

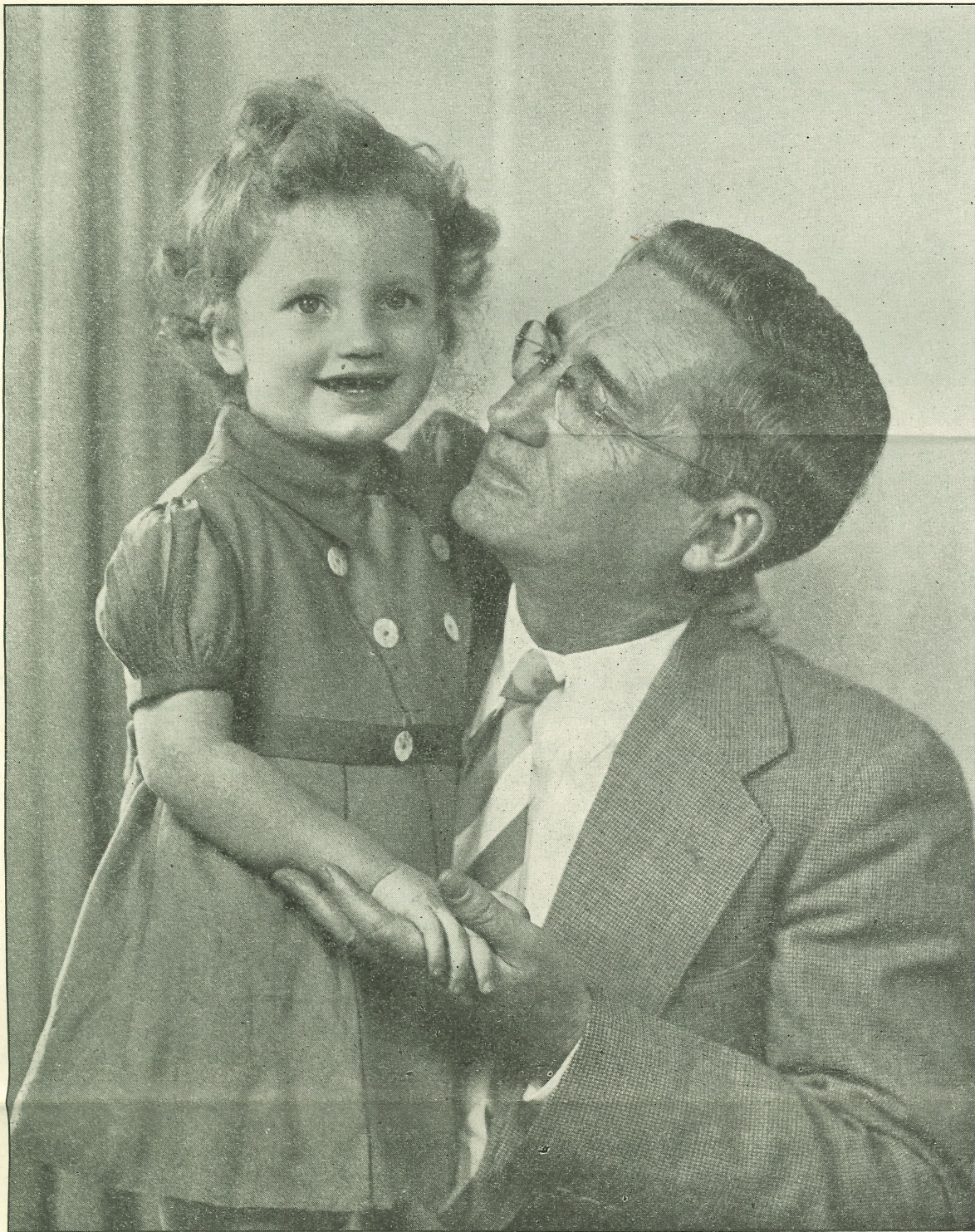
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Beverly Kropp, of Chicago, Illinois, seems to think our director, Mr. Klein, is a pretty good teacher

School Reopened September 18th

On Monday, Sept. 18th, our school opened for the fall term. All the teachers had already arrived one week earlier. They had much work to do and were kept busy doing clerical work in the office and making preparations to welcome their pupils back into the classrooms. And when the children began to come in on the 16th and 17th, they were met by the teachers at the various stations and taken to the school. Those who did not come on the days mentioned came on Monday. However, already on Monday, classes were assembled in their respective school rooms and work of the new year was under way.

