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THINKING WITH GOD

The season of Lent again reminds us of the words "Remember, man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return." Remember —

The things of sense make us forget the deeper realities of life . . .

"The bewitching of vanity obscureth good things" . . .

Yet it is fatal to forget . . .

And so we are again reminded . . .

That Thou Art Dust —

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground . . .

Lowly is my origin . . .

And "how should the heart of mortal be proud?" . . .

Yet proud I am often:

proud of my strength . . .

proud of my beauty . . .

proud of my youth . . .

proud of my intelligence . . .

proud of a fancied social position . . .

Yet I am dust . . .

"Of all man's clotted clay the dingiest clot" . . .

And unto Dust Shalt Thou Return —

In dust I began; in dust I shall end . . .

Then wealth and beauty and power and strength will all have fled . . .

Yes, all, except that which alone will not be reduced to dust, my immortal soul . . .

Dust I am — yet destined for heaven . . .

Unto dust I shall return; yet God wants me to see His face forever . . .

And so I shall remember:

when I would shirk my duties . . .

when pleasures call insistently . . .

when sin would lead me from God . . .

Remember . . . stop . . . look . . . listen . . .

"Life is real! Life is earnest!

And the grave is not its goal;

Dust thou art, to dust returnest,

Was not spoken of the soul."

Remember —

though we be but dust and defiled with sin,

Christ our Savior has redeemed us, purchased and won us from all sin, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and His innocent suffering and death, that we may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness . . .

"Ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Pet. 1:18, 19.

Stocking Up for the Winter at the Lutheran Institute

Pet charity of Lutheran church groups and clubs is the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf located at 6861 Nevada. Currently, these groups are putting special emphasis on "Pound Day," a day set aside for the collection of contributions to stock the pantry shelves of the school for winter. Children of Our Savior Lutheran Church formed a delegation last Friday, under the direction of their pastor, the Rev. E. H. Buchheimer, personally to deliver the foodstuffs they brought to church Thanksgiving Day for that purpose.

Established since 1874, the Institute accepts youngsters handicapped by deafness from all over the country, of all races and creeds. Because of the necessarily

extensive training, the number of students is limited to 100 and the school is now crowded to capacity with a waiting list of 40. Supervised and taught by a staff of 12 specially trained instructors, deaf children go through complete elementary schooling from pre-kindergarten through the eighth grade.

The shortage of such teachers is the current problem of the institute. Director John Klein is now touring several states in an effort to recruit more personnel for the school.

Sponsored by 50 greater Detroit Lutheran churches, the Institute is supported by contributions from Lutherans throughout the country. Through the generosity of sup-

porters, complete new buildings and equipment were erected on the 20-acre plot on Nevada Ave., from 1935 to 1939.

A tour through the Institute under the guidance of Walter J.

Bellhorn, assistant director, showed the amazing versatility developed by the youngsters. In recreational lines they have been taught to accomplish wonders. A huge electric train, donated by the Northeast

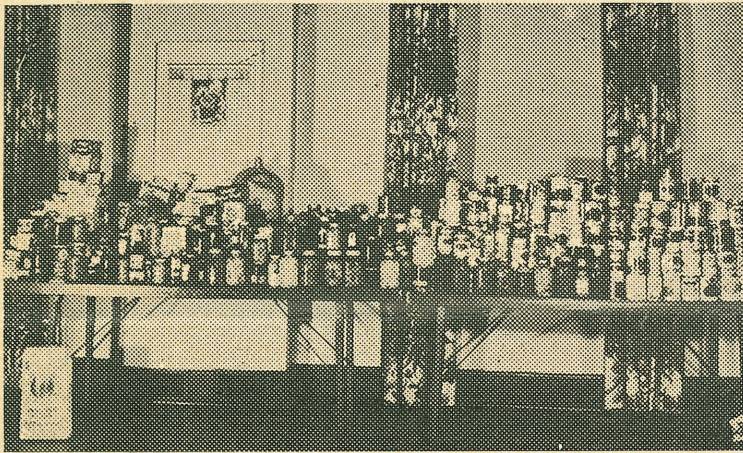


Left to right: Walter Bellhorn, Phyllis Borreson, Ronald Stein, Mary Buchheimer, Pastor E. H. Buchheimer

Detroit Kiwanis club, was built into a regular city by the students. They set up villages, farms, army posts, and wired the whole set-up complete with bridges and tunnels and automatic switches. In outdoor sports they are as adept as normal children. Deluxe playground facilities give them ample opportunity for animal spirits. At present they are mainly intrigued with a pair of ponies donated for their recreation by the Grosse Pointe Lions Club.

