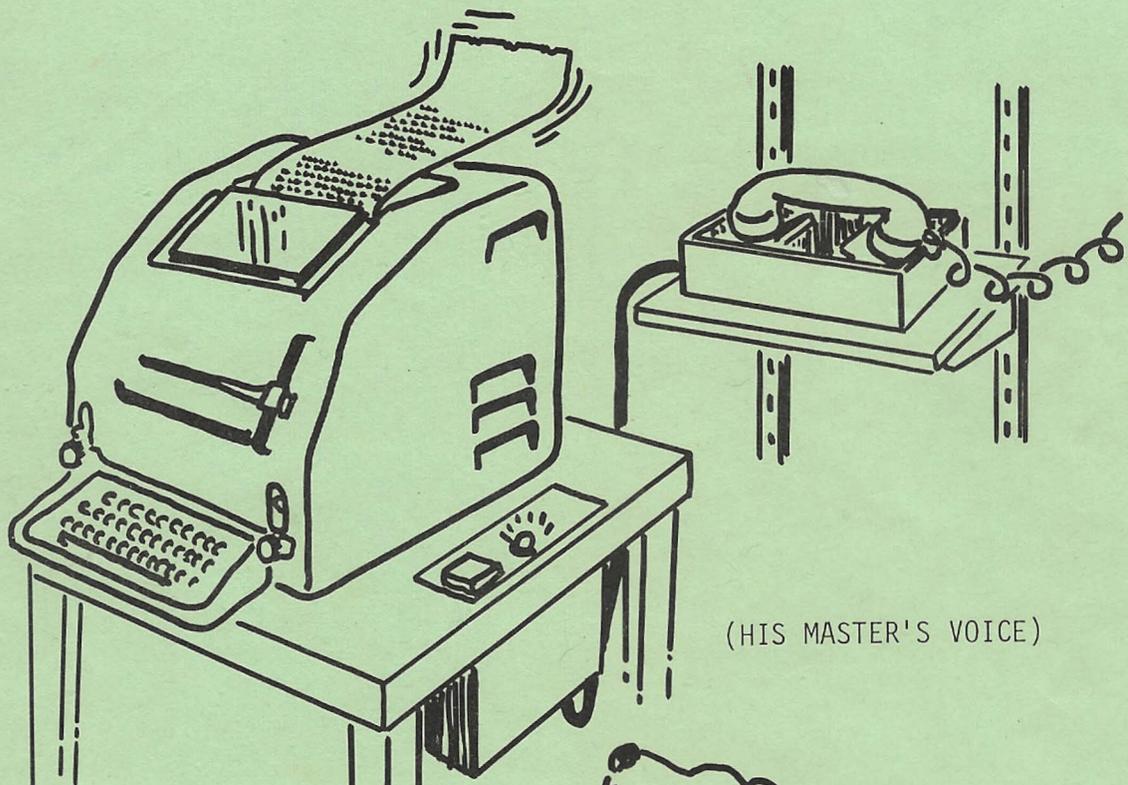
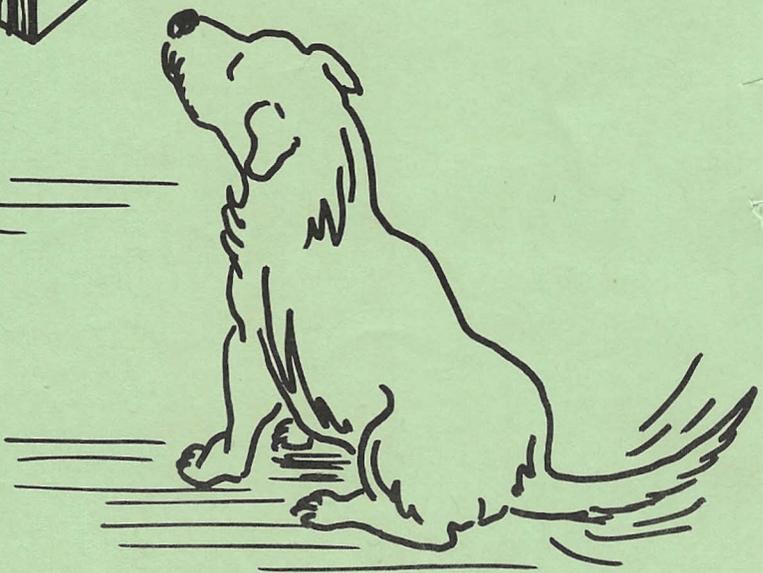


