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## GETTING ACQUAINTED

In the picture above our youngest pupil, little Carol Russ of Detroit, Michigan, and Deaconess Martha Theilman are getting acquainted. Carol is only three years old. She is totally deaf and for that reason has never learned to speak. But by the end of the year she will be able to fold her hands and speak her prayers. It is for little ones like Carol that we are trying to provide safe housing at our Ev. Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. We know that all our fellow Lutherans will help us to complete our New Building.

## “AN URGENT APPEAL TO OUR PASTORS”

In spite of the fact that there are many urgent matters which demand your present attention, I feel that I must come to you with a personal request on behalf of our Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. It is assumed that you are acquainted with the situation in general, and that you know we have begun building operations. But a grave and decidedly serious situation has arisen. I have reasons to believe that many of our brethren are under the impression that their own particular participation in this project is not needed to raise the necessary sum. The fact of the matter is that we are still far from our goal. If the flow of funds should suddenly cease, then the unfinished walls of the proposed new building would present their sad appearance at the side of the already condemned and crumbling walls of the old. That would be a sad sight to behold. Dear brother, let me stress the following points, which you will please, in your own way, bring to the attention of the members of your congregation.

In the first place, the collection is Synod-wide, as it must needs be, because our Institute serves every District of Synod; is the only school of its kind in Synod, in fact, is the only Protestant school for the Deaf in America.

In the next place, the participation in the collection must be general, and the amounts fairly generous, otherwise the new units cannot be erected and unfortunate deaf children must be turned away.

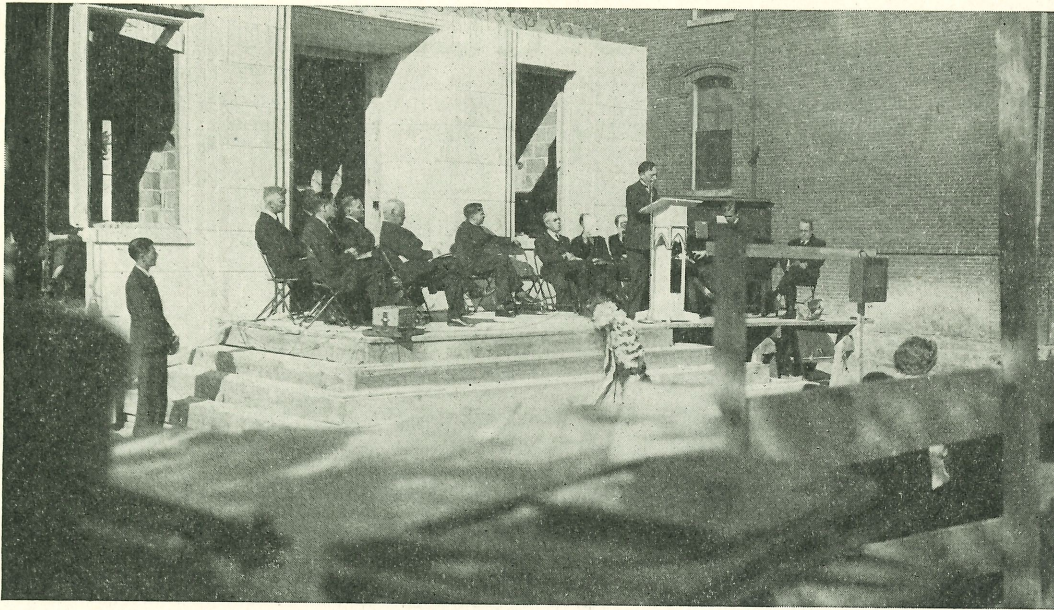
And finally, for sixty-five years our Institute has served, and continues to serve, every District and section of Synod. Who knows how soon parents and families, hitherto graciously spared, will suddenly find themselves in need of making application for its services?

Surely our Christians will not turn a deaf ear to this plea!

