

Incidentally yours

May 7 was a gala day for our Detroit ladies' aid when its members met in joint meeting with the Macomb county chapter for a pot-luck dinner in its spacious basement dining-room and later for a joint business meeting in our beautiful Gloria Dei Chapel. More than three hundred members were present. It is, indeed, refreshing and encouraging to see that so many people are interested in the Christian education of deaf children.

Covenant Young People's society, Pastors H. R. Wacker and John Streit, and East Bethlehem Seniors, Pastor E. Schildt, delighted our children at Easter time with candy-filled Easter baskets and beautifully colored Easter eggs. Ice cream and large chocolate bars were the gifts from our own ladies' aid.

This being the time of year when Whooping Cough begins to be more prevalent, we want to call attention to Dr. Hoermann's remedy which did so much for our children. The remedy can be obtained from Dr. R. B. Hoerman, 2200 N. Third St., Milwaukee 12, Wisconsin.

To graduate seven in festival ceremony

Climaxing years of special education seven pupils will be graduated in a special ceremony on the festival Sunday, June 9.

Those graduates planning to continue their education on the high-school level are Doris Krist, Lutheran high school, Detroit; Vivian Moeller, high-school for hearing students at Kinde, Mich.; Jacqueline Rylander and Jean Armour, state school for the deaf, Flint, Mich.; and Richard Tuccinardi, Kendall Green high school, Washington, D. C.

Robert Gordon will be employed in vessel salvaging on the Great Lakes and Ralph Reedy will begin his apprenticeship at a mechanical trade.

Confirmands present school with token

As a token of their appreciation for confirmation instruction, the confirmands will present a painting to the school.

The class has chosen Sallman's "Christ, the Good Shepherd" as the picture it will present.

Order for the picture has been placed and the gift will be presented to be Director.

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The deaf have heard, O God . . .



Seated: The Rev. N. E. Borchardt, Director J. A. Klein. Standing from left to right: Jean Armour, Vivian Moeller, Ralph Reedy, Robert Gordon, Richard Tuccinardi, Doris Krist, Jacqueline Rylander.

—Photo by Windhorst

Realize main purpose of Institute with confirmation of seven deaf

Lutheran Institute for the Deaf once more fulfilled its main purpose for existing when seven pupils took their confirmation vows in an impressive service at Trinity Lutheran church, May 12.

Director J. A. Klein conducted a public examination in which he used the oral method (pupils read examiner's lips; sign language was not employed). The examination was comprised of questions framed to indicate the pupils' familiarity and comprehension of the cardinal doctrines of Christianity.

The Rev. N. E. Borchardt, pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Deaf, delivered a brief address on the significance of the confirmation vow (a summary of Pastor Borchardt's sermon appears on page two of this issue) and performed the act of confirmation. The Rev. Gilbert Otte, pastor of Trinity church, assisted and acted as liturgist.

Following the confirmation service, the confirmands, their parents and relatives and members of the Institute staff celebrated this memorable occasion with a confirmation dinner at the school.

Pick New York for summer meeting

New York will play host to the fifty-sixth annual summer meeting of The American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf, June 24-26.

Outstanding features of this summer meeting include lectures by Mr. and Mrs. Ewing, outstanding English otologists, Bell visible speech demonstration, discussion meetings dealing with speech, lip reading, hearing aids and other fields of interest.

In keeping with the progressive outlook of this school, members of the staff will make every effort to attend these sessions, thus keeping the faculty informed on latest achievements in deaf work.

Expect over 5,000 to visit festival

As a gesture of thanksgiving to God for the completion of another successful year, Lutheran Institute for the Deaf will celebrate its annual festival, June 9.

This traditional festival provides friends of the Institute opportunity to renew old acquaintances, observe accomplishments of the school and enjoy a pleasant day of picnic activity on the beautiful and spacious grounds of the school.

Highlighting the day's activities will be an all-student program, open air service and a vesper service. The all-student program, which begins at 2:00, will include gymnastics, drill work, skits, presentation of diplomas to graduates and other interesting features. The entire faculty had a part in the development of this program.

The Rev. Harold Bernthal of New Boston, Mich., and the Detroit Bach choir, directed by Mr. Carl Munzel, will participate in the main service, 3:00 p.m. As many as 5,000 people have attended this open-air service in the past.