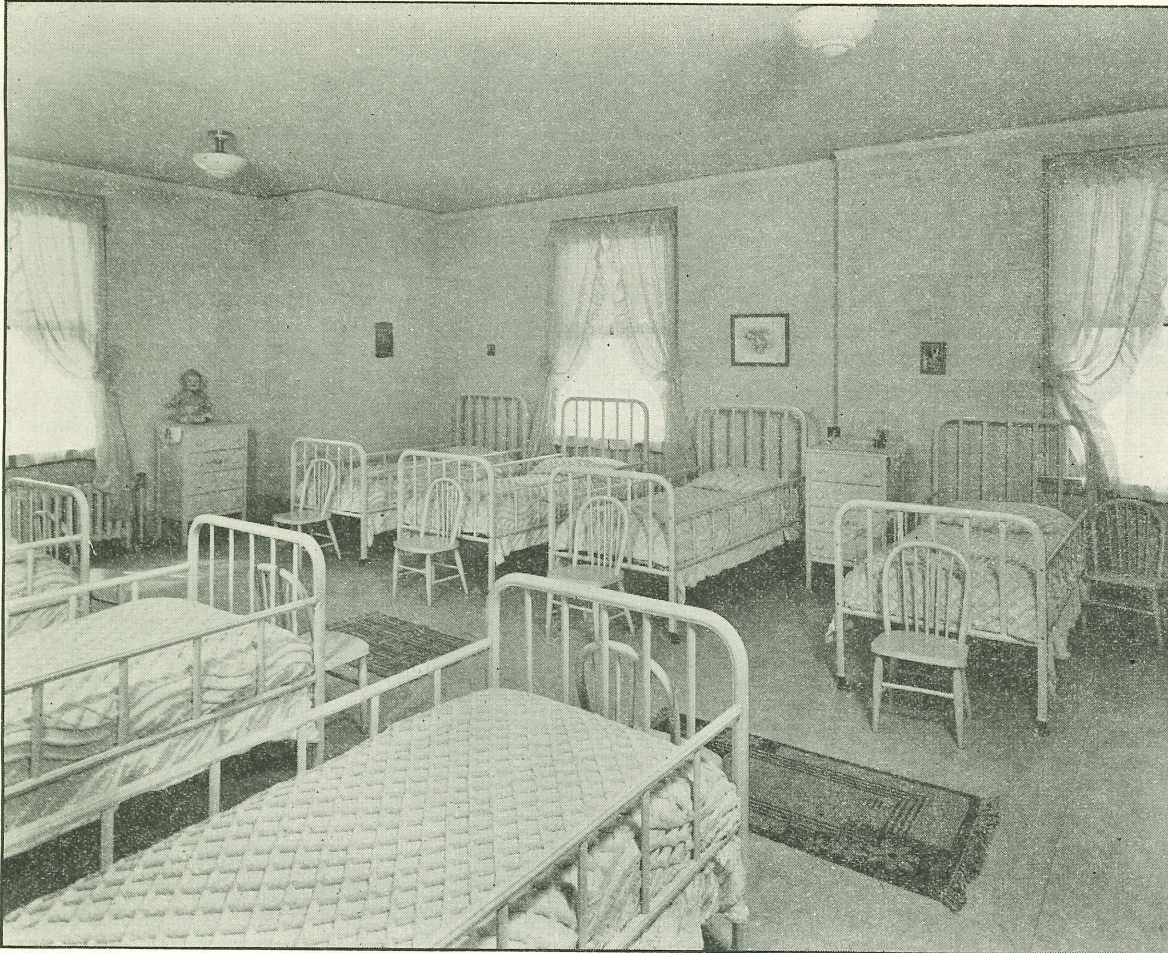
Enrolment Breaks All Previous Records

During the past school year we had an attendance of 75 pupils. Of these, five did not return, three of them having completed the course and two for other reasons, leaving 70 pupils enrolled. Eighteen new children were enrolled, bringing the total enrollment to 88.

Ten Teachers on Staff

Due to the large number of pupils we were compelled to enlarge our teaching and household staffs. We were fortunate to be able to re-engage Mrs. F. Johnson and Mrs. F. Kirchhoff, who had terminated their services with us last June on account of being married.

Our friends may wonder why we have so many teachers. However, if they realize that our school is a school for children who cannot hear and that therefore the work is more or less individual work, they will readily understand that the classes must be quite small. Eight to ten children constitute a full class in schools for deaf children where speech and lipreading are taught.



The Children's Nursery is the gift of the family in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Knack

Institute Practically Filled

The large enrolment of new pupils this year leaves but few beds empty in our Institute. Parents contemplating sending their children to us next year, should make reservations early in order to insure a place for their children. After all available beds are taken we must again place all further applicants on a waiting list.

What Parents Say

Dear Mr. Klein:

"We are so thankful that our daughter can enter such a wonderful school. We have arranged to come on the 10th of August to fill out the application.

Dear Mr. Klein:

I am writing you in behalf of my fifteen year old son Billy who is deaf. He has been attending our state deaf school since he was nine years old, and while a minister comes to the school once a month to instruct the Lutheran children, I don't feel that his religious training is sufficient since the intervals are so far apart.

I would like to know if it would be possible for him to be enrolled

