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Construction is proceeding rapidly on the Administration Building and the Clara Elizabeth Knudsen Chapel

Announcing Sixty-Seventh School Year

School Opens September 6th

The new school year of our Institute will open in our beautiful new buildings on Wednesday, September 6. All children should arrive no later than Wednesday. Out of town pupils should arrive on Tuesday, and if coming by train or bus, should so inform us so that we may meet them at the stations.

Eight Grades Taught

Our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf is a residential school for

deaf and hard-of-hearing children from the age of three up. It is modern in all respects. It is open to all children having defective hearing and whose parents desire for them a truly Christian education and training in preparation for confirmation and communicant church membership. In addition to such religious education the school offers a thorough course in all the subjects commonly taught in similar schools.

Oral Method Used

Our classes are small and are in charge of specially trained teachers. The oral method by which the children are taught to speak and read lips is employed. Children who for some reason cannot learn to speak are taught by the manual method and writing.

Beautiful Home for Children

In our beautiful home and on the playgrounds our children are under the constant supervision and guidance of our deaconesses and teachers. The Institute has ade-

quate facilities for the proper care of our pupils' health, having two well-equipped hospital wards as well as an isolation room and dental room. Our good Dr. Albert Huegli is always ready to answer our call, be it night or day. And our dentist, Dr. C. Rueger, is with us every Thursday looking after the teeth of our children and giving them all necessary attention. Drs. Duewecke and Peckham, eye specialists, examine our children's eyes periodically and prescribe proper glasses when such are needed. The services of the above mentioned professional men are all given gratis to our school. Parents of our children can, therefore, rest assured that their loved ones receive the very best of care in all respects without extra cost to them.

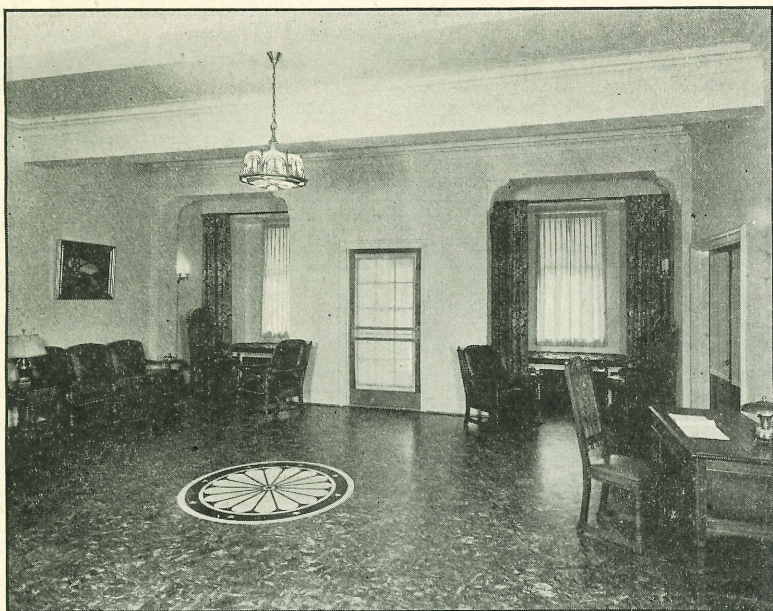
Send for Application Blanks!

We wish to urge all parents having deaf or hard-of-hearing children to send them to our Lutheran School and so afford them the same opportunities for a truly Christian training and education which their hearing brothers and sisters have in the home congregation. In our modern fireproof home and school and with our specially trained teachers and attendants, we are equipped to care for your little ones physically, educationally, and spiritually, as no other school can. Application blanks and further information may be obtained by writing to Director J. A. Klein, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit, Michigan.

STAFF NUMBERS NINETEEN

Our Staff Grows

Our enrollment is growing larger and larger. And as it increases our staff also must be added to. Six years ago we had three teachers. This number has now grown to nine. Six years ago we had one



The reception hall of the Institute in memory of Pastor and Mrs. Hugo Schwarzkoff, dedicated by their son, Mr. E. Schwarzkoff of Utica, Michigan

deaconess as housemother, now we have six deaconesses.

