

## Incidentally yours

Since spring is providing all nature with a new dress, we thought our Advocate might also appreciate a new garb. So here it is. We hope our readers will like it.

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All recreational activities of our children are in the sunny out of doors at this time of the year. Bicycling, horseback-riding on Bill and Silver, roller skating and the many playground apparatus offer ample opportunities for bodily exercise and fun.

Our Macomb County Ladies' Aid, in its recent regular meeting, very generously voted to supply our kitchen with a regular restaurant-size electric-gas toaster and a beautiful large kitchen fan.

This is in addition to the many other services the ladies provide the school. It is this society which has undertaken to keep our kitchen supplied with dishes.

The Macomb ladies will be the guests of the Detroit Ladies' Aid at a luncheon meeting, May 7.

## New memorial folders for pastors, readers

We are happy to offer to our pastors and readers free of charge a supply of our beautiful new Memorial Wreath Folders.

These memorial cards or folders are a real work of art in four colors. On the first page, resting on a prayer book, is the Book of Books which leads us to everlasting life through faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whose empty cross is shown behind a vase of Easter lilies, the emblem of immortality. Above the cross are the words "In Memoriam" and at the bottom of the page: "And God shall wipe away all tears."

At the top of the second page is a miniature cross and crown emblem with a palm leaf entwined in a delicate wreath of small roses, all in four colors. The rest of the page contains a message of condolence and sympathy, handlettered.

The third page contains the words of dedication and lines for the names of deceased and donors.

On the fourth page, on a delicately shaded blue scroll, are the words "Let not your heart be troubled — I go to prepare a place for you."

We believe that all friends of our Institute will want several of these beautiful cards at hand to use at appropriate occasions.

A request by letter or postal card will bring you a supply free of any charges.

# The deaf child's Advocate

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## Faithfulness...

A grand old grandfather who was confirmed on March 18, 1883, recently said: "I well remember my confirmation; but some of my classmates I have not seen since our confirmation." All who knelt and are kneeling at the Lord's altar in these days pledge their God faithfulness unto death, and they must keep this promise if they want to receive the crown of life. Spring is upon us with its alluring beauties and temptations to forget the house of God, and Christians must be as faithful as ever in order to be sure to obtain their souls' salvation. "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Matthew 24:13.

This matter is so serious that many years ago a pastor wrote in his parish paper: "Do not go away on the Lord's day unless you and all of yours have first gone to church, have heard the Word of God, and have prayed for His good gifts and Spirit. . . . May it never be said of any of our members: 'They deny the Lord that bought them and bring upon themselves swift destruction,' 2 Peter 2:1. God warns also us: 'Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces and there be none to deliver,' Psalm 50:22. God may quickly tear in pieces, by terrible accidents and catastrophes, those who forget Him.' 'It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God,' Hebrews 10:31. But, dear reader, if you and yours will at all times go to the Lord's house at least one day of the week, you may rest assured that He will come to your house seven days of the week."

God wants us to come to the feast of His grace in our house of worship, so that we may partake of the feast of our salvation in heaven.

—G. M. KRACH

## Eight pupils to take confirmation vows

Mother's Day, May 12, will be a happy day for eight of our pupils, for on that day these children will be permitted publicly to renew their baptismal vow.

The confirmation service will be held in beautiful Trinity Church, the Rev. Gilbert Otte, pastor. We selected Trinity Church because the parents of one of the pupils to be confirmed, Doris Krist, are members of this church.

The members of the class to be confirmed are Doris Krist, Vivian Moeller, Jacqueline Rylander, Jean Armour, Richard Tuccinardi, Robert Gordon and Ralph Reedy. All parents of these pupils as well as all friends of our Institute are cordially invited to this impressive morning service at Trinity Church on Mother's Day.

