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Adults Section of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf. In order to carry out their mission of encouraging the teaching of speech and lipreading to deaf children, the members of ODAS found themselves hampered by their inability to telephone each other to arrange conferences and publications and to make plans for future activities. Mr. Weitbrecht, whose daily job is designing radio telescopic electronic equipment in Palo Alto, California, met this challenge by designing the special coupler which permitted him and his deaf friends to carry on written telephone conversations, thus opening up a whole new area of communications for them, using standard telephones.

The distribution of teletypewriters for the deaf in the United States is being coordinated by the Teletypewriters for the Deaf Distribution Committee (TDDC), headed by two deaf businessmen: H. Latham Breunig and Jess Smith. Dr. Breunig, who is a statistician and chemist, is also national chairman of the A. G. Bell Association's Oral Deaf Adults Section. Mr. Smith is Editor of *The Deaf American*, a magazine published by the National Association of the Deaf. The TDDC address for information is: 5125 Radnor Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46226.

"This system," said Mr. Smith in a recent editorial in *The Deaf American*, "is far superior to other means of telephonic communication (for the deaf) developed so far."

Edna Levine Honored

Dr. Edna Simon Levine, Director of the New York University Center for Research and Advanced Training in Deafness Rehabilitation, has been chosen 1968 Woman of the Year by the Phi Kappa Zeta Sorority of Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C. The award was conferred during special ceremonies held at Gallaudet College on May 15.

Dr. Levine, an authority on the psychology of hearing impairment, is author of *Youth in a Soundless World* (1956), *The Psychology of Deafness* (1960), and co-author with James F. Garrett of *Psychological Practices with the Physically Disabled*. She played a major role in the formation of the Mental Health Center for the Deaf of the Psychiatric Institute and the National Repertory Theatre of the Deaf, a company whose appearances in major cities and on television have met with critical acclaim. In her present post at New York University, Dr. Levine is directing programs to further the understanding of deafness. According to Dr. Levine, "Significant rehabilitation of the deaf person cannot be accomplished without

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a complete understanding of the psycho-social and communicative environments of deaf individuals.”

A portion of the Phi Kappa Zeta statement reads, “She (Dr. Levine) has taken the world of the deaf to her heart and mind and the deaf world is much the richer because of her. To honor her with this award is only a small token of our true respect and appreciation.”

Dr. Levine was given an engraved silver bowl and her name will be inscribed on a plaque to be hung in the Gallaudet College Library.