out into the world and be the best person you can be."



Carl Ernest Coleman

Grand Junction, Colorado

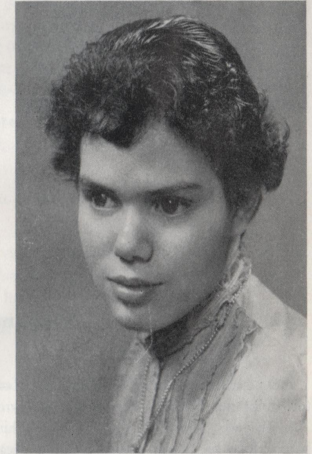
Carl, besides being a good academic student, has several other interests. He is a member of the Orchestra, where he plays the trumpet. His piano tuning has already proved quite valuable to him, and he is planning to go on and complete the course in the Vancouver School of Piano Tuning, and carry on his work in this line. One of his hobbies is auto mechanics, and later on, he hopes to take a course in repairing automatic transmissions. With Carl's ability to make decisions, and his courage to stand by his convictions, he should be able to meet his life's problems with success.



Mary Lita Padilla

Denver, Colorado

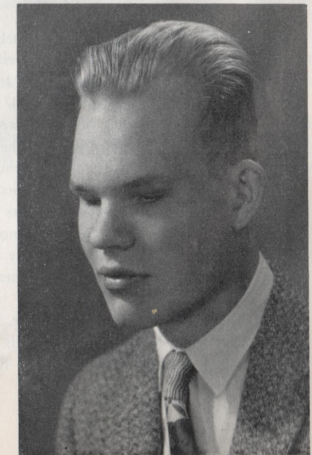
Mary Lita, our delightful piano stylist, is always in demand at parties and gatherings for her interpretations of popular tunes. Several years ago she added violin to her other musical interests. She is a facile and accurate reader, a hobby which she enjoys very much. Shy and modest, she endears herself to those with whom she comes in contact. We shall miss Lita a great deal in every way—in the classroom, the orchestra, and as an accompanist. With her musical ability, she should be able to accomplish much.



Robert Douglas Taylor

Dillon, Colorado

Bob came to us in 1947 from Buena Vista. He shows a keen interest in current affairs, and developments in the news. He has learned to face reality, and has a good sense of practical values. One of his latest accomplishments, in which he has been quite successful, is the development of his handwriting. His special hobby is in the field of radio repair, and he has become quite efficient in this. Bob's main interest in life is his electric guitar, which he has played with the orchestra for several years. He hopes to use this in his life work as an entertainer, and with his firm determination, will make a place for himself.



Wilbur Wade Vernon

Flagler, Colorado



Wilbur is a native of the great state of Texas, first seeing the light of day there in November of 1940. He lived in Hereford, Texas until the age of five years, when his family decided to move to Flagler, Colorado. Wilbur is a farm boy, but at times says he thinks he belongs in the city. Most people who know Wilbur think that, with his personality, and good common sense, he would be happy and successful anywhere.

Wilbur was always deaf and he began attending this school soon after his arrival in Colorado. His academic forte is arithmetic, which should be of value to him in his life's work. Wilbur was a rough and ready lineman on the football team for several years. He played a big part in this year's successful football season. His chosen trade is painting and he has the reputation of being perhaps the finest student painter ever to attend this school. Professional painters have considered him excellent and Wilbur already has savings in the bank from summer work.

Upon graduation Wilbur plans to stay in Colorado Springs. He says that he likes the school and the people here very much and hopes that he can come and visit them often.

Mary Helen Hernandez

Proctor, Colorado

Mary Helen was born December 9, 1939 on a farm in Proctor, Colorado. At birth she was completely deaf in both ears. Also she was born with a crippled leg which was a greater handicap to her when she was young because she couldn't play with the other children.

At the age of 6½ the doctor decided that she should have an artificial leg. It was quite a long time before she could get used to it. It took her four months to learn to walk again.

At the age of eight in September of 1947 her parents sent her to this school. After being here for a while she had more trouble with her leg and had to return to the hospital. After a month she returned to school and her friends.

