

Audiometric Testing Equipment Made Available To Community By Kaiser-Gypsum Corporation

Routine hearing tests are 'sion for all employees. testing equipment, and the de- Not only will Kaiser's
conducted at Kaiser-Gypsum Recently the company ac- cision was made to place this employees have access to the
Corporation, St. Helens Divi- quired new audiometric in Columbia District Hospital. testing, but the equipment will

now be available to anyone in the community. Corporation expected from the pediatric directors felt that by making clinic, and testing for other the contribution to the hos- persons will be done on advice pital, more persons will use of physicians.

the equipment.
It will also eliminate dupli- cation in the community of such equipment, which is ex- pensive. Now in the third week of the testing, about 100 of the 220 Kaiser people have been screened.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act requires in- dustries with noise levels of above 90 decibels to test employees. Six months later another test is administered to determine if hearing loss has occurred in that interval.

The testing is done by Jim Lung, the radiological tech- nologist, who has been cer- tified to administer the testing. He recently attended schooling to qualify him to pass the state boards for doing this.

Persons being tested sit in an enclosed booth, place the headphones into position, and close their eyes. Lund monitors the sound levels, and the person responds by hand signals when he hears a tone.

During this week — Nation- al Hospital Week — any person in the community may have a free-of-charge hearing test, by making an ap- pointment with the x-ray de- partment of the hospital.

Because it takes about 15 minutes to complete the test, the appointment is requested.

Said Robert Brown, Colum- bia District Hospital ad- ministrators, "this is a diag- nostic tool from which the en- tire community will benefit."



phones as Asa Irby looks on. Jim Lung, the radiological technician, has been certified to administer the tests. Jay Gregg, industrial relations supervisor at Kaiser looks at test forms.

ALMOST 100 EMPLOYEES of Kaiser-Gypsum Corp. have been tested with the new audiometric testing equip- ment, the corporation recently purchased and turned over to the hospital. Ed Burton is ready to try the head-