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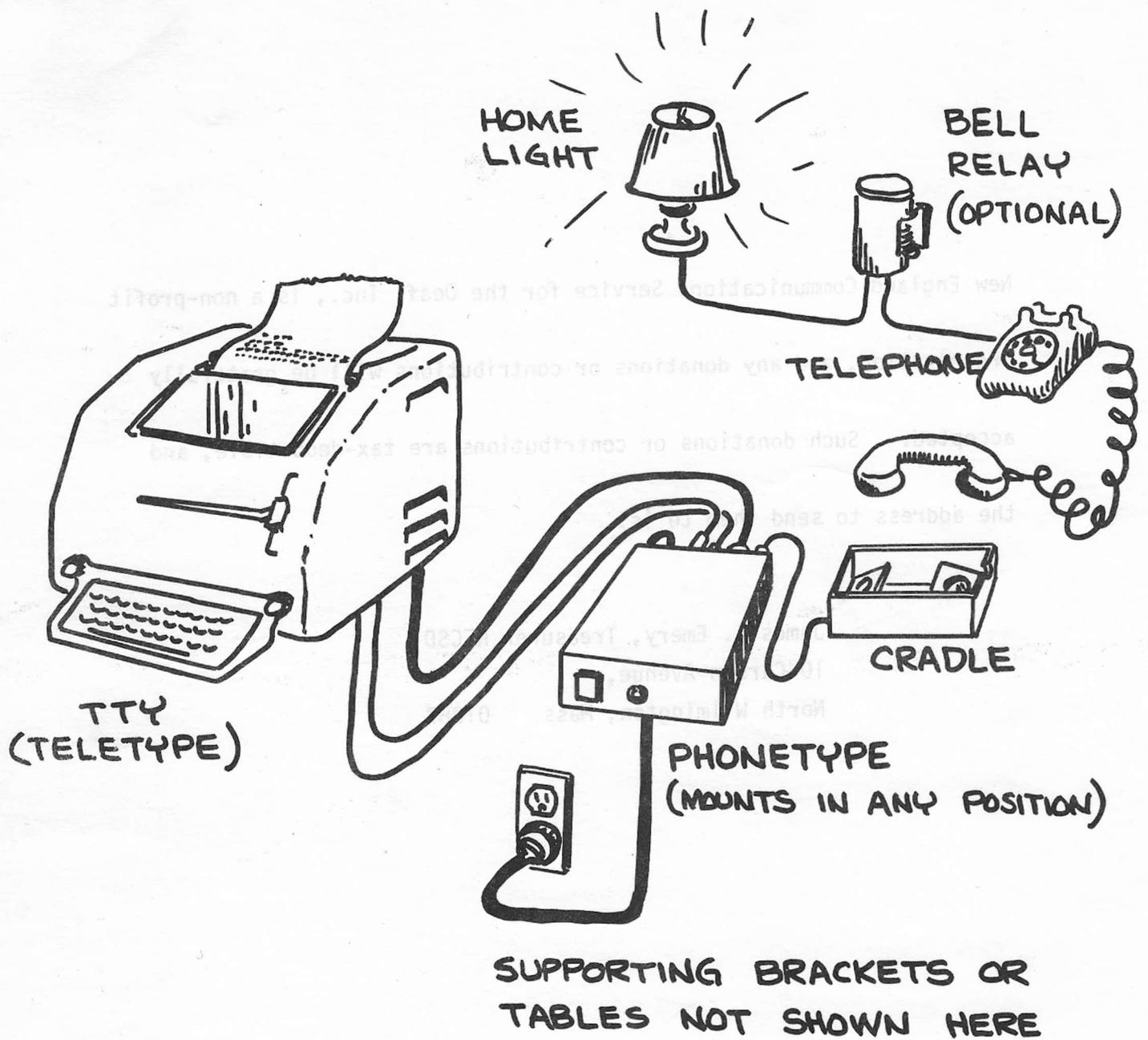


(HIS MASTER'S VOICE)



NEW  
ENGLAND  
COMMUNICATIONS  
SERVICE FOR THE  
DEAF, INC.

1970



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New England Communications Service for the Deaf, Inc., is a non-profit organization, and any donations or contributions will be gratefully accepted. Such donations or contributions are tax-deductible, and the address to send them to is:

James T. Emery, Treasurer NECSD  
10 Carson Avenue,  
North Wilmington, Mass. 01887

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HISTORY.....New England Communications Service for the Deaf, Inc. HISTORY

From the day Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone while experimenting on devices to enable deaf people to hear until the year 1964, deaf people have been unable to take advantage of the telephone by themselves. It is quite ironical that the device invented by Dr. Bell was an attempt to create some sort of hearing aid for the deaf.

The telephone has become a vital and accepted mode of communications between people at distances from each other; but until recently, remained useless to the deaf. Then in 1963, Mr. Robert H. Weitbretch of California, a deaf research physicist with Stanford Research Institute of Menlo Park, developed an interface unit that is used between a telephone and a teletypewriter, enabling visual printed communications between people. This interface unit, initially called a "terminal unit", is now known as PHONETYPE, and is trade-marked as such. Mr. Weitbretch, together with Dr. James C. Marsters and Mr. Andrew Saks, both of whom are deaf, formed a company, Allied Communications Corporation, to produce these PHONETYPES commercially. Now, with over 1,000 PHONETYPES installed throughout the country, it is imperative that some sort of organization be formed to service a New England network.

Thus the New England Communications Service for the Deaf, Inc., was formed on January 1970 at Tom Rule's home. NECSD's main function is to obtain used and/or discarded teletype (TTY) machines of the 5-level code, 60-words per minute type, recondition these machines to utilize the PHONETYPE and a cradle box for the handset, install these TTYs and PHONETYPES in subscribers' homes and provide necessary technical servicing for the New England regional TTY network. NECSD also has several other purposes, which are listed elsewhere in this Annual Report.

A Massachusetts charter has been drawn up by a lawyer, Mr. Frederick Conroy, who has kindly donated his services for this necessary document. Father John Fitzpatrick has been very helpful in the establishment of NECSD as a non-profit organization, and continues to exhibit strong interest in the deaf. At this time, agents for the New England area are Tom Rule, George Ecker, George Clapp and Edward Buell. Eventually, it is hoped that there will be additional agents, each servicing their own areas throughout the network.

HISTORY.....

Officers elected are Tom Rule as President, George Ecker as Vice President, Jim Emery as Treasurer and Elizabeth Emery as Secretary, with Board of Director members being George Clapp, Father John Fitzpatrick and Joel Ziev. Several Board meetings have been held, furthering discussions and plans for bettering communications among the deaf and their friends in the hearing world.

The First Regional TTY Workshop and Conference was held on April 11, 1970 at the John F. Kennedy School of Religion in Lexington, Mass. This occasion enabled everyone attending to become more knowledgeable of NECSD's aims and functions. Various TTYs were displayed and tried out, a demonstration of TTY maintenance and functions were given by the two Georges (Clapp and Ecker), followed by a discussion of the basic theory of PHONETYPAGE and TTY by Tom Rule. The general meeting covered an introduction of officers to the meeting, a description of NECSD's goals and current situations, the announcement of a financial plan for future purchasers, and a general discussion of communications. It was felt that much good came out of this meeting, and that more can be done to help all deaf people.

