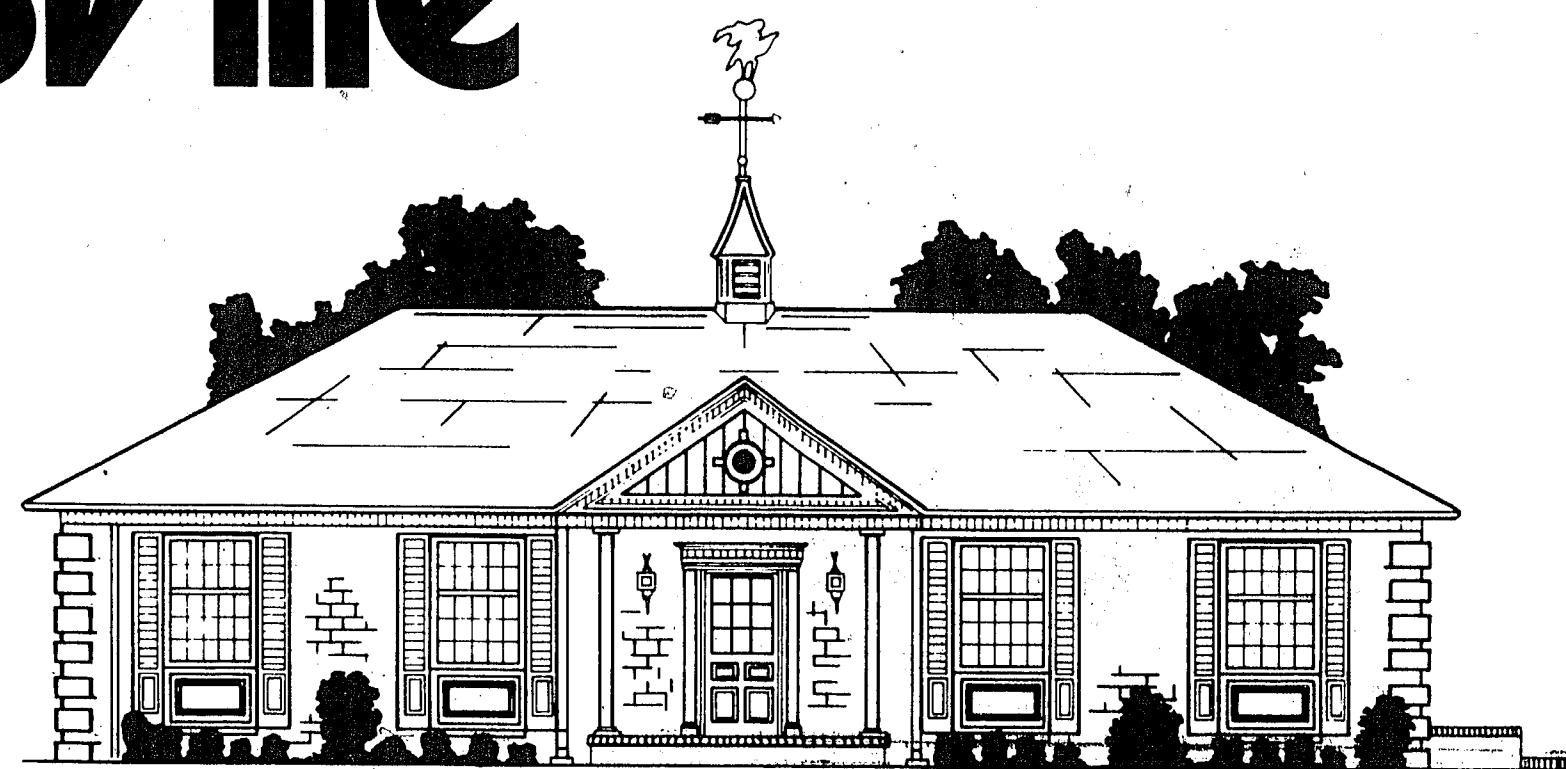


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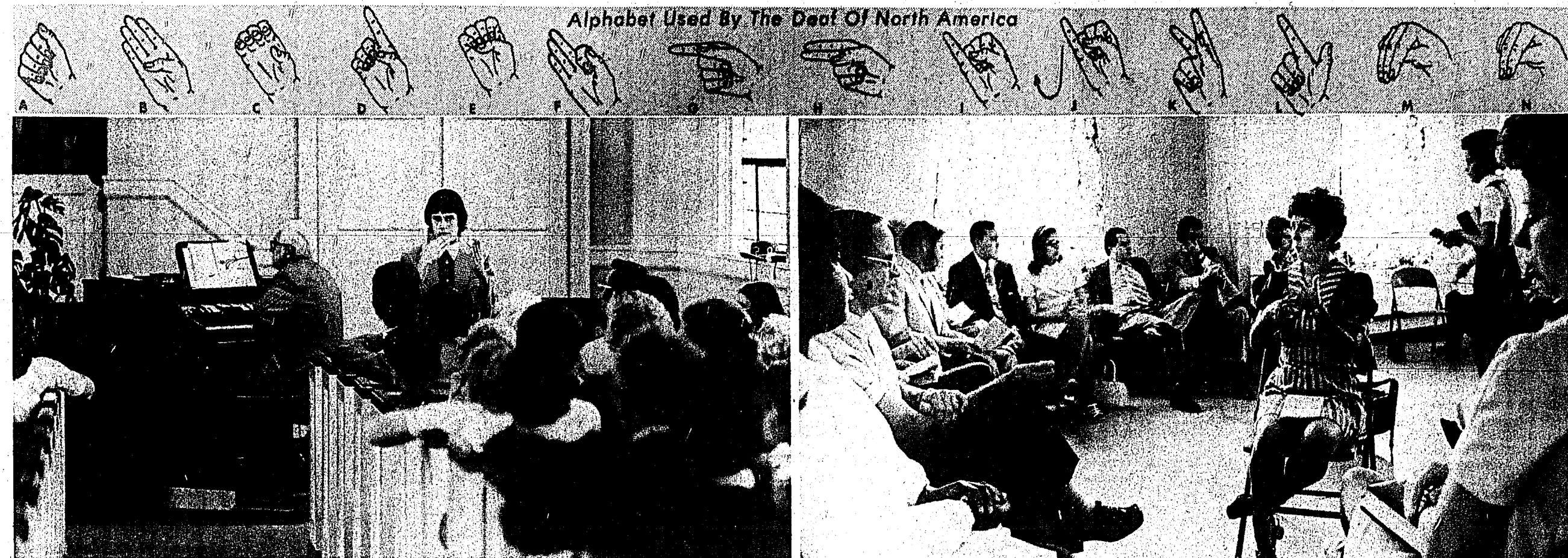
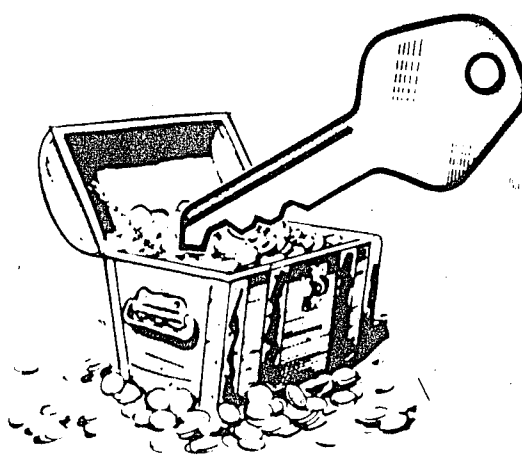
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David Cruse Gives Visual Dimension To The Spoken Word

Linda Freeze Interprets For Deaf In Adult Sunday School Class

Southside Deaf Ministry Opening New Worlds Of Church Experience

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear." But what of those who can't hear? Southside Baptist Church is answering that question with its growing ministry for the deaf. "Before, Joseph didn't like church," Mrs. Joseph Fish said of her son, "he thought it was time wasted. Now he enjoys every minute of it." Joseph is 11, and he's deaf. He is among area children and adults with hearing handicaps whose interest and participation in church services and related activities have been expanded by the Southside service. Others who have responded to the Southside call include Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Garrison, whose three children, Rusty, 15, Robin, 12, and nine-year-old Kay were born deaf. They also include Mr. and Mrs. Benny Mann, both of whom are deaf, who moved their membership to Southside in order to take advantage of the services for the deaf. The deaf ministry, now under direction of Mrs. Ronnie Freeze, is in its second year, and it is more vigorous and out-reaching than ever. Mrs. Freeze's contagious enthusiasm figures strongly in the expansion of the service. "This is tremendously rewarding," she said regarding her work in the program, "learning the sign language was an exciting challenge in itself, and to be able to communicate with persons who can't hear makes the long hours of studying the signs more than worthwhile." Southside offers sign-language assistance in its Sunday school, in its regular, separate worship services for children and adults, for its Sunday vespers and for its mid-week prayer service. And now Mrs. Freeze is generating interest in a kindergarten for area deaf children. "The last legislature set aside money for deaf kindergarten," she explains, "and we would like to know of deaf youngsters who could benefit from a kindergarten. We can start a class with as few as four children." "We constantly are trying to reach more deaf people," Mrs. Freeze added, "and we want to be of service to them whether they're interested in coming to church or not." She explained that persons who can't hear, particularly have difficulty coping with everyday situations those without a hearing handicap take for granted. "Like seeing a doctor, or getting a taxi driver to understand where you want to go," Mrs. Freeze pointed out, "and we can help if we just know who needs help."