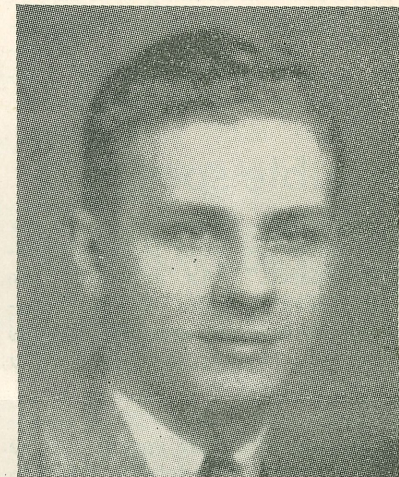
## Set June 9 as date of traditional festival

The traditional second Sunday in June has been set as the date for the annual festival. Mr. Elmer Engel, cashier of the Institute, will again serve as general manager. Committee men of the various congregations belonging to the Association are already formulating plans for an ever better festival. The program will be scheduled for the entire afternoon and evening. Noted speakers and outstanding choirs will be secured, and the pupils and faculty of the Institute are also preparing their part of the program.

We are sure that many of our friends, who due to gas rationing and traveling restrictions had to forego this event during the war years, will be happy to read this announcement and will plan to celebrate with us next June 9th.

## Call River Forest graduate to teach

On Sunday, March 24, at 7:30 P.M., the installation of Teacher George Munding as a member of the faculty of the Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf took



George Munding

place at Concordia Church, Cadillac and Sylvester. The Rev. Ph. Bohn, pastor of Concordia Church, was the liturgist and the sermon was delivered by the Rev. L. Heinicke, vice-president of the Institute's Board of Management. The Rev. G. M. Krach, Chairman of the School Board, officiated in the act of installation. The teachers of the Detroit conference under the direction of Mr. H. Burger sang for the occasion. A reception for teacher and Mrs. Munding was held immediately following the service. Besides many friends, Mr. and Mrs. Munding's mothers from Chicago and St. Louis were present.

A Chicagoan by birth, Mr. Munding received his elementary and high school education at St. Andrew's Parochial School and Lutheran Institute. He is also a graduate of St. John's, Winfield, Kansas; received his A.B. degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1945, and his Bachelor of Science degree from Concordia Teacher's College, River Forest, Illinois, in March of this year. He has also

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## It could be much worse

It seems natural for people to show how things could be worse than they really are. This is true with such things as deafness, too.

To those who are losing their hearing, or have already lost it, there is consolation in the thought that deafness is not fatal. It is not slow death. Deaf people live from day to day without the depressing fear that follows people who are stricken with a disease that slowly drags them to an early grave. Also, the deaf find no need for medical attention as far as their deafness is concerned, for there is about nothing that can be done by science to relieve deafness. It is a closed issue, and is accepted as such by those who are burdened with it.—*The Hawkeye*

## Visible speech

The Bell Telephone Company has developed what is called "visible speech." An article in the November 19 issue of *Time* magazine gives an account of this method and says that the totally deaf can read it.

The article says: "Most immediate use of visible speech will be in teaching the totally deaf to talk. Normal children learn to talk by listening to and copying the speech of grownups. But the average deaf child, who cannot hear his own or another's voice, learns only about fifty words in his first three years in a special school."

Any educator of the deaf will at once note the gross discrepancy in the above statement. The average deaf child learns only fifty words the first three years in school! At the Minnesota School for the Deaf the average is between 300 and 400 words the first year. During the first three years the average is well over 1,000 words, so you see *Time's* science editor is way off.

Another part of the article says: "A trained eye can easily read this 'visible speech.'" We hope this is true but will take the statement with a big pinch of salt until we have first hand evidence.—*The Companion*

As the twig is bent the tree is inclined. Teach your children the fundamentals of religion today and you will reduce the offenses against God and society ten years from now.

## Looking forward towards expansion

With scores of parents of deaf children clamoring to have their handicapped little ones enrolled in our Christian home and school and also feeling the need of a recreational building for the proper physical development of our pupils, our Board is seriously considering an expansion program.