Teachers

Three new teachers and two new deaconesses will begin their work with us this fall. One of the teachers will be an addition to our staff, the other two will fill vacancies. The new teachers are Miss Vide Vetter, of Milwaukee, Wis., Miss Gladys Krause of Birnamwood, Wis., and Miss Edith Fauth of York, Pa. Miss Vetter received her training in the Wisconsin State Normal in Milwaukee and received her degree from that institution. Miss Krause trained in Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis, Mo., and received her degree from

Washington University. Miss Fauth trained in the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in Pittsburgh, and received her degree from Thiel College. All three girls are members of our Lutheran Church as are all members on our staff.

Deaconesses

The new deaconesses are Miss Marie Hartos, who comes to us from Washington, New Jersey, and Miss Marie Twenhafel, whose home is in Chester, Ill. Both were graduated from our deaconesses training school in Ft. Wayne last June. We heartily welcome these new workers and wish them the Lord's richest blessings in our midst.

Members of Our Savior Church for the Deaf Rejoice

Pastor Reports

"Sunday, May 28th, was a most joyful day for the members of Our Savior congregation for the Deaf," thus reports missionary Norbert E. Borchardt, pastor of the congregation for the deaf in Detroit. This was the day ground-breaking services for the new chapel were held. Pastor R. Smukal conducted the service.

Ever since the day the good news was spread that Mr. W. S. Knudsen had donated sufficient money for building a chapel for the members of Our Savior Church (Deaf) and for the Institute, they rejoiced and thanked the Lord that He has heard their prayers and given them a permanent place of worship. During all the years of its existence, the members worshipped in

rooms provided by other congregations of Detroit. For the last six years services were held in the basement of the girls' dormitory of the Lutheran Institute. "We are grateful for the kindness shown us by these congregations and by the Institute," Pastor Borchardt reports, "but we always hoped that some day we could have a church of our own. Now we have the assurance that we shall have our own place of worship. Ground-breaking for our church made this seem more of a reality than anything we had heard or had happened so far. We fully realized that in a few more months we could worship in our own church. Our hearts were filled with gratitude toward God and the kind donor who made this our dream a reality."

Congregation Grows

Our Savior Church for the Deaf is steadily growing. On the first Sunday in July four adults were received into membership through confirmation. The mission numbers over ninety communicant members. Because of the very nature of this work, sensational growth cannot be expected. But with a new building the membership will very likely reach the one hundred mark at an early date.

Members Are Scattered

The members live scattered over the entire city of Detroit. Quite a number live in the suburbs, in Roy-

al Oak, Berkley, Birmingham, Grosse Pointe, Roseville and River Rouge. Most of them travel a distance of ten miles or more to attend Sunday services. In spite of this handicap the average attendance for the summer was 89. Pastor Borchardt hopes that this average will improve when the new church is completed. He says, "The hope and wish expressed in prayer on the day of ground-breaking is the hope and wish of our congregation today, namely, that the Lord God will remain with our congregation in His Word and Sacraments also in our new church."

PAGING THROUGH THE VISITORS' BOOK

Six Hundred Visitors in June and July

The building of our new units at the Institute has certainly created a fine Synod-wide interest in our deaf children and their temporal and eternal welfare.

Paging through the visitors' registration book we note that during the months of June and July over six hundred people visited the Institute and inspected the new girls' dormitory and utilities building. Many were surprised to see the erection of the Administration Building and Chapel well under way. The six hundred do not include several thousand who passed through the beautiful entrance on the day of our annual festival without registering. It was interesting to find that Michigan is represented by more than forty different cities and towns throughout the state.

Many States Represented

We were also honored with numerous visitors from Illinois, Ohio, New York, Indiana, Missouri, New Jersey, West Virginia, and California.

List Includes Dignitaries

The list includes such well known names as Dr. J. Schinnerer; his son, the Rev. C. Schinnerer of Reedsburg, Wis.; Prof. Ed. Koehler of River Forest, Ill.; Prof. Fr. Meyer of Detroit, and the Rev. Kreyling of Fords, New Jersey.

