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## Thinking with God

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Isaiah 52:7.

How Beautiful upon the Mountains Are the Feet of Him that Bringeth Good Tidings—

These words were first spoken by the Prophet Isaiah of the fall of the Babylonian monarchy and the return of the Jews from captivity . . .

they can be said now of each of us Christians who bring to a world, captive in sin, the good tidings of Christ . . .

and those tidings are the truths of our Christian faith and the principles of our sound morality . . .

there is no one more beautiful before God and man today than the true Christian . . .

That Publisheth Peace—

peace with God . . .

peace within our own families . . .

peace with our companions . . .

peace within our beloved country . . .

peace in a war-torn world . . .

That Bringeth Good Tidings of Good—

by our words . . .

by our actions . . .

With those we know and love . . .

with chance acquaintances . . .

in our hours of serious work . . .

especially in our time of merry-making . . .

That Publisheth Salvation—

salvation, from sin through God's grace . . .

salvation, now to a world gone mad, by bringing back God into men's lives . . .

salvation also to the deaf children placed in our care . . .

salvation, finally in Heaven through God's gift of perseverance . . .

That Saith unto Zion: Thy God Reigneth—

as Christians, it is our privilege and duty to proclaim Christ . . .

and so we, more than all others, must bring Christ back into the world . . .

and we shall do this by showing to all men—

the salvation wrought by Christ . . .

our own firm faith in the Redeemer of the world . . .

by our lively hope of a better life after death . . .

by our all-inclusive charity in a world of hate . . .

and by living our faith at each moment of life . . .

He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again. 2 Corinthians 5:15.

## LUTHERAN DEACONESSES MEET AT INSTITUTE FOR DEAF

The Institute for the Deaf was the scene of a happy gathering at the occasion of the Deaconess Conference which was held here from June 28th to 30th. In the opening services each morning we heard inspiring addresses delivered by Pastors Krentz, Superintendent of the Deaconess Association, N. E. Borchardt, E. C. Fackler, H. Storm, and E. Schildt. The interesting essays read by members of the conference provoked much lively discussion. Papers read were on "Living and Learning," "Guiding Children's Reading," "Deaconess Internship," and "Serving the Unstable, the Retarded, and the Handicapped Child."



Names of Deaconesses only: Top row, l. to r.—Deaconesses Wehrenbrecht, Lutz, Bliefnick, Matz, Noess, and Bowers. Lower row—Deaconesses Stuckwisch, Dienst, Vierck, Bremmerman, Nichols, Twenhafer, Klitzig, Ziemke, and Beach.

The Friday afternoon session was held in beautiful Trinity Church, the mother church of Detroit. Here the Rev. Otte, the pastor of the church, afforded us a rare treat by lecturing on "Church Symbolism."

Accepting the kind invitation of Pastor and Mrs. Storm of Windsor, Canada, for an evening meal on Thursday, we were thrilled to set foot on foreign soil, our good neighbor country, Canada. Instead of crossing the beautiful Detroit river by boat or bridge, we crossed the border via the tunnel. The sumptuous steak dinner prepared by the Storms and their pretty daughters which awaited us, was one which will never be forgotten by any of the deaconesses. Mrs. Storm, a former deaconess, certainly knew what to serve to tempt the appetites of her deaconess sis-

ters. And we now know at least one reason why Pastor Storm induced her to leave the Deaconess Association to become his helpmate. He evidently likes steak dinners such as only his good wife can prepare.

Another treat was enjoyed by all when on Friday evening a picnic lunch was served beneath the large shade trees of the Institute's lovely grove. The dessert which con-

sisted of great big pieces of iced watermelons was, indeed, most delicious.

The members of the Deaconess Conference are, indeed, grateful to our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf and our host, Director J. A. Klein, for having been so helpful in making our conference a most successful one.

DEACONESS ANCHEN VIERCK

## President's Report of the Annual Meeting of the Association OF THE EV. LUTHERAN INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF, JUNE 13, 1945

The great American, Daniel Webster, enunciated these fundamental truths: "If we work upon marble, it will perish; if on brass, time will efface it; if on rears temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds and imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellowmen, we engrave on those tablets something that will brighten to all eternity."

The soul of education is education of the soul. The end of education is not knowledge, but Christian ideals and character. The ideal of education takes into consideration the body, the mind, and the soul.

Brethren, we have again assembled in annual meeting here at our beloved Institute for the Deaf to hear reports of the activities of the past school-year and to pass judgment upon them, to elect responsible officers, and to give prayerful direction to the Board of Management. May the great Lord of the Church, whose servants we are by His rich grace and mercy, continue to bless all our efforts in behalf of the deaf children committed to our charge.

Your Board held ten regular meetings during the past year. These meetings were well attended and the love of Christ prevailed in all of our deliberations and decisions.