In September, 1960, Tom Rule inaugurated the DEAF MESSENGER, which is an information center announcing news, social gatherings, meetings, religious activities all relating to the deaf world. This service is revised on a weekly basis, and is put on tape for automatic rapid transmission to any TTY subscriber calling that number at any time of the day or night. While the information is of regional interest, calls from California and St. Louis have been made to obtain this information, which attests to the national interest that deaf people have in other deaf of the United States.

In November, 1970, it was voted by the Board of Directors that NECSD join the Massachusetts Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf (MASS COSD) and the Connecticut Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf (CONN COSD) as a member of each, with Tom Rule as MASS COSD representative and George Ecker as CONN COSD representative.

The TTY network was involved recently in an attempt to arouse more support for the House Bill 4600, which has to do with the Court providing interpreters for the deaf to those deaf people appearing in Court. Time was very short, but thanks to the TTY network, it was possible to inform many TTY subscribers, and through them, other deaf, of the urgent need to secure more

HISTORY.....

support by requesting everyone to immediately write to their own representatives in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, urging them to support Bill 4600 when it came onto the floor. In the meanwhile, this Bill was still in the Ways and Means Committee, and word came that there was a possibility that the Bill would be killed in Committee, thus preventing it from appearing on the floor. Again, the network was used to immediately spread the alarm and start up petitions, etc. Within the time involved, none of this activity could have been possible without the scope and range of this TTY network under NECSD.

In this day and age of technological advancement, the deaf are finally arriving at a place whereby they can begin to make themselves heard and their needs known to others besides themselves. It is up to all of us to maintain and improve this precarious position in communications, ever seeking ways to continually strive for better utilization of existing and future methods of communications with everyone, deaf and hearing alike.

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IN ADDITION....To reconditioning TTYs and servicing, NECSD's other purposes:

1. A service center involved in the research and development of deaf and deaf-blind communications systems and the development of new uses for the presently available equipment.
2. The development of a braille printer for the present equipment, operating from teletypewriter signals.
3. Establishment of central bureaus, or answering services in the major cities that could relay TTY emergency messages to doctors, police and fire departments in a voice mode, and would permit friends, relatives and other hearing individuals to call the deaf and communicate over the phone. Such a bureau would also enable deaf and deaf-blind to operate their own business, utilizing this service to contact clients.
4. Development of a combination short-wave radio-demodulator, which would act as a substitute for the radio. Present experiments show that a teletypewriter works effectively from radio signals. The deaf and deaf-blind could pick up news reports and weather reports on their PHONETYPED units.
5. The development and publication of a shorthand or other code for the deaf and deaf-blind; this would allow for quick transmissions over the telephone and help cut the costs on long distance calls.
6. The development of a special national phone directory for the deaf and deaf-blind.
7. Establishment of training centers to train volunteers in servicing and repairing PHONETYPED and TTY equipment.
8. Further development of the system with telephone signallers or special lights that would indicate to a deaf person that the phone is ringing.
9. Initiate study of other possible means of communication, such as push-button phones, public TTY booths in major cities and other types of equipment that are presently being developed.
10. Setting up of a committee to standardize all aspects of deaf and deaf-blind communications.
11. Coordination of all these activities with the telephone companies, seeking their assistance in further development of the telephone-TTY network.

New England Communications Service for the Deaf, Inc.

F I N A N C I A L     S T A T E M E N T

March, 1970 to December 31, 1970

SALES:

Phonetypes	\$ 2,667.65	
Bell Relays	295.00	
Supplies	<u>199.65</u>	
Total Sales		\$ 3,162.30

COST OF SALES:

Purchase of Equipment	\$ 4,425.02	
Purchase of Supplies	<u>672.71</u>	
Cost of Purchases	\$ 5,097.73	
Less Inventory 12/31/70	<u>1,813.00</u>	
Net Cost of Sales		\$ <u>3,284.73</u>
Gross Loss		\$ - 122.43

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Deaf Messenger Expense	\$ 161.48	
Massachusetts Charter Filing Fee	10.00	
Membership in MASSCOSA Fee	25.00	
Travel Expense	222.13	
Office Expense	101.01	
Evening Class Supplies	<u>36.20</u>	
Total Operating Expenses		\$ <u>555.82</u>
Net Loss		\$ - 678.25

OTHER INCOME:

Donations	\$ 4,249.10	
Individual Memberships	129.00	
Admissions, 1970 Meeting	114.90	
Interest (From Bank Accounts)	<u>13.93</u>	
Total Other Income		\$ <u>4,506.93</u>
Net Profit		\$ <u><u>3,828.68</u></u>

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

March, 1970 to December 31, 1970

ASSETS:		
Cash in Malden Trust Co.	\$ 483.15	
Cash in Stoneham Savings	1,036.03	
Accounts Receivable	496.50	
Equipment Inventory	<u>1,813.00</u>	
		\$ 3,828.68
LIABILITIES:		
None at end of year		- 0 -
Total Net Worth		<u>\$ 3,828.68</u>

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Deaf Messenger Expense	\$ 107.48	
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Membership in MASSCOD Fee	25.00	
Travel Expense	222.13	
Office Expense	101.07	
Evening Class Supplies	<u>36.20</u>	
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 501.88	
Net Loss		\$ - 518.25
OTHER INCOME:		
Donations	\$ 2,349.10	
Individual Memberships	329.00	
Admissions, 1970 Meeting	114.90	
Interest (from Bank Accounts)	<u>13.93</u>	
Total Other Income	\$ 2,806.93	
Net Profit		\$ 2,288.68

## ORGANIZATIONS

For the benefit of those who would like to know about the organizations serving the deaf in the New England area, the following is a functional listing: (\* means the organization is a member of MASSCOSD)

### Communications Network:

- \* New England Communications Service for the Deaf, Inc.