Many Fine Comments Made

Our many friends never failed to compliment the Institute on its fine choice of construction, furniture, equipment, and attractive color scheme throughout the buildings. They expressed their satisfaction that the donations which helped to make these new buildings possible were spent wisely. The many visiting pastors stated that they were going home and would tell their congregations to continue to support this necessary work of the Lord. They all wish that more of their members could find it possible to inspect one of the finest and safest groups of buildings in our Synod.

Doctor Schinnerer Says

The reactions of our many friends and visitors can best be

A Word from the New Building Chairman, the Rev. E. T. Bernthal

THE JOB IS NOT YET FINISHED

Contrary to reports received from many parts of the country, we wish to assure the readers of the Deaf Child's Advocate that we have not yet completed the buildings of the Ev. Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. There is still some \$30,000 to be collected until we reach our goal. We hope that our good friends will still continue to support us until we can report in these columns that the buildings have been completed without debt. Send all contributions to

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summed up with the words of Dr. Schinnerer, who is one of our frequent callers. "Soon we shall have a completed group of buildings which we can all be justly proud of. Every penny donated to this school is truly being given for a worthy cause. May the Lord continue to bless this Institute and its work."

VACATIONING

While our pupils are spending their vacation period at home with their loved ones, members of our staff also are enjoying a well-deserved rest period. Our deaconesses attended the Deaconess convention in Cleveland and then spent a month with friends and relatives in their respective home towns. A number of our teachers attended summer courses in various universities, after which they, too, will enjoy several weeks of rest before school reopens. Those attending summer school are Miss Emily Born at Wisconsin State Normal in Milwaukee, Miss Nancy Lundwall at Northern State Normal in Michigan, Miss Wilma Wood at Ypsilanti State Normal in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Mrs. Lucille Grueber at Wayne University in Detroit. Miss Elsie Forsberg is camp counselor in a camp for children at Far Horizons, Vermont.

Our Mr. Bellhorn did not dare to leave for a vacation because he had a very important appointment with Mr. Stork this summer. After waiting some weeks, he and his good wife finally received the valuable package in the form of a little baby girl. Her name is Donna

Jean. Mr. Bellhorn says she is a good baby and does not keep him up nights very often. —J.A.K.

OUR FILM "EPH-PHATHA" POPULAR

Requests for our film Ephphatha continue to come in. One copy of it is continually on the road in the hands of our field secretary, the Rev. J. M. Kempf. A second copy is sent out to such places as cannot be reached by our field man for some time to come. It is also used by us when we fill requests for demonstrations of our work with pupils of our school. Recently such demonstrations were given at Ann Arbor, Onkama, and Arcadia, Michigan. In connection therewith our film was also shown. In Arcadia we had the pleasure of having the majority of the Walther Leaguers vacationing at Arcadia Camp in our audience.

The second copy of our film is now scheduled for showings in Wisconsin, Delaware, and California. Any congregation or church organization desiring this very interesting motion picture should write to Director J. A. Klein of our Institute.

NOTES AND NEWS

We are pleased to acknowledge a gift of \$600.00 from the Ladies' Aid Society of Macomb County, Michigan for one of the dormitory units.

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The Northern Illinois District still continues to lead the Synod, outside of Michigan, for our new buildings.

very much. Every one there was very nice to me." — Genevieve and Vivian Moeller of Kinde, Michigan, write, "We help mother work, wash dishes, pick strawberries, and milk the cows. We have ninety sheep. We have learned to ride the bicycle." — Carl Schneider of Chicago, Ill., says, "My brother and I have a new baseball bat. A man gave it to us. We play ball now." —Mary Ann Oetting of Ft. Wayne, Ind., writes, "I saw pretty fire works at Trier's Park in Ft. Wayne on July 4th.—Mr. and Mrs. Bellhorn must be glad to have a little baby. I will be glad to see her when I return to school." — Cleopatra Papajohn of Mt. Clemens writes, "Tomorrow my sister, mother, and I will go fishing. That will be fun. I went swimming several times this summer. I hope you had a nice time too." — In a nice long letter Anna Nissen of Grant Park, Ill., writes, "On the

