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Hellgate Lodge No. 383, B.P.O.E., has made a grant of \$1,500 to Montana State University for the extension of speech and hearing clinic work throughout the Missoula territory, it was announced by Dr. Ralph Y. McGinnis, chairman of the MSU Speech Dept. The grant was made through Laurence W. Livingston, Exalted Ruler of the Missoula Elks, who said that the funds will help to extend the speech and hearing therapy program which Montana Elks provide through mobile units that tour the state.

According to Dr. Charles D. Parker, director of the MSU Speech and Hearing Clinic, the grant has made possible the appointment of Mrs. Peggy Kenna as a speech and hearing therapist. She will have full use of the MSU clinical facilities for work with those persons who have speech difficulties in the Missoula area.

The MSU Speech and Hearing clinic is maintained by the University as an adjunct to the Speech Dept. and is used primarily for student training and to a limited extent to local residents. The grant will make possible the extension of this clinical service to a much wider area.

According to Livingston, statistics developed by the Mid-Century White House Conference indicate that a speech correctionist is necessary for every 10,000 persons. On this basis, the Hellgate Lodge felt that there was need for extending such service in the Missoula area, and that the work could be handled best in connection with the established program at the University.