She has enjoyed school and all of her friends here. She has learned to participate in sports and games with the others. During her thirteen years here she learned to swim, play volley ball, cook and sew. She took many courses and had many experiences all of which will help her throughout her life.

Mary Helen wants to give thanks to Mr. Stelle, Mr. Kirkley, the teachers and to all the many friends she has acquired while attending the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind.



VALEDICTORY

By Maxie Bristow

Members of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Otto G. Ruff, Mr. Stelle, Faculty, Houseparents, Fellow Students, and Friends:

We, the class of 1960, feel very proud to be graduating from such a wonderful school, which has helped prepare us to face the responsibilities and make the decisions that we will meet in life.

There is a feeling of sadness in our hearts today, for we realize that this is our last day to be a part of this school. Yet, we are eager to go out into the world to meet life's challenges. Some of us will, no doubt, go on to college to prepare for our chosen professions. Others of us may find jobs, thus reaching our goals. But we know that if it were not for the many here at school, who in times of need gave us encouragement, we could not have reached this point in our lives.

As we leave you today, we say thank you to the members of the Board of Trustees, for your continual efforts to provide us with the equipment we need, and with teachers who are interested in our welfare.

We thank you, Dr. Otto G. Ruff, for coming to speak to us on this very special day in our lives.

Mr. Stelle, we thank you for the planning of our various activities, and for the opportunities that you have brought to us. We realize that we have learned and profited much from the experiences we have had while here.

We thank the Faculty for their patient and tireless efforts, which we feel have helped us reach the place where we are today.

We are grateful to the Houseparents for their understanding and patience in helping us meet and solve our various problems, and making a home for us while away from our own homes.

We shall miss our Fellow Students, with whom we have had many happy experiences throughout the years.

And last, we thank our families and friends for their understanding and encouragement. With this, and the help we have received here at school, we feel ready now for that first big step toward a higher goal.

As we leave, we hope that we may not stop on the first rung of life's ladder, but keep on climbing until we reach our height which is wisdom. And again we say, thank you for everything.

In Retrospect . . . I

TIME AND EVENTS PASS SWIFTLY and soon are only memories. The 1959-1960 school year will soon be, along with past years, part of the realm of memory. The COLUMBINE sincerely hopes it may render this service—that whoever reads its pages may be carried back in time to precious moments of this passing year and in them find a greater joy.

Open House in Fall and Spring

Two successful Open Houses were held this year, one in November and the other in April. On each of these occasions about three hundred people were given an opportunity to see exactly how a deaf or a blind child goes about overcoming his handicap. They saw how he applies himself in the classroom, shop, gym, and other phases of life at the school. These events did much to inform the public of the services performed for their and the children's benefit. Sometimes an audience brings out a superior effort on the children's part. Almost everyone, including teachers, has something of the ham in him. Although the boys and girls are not always the little angels most of the visitors thought they were, they did do a fine job and were a credit to the school.

The Sound of Music

The boys and girls in the department for the blind made great progress this year in all phases of musicianship: piano, voice, and orchestra. Everyone who heard them was impressed with the quality of their music. Proof of this is the fact that they were so frequently invited to give concerts throughout the area. Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Uhles, and the four seniors, Maxie Bristow, Lita Padilla, Bob Taylor and Carl Coleman have all expressed great satisfaction with the enthusiastic way their performances were received.

The Senior Choir was especially active around Christmas time, giving concerts at Fort Carson, a Blind Association meeting, and their own school. The orchestra, champagne bubbles and all, took trips to Sterling and Montrose during the year and made life a little more beautiful for audiences in those places. Palmer High School students gave the youngsters a standing ovation at a concert given there in April. They *must* have been good—to raise 2,000 adolescents out of their chairs at the same time.

One notable fact about the blind students' music—it had a truly wide range—from the delicate beauty of its violins to the earthy singing of Cowboy Argust Jarman. Now there's a boy who could put a wild bull to sleep with a lullaby.

The prize comment of the year came from one promising young musician, "They say that music hath charms to soothe the savage beast, but I never noticed it had any effect on the music teachers."