10th of June we had a terrible cyclone. It hit our garage and small buildings. Our chicken house had many windows broken, and its roof torn off, and our little baby chicks' house was rolled over and they all got wet. We are glad that our house was not damaged." — Little Noah Werts says in his letter, "We have a new baby in our home. I like her." — Raymond Wiedman of Kendallville, Ind., says, "I saw a nice display of fireworks sometime ago. I also saw some other deaf boys and girls there. I was glad to see them." — Donald Nietzsche of Mt. Prospect, Ill., writes, "I am working on the farm. I have earned myself \$30.00 already. My brother has earned \$25.00." — Dick Holle of Ft. Wayne, Ind., writes, "Father and mother gave me a bicycle. I enjoy riding it. May I bring it to school with me when I come back in September?"

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF

August 3, 1939

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| Greater Detroit | \$ 48,678.00 |
| Gift of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Knudsen..... | 60,000.00 |
| Pledges — Greater Detroit | 15,500.00 |
| Michigan outside of Greater Detroit..... | 12,597.72 |
| Wisconsin Synod outside Greater Detroit..... | 1,332.09 |
| Synod at Large | 53,010.07 |
| Total Receipts | \$191,117.94 |
| Cost of Girls' Dormitory and Dining Hall..... | \$138,000.00 |
| Cost of Chapel and Administration Building..... | 84,247.00 |
| | \$225,247.00 |
| | 191,117.94 |
| Balance still to be raised | \$ 34,129.06 |

NEWS FROM OUR CHILDREN

During the summer months we were happy to receive letters from a number of our pupils. Dorothy Ohlberg of Fresno, California, writes, "Last month my parents and I went to San Francisco. We saw the World's Fair, the San Francisco-Oakland bridge and the Golden Gate."—Eugene Winans of Ft. Wayne writes, "My father bought me a brown dog. His name is Tippy Winans. Dick, Bob, and I play baseball every day. We also went swimming and had much fun. Dick and I will be glad to see you and all the boys and girls this fall when school starts. I like school." — Donna Lee Beck of Decatur, Ill., writes, "Last July 7th was my birthday. I was 12 years old. I got a dress, a comb, and other things for my birthday. Last Thursday my mother and I saw a car run into a caboose. The auto

was turned over and the caboose fell on it. I saw Patty. She will come to school with me in September. She will be a new girl in our school. Patty and I will come to school on a train." — Jerry Jordan of Roseville, Mich., writes, "I was surprised to receive a letter from Alberta Moore of Grand Rapids, Mich. It was a nice letter and she used perfect language.—I am very happy because I will again go on the Chrysler Boys' Tour this summer. We will go to New York and see the World's Fair." — Kathryn Bowers of Defiance, Ohio, writes, "I shall be glad to go back to school in September. Will the men have the new building finished? I will like it." — Robert Harris of Toledo, Ohio, says in his letter, "I will be glad when school starts again in fall. I sure am coming back there to school. I like it there



The dining hall



IN MEMORIAM

PROFESSOR GEORGE RITZMANN

Former Instructor of Institute Passes Away

Professor George Ritzmann, who served as teacher at our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf when this school was still in its infant years, passed away in Detroit on June 15, 1939, at the age of almost 83 years.

Teacher Ritzmann was born June 19, 1856, at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. After his instruction and confirmation in St. Paul's Lutheran Church by the sainted Dr. Sihler, he attended the Teachers' Seminary at Addison, Illinois, graduating in 1875.

Instructor at Detroit Institute

After his graduation, Teacher Ritzmann was called as instructor to our Institute for the Deaf in Detroit when this school was still in its infant years. Already in those early days our deaf children were taught by the oral method. Today this method of teaching is almost universally in use.

Served as Teacher and Professor

From 1888 to 1902, Teacher Ritzmann was in charge of the Teachers' Seminary Training School in Addison, Illinois. In 1902 he was called as Professor to our Teachers' College at Seward, Nebraska. Ill health caused him to resign from this office in 1907 to take a much needed rest. His last charge was at the Concordia School in Detroit where he served until his retirement in 1921.