Vesper services at 7:30 p.m. will mark the close of festival activities. The Rev. George Hildner of Tabor Lutheran church will be guest speaker. Tabor choir under the direction of Mr. Fred Hamann will sing.

In addition to these festival features, the committee has arranged an East-West side ball game, horseback riding, and other games and amusements to insure a busy and interesting day for all visitors.

The Institute ladies' aid will serve a complete hot meal in the well-equipped basement dining-room. Serving will begin 4:00 p.m. However, luncheons and other refreshments will be available continuously throughout the entire afternoon and evening.

The Institute is looking forward to greeting a record number of its friends at this first post-war festival.

Lanterns light way for Chicago meeting

Recently the writer had a very unique experience. He and Mr. Werner Knack, a member of our Board, were invited to meet with the Board of the Chicago Lutheran Charities Fund, in one of the loop district sky scrapers. When we arrived, about ten minutes late, we found the entire building in almost complete darkness and with but one elevator in operation. Arriving at the seventh floor and stepping into a dimly lighted corridor, we noticed that none of the many offices had any lights whatsoever. Mr. Knack remarked, „We must be in the wrong place, there surely is no meeting being held in any of these offices.” Just then we heard voices and saw an open door. Entering, we found that we had arrived at the proper place alright, and that the meeting was already in progress in a semi-dark room. Much to our amazement we saw on the long conference table two farm lanterns filled with coal oil, ready for the striking of a match to set fire to the well-trimmed wicks. After being introduced to the assembled members the meeting continued until total darkness obliterated everything. At this point, Mr. Sauermann, treasurer of Valparaiso university, who had been appointed the official lamplighter, arose and in a very dignified manner proceeded to perform the unusual act of setting fire to the wicks of the lanterns. While doing so he was jokingly warned not to let that part of Chicago's history which is connected with a lantern be repeated.

After the adjournment of this very congenial lantern-light meeting, the members departed to their respective homes driving or walking through the dimly lighted streets of Chicago. And as they passed the many shops whose only illumination consisted of candle, kerosene, and gasoline light, they marvelled—

Present world conditions create some strange combinations, indeed, especially when they place men who travel by twentieth century means of transportation to meet in a futuristic sky scraper in the country's second largest city only to have their meeting place illuminated by nineteenth century lighting facilities.

Yum, yum, two cases of eggs, two hams, and three quarters of a young steer from Ohio and more eggs from Illinois and Michigan.

Why spend so much?

Educating deaf children is a costly undertaking. No other child-education costs so much. Because of this fact, but few parents can afford to pay the full amount it costs to house, feed, and educate a deaf child in our Lutheran Institute. On the average, we receive about one-fifth of our operating costs from the parents of our deaf children. The other four-fifths must come from Christians throughout our country who, out of love for their Savior, want to assist in this great work of bringing these sorely handicapped little ones into the arms of the Good Shepherd. They are they who now speak that miracle producing word “Ephphatha,” meaning be opened, for the Savior, that word which opens the spiritual ears of our deaf children so that they, too, in spite of their affliction, can say, “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want —.”

The reason for the high cost of deaf education is the nature of these children's affliction. Not being able to hear, they come to us as total blanks mentally. They do not know even that they have names or that objects have names, and that action, condition, and so forth are expressed in words. To teach such a pupil and to give such a child proper rearing requires a large staff of efficient household and specially trained teaching personnel. It is the payroll of this large professional staff which makes our work so costly. However, in comparison with the invaluable blessings it bestows, the cost should be considered but a mite.

When parents come to enroll their deaf child in our Institute, and after they have been given all other information, the final and to them perhaps the most important question is, “What will it cost us to enter our child in your school?” To this question our answer is invariably as follows:—To care for and educate your child costs us approximately \$80.00 per month or \$800.00 per school term. We expect you to pay of this amount as much as you possibly can. But since you alone know your financial circumstances, only you can determine how much you can afford to pay. All we ask is that you will be honest with us and yourself. Any amount you cannot pay, loving friends will pay for you through their gifts to our cause and through partial or full scholarships. No child is ever refused admittance to our home-school because of non-payment of fees on the part of the parents.

“Follow Me”—a confirmation address

“Will ye also go away?” This is the question which Jesus asked His twelve apostles on the day when many of the other disciples had left Him. And now Peter answered, “Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.”