### Social and Recreational Groups:

- \* Boston Deaf Club
- \* Boston Oral Club
- Fall River Association of the Deaf
- Holyoke Athletic & Social Club
- \* Mohawk Oral Club (Springfield)
- \* Quincy Deaf Club
- \* Worcester Deaf Club

### Religious Groups:

- \* Boston Chapter #5 of the International Catholic Deaf Association (ICDA)
- \* Boston Hebrew Association of the Deaf
- \* Deaf Church of Our Savior (Lutheran)
- Fall River Chapter #91 ICDA
- Worcester Catholic Deaf Center

### Fraternal groups offering insurance benefits:

#### National Fraternal Society for the Deaf:

- \* Boston Division #35
- Holyoke Division #26
- \* Springfield Division #67
- \* Worcester Division #60
- \* Massachusetts Benevolent Association of the Deaf

### Alumni Associations:

- \* Beverly School for the Deaf
- \* Boston School for the Deaf (Randolph)
- \* Clarke School for the Deaf (Northampton)
- \* Horace Mann School for the Deaf (Roxbury)

## ORGANIZATIONS - 2

### Senior Deaf Citizens:

- \* New England Home for the Aged Deaf (Danvers)

### Parent Groups:

- \* Mass. Parents Association for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing  
Billerica Hearing & Speech Society

### Special Schools:

- \* The Learning Center for Deaf Children (Framingham)

### Citizens' Planning Group:

- \* Speech and Hearing Foundation of Massachusetts

### Resource Agency:

- \* Deafness Resources Institute

### Professional Community Agencies:

- \* Boston Guild for the Hard of Hearing
- \* Metropolitan Center for Speech and Hearing Therapy
- \* Worcester County Hearing and Speech Center

### Educators:

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## LEGISLATION

In the Massachusetts House of Representatives, there is a Ways and Means Committee, which considers all bills before putting them on the floor to be voted upon by all the Representatives in the House (This is really putting it plain and simple, but how else can we do it?).

Sometimes this Ways and Means Committee will not allow a bill to come to a vote, for some reason or other, thereby preventing all the Representatives from voting upon it. For this reason, it is to our advantage to know just who these Representatives on the Ways and Means Committee are, so that we can write to them personally whenever we need to. A listing by towns, alphabetically, follows:

Bridgewater	David L. Flynn
Boston	James J. Craven, Jr.
Boston	Maurice E. Frye, Jr.
Cambridge	Timothy W. Hickey
Cambridge	John J. Toomey
Clinton	Thomas F. Fallon
Fall River	John J. Long
Lawrence	Gerard A. Guilmette
Lowell	Paul J. Sheehy
Marblehead	J. Hilary Rockett
Marlboro	John J. Navin
Medford	George L. Sacco, Jr.
Nantucket	Arthur L. Desrocher
Newburyport	George E. Twomey
Pittsfield	Thomas C. Wojtkowski
Springfield	Anthony M. Scibelli
Wilmington	Fred F. Cain
Worcester	Robert J. Bohigian
Worcester	Joseph D. Early

If you write to any of the Representatives listed on the previous page, mention the number of the bill in question and say very briefly what it is for, to prove that you know what you are writing about. Ideally, letters should be handwritten or typed personally, do not use "form letters" or mimeographed or any reproduced manner letters; these are more apt to be discarded without being read fully. It has been proven that any letter written individually commands attention.

When addressing: Representative John J. Doe,  
State House,  
Boston, Mass. 02133

Usually, letters to Representatives on the Ways and Means Committee should be followed by additional letters to your own Representative from your own district. This way, you are letting your Representative know that you are aware of this particular bill and of how you wish him to vote. After all, he was elected by you to represent you at the State House, so why not let him know how you feel about a particular piece of legislation?

We cannot complain about the quality of our political representatives if we do nothing about when when we have the opportunity.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

MARCH 1, 1971

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT THIS FIRST ANNUAL REPORT, THE EFFORT OF THE DEAF ENTERPRISE, IS INTRODUCED TO THE 2ND ANNUAL TTY MEETING OF NECS, INC. THE REPORT TOPS OFF THE TREMENDOUS EFFORTS OF SEVERAL PEOPLE INVOLVED IN NECS, INC. DURING THE PAST YEAR SINCE THE 1ST ANNUAL TTY MEETING OF APRIL, 1970.

SINCE THAT STIMULATING AND SUCCESSFUL MEETING, NECS HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN PROMOTING THE TTY NETWORK AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, HAS LAUNCHED THE FIRST NEWS SERVICE OF THE NEW ENGLAND AREA. TITLED THE NEW ENGLAND DEAF MESSENGER. THE SECOND DEAF MESSENGER BEING PREPARED, IS ABOUT TO BE LAUNCHED IN HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.

THE TTY NETWORK OF NEW ENGLAND HAS EXPANDED FROM 44 STATIONS LAST APRIL, 1970 TO 73 STATIONS AS OF MARCH 1ST, 1971. WITH THE LOWER PRICE OF TERMINAL UNITS NOW AVAILABLE, THE NETWORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE A LEAP FORWARD.

I MUST EMPHASIZE THAT IT WAS THE GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE TO FUND VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE NECS SUCH AS ESTABLISHING THE INSTALLMENT LOAN, TWO DEAF MESSENGERS, BUYING SUPPLIES AT LOWER COSTS, ETC. OUR HEARTY THANKS TO THESE PEOPLE.

TO OUR PRINTER WHO PUBLISHED THE FINE REPORT AS A DONATION TO NECS, INC., WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE. TO MISS ALICE ATKINSON, WE MUST GIVE A SPECIAL CREDIT FOR SHOWING MUCH ENTHUSIASM AND EFFORTS TO TAKE ALL THESE PICTURES CONTAINED IN THE REPORT AS SHE DROVE ALL OVER NEW ENGLAND AND ACCOMPLISHED MORE THAN WE EXPECTED. TO MR. CHARLES MACGILLIVRAY, TOO, WHO NUTURED THIS ANNUAL REPORT THROUGH DIFFICULT STAGES, HE HAS OUR MANY THANKS.