Once again our good Lord saw fit to bless our Institute-family with good health, the exceptions being a few minor cases of illness.

Our beautiful Memorial Wreath cards are being used more and more, and let us all bear in mind that the income from this source alone aids our costly work here very much. Our pastors and brethren are rendering our School a God-pleasing service by encouraging our Lutherans generally to

honor the memory of the dead by this excellent custom.

Our over-all income continues to be satisfactory. For this blessing we praise the good Lord. However, we dare not forget the fact that our expenses are still on the increase, and this is due in the main to salary raises. Legacies and bequests were received in the amount of \$3,104.00. The fact that our income remains at its present level is, no doubt, due in large part to the mailing of our Appeal Folder (no expensive booklet), together with our annual letter of appeal. These are mailed to all pastors and teachers of the Synodical Conference as well as all readers of our Advocate. This constitutes our main source of income, and without this fundamental help our school could not operate.

The constant flow of gifts of food, supplies, services, and equipment comes from many sources. Our very helpful Ladies' Auxiliary again rendered our Institute-family invaluable services throughout the past year. The Study Hall in the second story of the school building was converted into a Parents' Visiting Room by means of drapes and furniture, paid by the above Ladies' Aid in the amount of \$500.00. Our Macomb County Ladies' Auxiliary also again made liberal contributions to our cause.

Improvements: In keeping with your authorization of 1943, our property will be completely enclosed with fencing as early as priorities will permit. At present the prospects to finish the job look rather promising.

Our Rhythm Room was converted into an additional Class Room. Appropriate furniture for this room was cheerfully supplied by the New Center Club. Mr. Henry Martens kindly donated the flooring.

An asphalt surface was recently

applied to our driveway. This much-needed improvement will end the nuisance of much dirt and gravel being carried into the buildings by the heavy traffic, and at the same time will provide a permanent driveway and parking place.—The interior of the Chapel was redecorated.

*Upkeep and Repairs:* Mindful of the need of keeping up our property, your Board has endeavored to make repairs and improvements as these became necessary. We believe that you want our buildings and property to be maintained in good physical condition.

Due to our applicant waiting list your Board is seriously considering necessary and practicable expansion in the near future in order that we may be of greater service to larger numbers.

Increased costs have been a factor we have had to face. Not only in materials, printing, living, etc., have our expenses increased, but we also had substantially to raise the wages of the Teaching and Household Staffs in order to approach at least the minimum paid in other schools of like nature.

*Help Wanted:* Our staff at present is short a deaconess house-mother, additional kitchen and dining room help, and a maid. Director Klein bespeaks your cooperation!

*Conventions:* The 22nd convention of the English District of Synod was held here June 19 to 22, 1945. June 28 to 30, 1945, our Institute was host to the Deaconess Conference.

*Recognition:* Our two office girls are really doing the work of four. They give many extra hours of efficient service in the office and act as relief house-mothers every other Sunday. For the sake of the cause they do this most willingly. We should be remiss in our duty if we failed to take cognizance of such outstanding faithfulness unto the Lord and His beloved Institute. This wonderful spirit of service also permeates our entire household staff.

The Annual Festival was held June 10th, in the afternoon and evening. The Rev. Luther Schuessler, of Redeemer Church, Chicago, was the guest speaker at 3 o'clock, and in the evening the Rev. Martin Haendschke conducted a vesper service. We are happy that it was another record-breaking day. The Festival Committee, under the direction of Mr. Elmer Engel, once again did a superlative job.

Acknowledgments of gratitude should be presented to Mr. W. F.

Windhorst, photographer; Mr. Hugo Ulbrich, of Peter's Cleaners; Drs. (M.D.) Henry Ulbrich, Edwin Dittmer, Chas. Sharrer; Dr. Carlisle Rueger (dentist); Dr. J. Dueweke (optician); the auxiliaries of Macomb and Detroit; Sanders Baking Co., the Kiwanis, New Center, and Exchange Clubs; and last but not least, our efficient Festival Committee.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD  
Rev. H. R. Wacker