Pleading the cause of the deaf, and wishing you the Lord's richest blessings,

Your co-worker in the Lord's vineyard,  
REV. JOHN SCHINNERER,  
President, Michigan District





## Church Officials Take Part in Service

After the service, which was conducted in the open air, with the crowd gathered on the lawn in front of the new building, the corner-stone laying service was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Fackler, Chairman of the Board. To the Rev. R. G. Smukal, the senior pastor of Detroit, who on this day celebrated his fifty-fifth anniversary in the ministry, was given the honor of actually laying the corner-stone. Brief prayers invoking the blessing of God upon this undertaking were also spoken by the following: Dr. E. A. Mayer of Frankenthuth; the Rev. G. H. Smukal, Pres. of the South California District, who was present in connection with the anniversary service arranged for his father; the Rev. A. H. Loeber, pastor of Messiah Church; the Rev. Ph. Bohn, pastor of Concordia Church; the Rev. Paul Gold, pastor of West Bethlehem Church; the Rev. G. L. Press, pastor of Hope Church; Dr. A. G. Huegli as representing the laity.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."—Psalm 127:1.

## Dr. Graebner Addresses Gathering

### Corner-stone Laying Service

Detroit, Sept. 25.—On a beautiful September day, Professor Theo. Graebner, D.D., editor of the "Lutheran Witness," spoke to several thousand friends of the Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in connection with the corner-stone laying for the new building.

### Charitable Institutions have Origin in Christianity

In a very interesting address the learned Doctor from St. Louis gave a history of the work of charity from ancient times. He pointed out that it was not until the coming of Christianity that the unfortunate members of society, such as the infirm, the crippled, the blind, the deaf and dumb, and the like, were made the objects of love and mercy. Before Christianity such afflicted members of society were at the best tolerated as beggars or treated as society's outcasts. Following the example of Christ, who Himself conducted a ministry of healing and deeds of kindness, the early Christians showed their interest in their unfortunate neighbors by founding institutions of mercy.

## Shall We Halt Construction?

The picture on this page will give you an idea of the excellent progress which has been made on our new building. So far we have been able to meet the payments of the contractor as they became due. We are informed by the architect that the payment on November 10

will amount to \$25,000.00, and of this amount only \$5,000.00 has reached our office. This means that within the next thirty days we must raise an additional \$20,000.00 or halt construction until such time as contributions enable us to meet our payment.

We believe that all of our friends will realize what a tragedy it would be if we had to delay completion of this building! At

the present time we are forced to house quite a number of our children in a frame shack on the campus. We did this because we did not have the heart to turn away any of the nineteen new pupils whose parents begged us to take them in.

At the same time, all of us are praying that the gifts of our fellow-Lutherans will make it possible for us to complete our new building at the earliest possible date.







The New Pupils of the School

## Loretta Writes Home

Dear Parents:

I wrote a nice long letter to Norma but she did not answer yet. I am still waiting.

How are you and how is grandmother now? I hope all of you will remain in good health. I am getting along just fine and so are all the rest of the children. The weather has been so nice.

Today the men are pouring cement on the roof of the new building. I like to watch them work. The painters and plasterers will soon get busy. We shall be so happy when we move into our fine new building. Perhaps you will see a picture of it in the Advocate soon.

Many of the older boys sleep in a house in front of the new dormitory. At first they did not have a stove but that was in September. It was still warm. Now the school bought an oil burner which keeps their rooms warm. When the new building is finished we shall all be happy. Then everybody will have fine rooms to sleep and live in.

Mr. Klein, Mr. Bellhorn, and six other men put up a 30-foot slide on the playground. It was set in - to concrete and is very strong. Some children slide down on wax paper. I never slid so fast before. Bob will paint it brown next week. We all like the slide best of all.

I am attending school every day. Mr. Klein, who is my teacher in religion, is teaching us about the Triune God. Every morning we use the Holy Bible and he explains to us. That is very interesting.

Mr. Klein thinks we will be able

Church at Dearborn, Mich. He will ask me a few questions. The congregation wants to see a deaf person read lips and speak. People always enjoy a demonstration like this.

Today the flag is flying outside. I remember that Columbus discovered America on October 12, 1492. That is why the flag is out. Sev-

eral of the children had forgotten about that.

Myrtle told me that she wishes to go home for Christmas. I am happy that I will be home for Christmas too. Then I will see Myrtle and all the others.

With love,

Your daughter

LORETTA KLING

## Growing-Growing-Growing

With an enrolment of 74 pupils in our school we have again set a new record. To the pupils already enrolled, 19 new ones were added. These new children are of different ages, the two youngest being only 3 years old. Some of them come to us from other schools and others are in school here for the first time. They came to us from the north, south, east and west. One little girl, eleven years old, came by herself all the way from Fresno, California. You, dear reader, may ask, "How can parents send their children so far away from home?" The answer is, because they are truly concerned about their children's salvation. They know that there is but this

ONE school in which their deaf children receive that Christian training and upbringing which all hearing children obtain in the home congregation.