The kind gifts already received from friends of our cause and the continued support of these same Christians which, we are confident, will be forthcoming together with such legacies which we were privileged to receive recently from the estates of Robert Schoensigel of Plymouth, Wisconsin, John P. Schaffer of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, S. Meeske of St. Louis, Missouri; Mrs. Louise Nolde of Richmond, Virginia, Mrs. Carrie E. Bollerslo of Saginaw, Michigan, Mrs. Mary C. Woehrmann of Cleveland, Ohio, and one received through Mr. Louis Jaschinsky of Chicago, Illinois, encourage us towards such a program.

We are indeed grateful to God who opened the hearts and hands of His people for this soul-saving work in His Church. And we are also filled with sincere gratitude to our many friends who so consistently and generously contribute of their blessings so that handicapped deaf children may be afforded the opportunity of a Christian education which will lead to salvation through faith in our crucified Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

May our dear Lord continue to move the hearts of such of his children as He has blessed more abundantly with this world's goods so that they, too, when they make their last will and testament, may remember the cause of His less fortunate brethren with gifts which will bear fruits for all eternity. And may He also bless our school with a staff of consecrated teachers and household personnel which is ever eager and willing to lead His bloodbought lambs into the saving arms of Christ, the Good Shepherd.

## First impressions of a new teacher

I have nothing to sell. I'm a school teacher by profession, not a salesman. So remember, as you read, I'm telling, not selling.

The very nature of my remarks may sound like a sales talk. Yet, I cannot write contrary to my impressions. I have had experiences here which have sold me on this work. And I'm not referring to the usual advantages considered such as excellent plant, congenial and talented colleagues, salary and the like. All of these, the institute possesses abundantly. There are other more significant advantages. But, let me discuss these as I tell my story.

Some weeks ago I stopped into the silent world of the deaf for the first time. True, I had been interested in deaf work. I had visited schools and read text books. But, I was like the bachelor who had written books on rearing children. Theory was present but no practice.

These past weeks have made deaf work very practical and personal for me. I have found work that challenges, interests and rewards. Here is a job to do, here is a fertile field for application of intelligence and ingenuity. Here is work that pays rich dividends. Dividends such as these: the look of discovery and joy on the face of a child after you have succeeded in telling him the Gospel story; or, the feeling of accomplishment as you watch a silent child gradually become oral; and, that soul-stirring feeling of fulness and completeness when this child places his hand in yours and looks up with complete trust, confidence and love. These are dividends for a happy life.

I am humble before the awful responsibility which I owe these children as their teacher. I am aware of my limitations as a novice in this field. In this spirit I pray, "O make the deaf to hear, O God, and make me, your unworthy servant, capable of teaching them how to hear."

## Demonstrate deaf work before various groups

During the past two months the teachers and pupils of our school have been active in a considerable measure in addition to their regular duties. Our Director, Mr. Klein, always tries to cooperate with neighborhood congregations as well as with organized secular groups in supplying a speaker and "teaching demonstration" whenever asked by these societies.

Among the recent programs, consisting of a talk and demonstration, were the following: Detroit Lion's Club, Director Klein; Family Hour Club of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Rev. K. E. Runge, pastor, by Miss Emily Born; the Fire-side Hour of Gethsemane, Rev. F. A. Hertwig, pastor, by Mr. Walter Bellhorn; the Parent-Teacher Association of Redeemer, Rev. E. W. Nuelken, pastor, by Mrs. Fred Kirchoff; a Father and Son banquet at Jehovah, Rev. I. M. Brackebusch, pastor, by Mr. Robert Schmitz.

Because of the unusual nature of our work, this type of program is always most interesting and instructive to those who attend; the opinions expressed by observers have always been encouraging and appreciative. These demonstrations, together with our school film "Ephphatha," have done much toward publicizing our school and enlightening audiences in Detroit, as well as in other cities of the United States, of the work in special education which we are doing.