NECS, INC. HAS BECOME AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF MASSCOSD AND IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THIS ORGANIZATION TO SET UP A SPECIAL NETWORK IN MASS. TO ENABLE THE MASSCOSD TO "CALL THE TROOP OUT", SHOULD THE NEED ARISE.

NECS RECENTLY JOINED CONNCSO TO HELP OUT IN THE STATE OF CONN.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE NECS, INC. IS AN ENTERPRISE OF THE DEAF PEOPLE, BY DEAF PEOPLE FOR DEAF PEOPLE. SO, WE SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

BEFORE CLOSING, OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO MISS DOROTHY HASTINGS AND HER COMMITTEE, WHO HAVE DONE A SUPERB JOB OF FORMING THE 2ND TTY MEETING. ALSO, TO OFFICERS OF NECS FOR THEIR SPECIAL EFFORTS IN NECS'S BEHALF.

SINCERELY,

*John T. Rule Jr*

JOHN T. RULE JR.



I find the TTY a rapid form of communication with other deaf at a great distance. Every deaf family should not be without one.

Nellie Joseph



The dream of telephone is coming alive (for the deaf).

Ruth Tandy



The TTY is a great boon to those of us who need to communicate with others over telephone lines without having to depend on a third party. Wish I had it much sooner!

Richard & Arlene Thompson



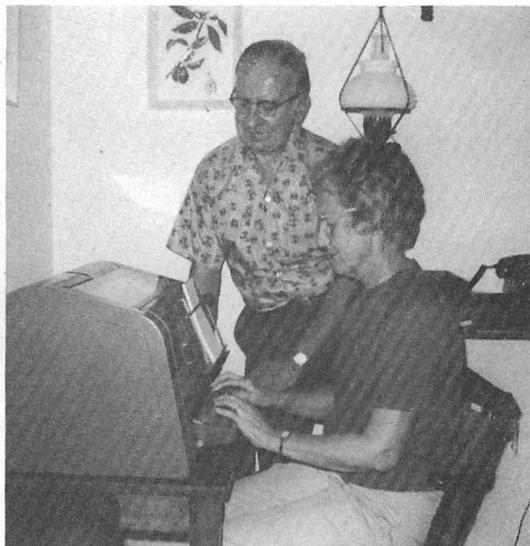
With great help of TTY to call friends instead of bothering neighbors and be closer to our families.

Alfred & Eunice Fox



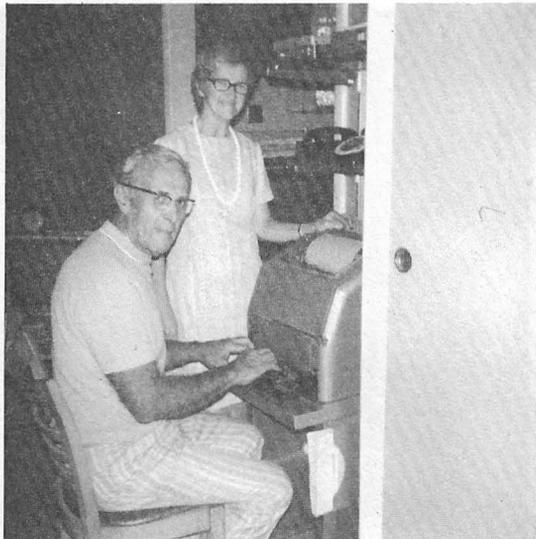
Never have we dreamed of a telephone, when first installed in our house and truly, including our children who are deaf also, we are thoroughly enjoying TTY. We are looking forward to having an Answering Service in the future.

Edward & Joey Buell



TTY is wonderful and a big help to the deaf. It saves time and also more quicker than letter writing. We enjoy TTY very much.

Silvio & Carolyn Casagrande



TTY brings friends closer together instead of telephone.

Irene & Ernest Pouliot



We enjoy having the TTY, especially when calling our deaf daughter, Nancy. So we find the TTY useful for calling our friends, too.

Otis & Althea Whitman



All we can say is that it is simply wonderful to have TTY in our house.

William & Lena Campos



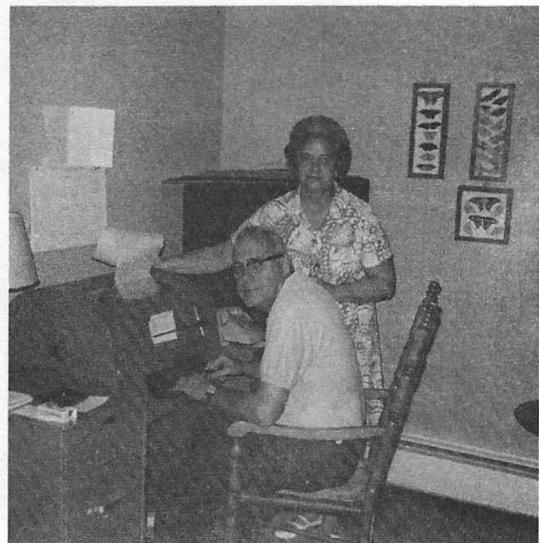
I've had a TTY for nearly three years. What an amazing difference in my life!

Dorothy Hastings



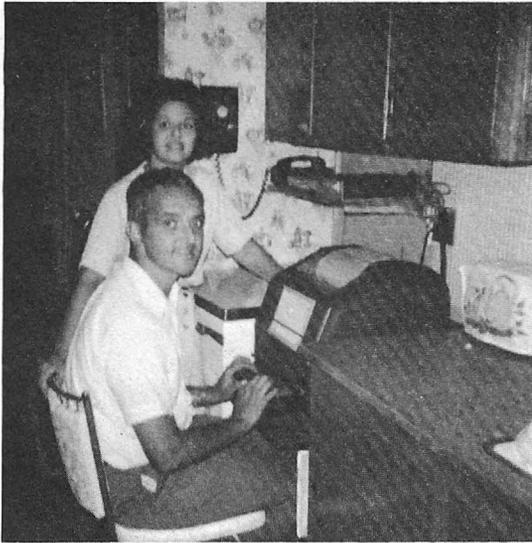
Happiness is a telephone, a PHONE-TYPE and a teletypewriter, and happiness is finding my friends' names and their phone numbers in "Blue Book" (National Directory).