## THE REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF

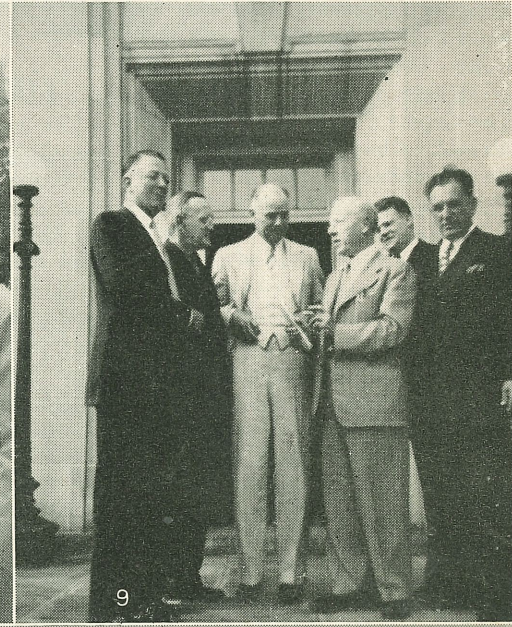
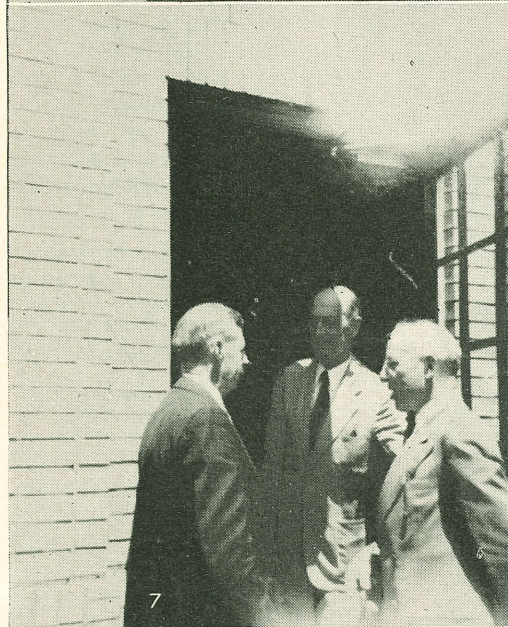
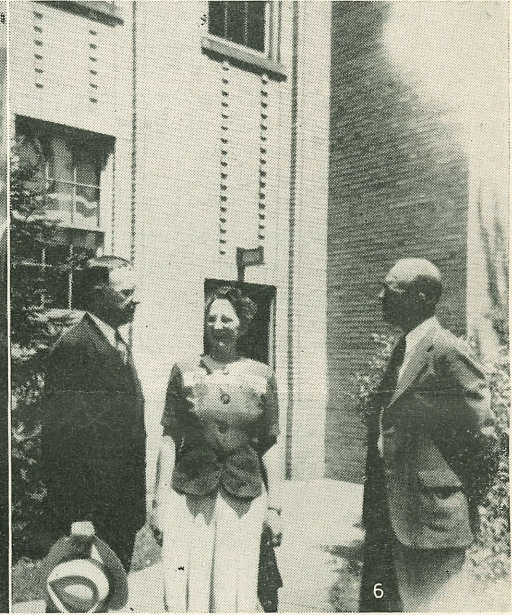
JUNE 13, 1945

Your Board begs leave to submit the following report to the Association for the Deaf for the school year 1944 to 1945:

1. YOUR BOARD held regular meetings throughout the year, in which problems and phases of the work of the Institute were discussed. We also visited classes. Everything was taught in accordance with the Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. A fine spirit of harmony prevailed among the members of our teaching and household staff. Our housemothers and their assistants made the Institute a real home for our children.

2. FACULTY. During the past year twelve teachers were on the staff. Four teachers had to be replaced for the coming school year: Two resigned because of having been married, and the other two left because they accepted other positions. The reason for the latter leaving our school was because they were not fully qualified to teach the deaf in Michigan. It is, therefore, imperative that we make every effort to maintain a fully accredited teaching staff. We are happy to state that of the four teachers who will fill the vacancies in our school next fall, two have their degrees and are, therefore, fully accredited, and these two are Lutheran girls. The other two are accredited by special certification. The State Inspector of Special Education, on a recent visit, stated: "We think you have a fine school and we appreciate the co-operation you have given us."

3. ENROLLMENT. Eighty-four students of the previous year returned and eleven new pupils were enrolled, making a total of 95. Of the new pupils, one was baptized in the course of the year. Ten



Some English Convention Shots:

1. President Rev. H. W. Bartels of Cleveland and Past-President Martin Walker of Buffalo. — 2. Pastors W. G. Boss and R. G. Long of Cleveland and Mr. W. H. Kroeger of Akron. — 3. Mr. W. Maul, architect of our buildings, and Pastors E. C. Fackler of Detroit and E. A. Woldt of Lansing. — 4. Past-President M. Walker of Buffalo and Treasurer W. E. Junge of St. Louis. — 5. Pastors H. W. Lieske, Joliet, A. G. Sommer, Detroit, H. M. Schwehn, Pittsburgh, G. W. Bornemann, Oakmont, Pa., Erwin E. Beyer, Detroit, W. W. Walker, Elyria. — 6. Vice-President E. L. Wilson, St. Louis, Miss Lydia Kuehn, Buffalo, and Rev. H. R. Wacker, Detroit. — 7. ???, Past-President M. Walker and President H. W. Bartels. — 8. ??? Mr. Edw. Tatge and Mr. John Streit of Chicago and Mr. Ed. Scheumann of Ft. Wayne. — 9. Pastors W. H. Eifert, Indianapolis, F. C. Proehl, B. A. Maurer, Milwaukee, President H. W. Bartels, Cleveland, L. Schuessler, Chicago, and A. G. Sommer, Detroit.



pupils, six boys and four girls, were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday. The ten children who were confirmed will, of course, not return. There will be room for fifteen new pupils. Without any effort on our part to gain new pupils, we have received many inquiries for enrollment, and at this time we already have many more applicants than we can possible accept.