in your confirmation class. Please let me hear from you at once as the State School opens Sept. 24th and we do not wish Billy to miss here if he is unable to enroll with you. Respectfully,

Mrs. ———

We assured Mrs. ——— that we would gladly enroll her son in our confirmation class. And now Billy is with us and is receiving daily instructions in preparation for confirmation. He likes our school very much and studies hard. And since he has had some religious instructions from the missionary and also from his local pastor, we feel confident that he will be ready to be confirmed with the class next June. —We would invite other parents of deaf children to follow the example of this good mother.

Our Film Ephphatha

One copy of our film in the hands of our field secretary, the Rev. J. Kempf, was shown in many congregations in Minnesota during September. The other copy was shown in Woodland, Valley Home, and Sacramento, California, and in St. Allans, N. Y. More requests for it have been received and definite dates will be assigned for them.

Doors Always Open

Our doors are always open and visitors are always welcome.

From September 3 to September 30 we had visitors from Monroe, Manistee, Manistique, Maybe, Bay City, South Rockwood, Albion, Dearborn, Detroit, Mt. Clemens, Royal Oak, Carlton, Lansing, and Saginaw, Michigan, and from Chicago, and Rock Island, Illinois, Toledo, Bay Village, Cincinnati, and Cleveland, Ohio, Peru, Elkhart, Pew and Ft. Wayne, Indiana, St. Louis, Missouri, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Niagara Falls, New York, and from Montreal, Canada.

From the last page of the Visitors' Book, we find these names listed: Mr. and Mrs. Alex Boyd of Los Angeles; Mr. Halleen of Sheboygan, Wis.; Miss Clara Meitz of Pembroke, Ontario, Canada; Mr. Walter Meitz of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Mr. Fred Meitz of Elmhurst, Ill.; Mr. Grupe of Nebraska; Mrs. Charles Gauss and Miss Marion Gauss of Detroit and Mr. A. P. Bertram, of Rogers City, Mich.