They Go A'wandering

The deaf Boy Scouts, led by Scoutmaster George Culbertson and Asst. Scoutmaster Ralph Robinson, had an interesting year of activities. The boys held weekly meetings and also swam at the Broadmoor pool every Thursday evening. They participated in the area-wide Cavalcade of Scouting, demonstrating procedures of making fire by friction, tracking, and trail signs. The boys' knowledge of fire-making must have come in very handy on a certain campout in November when the temperature hovered close to zero. George relates that there was ice in the pails, the milk was frozen, and that even the rabbits had on earmuffs. The boys spent several weekends at George's ranch, exploring the area and gaining valuable experience in the arts of scouting and self-survival.

Life Is a Stage

The dramatic ability of the deaf boys and girls now has an outlet, thanks to a dramatic club organized by some of the teachers. Mr. and Mrs. Galluzzo, Mr. Pearson, Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Robinson. All were responsible for several fine plays and pantomimes presented during the year.

"The Naughty Mouse," the first production of the season, had as its theme the idea that a little real live mouse can be a bigger test of a person's courage than a ferocious but imaginary mountain lion. "Pierrot and Pierrette," a pantomime given in the spring, offered some advice on how to win a woman's heart. But do flowers always work? This production starred Charles Gallegos, Edna Morrison, Leslie Cotton, and Joyce Craig. A Christmas play by Mister Roger's oral group was captivating and "Mother's Big Surprise," a skit, brought plenty of laughs.

Persons who witnessed the year's works were amazed and delighted at the obvious talent of the young actors and actresses. Many teachers were forced to concede that what was previously taken for plain goofing-off was actually true dramatic genius.

The Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts, sponsored by Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Barrows, had a busy and enjoyable season. They conducted a Christmas tea and sale and also made favors for groups at holiday times. On one occasion, the girls stood retreat with the troops at Fort Carson in a special ceremony. Toni Tackett's father, an army major and world renowned mountain climber, would have been proud to see her standing at attention with the soldiers.

The most popular activity of the year was horseback riding, which several of the girls are beginning to master quite well. No serious casualties were reported

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Beginning Class—
Deaf Department



Beginning Class—
Blind Department

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this year, but on days after riding, a few girls did complain about the desk seats being a little harder than usual.

The Girl Scouts sold more than a hundred boxes of cookies, Erma Phillips being the top saleslady. With her persistence, Erma could sell ice cubes to an Eskimo. However, she was a little careless with her proceeds; one day she had Mr. Kirkley, Mrs. Galluzzo, and a few others turning the school upside down trying to find the money she had left in her Social Science book.

All in all, the girls did well with their scouting this year, and everyone knows how important good scouting is to a girl.

New Assistant Principal

Upon the retirement of Mr. Kaufman in 1959, Mr. Wilber Fulker succeeded to the position of Assistant Principal for the Blind Department. The teachers in this department would like to express themselves in behalf of Mr. Fulker:

"Last year the teachers and students of the Blind Department felt a great loss because of the retiring of their beloved assistant principal, Mr. Kaufman, who had been with them for so many years. But Mr. Wilber Fulker, who was chosen for the position, has done a wonderful job of carrying on. He stepped into a place hard to fill, but has proved himself most efficient, ably meeting the many problems and difficulties which have arisen. He is loved and respected by all, students and teachers alike. He has the interest of every child at heart, and has given himself unselfishly to his work. The teachers of the Blind Department wish to express their deep appreciation for him."

The Football Season

Ron Teubner's fighting Bulldogs chewed up the opposition on the gridiron this year. Their record of seven wins and one loss was made through exceptional team spirit and a steamroller offense that humbled opposing defenses in almost every game.

The team was fortunate in having the leading ground gainer for the nation's deaf schools in husky Lynn Ohm, who gained a first team position on the Frat's All-American team. Also high up among the offensive leaders of the country were the hard-nosed fullback Joe Romero and halfback Sammy Sain, whom some opposing linemen are probably still chasing. Impressive as the backfield was, it could never have gained a yard without the efforts of the linemen. Unsung though they usually were, their timely blocking and ability to stop the other team from scoring spelled victory in game after game. stalwarts of the line were Bert Younger, second team Frat All-American, and Leslie Cotton, voted best lineman by his teammates.