Betsey White



I find TTY is valuable and to make communications with deaf friends, such as news, socials, clubs and church programs which we are able to make arrangements in minutes of planning. Without it, it would mean long delays with mails or dropping in for visits...like it used to be in the days of horses and buggies.

Morton & Grace Hadlock



The greatest remedy to the difficulties we encountered before TTY came.

Helene & Mel Wheeler



We are thrilled with our TTY every day.

Cathy & Kim Nash



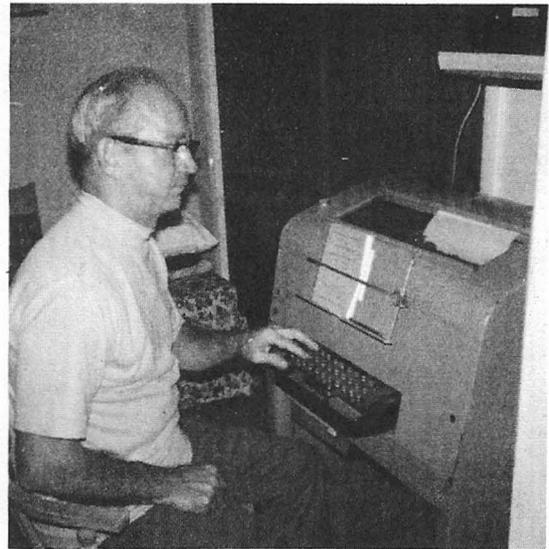
I have been able to communicate with my friends. Without it we are lost to the world with the deaf. We are so happy to have it. We urge every deaf person to have one.

John & Ruth T. McCarthy



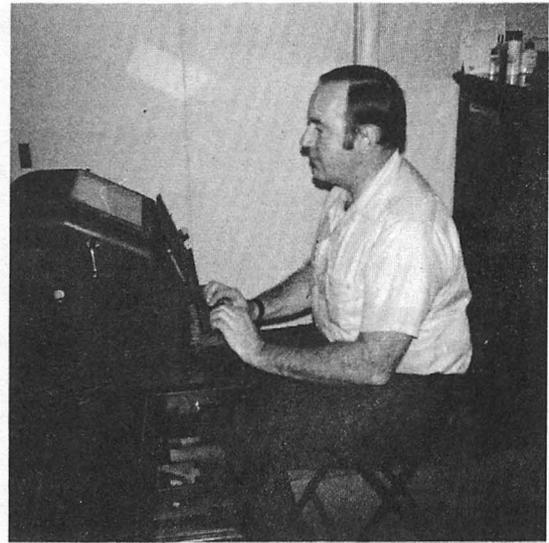
The TTY is great!!! It is wonderful that the deaf people can be independent and make their own plans with their friends.

Barbara Bossi



This communication is a miracle.

Frank & Alda Malaguti



The TTY is a weird looking machine that talks back. It is pretty intelligent, too. It gets important messages to you. The hearing people think it is amazing the way they finally made a good gift for the deaf. You can have some fun and amazing conversations. Some people call it "the monster". They are right, and say a machine that answers as it does is like an invisible person. My husband and I love it.

Doris & Allen Berman

Bob Weitbrecht's invention should be considered one of the wonders of the world.

Jim Emery



(No impression)

Judy Cronlund



TTY is so marvelous especially to save a lot of trouble in bothering our neighbors or friends to call for us and also to find out if they are home or not so we don't have to waste our gas. It's so wonderful to have TTY.

Cynthia & Norman Pierce



We could be independent of hearing people through TTY. It is a pleasure to have this machine.

George & Lois Clapp



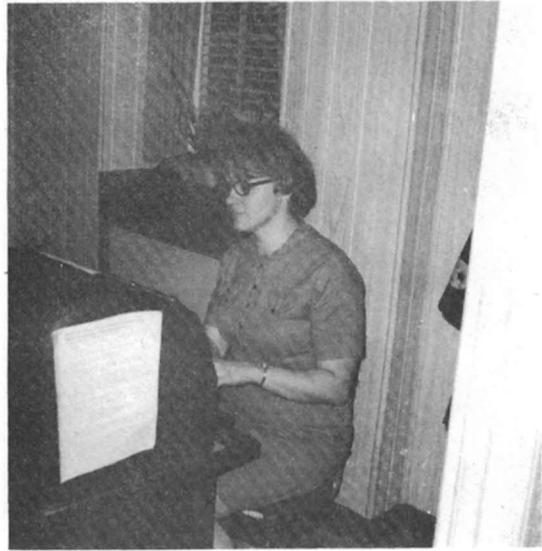
When I get my gasoline bill I like the TTY, but when I get my phone bill, I don't.

Rev. & Mrs. Camille Desmarais



TTY is wonderful. I cannot live without it. It is a great boon for deaf people.

Lillian Wilson



The TTY has brought me into closer contact with people I care...with people I work. It of course has turned me into a night owl at times. It has cut short the delays that come naturally with letter-writing which I would have had to do with all the Community affairs I'm involved in.

Nancy Rarus



Having this TTY has been a wonderful boon for us and we really enjoy our contacts with one another via this marvelous device.

Al & Mimi LaPlante



The TTY is useful for us and we couldn't get along without it. If something develops and we want to change our plans we can always call back to let others know, and also we do not like to depend on our neighbors or parents too often. We really love our TTY.

Phyllis & Robert Lynch



We are very happy to talk with other deaf people by the TTY. It is easy to let them know what we are planning to do than writing a letter to them.