A chapel accommodating 240 persons is part of the school. Here a congregation of 150 deaf persons from throughout the city join with the children for regular Sunday services.

An institution well worth your inspection and patronage, the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf is doing a magnificent job.—*North-east Detroit Shoppers News*



A Grocery Donation by Pastor Carl Kemp's Sunday-school of Outer Drive Faith Lutheran Church

History of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf

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The building erected in 1874 continued to function as home and school for deaf children until 1938, when it was declared a fire hazard and condemned by the city authorities. A larger and modern structure was erected in its place in 1939. The enrollment in the old building fluctuated between 23 and 45 pupils. The new building offers accommodations for 96 pupils, the entire household personnel, and a part of the teaching staff. The present enrollment stands at 96 residential and 3 day students, a total enrollment of 99.

After the resignation of Director Uhlig in 1899, the Rev. H. A. Bentrup was called to fill the vacancy. He remained until 1902, when he was succeeded by the Rev.

The Institute's annual "Pound Day" Appeal was again well received by our many churches of Greater Detroit, and their generous contributions of canned goods and staple groceries have really "stocked up" our shelves for the winter. What a tremendous item our budget would have to carry, if we, on every Friday morning during the school term, would be obliged to place an order with the wholesale house for 100 cans of peas, 80 cans of string beans, pounds and pounds of rice, macaroni, puddings, flour, etc., etc., and pay the grocery bill for 127 people at the end of the month. "Pound Day" cuts that bill to a minimum, for which we are ever grateful to our congregations and thankful to God, who opens His hand and satisfies the desire of every living thing.

Elsa Dayss Vogel, Miss Cora Gade, Miss Martha Grabert, Sarah Kellams, Miss Ruth Thoman, Miss Linelle Hamilton, Miss Nancy Lundwall, Miss Martha Bell, Miss Ogwen Jones and Mrs. Lucretia Stevenson.

The present teaching staff consists of the director, J. A. Klein, Walter Bellhorn, Robert Schmitz, the Misses Emily Born, Elsie Forsberg, Olive Jaques, and Dorothy Eske, Mrs. Lucille Kirchhoff, Mrs. Ruth Wiggin, Mrs. Harriett Nelson, Mrs. Nannie Strom, and Mrs. Robert Campbell.

The office of house parents was held by the following in succession: Director and Mrs. G. Speckhard, Director and Mrs. D. H. Uhlig, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Moench, Mr. and Mrs. Vogt, Mr. and Mrs. John Kettel, Mrs. Martha Bauer Kahler, Mrs. Hochstetter, Director and Mrs. Wm. Gielow, Mr. and Mrs. J. Klein, Mr. and Mrs. William Ewald, Mrs. E. Bartke, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Mielke.

Since 1933 the position of house-parents has been filled by deaconess housemothers. Deaconess Martha Theilman was the first deaconess to be employed by the Institute. Since then a number of other deaconesses have served us faithfully and well. At present, Deaconesses Marie Bliefnick and Marie Twenhafel together with their assistants, Mrs. Lucille Lyter, Miss Nora Huedepohl, Mrs. Bessie Anderson, and Mrs. Amanda Meitz, are mothering our large group of children.—Concluded.