Following are the names of our new pupils: Gene Armour, Raymond Berry, Marjorie Bryce, Raymond Frodin, Richard Holle, Robert Hill, Merlin Hetrick, Donald Knorr, Elroy Meyer, Richard Nicholai, Greta Olsen, Wilfred Oliver, Dorothy Ohlberg, Hermine Pifer, Carol Ruff, Shirley Sautter, Kathleen Thate, Eugene Winans and Glenn Wilson. May our dear Lord give His holy angels charge concerning these little ones so that no harm may reach them while they are in our care. J. A. K.



The Entire Student Body



## Enlarged Staff

Due to the large enrolment it was necessary to increase our teaching as well as our household staff. Two new teachers, Miss Wilma Wood and Mrs. F. Johnson were added to our teaching force and Deaconess Annchen Vierck to our household personnel. Miss Edna Klitzing of Illinois and Miss Loraine Meyer of Kansas are also new members of our household. They fill the positions held by Della Swisher and Louise Otto who accepted other positions during the summer.

Miss Wilma Wood came to us from Marion, So. Dakota. She received her teacher's training in our Concordia College at Seward, Nebraska, and at the State School for the Deaf in Flint, Mich. Mrs. Johnson received her training at the Milwaukee State Teachers' College.

J.A.K.

## Letters that Make Us Happy

*Pittsburgh, Pa.* — "I herewith donate One Thousand Dollars towards your new Building Fund, to be credited to myself and wife, and to be used for either one large room or two smaller rooms, whichever you prefer. Wishing you success in your undertaking." \*

*Pigeon, Mich.* — "I am left all alone, without children, so I thought I would donate different sums of money to the different Missouri Synod institutions, as I was baptized and confirmed in the Missouri Synod, of which I have been a member all my life. My dear mother lost her hearing and was totally deaf until she died. This is one reason why I am donating Five Hundred Dollars to the Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. Hoping and praying to your good Lord that you may be blessed with your good work." \*

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*Mt. Clemens, Mich.* — "Please list the enclosed contribution toward the 'New Building for your Deaf boys and girls, dear Jesus' as anonymous. It is too small to mention among one hundred and twenty-five thousands of dollars. However, it represents free-will offerings out of savings of my children and they wish they might do more. (So do I.) With this gift go our prayers that the blessed little ones will have shelter and comfort before winter comes. Hopefully and prayerfully yours, A Christian Mother."

*Fort Wayne, Ind.* — (From a retired pastor) "As long as I was still active in the ministry I gladly gathered funds for your Institution, but as 'emeritus' I cannot do very much any more. However, a birthday gift from my daughter enables me to send you this Five Dollar Money Order." \*

*Lebanon, Wis.* — "The Thank-giving Collection will be lifted for your New Building." \*

*Webster City, Iowa.* — "Owing to illness your former appeal went

## The Ladies' Aid for the Deaf

The Ladies Aid for the Deaf began their year's activities with the annual welcome dinner to our children on September 21 here at the Institute.

Our deaf children were given a fine chicken dinner and needless to say, it was greatly appreciated. Approximately 500 people attended the dinner which the good ladies of the Aid had prepared, and a number of them remained after the meal to visit the classrooms and

The following rooms are still available for dedications: 3 dormitories at \$2500.00 each; 2 living rooms at \$2250.00 each; 1 sewing room at \$1000.00; 3 teachers' rooms at \$500.00 each; 4 beds in the hospital room at \$200.00 each; and 33 beds in various dormitories at \$100.00 each.

Please note that the dedication of a bed in a dormitory covers the entire cost of furnishing the room, or in other words, provides sleeping quarters for one child at the institute.