Joe Romero was chosen the best all-around football player by the boys; he also received a handsome trophy emblematic of the school's finest all-around athlete.

Hats off to Ron Teubner, whose experience steadied the team and whose spirited shouting from the sidelines provided the inspiration our deaf boys needed when the going was rough.

The Basketball Season

At the beginning of the basketball season the boys played like good football players; but they showed improvement as the weeks passed and wound up with a creditable seven wins and ten defeats record. As in football, the team displayed dogged determination in their efforts to win and, though outscored, they were seldom outfought.

Lynn Ohm, voted most valuable player by the boys, led the team in scoring with a 22.6 point average per game. A highlight of the season was the trip to New Mexico in January and the team's victory over the New Mexico School for the Deaf.

Bill Kaufmann got his baptism of blood as a coach this year and is at present growing a new set of fingernails.

The grade school team must have set some sort of dubious record when they lost one game, 22-2, without scoring one field goal. Well, that's the way the ball bounces!

Letter of Appreciation

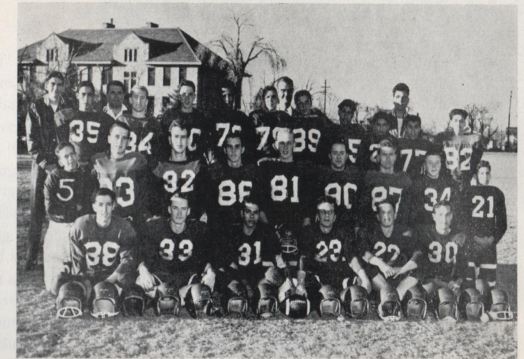
Lorraine McCracken, a girl loved and admired by everyone at the school, is soon to leave Colorado to attend Overbrook School for the Blind in Philadelphia. Her mother died recently and she is going to live with her brother. Lorrie has written a letter to all her friends and superiors at the school, who in turn offer Lorrie their sincerest wishes for happiness and success in this new chapter of her life. Her letter follows:

My dear teachers, houseparents, and students,

This is just a short letter of appreciation. I want to say thank you for being so kind and friendly. I want to tell you how much I appreciate your helpfulness in a time when a person needs a friend's help. I want to thank the teachers for giving me the help that I will need in later life. I feel too, that the houseparents have been a great help in teaching me to live the way that people expect us to live when we leave school. I feel that I owe my gratitude to the students here for being my companions. I hope that when I attend the school that I am going to next year, I will make as many friends as I have made here.

I also want to show my gratitude to Mr. Stelle and to Mr. Fulker for giving me the guidance that

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Football Varsity



Deaf Boys Tumbling
During Gymnastic Demonstration



Basketball Varsity

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will help me later in life. I want to end this letter by saying that I have had many fine times here in Colorado and that I will not forget the people who have been so wonderful to me.

LORRINE McCracken

Leggo, Louie

The wrestling team, composed of boys from the department for the blind, grappled their way to an excellent season record of thirteen wins and three losses. Coach Teubner reports that the boys showed steady improvement throughout the season, their strength and agility increasing as their excess suet was decreasing.

Louis Padilla was outstanding, with 14 victories and only 2 defeats. Also very effective were Carl Coleman, 12 wins, 1 loss, and a tie; Ronnie Olson, 11 wins and 3 losses; Delphi Archibeque, 11 wins, 4 losses, and a tie; Bob Robles, with 13 wins and 3 losses.

A Pee Wee wrestling tournament for the younger blind boys was held in March. Champions in their respective categories were Louis Peterson, 55 pounds; Gale Allen, 65 pounds, Junior Caine, 75 pounds; and Ronnie Humrich, 85 pounds. Altogether, they make up 280 pounds of ferocity and could give any heavyweight a hard time.

Wrestling prospects for next year are good. During the coming summer all the wrestlers and their coach have promised to work out at home, lifting weights and doing pushaways from the table.

