

SPEECH READING BEST AID TO HARD OF HEARING

Learning to "see" conversation by watching the lips of a speaker represents the best chance for a person who is losing his hearing to hold on to his place in the everyday world of work and play, Dr. Roy Gilpatrick, well known surgeon of Boston, told the American Federation of Organizations for the Hard of Hearing at its annual meeting in Minneapolis.

Successful speech reading does not ordinarily mean that the deafened person needs to read every word, he explained. With a great majority of speakers it is useless and wearying for the lip reader to try to do this. Nor can the student read perfectly the lips of every one he meets as soon as he learns the principles and has a little practice.

"Speech reading must be intensively studied," added Dr. Gilpatrick. "And the successful student must have the proper mental attitude, adaptability, concentration, keenness of observation, accuracy of deduction, and as much foreknowledge as possible. But when so mastered and applied, it can and does make the difference between success and failure, between being shut out of ordinary occupations and being admitted to them, between being able to lead a pretty normal existence and being denied such. Despite the limitations and difficulties, the practical value of speech reading is simply incalculable."

TWINING PLANTS RIVAL MUSCLES IN KIND OF MOVEMENTS

The long reaching shoots of twining plants in their movements to obtain a better grasp or a better place in the sun are almost human. This is revealed in a motion picture made by Dr. Frances Long and Vladimir Ulehla, of the Carnegie Institution's Desert Laboratory at Tucson, Ariz. It speeds up the motions of a twining plant, like the common morning-glory, 19,200 times when thrown on the screen and demonstrates that this plant has characteristics of movement similar in many respects to muscular contraction. So slow are the movements of vines and other such plants that the average person considers them quite inactive, but Dr. Long's researches show that plants are just as mobile in their way as animals.

SCIENCE AND RELIGION BOOK PRIZE AWARDED TO YALE PROFESSOR

The \$6,000 prize from the Bross Foundation for the best book on the relation of science and religion offered by the Trustees of Lake Forest University has been awarded to Dr. Douglas Clyde MacIntosh for his work, "The Reasonableness of Christianity". Dr. MacIntosh is Dwight professor of theology at Yale University. The judges in the contest were Dr. Hugh T. Kerr, pastor of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church at Pittsburg, Pa., Dr. John MacIntosh, professor of the philosophy of religions of the McCormick Theological Seminary of Chicago, and Dr. Shailer Mathews, professor of historical and comparative theology at the University of Chicago.

New diamond discoveries in the Pretoria district of the Transvaal Province in South Africa have been made in new fields known as the Rayton area adjoining the Pretoria diamond mines.