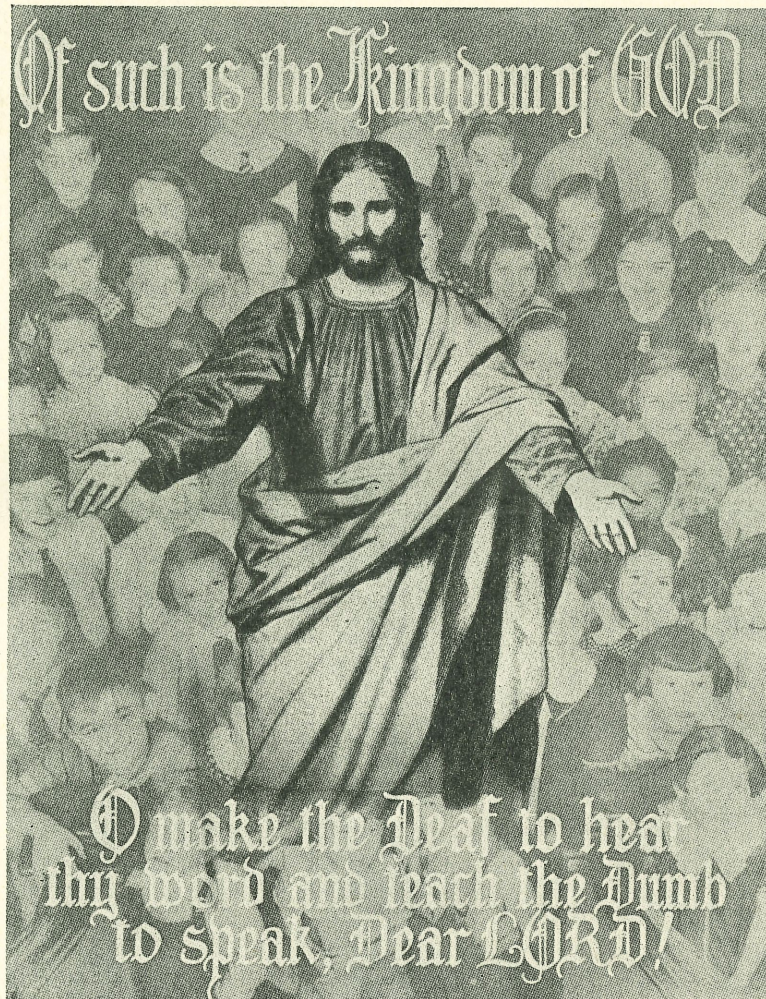
We sincerely hope that many of the friends of our Institute will dedicate rooms and beds still available to the memory of some loved one.

## Gifts Received

Besides the gifts mentioned elsewhere in this periodical, we received the following from our friends, here, there and everywhere.

St. John's Ladies' Aid, Ludington, Michigan, 9 pairs of pillow cases; Rev. Winterstein's L. A., Carsonville, Mich., 1 quilt; Betty Ann Service Circle, Tacoma, Washington, 5 quilts; Mr. C. Manzelmann, Detroit, 1 dozen brooms; Esther Ruschinski, Detroit, 1 sweater; Mrs. A. E. Bartsch Osage, Iowa, 1½ dozen towels; the Misses Albrecht, Detroit, 3 pillows and some coats; Mrs. Hanow, Detroit, 1 desk, 1 ironing board, 1 iron and a sewing machine; Bethel S. S., Detroit, 1½ dozen kindergarten chairs, also foodstuffs and fruit from Mrs. Elisabeth Krueger, Detroit, Mrs. Rumpfer, Grosse Pointe, Mich., Rev. Hoenecke's congregation, Plymouth, Mich., and Mr. Renzler of Sebawaing, Mich. We thank all these kind donors most sincerely for their kind gifts.

—J.A.K.



unheeded, unintentionally. Will take the matter up in the October meeting." \*

*Woodburn, Ind.* — "Send 350 envelopes. I did not write sooner for supplies because our collection was to be in November. We did not forget nor neglect you. WE WOULD NOT!" \*

*Terra Bella, Cal.* — "Will give your school all the publicity I can. Send 150 envelopes." \*

*Watseka, Ill.* — "An envelope will be distributed with our November church bulletin." \*

observe the work being carried on there.

We wish the Ladies' Aid workers much success in their activities for the welfare of the Institute.

—E.B.

## A Fine Response

Sixty-two friends and societies have answered the appeal in a previous issue of the Deaf Child's Advocate by dedicating rooms and beds at the new institute. Their gifts, ranging in amount from One Hundred Dollars to Twenty-five Hundred Dollars, make up a considerable part of our total contributions.

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