Robin & Robert Fisher



Very convenient to have TTY to keep in touch with friends and be well informed of news.

Len & Liza Briggs



To own a TTY is greatly appreciated as it brings the distance between my parents and us much closer.

Nancy & Timothy Driscoll



It is wonderful to be able to talk with friends far and near and to make plans whatever it is for some affair.

Kay Ducharme



I find the TTY marvelous. Since my marriage, I found driving to my friends a waste of time. And the DEAF MESSENGER is wonderful, too.

Patricia & John Chaisson



The TTY is about the best thing that ever happened to the deaf. I do not know what I would ever do without it and for the first time in history the deaf can really use the telephone. It is great to be able to tell my hearing girls to get off the phone so I can use it.

Margaret & Robert C. Sampson



I think TTY is one of the best inventions for the deaf and it has brought us closer to each other. Without it, I would feel lost.

Elizabeth B. Emery



We are interested with the TTY, and are thrilled when we can call our friends for visits and saving time. We hope the TTY will remain in the future.

George & Mafaldd Groundwater



The TTY machine is a real help to me....in my hobby work it enables me to get in touch with various customers much easier. And being active in clubs it is really a blessing. What more can I say.

Margaret D. Bandy



This TTY has put a light in our lives. We admire those who have made this project possible. Thank you so much.

Jane & Francis Botti



My TTY - "Hooded Marvel",  
a great therapy.

Mary Adam



We are really indebted to owning the TTY. We find it very convenient to make plans ahead with our friends in such a short time. We no longer depend on our neighbor's help in calling our deaf friends.

David & Bette Burns



We find our TTY indispensable because we are involved in various organizational activities such as Connecticut Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf, The Task Force on Special Needs of the Deaf, St. Paul's Episcopal Mission and Guild, and others. The time it saves to communicate via TTY is tremendous!

No more driving around to the homes of other people involved in similar organizational work, to make plans for meetings of committees, etc. If we feel like playing cards, we simply TTY our friends and invite them over. It's as simple as that! It is a part of our daily lives now. We can't get along without it!

Gordon & Ruth Clarke



I find the TTY invaluable in my work as Parish Worker for the Lutheran Church of the Deaf, West Hartford, Conn. Part of my duties require a good deal of travelling and teaching in some New England schools. Since I report regularly after each trip to Pastor Thaler, it is a great convenience to me to shoot off on the TTY a taped report as soon as I get home from each trip. And if there are questions to ask, I get them answered right on the spot. Although we are blessed with willing and wonderful neighbors who will phone for us whenever we ask, the TTY affords better and satisfactory person-to-person communication than through a third party. The TTY is a real break-through for the deaf in the world of communication.

Pasquale & Rae DeRose



I find the TTY very fascinating and wonderful to be able to talk to my children and friends!

Eva Rosenstein



To whom it may concern: This TTY is without doubt the best thing for the Deaf Communication and togetherness since the Postage Stamp was invented and the Pony Express put to use. Now we wouldn't be without it and highly recommend it to all of the deaf world.

Charlie & Gloria MacGillivray



Owning a TTY is a marvelous convenience for us. Keeps us closer in touch with friends for business and social reasons.

Doris & Louis Blanchard



We find TTY practical because we can use it for emergency especially when our kids are sick.

Allen & Judy Wilcox



The TTY is really a wonderful boon to us, as it brings our sons and friends closer.

Helen & Eugene Bergan



The TTY is wonderful, and keeps me from being lonesome, although I have two babies.

Mary Frith



The Couthens think the TTY promotes the deaf to better understanding and see great values in communication via the use of telephone which the hearing people have had the advantage of for years.

Albert & Nathie Couthen



The TTY is the greatest invention since Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone. It gives us an extra arm and voice in communications for personal pleasure and emergency contingencies.

Norman & Liz Gilmartin



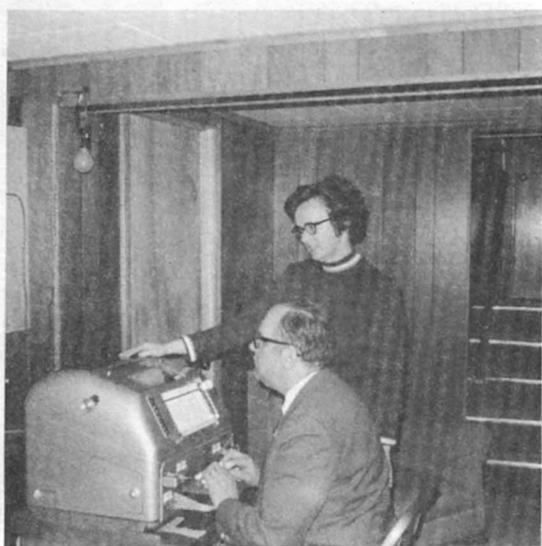
We are so grateful having our precious TTY....many thanks to Bob Weitbrecht, the PHONETYPE Terminal Unit inventor.

George P. & Ruth K. Ecker



I saw the TTY through my friends and decided to get one for ourselves. I found out that it is worth it because I can call friends for any emergency and also enjoy talking with them, too.

Martha Jo Behrer



We are very glad to have the TTY and enjoy being able to talk to friends.

Calvin & Peggy LaPierre



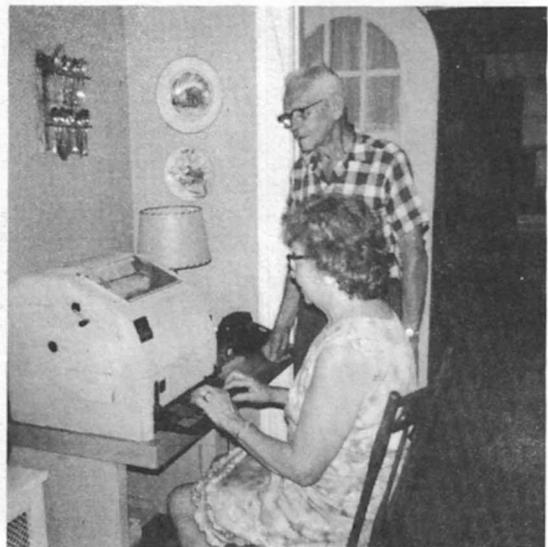
TTY is a blessing when our days are so crowded, our hours so few. We have so little time but it takes a minute to TTY to friends near and far, to keep in touch with each other.