## Fellow employees aid deaf man

To aid Mr. Lorin Johnson at the linotype in a Forest City, Iowa, printery, a fellow worker rigged up an automatic lighting device to warn him of trouble. When the distributor at the top of the machine stops, a light flashes on and up goes Lorin to correct the trouble. In this way Lorin never gets any worse jams in the distributing mechanism than anyone else. "Mind over matter," you know, or in this case, "Mind over machine," wins every time.—*Iowa Hawkeye*

## Institute plays host to three Ladies' Aids

It was our distinct privilege and pleasure recently to have as our visitors groups of ladies from several of our congregations. The first was a group of Ladies' Aid presidents and representatives of our Detroit churches. Next we were honored by a visit from our many friends of St. Lorenz congregation in Frankenmuth, Michigan. These good women came 130 strong loaded down with food and other goodies for our big family of children. It required three large Greyhound busses to transport them and their gifts.

The following week we were happy to have with us the ladies from Nativity Church in Detroit of which the Rev. Armin Ulbrich is the pastor. And last but not least, we welcomed Holy Cross Ladies' Aid from Toledo, Ohio, with their pastor, the Rev. John Fackler.

A committee of women of our own Ladies' Aid, and of Epiphany and E. Bethlehem churches graciously assisted us at entertaining these many friends.

The sole purpose of such Ladies' Aid visits is to become better acquainted with the work and needs in our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf and so ascertain as to how they may best assist in the promotion of this God-pleasing endeavor.

We wish to take this occasion to thank our many visitors for their interest in our work and for the wholehearted financial and other support we have been privileged to receive from them. And we also want to extend an invitation to other Ladies' Aid Societies to "come and see." We are confident that after they have seen the glorious work which their support makes possible, they will go home confident that their dollars could not be spent for a worthier cause.

## Plan new motion picture

Production has begun on a new sound film depicting the Institute and its work.

This motion picture which will be in color will be under the direction of Pastor Ed. Schildt of Detroit.

The new picture will not be ready until next year.

However, our current film is still available for programs.

## The eternal reward

Mrs. Emma Schaefer, for many years a faithful member of our Ladies' Aid Society for the Deaf and a sincere friend of our Institute, was called to her heavenly home recently. Mrs. Schaefer was born in Germany Sept. 16, 1873, the same year when our Institute was founded. She came to America at the age of 20 as Miss Saltswedel, and married Mr. Schaefer in 1896. Six children were born to this couple. These and nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive her.—In fond memory of their mother, the children dedicated a sizeable sum of money to our institute.

Mrs. Mary Messner of Richville, Michigan, also was called to her heavenly reward recently at the age of 79. She, too, always had an open heart for the needs of our deaf children. Many memorial wreath gifts were dedicated to our Institute in her memory.

Other friends of our cause and readers of the "Advocate" of whose departure from this vale of tears we were informed through Memorial Wreath gifts are the following: Mrs. Frank Yunghans, Vincennes, Indiana, Teacher Paul G. Moerbe, New Orleans, Louisiana, Mr. Albert Boehringer, Bay City, Mrs. Minnie Daniels, Mr. Wm. Deckert, Mr. Charles Manske, Mr. Wm. Outland, Mr. Leonard Reindel, Mrs. Anna Schultz, and Mr. Theodore Toepel, Detroit, Mrs. Fred Bickel, Mrs. Fred Goetzinger, and Mr. John Paul Knoll, Frankenmuth, Mr. John Vierегge, Monroe, Mr. Art Gutchow, Mt. Clemens, Mrs. Herman Jandt, Muskegon, Mrs. Elizabeth Rupprecht, Reese, Mrs. Henry Brege, Sr., Rogers City, Mrs. John Graf, Unionville, and Mr. Martin Priehs, Utica, Michigan; Mr. Ehler Henke, Arlington, Minnesota; Mr. Bernhard Schade, St. Louis, Missouri; Mrs. B. B. Johnson, Celina, and Mrs. Herman Von Deylen, Napoleon, Ohio; Mr. Charles Jahnke, Green Bay, and Mrs. Marie Kionka, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. — "And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be anymore pain; for the former things are passed away."