GOD KNOWS

There were six children in the circle of the third grade of the Lutheran School for the Deaf. They were having questions on their week's topic—Trees. When Marlene, nine years old, was asked how many branches she thought there were on a tree, she quickly responded with, "I do not know, but God knows, because He knows how many hairs there are on my head." Her information was immediately affirmed by all the others who had read her lips and had received the same instruction in the class in religion. They were all confident that One who knows about "thousands of hair," even when it frequently falls out, surely would also know the number of branches on a tree.—

God measures our love for Him according to the love we render our fellow men. How can we show our love for our fellow men better

than by the practice of works of mercy? We do (or do not) to Christ what we do (or do not) to the least of His brethren.

SOLDIER, WHAT DID YOU SEE?

What did you see, Soldier?

What did you see at war?
I saw such glory and horror as
I've never seen before.

I saw men's hearts burned naked
In red crucibles of pain.
I saw such god-like courage as
I'll never see again.

What did you hear, Soldier?

What did you hear at war?
I heard the prayer on lips of men
Who had never prayed before.
I heard men tell their very souls,
Confessing each dark stain.

I heard men speak the sacred things
They will not speak again.

What did you eat, Soldier?

What did you eat at war?
I ate the sour bread of fear,
The acrid salt of gore.
My lips were burned with wine of hate,
The scalding drink of Cain.
My tongue has known a bitter taste
I would not taste again.

What did you think, Soldier?

What did you think at war?
I thought, how strange we have
Not learned from wars that
raged before,
Except new ways of killing,
New multiples of pain.
Is all the blood that men have shed
But blood shed all in vain?

What did you learn, Soldier?

What did you learn at war?
I learned that we must learn some time
What was not learned before.
That victories won on battlefields
Are victories won in vain
Unless in peace we kill the germs
That breed new wars again.

What did you pray, Soldier?

What did you pray at war?
I prayed that we might do the things
We have not done before;
That we might mobilize for peace . . .
Nor mobilize in vain,
Lest Christ and His salvation wrought
By us shall be disdained.

—Don Blanding

THE DEAF IN SPORTS

Are the deaf interested in sports and can they take part and become proficient in them? This question is put to us again and again by hearing people. The answer, of course, is "yes," as the following records will verify. Sipek of the Cincinnati Reds was deaf. Hoy was the first deaf player who made the majors. He remained in the big leagues eighteen years, playing with the Cincinnati Reds, Chicago White Sox, and Washington Senators. Taylor was with the Giants for a number of years. Taylor, by the way, had a keen sense of humor. There was that afternoon when the Giants were in the lead when a rainstorm came up and McGraw argued with the umpires to call the game. In the midst of the argument, Taylor went to the Clubhouse and emerged with hip-boots, a rubber coat and a rubber hat, and carrying an umbrella. He was given the heave-ho.—Then there was "Slammin' Danny" Hines who played for the Providence Reds in the early days, and "Bo" Leitner who was with the International League. "Big Kihm" played for the old Boston Nationals. Stevenson was with the Brooklyn Robins for a short time. "Irish Ryan" played wonderful ball for St. Paul in the American Association, was signed by Brooklyn, but failed to come through. He was a fair fielder but could not hit.—Coane, a Cuban, was signed by the Washington Senators last year but did not stick. There is a deaf boy, Lee Montez, of Texas, who not long ago narrowly missed pitching a perfect game in which he fanned fourteen men. Andy Mack of Galaudet College ran 25 miles in a marathon last spring in three hours and forty-five minutes. He may run in the Boston Marathon.

Joe Dueritt, a Texas youth, pedaled a bicycle from New York to Texas in 21 days when he failed to get train or bus reservations. Rudy Gamblin is doing an excellent job as assistant to the head coach at the Amarillo, Texas, High School, a school for the hearing.

In the large State Schools for the Deaf are well-organized and well-trained football and basketball teams which play regularly scheduled games with teams of high schools for the hearing.

Our children, too, are vitally interested in sports. Whenever the weather permits, fall, winter and spring, they spend their leisure moments outdoors. In fall, softball and volley-ball keep them active, in winter skating and sled-

ding are the enjoyments, and in spring it is baseball and other outdoor games plus the exercise they get on the apparatus on our well-equipped playground that help to keep them physically fit. The ponies, of course, give them constant pleasure winter and summer. At this time of the year Silver is hitched to the sled and pulls a half-dozen or more of our tots around on our spacious grounds. Do the deaf enjoy sports? I say they do.