We are grateful to the pastors and congregations of the Slovak Synod for the gift of one school room at the new Institute. We note the following pastors have visited our Institution: Rev. and Mrs. A. Boda of Lorain, O.; Rev. A. Bomba

of Barberton, O.; Rev. J. Dinda, of Akron, O.; Rev. G. Dolak of Massillon, O.; Rev. and Mrs. A. Hvizdak of Pleasant City, O.; Rev. L. Jarosi of Cleveland, O.; Rev. J. Kolarik of Raritan, N. J.; Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Kolarik of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rev. G. Majoros of St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. J. M. Marcis of Tarentum, Pa.; Rev. A. Valencik of Lakewood, O.; Rev. and Mrs. J. Valo of Johnstown, Pa.

The Dorcas Society from Monroe and Carlton, Mich., visited with us this month as did also a circle of the Dearborn Ladies' Aid. Neither of these groups came empty handed. Both made welcome contributions to our cause. The Dorcas Society has adopted one of our indigent pupils and now provides for all her needs. Truly a deed of love and faith. May the Lord bless them abundantly.

DEACONESSES BUSY CANNING

During August and in September before our children returned, our deaconesses were busy canning fruit and vegetables. In consequence thereof many of our empty jars were filled. All of the products canned were either raised in our garden or donated by friends. The Rev. E. C. Knorr of Rochester, Mich., gave us 88 bushels of peaches. The Rev. Hoenecke of Plymouth, Mich., brought us harvest festival fruits and vegetables. For all such gifts we are most grateful.

NEW FRIENDS

To our long list of kind friends in Detroit we have recently added the Sanders Baking Company. Twice every week a truck is sent out to the Institute with baked goods for our kiddies. We receive bread, rolls, coffee cake, doughnuts, pies, tarts and many kinds of cake. Our children as well as our cook appreciate these bi-weekly donations.

ANNUAL WELCOME DINNER

As their gesture of welcome to our pupils our good Ladies' Aid for the Deaf is giving their annual dinner here at the Institute, October 12th. We will have a chicken dinner with everything that goes with such a feast, from dressing to ice cream. We of the Institute staff, who know of the many fine things which this Ladies' Aid is doing for our kiddies, wish to thank them for this and other kind deeds which these tireless ladies do for us. We wish them God's blessings for a successful year.

OUR CLASSES AND THEIR TEACHERS

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. F. Kirchhoff

Patricia Butt, Illinois
 Ronald Hicks, Michigan
 Beverly Kropp, Illinois
 Donna Kumbier, North Dakota
 Leonard LaCasse, Roseville, Mich.
 Clayton McMullen, Detroit
 Richard Nicolai, Detroit
 Warren Twork, Dearborn

PRE-GRADE

Mrs. F. Kirchhoff

Norma Harris, Toledo, Ohio
 Gayle Knospe, Wisconsin
 Benjamin Kotchin, Detroit

FIRST GRADE

Miss Elsie Forsberg

Ronald Backer, Saginaw
 Marjorie Bryce, Pineconning
 Robert Hill, Ohio

William Ludwig, Nebraska
 Joyce Nagel, Lincoln
 Greta Olson, Michigan
 Bernice Schoenberg, Michigan
 Kathleen Thate, Missouri
 June Weinman, Michigan
 Noah Wertz, Illinois

SECOND GRADE

Miss Wilma Wood

Jean Armour, Detroit
 Shirley Jean Ery, Michigan
 Bernice Kamin, Michigan
 Gloria Lutz, Detroit
 Vivian Moeller, Michigan
 Cleo Papajohn, Michigan
 Ralph Reedy, Michigan
 Lillian Rindfeld, Michigan
 Shirley Sautter, Detroit
 Dorothy Strehlow, Wisconsin
 Glenn Wilson, Saginaw