This morning, Our Savior comes to you, the members of this confirmation class, and asks you, “Will ye also go away?” Your answer is the same as that of Peter. You promise that you will live as God wants you to live.

Therefore we urge you always to remember and accept the invitation of Jesus in our text, “Follow Me.” (Matt. 4:19)

Two brothers, Peter and Andrew, fishermen, were doing their work one day when Jesus walked past. Jesus stopped and said to them, “Follow Me.” This was a call to become apostles of Jesus.

The call, “Follow Me,” means the same to every one even today. It not only meant that they should believe. It meant that they had to give up their former way of life. It meant that they had to overcome their weaknesses and sins.

Today, when we accept the call to follow the Savior, it still means a call to sacrifice for Him. It means that we must resist every desire to do evil and constantly strive to do good.

So, today, as Jesus says to you, “Follow Me,” and you answer, “Lord, we want to follow you,” you are stepping out on a pathway of life in which you must not expect weak and easy living, but in which you need strength and courage. It will be a difficult life, but also a blessed and thrilling life.

Finally, the call, “Follow Me,” demands a life of service. When you accept the call to follow the Savior, you are promising Him that you will tell others about the Savior.

This call has come to you. May it please God to enable you to heed that call until we hear Him call again, saying, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

Michigan proposes deaf clinic plan

1. It is proposed that the University of Michigan speech clinic establish and conduct a clinical program to evaluate the adaptability of hearing aids to individual needs; to train hard of hearing people to use sound amplification to alleviate their hearing loss, and to assist hard of hearing persons to select a satisfactory hearing aid.

2. This proposal is made as a direct outgrowth of a suggestion by Mr. H. Earle Correvont, Director of the State Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

a. This topic was discussed at the Board of Directors meeting of the Michigan society for hard of hearing on Saturday, January 12, 1946.

b. The committee requests that the University of Michigan speech clinic take a position of leadership in this work. It is the desire of the committee that subsequently several clinics be established in the state to provide this special type of service to the hard of hearing.

c. It is estimated on the basis of current needs that approximately one hundred cases per year.

Marvelous indeed

Aural Windows: ‘Lip reading is a marvelous faculty with many deaf. There are undoubtedly children in the schools for the deaf who can ‘read’ the movements of the side of the face when the lips are concealed. The ability of many deaf and hard of hearing to understand as much as they do, is a wonderful evidence of their mental agility and intelligence. To build up quickly a sentence with the meaning, when but one or two words are poorly ‘caught’ is a real feat of skill.”

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The eternal reward

Until we meet again in heaven we had to bid farewell to the following friends and readers of our Advocate whom the Lord called to be with Him in the heavenly mansions:

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"But now they desire a better country that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city." He. 11:16.

Production continues on Institute movie

Faculty members of the Institute are approaching their movie-going with a more experienced eye since production of the new Institute movie has exposed them to the trials and tribulations of motion picture making.

In spite of the lack of experience with this work, and in spite of amateurish mistakes, a process of trial and error has finally produced some excellent pictures.

A great deal of picture-taking in the class-room has been completed, and portions of the religious work and outdoor activities have been finished.

Among those working on the movie consensus of opinion is that the only ones not making mistakes are our kiddies.

Unto these last

Another overwhelming proof of the marvelous potentialities for mission work which this school offers was in evidence again Sunday, May 5, when nine of our pupils were brought to the Savior through baptism.

Those baptized were: Sharon Anderson, Marie Bailey, Ruby Blackburn, John Curry, Richard Curry, Amy Heald, Maevelyn Lackey, Mary Jane McWatters, and Howard Snyder.

One hundred thirty strong . . .



Our friends of St. Lorenz congregation, Frankenmuth, Mich.

Face expansion, teacher problems

Discuss plans for building program

The many applications from parents of deaf children for the enrollment of their little ones in our school compel us to plan for the expansion of our facilities. Although present conditions do not permit entering upon an extensive building program, at this time, nevertheless, our Board has asked our architect to make a study of our future building needs in order that these findings might be presented to our Association for serious consideration at its annual business meeting on June 24.

We feel confident that any expansion program decided upon will receive the usual wholehearted support of our many readers and friends.