**(Don't forget to reserve June 9 for our festival)**



A group of our little tots enjoying an early spring day outdoors

## They place their trust in me

To shape their yielding hearts and minds,

They come to me, a happy group, And greet me at the door;

They take their seats and ready seem

For every classroom chore.

They cannot sense the sound of rain

Nor birds' sweet roundelay

By ear, whose seal of silence which But God can roll away.

I know it is a solemn task,

A teacher's greatest must:

To shape their yielding hearts and minds,

For which in me they trust.

And I, who work with living clay To fashion noblest art,

Aspire to mold the mind with depth,

And put God in the heart.

At times I grope with little faith

That I their minds can free,

Yet, still they do the work I give, With constant trust in me.

At tasks when'er they face hard knots,

They look in silent plea

That I shall take them by the hand,

Because they trust in me,

Some day they must go out from school,

All feeling learned and free;

But should I fail them in their trust,

They shall remember me!

Lord, make me worthy of their trust,

And let my work agree

With laws of Thine to lift them up In knowledge and to Thee.

—STEPHEN W. KOZIAR

## School faces serious shortage of teachers

With the installation of Mr. George Munding, recent graduate of River Forest, our teacher problem for next year is only partially solved. In other words, we are looking for additional instructors. We have placed our request with the Board of Assignment for three girl graduates of either River Forest or Seward, and we sincerely hope that three candidates will be assigned to us. But we shall need more help in our school rooms, and if there are any teachers who would like to enter this most interesting field of education and are willing to spend six weeks attending summer school at Wayne University in Detroit with free board and room at our Institute during this summer, we suggest that they communicate at once with Director J. H. Klein, 6861 Nevada Avenue, Detroit 12, Michigan, who will be glad to give all necessary information. Any one wishing to take up this work should have a bachelors degree or have completed at least three years of college work.

## Have you changed your address?

In reporting a change of address please send us your present mailing address plus the new address. This information is forwarded immediately to the publisher.

Many readers have written that there is a long delay before changes in address are made. This responsibility lies with the publisher since address changes are reported to him immediately upon receipt of your letter.

## From the class room

### Donald's birthday party

Donald had a birthday January 7th. He was nine years old. We had a party. I put candy, nuts and gum into the baskets. Monica did nothing. She was not here. She was at home. Clifford put the desks around the table. Gerold did nothing. He was not here. He was at home. Linda made the pop. Sidney put nine candles on the cake. Donald set the table. David put peanut butter on the crackers. Zelona got plates, spoons and glasses.

Miss Forsberg gave Donald a present. It was a package of gum. We had a good time. — Eileen Snyder, age 8, 1st Grade. Language drill using words in sentences.

1. *made* — Miss Forsberg *made* a big valentine yesterday.
2. *found* — Clifford *found* a dime this morning. He gave it to Miss Forsberg for some sick children.
3. *played* — Bucky *played* outside yesterday. He *played* with a sled.
4. *painted* — Eileen *painted* a picture of Santa Claus yesterday.
5. *called* — Jerry *called* Alice. She did not come.
6. *took off* — Linda *took off* her shoes. She was sad.
7. *went* — Miss Forsberg *went* to the store last Saturday. She bought a black coat.
8. *wrote* — I *wrote* a letter to my mother and father.
9. *got* — I *got* a box from my mother. She sent me bananas, oranges, notebook, airplanes, and jam.
10. *crawled* — Donald and I *crawled* on the floor.

—Gerold Evers, age 10, 1st Grade.  
Ann — a description

Ann is a short girl. She is 5 years old. She is fat. She is funny. She is my sister. She has gray eyes and brown hair. She has on a blue blouse and skirt, red, blue and white socks and black shoes. She does not wear glasses. She likes to ride a tricycle. She likes to eat ice cream. She likes to dress up like a woman.—Linda Moore, age 8, 1st Grade.