4. **SCHOOL SUPPLIES.** The necessary school supplies were purchased. This year we received the following gifts: A Junior Britannica Encyclopaedia, from Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hotchkiss of Howell, Michigan, who have a pupil in our Institute; the furnishings for the classroom which had to be added during the year, from the New Center Club, a business organization in the Fisher Building; furnishings for the parent-teacher visiting room and \$150.00 for playground equipment, from the Detroit Ladies' Auxiliary; and elaborate electric train, from the Northeast Detroit Kiwanis Club. The Grosse Pointe Lions' Club has decided to buy a cart and a pony for our children.

5. **"ADVOCATE."** The "Advocate" now has 39,500 readers, a gain of 2,500 over last year. Again we stress that the "Advocate" is a source of real revenue and support for our work.

6. **FILMS.** Although somewhat antiquated and a little worse for wear, our "Ephphatha" film is still in demand. As stated in our report of last year, we are working on a new film. We have just received the scenario for it, which was written by Miss Margaret Kurth, daughter of Pastor Erwin Kurth of Fort Wayne, and Miss Roberta Ihde of Chicago, both senior students of Valparaiso University.

7. **CONCLUSION.** May the Lord continue to bless our Institute in the future as He has in the past,

to the glory of His blessed name and the welfare of many deaf children!

Rev. N. E. Borchardt, Sec'y  
Rev. L. H. Koehler  
Rev. G. M. Krach, Chairman

**SCHOOL REOPENS SEPTEMBER 4th**

On Tuesday, September fourth, our Institute's 1945-1946 school term will begin. All children who must travel by bus or train are expected to arrive on this date. All local pupils may come on Wednesday. Parents will do their children and us a great favor by observing the above mentioned dates. To bring children late always causes much inconvenience to our household staff and teachers. We, therefore, urge all parents to make all necessary train and bus reservations for their children very early in order that the latter may be present when school opens.

**THIS AND THAT**

The pastors and delegates to the convention of the English District of the Missouri Synod were welcome guests within our walls from the 18th to the 22nd of June. We hope that they enjoyed their stay with us as much as we enjoyed having and serving them. — Although the acquisition of sufficient meat, butter, and other food for the more than two hundred guests caused us much worry and headaches, we, nevertheless, want to assure everyone that the black market was not patronized.

Films being about as scarce as meat these days, not many snapshots were taken during the convention. But we did manage to get a few candid shots which we bring in this issue as a composi. We may not be able to name all the pastors and delegates on these pictures but you whom the camera

caught, will recognize your likeness, we hope.

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Our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Scheiderer of Marysville, Ohio, provided all the fresh eggs that were consumed for breakfast by our convention boarders. The good ladies of Messiah, St. James, St. Marks, and Christ congregations served the noon and evening meals. We are proud to be able to say that all but one of the meals served at this convention were served without a minute's delay or waiting. We believe that this constitutes some sort of a convention record.

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Recently the mail brought us the gift of a one hundred dollar War Bond. We do not know who the kind donor is because the bond reached us by mail directly from the U. S. Treasury. Unless we hear from this friend, we shall not be able to express to him our deep appreciation for his generous offering in any other way than through these columns. — May our dear Lord bless him most abundantly for his gift of love and faith.

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The Deaconess Conference held in our Institute June 28th to 30th was an occasion for the renewing of many old acquaintances. We, the host of the conference, greatly enjoyed the very interesting sessions. This fine group of Marys and Marthas are always welcome with us. We greatly admire the fine service these consecrated women render the Church and their fellowmen.

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Our pupils and staff members are vacationing here, there, and everywhere. The last to leave were Mr. and Mrs. W. Bellhorn, who went all the way to the sunny state of Florida for a little diversion and recreation. Roberta Clawson, one

of our pupils, surprised us by bringing us two crates of delicious strawberries in person with her father.

**FORM OF BEQUEST TO OUR INSTITUTION**

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

**LIFE'S CLOCK**

The clock of life is wound but once,  
And no man has the power  
To tell just where the hands will stop  
At late or early hour.  
To lose one's wealth is sad indeed;  
To lose one's health is more;  
To lose one's soul is such a loss  
As no man can restore.  
The present only is our own,  
Live, love, toil with a will—  
Place no faith in "tomorrow"—for  
The clock may then be still.—Sel.

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