New memorial wreath receives acclaim

The new memorial wreaths which the Institute has made available to its friends have received a wide and warm reception. Many people have written to tell us that they consider these memorial wreaths the most appropriate of their kind. Excerpts from the following letters are an indication of the approval with which these new folders have been received:

"Please send us six of your latest memorial wreath folders. They are certainly a real work of art and the second page conveys the most appropriate thoughts in just the right way."

Another reader writes us, "Could I ask you to send me a few cards? Your cards are so nice to send. Some institutions just have postal cards, they seem so cold, but your cards carry a message."

Picture brightens for next year

Our teacher problem is still vexing us. However, if all the efforts put forth to gain new teachers receive the blessing of the Lord, we are confident that when September rolls around, we shall again have a full teaching staff. The shortage of seven teachers which we reported in our last issue of the *Advocate* is now reduced to five. Miss Christel Erdman, a former pupil of our school and now a graduate of Gallaudet college, Washington, D. C., has accepted a contract to teach in our school, and we also have the assurance that another teacher will heed our call and be with us soon.

For at least three other teachers we are relying heavily upon the outcome of the recent meeting of the placement committee at Concordia teachers' colleges of River Forest and Seward. Our needs have been placed before this committee and it has promised to give our cause serious consideration.

Many alumni to visit school for festival

Festival day will be Homecoming day for many of our former pupils who always try to return to from far and near return to visit once again with old acquaintances and school mates.

Recent letters indicate that among those who will try to return for festival activities are: Raymond Miller, Dane county, Wis., Dorothy Wenner, Cleveland, O., Peter Nerutka, Chicago, Ill., Dorothy Ohlberg, Fresno, Cal., Wilma Pollmacher, Grant Park,

Two ladies' aids visit Institute

As the school term of 1945-46 draws to a close, we again want to express the fact that it was a real pleasure and privilege to have had so many groups of ladies from our various congregations spend an afternoon with us observing the work and becoming better acquainted with us and our needs. The last two groups for this year were the ladies' aid society of Holy Cross congregation, Saginaw, and Immanuel ladies' aid of Frankentrost, Mich. Both societies were served luncheon at noon, ladies from East Bethlehem church, Detroit, serving. A tea at 3:30 p.m. was served by our own Ladies' Aid for the Deaf.

The interest shown by these visiting groups and their impressions expressed have always been encouraging and appreciated.

The Institute invites similar groups to arrange visits to our school next fall.

Ladies' aid gives Belle Isle picnic

Once again the ladies of our school played host to the entire Institute family at the annual Memorial day outing on Belle Isle, May 28.

Approximately 120 pupils and staff members spent the day enjoying the many attractions of Detroit's island recreation center. The younger children frisked about on the large variety of playground equipment, while the older ones enjoyed the boating, bicycling and riding equipment which are available. All enjoyed visits to the zoo, aquarium and the many beautiful nature spots which cover the island.

Highlight of picnic festivities was the splendid luncheon served by the ladies which included hot dogs, bananas, peanuts, pop, lemonade and everything that goes to make up a satisfying lunch on a picnic.

Ill., Odis Landsberk, New Hampton, Ia., Olga Wachuta, Cleveland, O., June Habermehl, Farmington, Mich., Doris Dowling, Emly City, Mich., Herbert Kohn, Gillet, Wis., and many others in and near Detroit.

When one has not worked in one's youth, one knows nothing, is nothing, and can do nothing.

—Lacordaire

Graduate pens his reaction on school's benefits for him

I came to this school because my parents wanted to obey God's command, "Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." During the years I learned to know Jesus and the way of salvation, and was confirmed on May 12. I shall receive my diploma on the day of the annual festival.

Now I must say, "Goodbye" to the Institute and my classmates and friends. I shall never forget them. I am so thankful to God for this school and its many friends and supporters who have done so much for me and the hundreds of others who are deaf.

—Ralph Reedy

Girls farm guests of school friend

On the Saturday before Easter, Miss Van Syoc took a group of older girls to her farm about twenty-five miles from Detroit. When we arrived, a woman showed us around and we saw the baby chicks, pigs, and horses.

An egg hunt was planned for us next. There were prizes for different pictures on the eggs. Gayle got first prize. She received a pretty basket filled with candy. Doris got a prize too. Hers was a box of candy.

We had ice cream, cupcakes, milk and cookies for lunch. When we finished eating, Miss Van Syoc brought us back to school. We had a grand time.