Our Household Staff, left to right: Deaconess Marie Twenhafel, Miss Elsie Reichard, Miss Nora Huedepohl, Miss Dorothy Ketelsen, Mrs. Amanda (Ma) Powers, Deaconess Marie Bliefnick, Miss Ruth Kahler, Mrs. Anna Moore, Miss Caroline Kruse, Mrs. Lucille Lyter, Mrs. Frieda Schlimpf

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN

Information reached us through memorial wreath gifts that the friends and supporters of our cause and readers of the Advocate listed below were privileged to celebrate the birthday of our Lord with Him in heaven and everlasting glory.

The Rev. Theo. C. Schoessow, Lancaster, California, Fred J. Bruns, Longmont, Colorado, Herman C. Landeck, Arlington Hts., Illinois, Fred Linemeier and H. G. Nuoffer, Ft. Wayne, Mrs. Herman Millies, Hammond, and the Rev. Robert G. Trautmann, New Palestine, Indiana, the Rev. Stephen J. E. Frey, Clinton, Massachusetts, L. J. Diehm, Boyne City, Mrs. John Leitow, Chesaning, Fred Brandt, Aug. Domalske, Mrs. Jacob Koester, Edward Luttermoser, Fred Miller, Mrs. Wilhelmina Pankow, Mrs. Mary Schultz, Emil Slomke, Mrs. Martha Wolf, and Mrs. Marie Zippert, Detroit, Marie Lotter, Mrs. Anna Umbach, and Walter Voorheis, Frankenmuth, S/Sgt. Robert D. Klug, Gladstone, Mrs. William Willman, Niles, Mrs. Marie Germer and Ernest J. Schreiner, Royal Oak, Mrs. Lena Masch, Van Dyke, Michigan, the Rev. Fred E. Kersten, St. Paul, Minnesota, the Rev. W. C. Schmidt, Jamaica, New York, Roland Siegel, Ohio City, Louis Eikost, Toledo, Ohio, Henry Glameyer, Westfield, Texas, Edward Lemke, Greenleaf, and the Rev. Paul Schroeder, Wausau, Wisconsin.

Our Savior says, "Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast

given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory which Thou hast given Me." John 17:24.

† MRS. MARIA KOESTER †

Our Institute for the Deaf mourns the loss of one of its oldest and best friends. This person was Mrs. Maria Koester, wife of Jacob Koester, Sr., of Bethel Lutheran Church, Detroit, the undersigned, pastor.

Mrs. Koester was greatly interested in the welfare and well-being of our Institute for the Deaf and our deaf children. She faithfully attended the meetings and social affairs of our Ladies' Aid Society for the Deaf. She worked for the Institute whenever she could. We recall seeing her, together with several other ladies, in the Institute kitchen during the summer months, canning hundreds of quarts of fruit, so that our children might have something good and special to eat in the winter. She gladly helped to sew and mend, which the members of the Ladies' Aid Society regularly do. She also cheerfully and liberally gave for the cause of our Institute. "Her purse was never closed."

Now she has gone to her eternal reward. After a lingering illness, she peacefully fell asleep in child-like faith in her Savior Jesus Christ on December 15 at the age of 83 years, 4 months, and 15 days. She leaves her husband, with whom she lived in happy married life for more than sixty-two years,

9 children, 21 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, 2 brothers, 1 sister, and many other relatives and friends.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them," Rev. 14: 13.

G. M. KRACH.

THE CIRCUS HAS COME TO TOWN!

Who wouldn't rejoice to have a realistic and complete miniature circus! That's what the children and some adults in our school are doing right now. It's now possible to go to the circus free at any time and linger at will in our basement.

Now where did we get such a grand gift? Elaborate plans were made by the Hobby Committee of the District 3 Cubs for their Hobby Show in April 1945, held at Parkside Recreation. Mr. Dalton Z. Dailey was chairman of that committee. Cub Pack 113 with one hundred and fourteen boys and sixteen dens was chosen to make the circus model.

