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ANNOUNCING  
*The Third*  
CONVENTION  
OF

*Professional Rehabilitation Workers  
with the Adult Deaf*

October 11-14, 1970

Flagship Rochester Hotel

Rochester, New York

The Third Convention of the Professional Rehabilitation Workers with the Adult Deaf will be held in Rochester, New York from Sunday afternoon October 11 through Wednesday, October 14, 1970.

The Convention program will provide for meetings of special interest groups within PRWAD to include adult and continuing education, audiology and speech pathology, counseling, multiple handicapped, psychology, religion, social work, interpreters, and others.

One full day of the Convention will be devoted to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Tours of the RIT facilities will be conducted.

Members of PRWAD and interested persons are urged to make plans to attend the Convention.

The Convention program will be included in the July issue of the *Journal*.

## Forum

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

This article (see Excerpts below, Ed.) was in one of our local newspapers. I thought it would be something you might be interested in for the Journal.

We are happy to say that many people around our state and country have been interested in such a facility. As many other "firsts" Texas is proud to list the Vaughn House among them.

I certainly do enjoy the Journal, and look forward to each issue. It keeps me informed with things that I am so interested in, but would be impossible for me to know if I didn't get it.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. John Conn

### Excerpts from: HALFWAY HOUSE FOR DEAF HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

The Vaughn House, the first Halfway House for deaf men to be established in the United States, held open house Sunday afternoon. The home is the culmination of a lot of hard work by some dedicated South Austinites.

The house is large enough to accomodate 8 men and a counselor. A rehabilitation program for multiply handicapped deaf men will be coordinated by the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the Texas Education Agency. The new Halfway House is located at 1314 Circle, one block east of the Terrace Motor Hotel. The house is tentatively scheduled for occupancy Dec. 1.

The Halfway House is the brainchild of Mrs. John (Texana) Conn, a member of Faith Methodist. She has worked with deaf patients at the Austin State Hospital for the last 10 years as a volunteer and consultant. She felt there was a great need for a home for those who should be released but who had no place to live. They needed a home where they could re-learn, or learn for the first time, how to live in a home-type environment and care for themselves and adjust to social pressures around them.

A task force, under the leadership of Ray Vaughn, has turned Mrs. Conn's dream into a reality. Members of the task force are Bill Billingsley, M. D. Gibbons, E. N. (Buz) Needham, Mrs. Thomas Tidmore, Bert Poss, and Ralph White, as well as Vaughn and Mrs. Conn.

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