

From the Archives

The Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology (ARA) recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. The Archives are both interesting and revealing as we compare the growth of rehabilitative audiology to past years. Each issue of future journals will present an Archives section. The following are excerpts from early meetings which caught the archivist's interest.

January 30, 1967. Letter from ASHA to ARA. (Excerpts). "On the basis of the correspondence received concerning the purposes of the Academy of Rehabilitation of the Acoustically Handicapped, . . . [we] do not see how you can say, . . . that the interest group is in no way a splinter of the national organization. . . . There can be no question whatsoever but that this is a special group organized to focus attention on one of the central interests of ASHA and its members. It consists of ASHA members and concerns a specific part of ASHA's interests. [It] is intended to express the sincere belief of the organizers of the Academy that the leaders of ASHA should not feel threatened by this new development."

November 14, 1968. The third annual meeting of the ARA was held in Denver. The program included: (a) "General Comments on the Training of Audiologists" by Irvin Shore, (b) "Implications for the Professional Preparation of Audiologists" by Freeman McConnell, (c) "Curriculum Suggestions for Professional Preparation of Audiologists" by Lyle Lloyd, (d) "Curriculum Suggestions for the Professional Preparation of Educators of the Deaf" by Richard Kretschmer, and (e) "Specialization of Audiologists" by Jerry Northern.

July 8-10, 1971. The Institute on Rehabilitative Audiology was sponsored by the ARA in Winter Park, Colorado. Some programs of interest: (a) "Audiologists Should Dispense Hearing Aids" by Earl Harford, (b) "Audiologists Should Not Dispense Hearing Aids" by Bruce Siegenthaler, and (c) "Utilization of Supportive Personnel in Hearing Rehabilitation" by Tom Buelter.

June 22, 1978. Excerpts from Executive Council Meeting:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Don Johnson.
2. President Johnson reported that Psi Iota Xi, national philanthropic sorority has given \$2,000 to cover the printing of the proceedings of the ARA's summer institute.
3. Margaret Fleming-Haspiel presented the following people for active membership: Mildred Zimmerman, Nancy Brixey, and Cheryl DeConde. The following were reviewed for associate membership: David Hawkins and Mary Pat Moeller. Members unanimously approved.
4. It was reported that the 1979 summer meeting will be held at the Grandview lodge, Brainard, Minnesota, during the week of June 18.
5. Ken Stockdell, journal editor, reported that the cost of the last ARA Journal was \$2105.

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