Laid to Rest on His Eighty-third Birthday

In 1877 the departed was married to Marie Buckmann of Fraser, Michigan, who after 46 years of married life died in 1923. Of the nine children born to this union, five survive the father, four sons and one daughter. On June 19th, his eighty-third birthday, this faithful servant of the Lord was laid to rest after a funeral service at Concordia Church, in which Pastor Phil. H. Bohn, one of the directors of the Institute, preached the sermon.

DOCTOR F. J. LANKENAU

Friend of Institute Passes Away

The Rev. F. J. Lankenau, D.D., the first vice-president of the Missouri Synod and a friend of our Institute, passed away suddenly in Kansas City while attending the convention of the International Walther League. He was laid to rest in Napoleon, Ohio, on Wednesday, July 19th.

It was a year ago when he delivered the address and took part in the ground breaking service of the second unit of our Institute. Several thousand listeners were present when he urged them to continue to give and support "institutions such as this one."

INSTITUTE AID SOCIETY NUMBERS 1100 MEMBERS

The Ladies' Aid Society for the Deaf held its Annual Picnic recently at the school grounds of the Institute. This event climaxed their program of spring activities.

No meetings have been held during July and August. The next meeting will take place in September, after which these busy ladies will again take up their duties, placing shoulder to shoulder to-

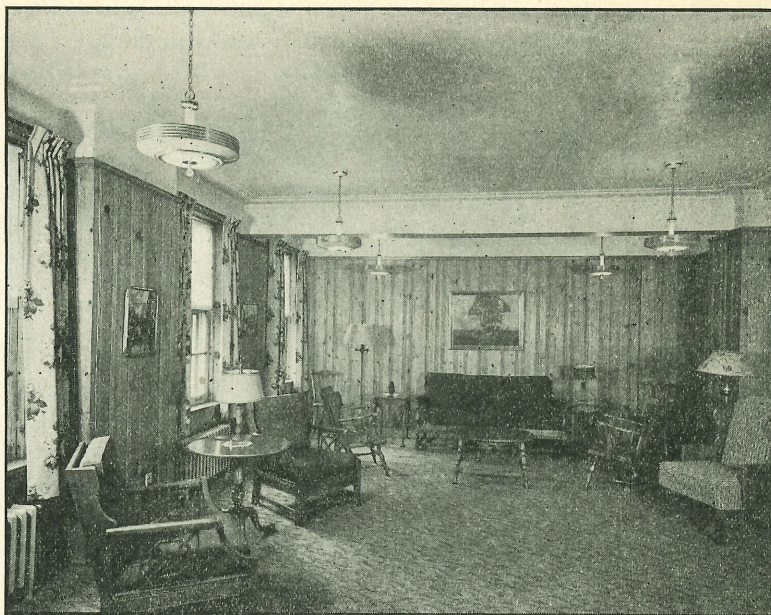
gether for a fall program in the best interest of the Institute.

In October a joint meeting will be held with the ladies of Macomb County. It is hoped that a membership of 1500 ladies in the Detroit area will be reached by the end of the year.

GOOD NEWS FROM MINNESOTA

The following brethren have been visited by the field secretary, Rev. J. Kempf. All of them have shown interest, and most of them have promised to help us complete our collection for the new buildings. Many of these pastors are waiting until fall to have their collection, as they felt, at that time there would be a more generous response:

Rev. H. A. Gamber
Rev. F. L. Overschulte
Rev. Fred Lindemann
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Rev. J. Plocher



The lounge is a gift of Mrs. Margaret Gauss in memory of her husband, Mr. Charles Gauss

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We are deeply grateful to these pastors for the brotherly manner in which they received our field secretary and we appreciate the interest they have shown in our deaf boys and girls. —E.T.B.

CORNER-STONE LAYING

The Corner-stone Laying Services for the Clara Elizabeth Knudsen Chapel and Educational Building were held on August 6th. A picture of which appears in this issue. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Knudsen were present. The Rev. L. B. Buchheimer, D.D., associate pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Detroit, delivered the address.

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