THIRD GRADE

Miss Nancy Lundwall

Donald Atkin, St. Clair, Mich.
 Raymond Berry, St. Clair
 Margaret Corpening, Detroit
 Wm. McKenney, Detroit
 Wilfred Oliver, Detroit
 Betty Jean Smith, Ohio
 Herman Swisher, Upper Pen.
 Eugene Winans, Ft. Wayne

FOURTH GRADE

Miss Emily Born

Betty Beaver, Toledo
 Katherine Bowers, Defiance, Ohio
 Arthur Burghardt, Detroit
 Richard Church, Lansing
 Alice Helberg, Iowa

Wayne Kelly, Indiana
 Odis Landsverk, New Hampt., Ia.
 Elroy Meyer, Iowa
 Genevieve Moeller, Michigan
 Mary Ann Oetting, Indiana
 Carl Schneider, Chicago, Ill.

FIFTH GRADE—Part 1

Miss Vide Vetter

Donna Lee Beck, Decatur, Ill.
 Florence Braun, Toledo, Ohio
 Betty Burgess, Mich.-Minn.
 Ruth Fabry, Chicago
 Marion Hotchkiss, Michigan
 Flora Kinney, Illinois
 Dorothy Meyer, Kansas
 Helen Winkelman, Monroe, Mich.
 Esther Wigau, Rogers City

FIFTH GRADE—Part 2

Mrs. F. Johnson

Robert Harris, Toledo, Ohio
 Richard Holle, Ft. Wayne
 Steven Klein, Montreal, Quebec
 Robert Merritt, Detroit

SIXTH GRADE

Mrs. F. Johnson

Clarence Allmandinger, Detroit
 Gordon Bergman, Chicago
 Elmer Burgess, Mich.-Minn.
 Raymond Much, Detroit
 Dorothy Ohlberg, Det.-Californ.
 William Noel, Missouri

SEVENTH GRADE

Mr. Walter Bellhorn

Irene Allmandinger, Mo.-Mich.
 Donald Neitzke, Illinois
 Dorothy Wenner, Cleveland, O.
 William Noel, Missouri

EIGHTH GRADE

Mr. Walter Bellhorn

Norman Hollrah, Missouri
 Loreta King, Michigan
 Jerry Jordan, Roseville
 Alberta Moore, Grand Rapids
 Anna Nissen, Illinois

OPPORTUNITY CLASS

Miss Edith Fauth

Norma Burns, Detroit
 Doris Dowling, Capac, Mich.
 Vita Fontana, Detroit
 June Habermehl, Farmington
 Alfred Ruetz, Ohio
 Loraine Schoenberg, Michigan
 Emmerson Wickham, Detroit
 Raymond Wiedmann, Indiana

The classes in religion are taught by Director Klein.

are an interesting group to watch from the sidelines. Girls as well as boys take part in these sports.

As long as the weather permits, the outdoor sports will continue. After that, games of equal fun will be played in the spacious basement play rooms. These include box hockey, shuffle board and ring throwing games. The supervisors vary the games so that the interest will always be at its highest.

Archery

The school is growing and so are our playground facilities. Last week archery was added to the long list of sports. This form of recreation is usually considered quite expensive but due to the kind efforts of Pastor E. Schildt, it will not be so expensive to the boys. He gave us two fine bows, some arrows and a target and also instructed us in the art of archery. It is certainly a thrilling experience to handle a six foot bow and find the bull's eye now and then. The boys are really taken up with it.

During the winter they will try their hands at building bows and arrows in their manual training classes. This is slow work and requires patience, but we believe some of the boys will turn out some good equipment after a little practice.

This is a real sport that may become a beneficial hobby in later life.—Many thanks to Rev. E. Schildt.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the small child there is no date on the calendar more important than his own birthday! It is the day of days—set apart from all the rest as something very specially his own. For this reason birthday parties in the lower grades have become an established custom in our school. There is a party in every lower-grade room nearly every month.

For September little Richard Nicolai is the Man of the Month in the Kindergarten room. His family brought him a big cake for his party, and his little playmates were as thrilled as "Dickie" was when he blew out the four candles! Having a real birthday party is a new and exciting experience for many of the tiniest ones.