Primary Department Notes

The Primary Department for the Deaf has emphasized auditory training this year and Mrs. Anderson, the department's supervisor, reports that her teachers have been successful in integrating acoustical training with the entire academic program. A new Orthovox group hearing aid with the extra light earphones was purchased in September and has been in use with the pre-school children.

The younger set was not completely occupied with work this year. Besides their holiday parties, the children had a May picnic and a trip to the zoo. The boys and girls were, as always, fascinated by the monkeys, and vice versa. One of the primary teachers might have had to explain to her children just how one young orangutan happened to have the same name as her own.

Talent Show Packs Them In

The boys and girls had an opportunity to display their musical ability in a talent contest given in April. Everything from rock-and-roll to spiritual singing was presented by the young musicians and singers.

The judges had a difficult time deciding who would receive the awards, but finally chose these contestants: first place—Janice Martinez, singing "He's Got The Whole World in His Hands"; second place—Argust

Jarman and "He's Got To Go"; and a tie for third place—Lucille Lewis and the Martinez sisters, singing "Ronde Ronde," and Vicki Kerr and Barbara Berger, singing "Teen Angel."

Although the singers copped all the honors, there were other good numbers in the program. One combo, with Juan giving the drum beat, kept plenty of feet tapping. Barbara Price did a very graceful dance. Mary Ann Jensen gave some hot piano renditions that would have made a beatnik bow his head in reverence.

Adding a note of visual beauty to the evening of fine music were several pretty deaf girls, who modeled dresses and summer suits fashioned by themselves.

Congratulations to all the contestants and to Maxie Bristow, who planned and supervised the evening of entertainment.

Muscles and Grace

The annual gym show, one of the more important school events of the year, filled the gym with enthusiastic spectators.

George Culbertson's deaf boys put on a sterling exhibition of tumbling, that gave evidence of lots of hard practice. Clowns Ruben Atencio and Larry Ankeny seasoned this event with a few spills and other monkeyshines. Ruben is a natural comedian of the Red Skelton type.

Several blind boys gave a rope climbing demonstration, ascending and descending the ropes with squirrel-like agility.

A new feature of the show this year was the tap dancing of Josie Lowe's little deaf girls. The young blind girls showed ease and good balance in a short tumbling demonstration. According to Miss McGuirt, the little girls in the school surpass the older ones in athletic ability. So it appears that future gym shows may be even better than this one.

Thus, the 1959-1960 gym show offered another illustration of the fact that a good school trains the mind not only to acquire knowledge but to control and discipline the body.

Girls Athletic Association

The girls like to follow the rule: a sound mind in a sound body, and the G.A.A. was responsible for developing the sound body. Good vigorous exercise never hurt any youngster, but it did produce a goodly number of stiff arms and legs here early in September.

The girls carried on a varied program of athletic and recreation activities throughout the year: two sock hops, a hike, two slumber parties, a field day, tumbling, track, volleyball, and trips to New Mexico for both the blind and deaf girls.

Miss McGuirt, the P. E. instructor, has instituted the point system, whereby girls receive awards such as

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Instruction
for the
Blind



Learning
to Play
the Organ



Potter's
Wheel—
Part of
Ceramics
Instruction

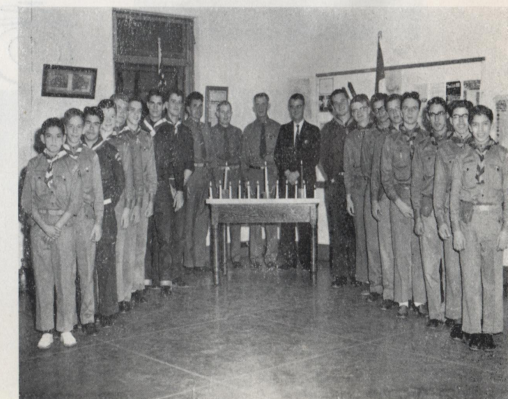


Deaf Girl Scouts on Horseback



Dressmaking
for
Deaf Girls

Deaf Boy Scouts



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pens, letters, and sweaters on the basis of the number of points they amass during the year.