—Kathleen Thate, Seventh grade

Reluctant rope

Our fifty-foot flagpole required a new lanyard. Our ever-willing Robert Gordon volunteered to replace it with a new one. Given permission he connected the new rope to the old one with a piece of baling wire and proceeded to pull the new rope up. But lo, when the wire reached the pulley at the top of the pole the wire passed through but the end of the new rope did not, neither would the old rope then! Well, a steeple jack came along and fixed everything, including the painting of the flagpole which needed a new coat of aluminate. Was Bob's face red num anyway. And so now the stars and stripes are flying again.—Moral: baling wire is good for many things but not for pulling a rope through a pulley at the top of a flagpole.



Ice cream cones are still the favorite treat with Judy Strader, Patty Fountain, Sharon Anderson and their supervisor, Dolores Ketelsen.

Wedding bells ring for former pupils

Wedding bells rang out for two former students of our school. William Lane Norl of Moberly, Mo., and Donna Lee Beck of Decatur, Ill., were united in holy wedlock on Easter Sunday at Decatur, Ill. The Rev. Mr. Albers officiated at the ceremony and the Rev. N. P. Uhlig interpreted for the deaf.

William and Donna Lee met each other while attending the Institute and this union is the result of a friendship which began here. This is not an uncommon occurrence in the history of our school, and is another blessing which the Lord grants through this school, which provided opportunity for deaf people to form friendships here which culminate in happy marriage.

Pupil competes in spelling bee

In a recent city-wide spelling bee sponsored by one of the local newspapers, one of our pupils, Doris Krist, competed with hearing children and acquitted herself quite admirably.

One of the contest judges sent us the following complimentary letter: "You have every right to feel extremely proud of the brave little girl from your school who spelled so valiantly. I am convinced that she could easily have spelled the word given her if she could only have straightened it out in her mind."

Doris was chosen to represent the Institute through a series of elimination contests among the Institute pupils.

Fourth grade enjoys special Easter party

Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Munding took us to his home for an Easter party. We rode for a long time and came to his house.

Mr. Munding showed us a puppy. His name was Thurber. Then we sat down and had an Easter party. We ate hot dogs, cheese sandwiches, pop, candy, ice cream and cake.

We went outside and saw a big dog. His name was Blue Boy. We saw eight chickens in a pen.

Then we went back into the house and dyed eggs. We played a game and Mrs. Munding gave us some bracelets. We went out-doors and looked for Easter eggs. I found three eggs. We had a good time.

—Marlene Nabors

A friend from St. Louis recently presented to us the beautifully framed picture "Christ Knocking at the Door" by Sallmann, for which we are most grateful.

From the classroom

I received a dog last Christmas for a gift. His name is Fritzie. I like Fritzie because he has four short legs and a long tail and a long stomach.

His body is black but his legs are brown. Sometimes he opens the door with his nose. He always plays with me.

My dog is growing fast. My dog likes mother and father better than me because I teased him. We have a good time with the dog.

—Jack Allhouse, Fifth grade

My sister's wedding

My sister, Elaine, will be married June 7. I shall go to the wedding. Her boyfriend's name is Doug.

My sister, Dolores, told me that we shall have a party for Elaine's wedding. But I don't know where we shall have the party. I think that we shall have a party in Wayne.

Maybe she will have a big wedding cake. She will be happy. When she gets married she will move to another home.

—Charlotte Johnson, Fifth grade

Noah, the repair man

If we can't fix it, give it to Noah and he'll do it. Noah Wertz is a pupil of our seventh grade, with natural mechanical inclinations. Electric trains, toasters, clocks, lamps, motors, all have been repaired by him with swiftness and accuracy. He often eyes our power lawnmower with a look on his face which seems to say, "When are you going to break down so I can find out what makes you tick?"

Form of Bequest to Our Institute

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.

Make your child responsible. Some parents think that the more they do for their children the better parents they are. This is not true. You help your child only when you help him to help himself.—Volta

The Festival Program

June 9, 1946

The Lutheran Hour	1:30 P.M.
Deaf Children's Program	2:00 P.M.
Divine Service, Pastor H. Bernthal	3:00 P.M.
East-West Side Soft Ball Game	4:00 P.M.
Evening Dinner to be served.....	4:00 to 7:00 P.M.
Vesper Service	7:30 P.M.