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Cindy Wilson 'Talks' With Joseph Fish, Left, Robin Garrison



Paul Beam Teaches, David Interprets

Four Southside members serve regularly as sign-language interpreters. They are Mrs. Freeze, Cindy Wilson, David Cruse and his sister, Jenny. David and Jenny are teenage children of Mr. and Mrs. Tate Cruse. The entire Cruse family is involved in the deaf ministry to some degree. Other members of the church are learning the sign language. They join deaf persons in a weekly evening training session led by David Cruse. "In contacting persons we learned had severe hearing problems," Mrs. Freeze said, "we found that many deaf people have trouble communicating with members of their own families. Some of those in our training program who can hear want to learn the signs because they have a deaf person in the family."

The Southside ministry for the deaf, which is unique in Mooresville but not the area, is an outgrowth of the deaf ministry at Western Avenue Baptist Church in Statesville. One afternoon in July of last year, Mrs. Fish met with John Hunter, Southside's minister of music and education, to explain to him the work among the deaf that was underway at Western Avenue Baptist. She was familiar with the service there because she had been taking Joseph there for Sunday school and church. Mrs. Fish was and is a member of Southside. She had been asked by Mrs. Jo Sells at Western Avenue to approach Southside leaders with the idea of starting a deaf ministry here.

Southside lost no time taking the lead. Mrs. Sells and her daughter, Dru, led a sign-language class for Southside members that was conducted weekly for nine weeks at South Iredell High School. In the meantime, Southside members began contacting deaf people in the Mooresville area and inviting them to attend services at Southside, at which Dru Sells served as interpreter. By September, Southside was self-sufficient in its sign-language training and interpretation of services. Calvin Sperling served as deaf ministry director from its beginning until his company transferred him to another town in November. He was succeeded by Mrs. Freeze, a Southside member and Mooresville native who lives in Huntersville.

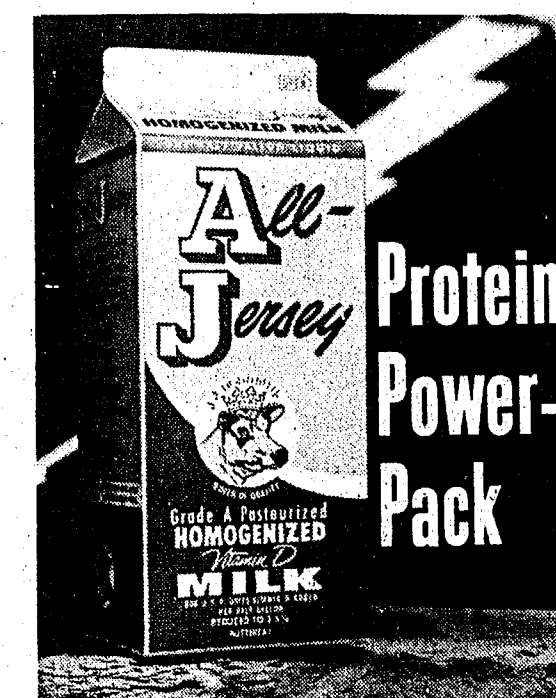
At Southside, deaf children attend Sunday school classes with others in their age group who can hear. An interpreter translates the spoken words for them. During the worship service, adults who can't hear sit together in the sanctuary with an interpreter, and children have an interpreter in separate services conducted for worshippers under 12 years of age.

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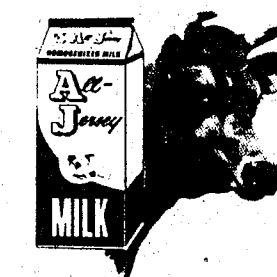


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