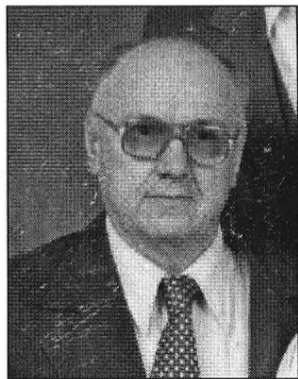


# Laurell J. Kaple

## *Community Service*



Laurell Kaple was born in New Effington, S.D. on Jan. 19, 1927. He worked at Schwartz for 21 years in welding and carpentry, and retired in 1987. He attended the South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD) and left in 1948 to work on his father's farm. He worked for Soukup Services for six years and worked at the SDAD Recreation Center for four years selling beverages.

Kaple has been involved in many deaf organizations throughout the years. He was treasurer for the Sioux Falls Club of the Deaf for six years, the South Dakota Deaf Anglers treasurer for four and has been an SDAD member for 52 years. He has always been one of the *strongest supporters of the deaf community* and has always been there in times of need.

Kaple was involved in sports since his time with the Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf (MAAD), working either as a coach/manager or player. He was inducted into the MAAD Sports Hall of Fame in 1980.