### News

I have two nickels. My father gave them to me. I got a letter from my mother this morning. She has new brown shoes. My father does not like them. I think he is fooling.

I am going home tomorrow afternoon. Monica is going home with me.



Our little Sharon from Chicago

Miss Forsberg went to the store last Saturday. She bought a black coat. It is very, very pretty. She likes it very, very much.

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I got plates, glasses and spoons for the lunch.—Zelona Hotchkiss, age 8, 1st Grade.

We did not play outdoors yesterday. Marie and I played house. She was mother. I was a baby.—Lois Brandes, age 6, 1st Pregrade.

### A birthday party

Lynn had a birthday party, January 18. We ate some ice cream, cake and candy. We had pretty baskets. My basket was yellow and purple.—George Scheiderer, age 7, 1st Pregrade.

### Language

*am is are have has*  
I am a girl. I have blue eyes. I have brown hair. My name is Lorna Schankin.

Earl and Bobbie are boys. Earl has brown eyes. He has brown hair. Bobbie has blue eyes. He has brown hair.—Lorna Schankin, age 6, 1st Pregrade.

## Celebrate fiftieth year

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of missions for the deaf by our Synod. This blessed work is the direct result of the efforts of our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. Synod is at this time planning a fitting memorial for this event.

## New pupil writes his reactions on school

I am a boy twelve years old. I came to this school on December 13th, 1945. Ever since I came I have liked it here very much.

My home is in Canada. I came here with a friend who is a doctor. We traveled to Detroit by boat. The doctor is trying to help me to hear again. I lost my hearing from scarlet fever about two years ago.

After school I go into the boys' living room to play or else we go outside. We go skating sometimes or ride on the pony. In the evening I do my home work and go to bed at eight-thirty.

Every Thursday we can go to the store to buy what we need. I help dry dishes at noon. We take a bath twice a week.

I have been at this school for four months and I like staying here.—Anthony Herbert

## A trip to the circus

March 4th was an exciting day for the children here because we were going to the circus. The Lion's Club of Grosse Pointe took all of us except the smallest. The men drove us in their cars. The manager of this celebration gave us tickets.

The circus began about 2:30. Several clowns entertained the people by acting silly. One fat clown pretended to make love to some girls and women before the circus began. The parade was first. Fifteen elephants walked around the rings three times. Horses, dogs, camels, clowns, and girls in colored glittering costumes also marched around.

The lion and tiger act was first. Clyde Beatty made the wild animals do tricks. One tiger rolled over and twirled around and around while the drums rolled. The tiger also walked on a barrel.

Some of our favorite acts were the dogs, the acrobats, the bears, the bareback riders, and the high wire performers. We enjoyed it all.

The men of the Club treated us to frost bites, candy bars, and popcorn. We had a good time.—Gloria Lutz, Seventh Grade.

## Deaf congregation ably supports church

Reverend N. E. Borchardt, pastor of Our Saviour Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Detroit, has announced that the fund by contributions of his congregation during the year of 1945 is well over \$3400. This is particularly praiseworthy inasmuch as the congregation of this church is not a very large group, and to have raised such a total means that every person must have contributed an average of twenty-five dollars or more.

Many of the M. S. D.'s students know Rev. Borchardt. He visits our school on alternate Wednesdays to give the Lutheran pupils of M.S.D. the word of the Lord. However, his contribution to the welfare of the deaf does not stop here. He has served in many other ways during his career as a man of the cloth. He has been a counselor and friend to those in trouble, and has willingly given of his free time to officiate at weddings, funerals, and other such gatherings.

—Michigan Mirror

## Call River Forest graduate to teach

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acquired additional credit hours at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University.

Mr. Munding is already active in the classroom at the Institute, but to fully qualify as a teacher of the deaf it will be necessary for him to acquire 30 credit hours in special education at Wayne University, Detroit. He will be taking summer and evening courses.

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