In the third grade three birthdays were celebrated last month, although one of the guests of honor was absent. Herman Swisher, whose birthday was September twenty-eighth, had been ill and did not return to school this fall in time to celebrate his birthday with his classmates. They wished him a "happy birthday" even though he wasn't there to enjoy the party with them. The other two, both of whom were ten years old, are Eugene Winans and Donald Atkin. A box from home helped make theirs a successful birthday party—and, yes, they each had ten candles!



Seventeen of the eighteen new pupils who came this year

Recreational Activities

Play is an essential part of the growing child's daily program. The Institute has not overlooked this fact and has provided a well equipped playground for their daily enjoyment and physical up-building. In the past, one could always find groups of little tots in the sand box and on the little slide or swings. Some of the older children occupied the large slide, teeter totters, parallel bars and merry-go-round. Others played baseball, football, or learned new games taught by the two supervisors on

duty. There was never a dull moment.

It is even brighter today. During the past summer vacation, a basket ball and volley ball court were added to the list of play equipment with no extra cost to the school. These are new interests which have brought many happy hours to our playground. The supervisor acts as referee and the children choose teams. This creates keen competition and fast play highly enjoyable to all. It's new to the boys and girls and they like it. Their being deaf, does not greatly handicap them in playing these new games. They have their own ways of signaling for the ball and

Wayne Kelly had the honor of blowing out the thirteen candles on the beautiful cake in the fourth grade room. And his classmates, of course, had the honor of helping him eat the cake. It was a nice party and the cake tasted very good, the fourth graders report.

Greta Olsen had a birthday before school opened this fall. She very proudly tells us that now she is eight years old! One of the eight graders, Anna Nissen, also has a birthday in September.

ALL HAD A GRAND TIME

While on their vacation this summer, the children did many interesting things. Jerry Jordon went with the Chrysler boys on a tour to Washington, D.C., the World's Fair, and to Canada.

Norman Hollrah enjoyed driving the tractor on his father's farm and attending baseball games.

Loretta Kling visited relatives in Chicago for a few weeks.

Donald Neitzke got a job on a farm and earned some spending money.

William Noel vacationed with his parents in Minnesota. He reports that the fishing was excellent.

Dorothy Wenner experienced a thrilling ride in a seaplane.

Anna Nissen spent some time swimming and boating at Cedar Lake, Ind.

Alberta Moore enjoyed an extended visit with relatives on a farm near Reed City, Michigan.

Irene Allmandinger stopped at the Walther League Camp near Arcadia, Michigan, while on a demonstration tour with Mr. Klein.

Wilfred Oliver had fun riding a motorcycle with his friend Bill.

Donald Atkins wanted to see what would happen to a bee hive if he poured water on it. It must have been frightening to them for they forgot to sting Donald and he says he wants to try it again.

Betty Jean Smith had a nice visit with her grandmother in Conneaut, Ohio.

Wayne Kelly of Warsaw, Indiana, had many good times riding his pony. He says, he also has become an expert swimmer.

Odis Landsverk and Elroy Meyers, two of our Iowa boys, made themselves useful on their fathers' farms. Elroy had an exciting meeting with some bees.

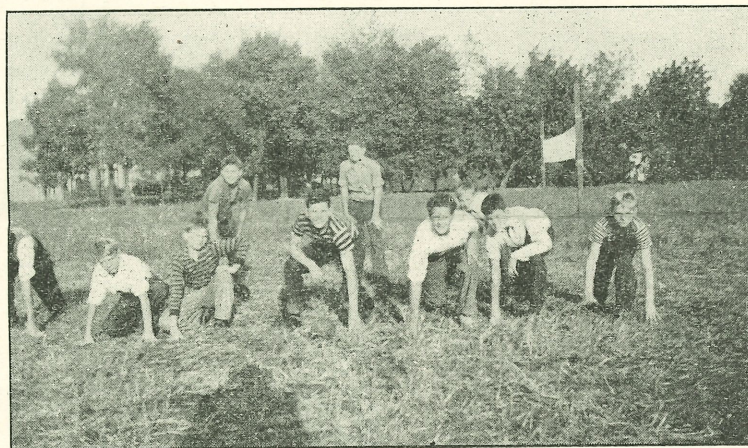
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This little story that follows tells what two of our sixth grade boys did during their vacation. This is how Raymond Much tells it:

Last summer my teacher took Clarence Allmandinger and me to Greenfield Village to see old fashioned things Henry Ford put there. We went into the Edison Museum where we saw old furniture, farm tools, automobiles, airplanes, trains, a covered wagon, large pieces of machinery, and old china. In another part of the building we saw a blacksmith shop, old violin shop and drug store from long ago.

In Greenfield Village we went through an English stone house about three hundred years old. It had walls one foot thick, a fireplace with an oven, wooden furniture, wooden soup bowls, and plates, and when we went out we saw a windmill.

Another time Clarence and I took a trip downtown to visit the City Hall, Post Office, Michigan Historical Museum and the Detroit River tunnel. We went into the City Hall first where we saw the mayor's, treasurer's, and the mayor's secretary's offices, the city



"Fourth down and two to go"

council chambers and the city clerk's desk. Then we went into the Michigan Historical Museum to see things which Michigan people used a long time ago. Then we went over to see the entrance of the Detroit River tunnel.

Raymond Much

LETTER FROM FORMER PUPIL

The following letter was received by Mr. and Mrs. Bellhorn from Christel Erdmann, a former graduate of our school and totally deaf. She was so proficient in lip-reading and speech that she continued her education in a Chicago public high school for hearing students.

Chicago, Ill.,
Sept. 15, 1939

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bellhorn:
I know it is rather late for this, but just the same I want to con-

FORM OF BEQUEST TO OUR INSTITUTE

I give, devise and bequeath to the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf-Mute Institute, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, and located at 6861 Nevada Ave. in the city of Detroit, the sum of ———— and the receipt of the Treasurer of said corporation shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor for same.

gratulate you both upon the coming of the new arrival. Coming across the announcement in the Advocate, I was pleased to hear of it and did not want you to think I'd forgotten the event.

I've been very busy with high school work lately and expect to go to college in another year and a half at Washington, D.C. When I have more time, I will write you both a nice long letter. Tell Mr. Klein I will write soon and remember me to all my old friends.

Yours sincerely,
Christel Erdmann

without a harvest again this year but will try to do something for our deaf. Rev. C. H. Wolf.

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Ridgeville Corners, O. — Your film will be shown here in November. A collection will be taken then. Rev. L. Zehner.

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Manhattan, Kans.—We will help this worthy cause by an envelope collection. Please send me 75 envelopes. This is the best method I know of to give all a real chance. Rev. H. H. Frohn.

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Freedom, Mo.—Will be glad to help this worthy cause by an envelope collection. Please send me 50 envelopes. Rev. H. F. Liescheidt.

WHAT MAKES US POOR

"It is not what we give to the Lord, but what we keep from Him, that makes us poor."

PLEASE NOTE!

All contributions for the building fund are to be sent to:

Committee for New Building
19130 Bauman Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Good News for Our Building Fund

Cabot, Pa.—Will have a collection for you soon. Also \$25.00 from our Sunday School. Rev. W. Hofius.

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Albany, Texas.—My congregation has been hard hit by successive crop failures but we will give all members an opportunity for a special gift in the near future. Rev. C. H. Mutschink.

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Golconda, Ill.—Will have a plate collection for you on Thanksgiving Day. Rev. P. F. Hartmann.

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Chicago, Ill.—We have on hand a collection for your Building Fund which will be forwarded to you in the near future. Rev. H. Bloedel.

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Shadron, Neb.—Our country is

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