Detailed planning on paper preceded the construction of this model which is 12 feet long, 6 feet wide and 3 feet high. It is made on the scale of one inch to a foot. Jobs were assigned to each den. The exact size of each article was given to the Den Mother. After the completion of the assignment, the Cubs could make figures of regulation dimensions of their own choosing.

We've all heard about fathers who feel it a paternal obligation to take their children to the circus. There have been loud rumors regarding the source of the greater pleasure. That makes it simple for us to picture the pleasure of Den Dads sprawled on the floor making the perfect tent frame, over which only half of the tent is spread in order that every section of the circus may be easily seen. And then the wives of the Hobby Committee had their fun making "the big top."

This merry, creative job was one of real cooperation between these parents and their alert boys of nine, ten and eleven. If a parent made an object, the son received credit if he gave understanding attention. The center ring was made by a Cub Dad who is a pattern-maker. The wagons were made up in kits similar to the airplanes, by Mr. L. V. Wertz of 13376 Glenfield. The Cubs put

the wagons together and painted them. No child received an honor for any of the work.

What an opportunity for fraternizing between father and son! We realize that experiences of such planned and united working together for a set goal helps prepare these children for future living in "One World." They are learning the day-by-day happiness and the tangible end results coming from such team work.

When a permanent home was sought for the circus, our school and a hospital were considered. It finally came to us through the advice of Pastor E. H. Buchheimer of Our Savior Church. On Saturday, January 11, Mr. Wertz and Mr. Dailey, now the Cub Master, brought the circus to its present site. Three of our pupils, Vivian Moeller, Joann Meyers, Kenneth Harlan, and Roy Bellhorn, a son of Mr. Bellhorn of our teaching staff, gave their substantial assistance in setting up the prized gift.

On the 14th of the month it was formally presented to Mr. Klein at a supper of the Men's Club of Our Savior Church. He was given the outstanding animal cage, having glass sides and exhibiting life-like Papa and Mama Gargantua which are unmistakably eating bananas. The cage is now attracting much attention in the parade around the tent. Both the parents and Cubs are reported as pleased with the plan, and as the school is delighted, the decision is a unanimous one.

Although you can see the composition of this intriguing model in the picture which appeared in The Detroit Free Press at the time of the Hobby Show, you may enjoy looking at it with our Third

Graders. They not only had fun spying one object after another, but learned circus language via a happy route.

It was delightful to see the joy on their faces and to hear the enthusiasm in their exclamations. The first to arrest their attention was the graphically portrayed band on a stand to the rear. One can fairly hear the music which is spurring on the animals and the performers. On each side of the band stand are the grand stands where various types of people are sitting. Next they saw the vendors selling the children's favorite pop, Coca Cola, and those with balloons, pennants and the ever-desirable hot-dogs. Sawdust, a circus must, covers the floor.

Then the three rings (for what first-class circus doesn't have three!) demanded attention. The middle one holds as wild and well-trained lions and tigers with their trainer as those ever exhibited by Clyde Beatty. They are held in by the fence constructed by the pattern-maker. Yes, in another ring is the ever-present seal balancing a ball on his nose. One of the many and differently costumed clowns holds a hoop for a dog ready to jump through it. The strong man has the heavy weight and another one is standing on his head, a feat which the children volunteered was one of their own accomplishments. The mother kangaroo with her baby in her pocket brought unanimous appreciation. The rings are just teeming with varied activities.

One can have a perfect view of the parade from the grand stands. There are elaborate and varied wagons carrying chimpanzees, the gargantuas, bears, giraffes and so

on. They are drawn by elephants and horses. One huge elephant with rich oriental trappings brought forth admiring comments. To top all this, there's a professionally constructed calliope which drew the children's wonder.

At this point the children were able to focus their attention to a higher level. There, way up high are five acrobats on three trapezes. Another one is climbing up a long ladder to one of the platforms. The women's knitted ballet-like costumes are witnesses to the touch of the Den Mothers or the Committee wives. The children suggested with shivers that the acrobats would fall into the lions' and tigers' ring if they fell. So you see it is all very realistic.