In early May, a big field day was held on the school grounds. Competing for honors in tumbling and track were girls from Harrison High School, the blind department, and the department for the deaf. The blind girls dominated the tumbling, while Harrison eked out a victory in track over the deaf girls, 23 to 21. Athletes from this school winning first awards were Gail Hamilton, in the 50 yard dash, Jeanette Perea, in the standing high jump, and Gloria Martinez, in the hop, step, and jump. Nice going, girls, keep up the fine standing, hopping, stepping and jumping.

The School Picnic

Study and books vanished with the breeze on the day of the school picnic, Friday the 13th of May. The older children and their teachers took off for hiking and the zoo in the morning and then proceeded to Monument Park, where a delicious picnic lunch and more activity awaited them in the afternoon.

The deaf boys, eager to avenge a previous volleyball defeat at the hands of the faculty, took on the oldsters in a game of softball. Led by Joe Chifalo, Charles Gallegos, and Joe Romero, the boys put up a valiant battle, but finally succumbed to the teachers, 22-16. Tom Fishler with two homeruns and Paul Pearson with three straight singles sparked a powerful faculty attack. Frank Galluzzo called the balls and strikes and, although one suggestion was made that he spend his extra month of service at umpire school, Frank did a creditable job. For the enlightenment of all those who thought Floyd

Roger's wife had belted him one, his shiner was actually the result of a softball thrown off mark before the game.

When the heat of the day and the energy of the students and teachers had been spent, the group left the park and the teachers went home to massage their aching muscles. It had been a good picnic.

Academic Achievement

Lest the reader get the impression that the year was all play and no work, he is requested to adopt a serious attitude now and note the following facts:

Mrs. Minor, the school psychologist, administered a new achievement test in January and the results showed highly significant gains for most of the students in the school. Bert Younger and Eldon Schreiner, two seniors, are coming back next year for more work to prepare themselves for college. All the members of the Third Junior High class have shown that they have good college potential. The older blind students are also making good progress in their studies. The teachers hope that the success of these young men and women will be an example to the younger students to study hard and achieve the same goals.

As this brief review of school memories is brought to a close, the COLUMBINE invites its readers to direct their gaze from the past to the future and the joys and triumphs that lie ahead at the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind. To the seniors goes the heartfelt wish that the knowledge and ideals acquired during their stay here may serve to bring them the greatest possible happiness in life.



Typing Class
for the Blind



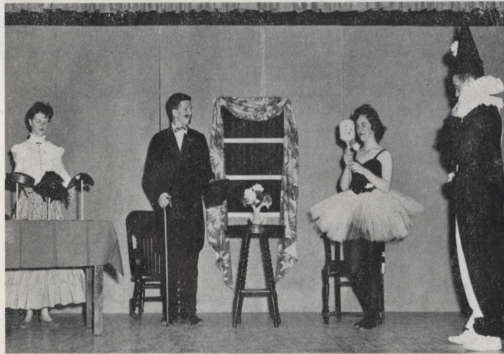
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For the Blind

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Dramatic Club's
"Mother's Big Surprise"



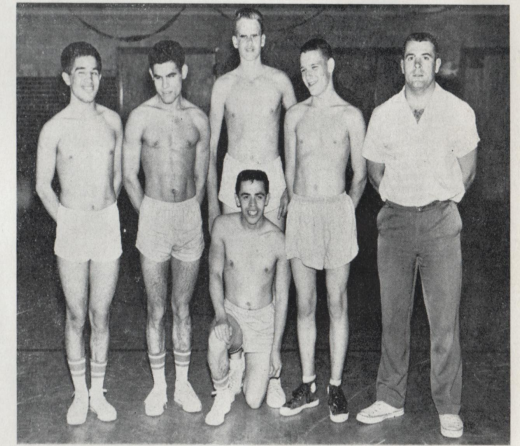
Dramatic Club's
"Pierrot and Pierrette"



Athletic Activities
Annual Banquet



Deaf Girls'
Volleyball Squad



Blind Boys'
Track Squad



Cheerleading Section