Josephine Fresher



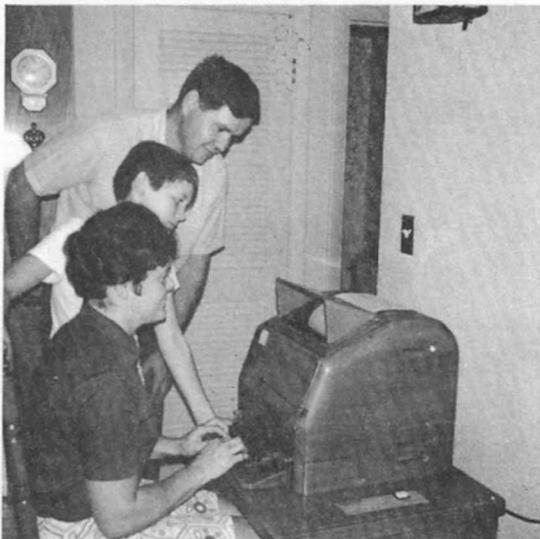
We enjoy TTY with our friends and keep up with the news and also get them with last minute notices. Now we can get in touch with them ourselves instead of bothering our neighbors.

Reynold & Barbara Lyons



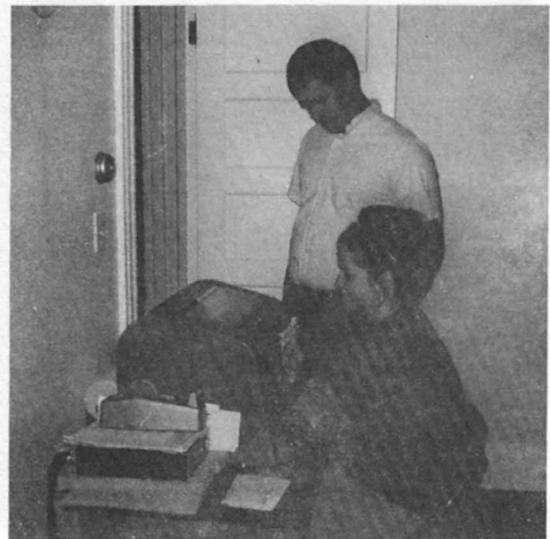
We enjoy our TTY very much. It helps us to keep in touch with our friends as we are retired. A marvelous invention.

Walter & Miriam Rockwell



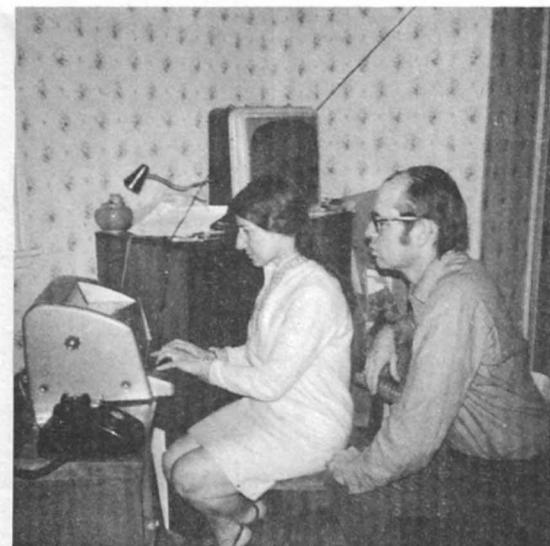
The best way to get in touch with our deaf friends at the present time!!!

Marguerite, Donald & James Tucker



I know the TTY is a wonderful machine the deaf could own. Although I can talk on the phone but I'd have the TTY so I can talk with my deaf friends.

Lynn & Russell Perkins



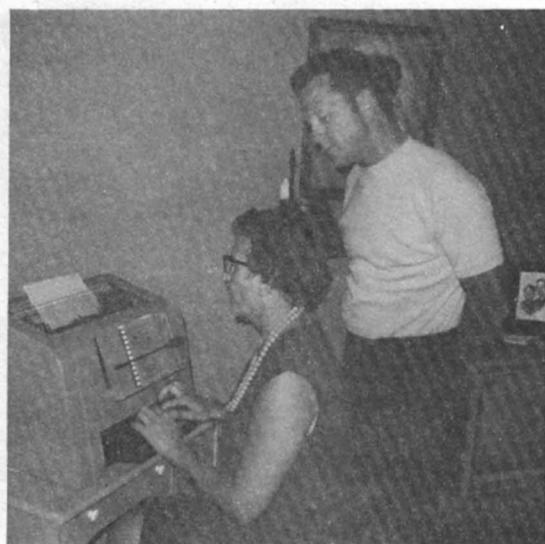
We find our TTY a great help in keeping touch with our friends and also in business contacts without going through third parties....this is a new-found personal freedom in communications!

Mary Betty & Tom Rule



When we first saw the TTY machine we didn't care much for it because it was too big and because Edward is hard of hearing. Some of our friends have TTY and urged us to acquire one. It is worth it for the pleasure of meeting old and new friends. Now we think TTY is fantastic.

Edward & Beverly Timko



It saves us countless trips.  
We're happy we can talk,  
Just let your fingers walk  
To our friends house; we know  
They're home,  
Hop in and away we go.

James & Helen Dardis



We left Waterford, Conn. on tour before we really got accustomed to our latest theatrical prop, but we are looking forward to making full use of it when we return.

Dorothy Miles & Bernard Bragg  
National Theatre of the Deaf