Doubtless, the readers will agree with us when we add a bit to Shakespeare and say that this circus is thrice blessed as it blesses him that makes, "him that gives and him that takes."

DO DEAF MEN LIVE LONGER THAN DEAF WOMEN?

Of the 1,000 deaf adults listed in our files, 573 are males and 427 female, the proportion being about equal in the various age groups up to that between 61 and 70 years. Here the figures read 58 deaf men and 40 deaf women. But there is startling difference in the group of 71 years and over with 21 men living as against 9 women. Additions at this writing have increased the former figure to 25 as against 9.

This is interesting in view of the universal assumption that men die sooner than women do, there being far more old widows than widowers. — *Ex.*

RECENT HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The long-awaited Christmas season has passed, but not the memories of its many exciting moments.

Climactic among events was the telling of the Christmas story in pageant form by the children of the school. The program on December 18 at Our Savior Lutheran church was the fruition of weeks' of planning and practice for both pupils and teachers. Two special busses transported our entire institute family to the church.

Added features of the evening were the fine address by the Rev. E. Buchheimer, pastor of Our Savior church, and Christmas carols by a quartet consisting of Fred

Kirchhoff, Herbert Neinas, Elmer Witzke and Leonard Witzke.

On the following day, when the children walked into the dining room, they beheld tables snatched from Fairyland. On each plate were two intriguing packages, mysteries until the seals were broken. These were only some of the numerous gifts bestowed by thoughtful friends. In addition they saw stockings of nuts, fruit, and candy for everyone, which gifts are annually donated by the active Lutheran Ladies' Aid for the Deaf.

Vacation started at noon, December 20, and all children but four went to the homes of either parents or friends. Housemothers and teachers also took advantage of the mid-semester vacation.

Pupils were welcomed back with a post-Christmas party, where the remainder of gift packages were distributed.

With the many holiday pleasantries still fresh in mind, all went back to school grateful to their many friends from far and near who again so generously remembered them at Christmas time.

WHAT EDUCATION DOES FOR THE DEAF

Dr. Elstad, after a visit in a home of deaf people, has the following to say:

"I thought to myself that here were visible results of what education and ambition can do. In this little home there was happiness, comfort, contentment and industry. Everything except perfect hearing. There was such an abundance of the others that the lack of hearing wasn't noticed. This is an inspiration to those of us who hear. It should be an inspiration to those who cannot hear to determine that they, too, will "make good" in school and then make good out in the world, also.

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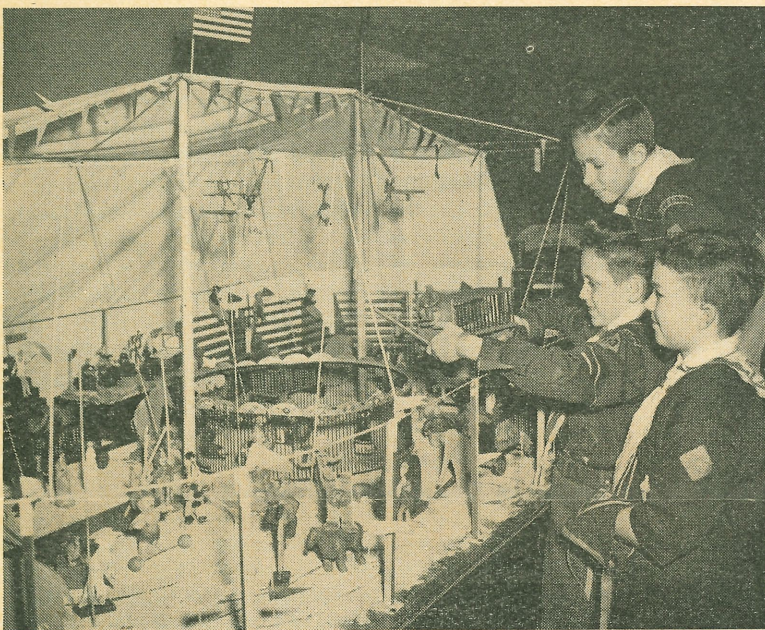
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