

# 1873 — 75 years of service to the deaf — 1948

## Incidentally yours

Our readers will soon receive our annual letter. This year it will feature our Diamond Jubilee. We hope that it will be read in the same spirit in which it was written and that many, out of gratitude to God, will want to do a little extra in this 75th anniversary of our Institute in order that all deaf children, who are the most forgotten and neglected mentally normal beings, may henceforth find the doors of this Christian school open to them. — Remember 29 out of 40 had to be told that there was no room for them this year.

"Have You Seen Jimmy?" the slogan which called attention to our new film **The World of Silence** has done and is doing its work so well that all four copies are almost solidly booked to the middle of January. And in order to meet the ever-growing demand for this interesting picture we have placed our order for a fifth copy. — The film was shown at a gathering of special educators at the Michigan State School for the Deaf and as a result a request has reached us from Miss Mary Blair of the Michigan Department of Special Education for the use of the picture in her department.

Plans for our Diamond Jubilee celebration are to be presented to our Board by a committee consisting of the Pastors Geo. Krach, Louis Koehler, and Norbert Borchardt.

Our children and entire staff greatly enjoyed the wonderful homecoming dinner which our Ladies' Aid prepared for them on September 23. It was the best ever. Many thanks to the good ladies. — The ladies also purchased for us a \$600.00 multigraph. This added equipment will save us considerable printing expenses.

The two new pinto ponies, Laddie and Spotty, gifts of Mrs. Frank Holbrook of Detroit, are getting real workouts these days by our would-be cowboys and cowgirls.

Requests for lectures on our work are gladly complied with whenever this is possible. Recently the writer appeared with our film at the Lutheran Layman's League retreat at Arcadia, an L. L. L. meeting in Toledo, Ohio, and a woman's organization in Warren, Michigan. Mr. Geo. Munding, one of our teachers, gave a talk and demonstration in the Rev. H. Brauer's congregation in Ann Arbor, the evening of Oct. 12.

# *The deaf child's* **ADVOCATE**

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## This Work in His Name for His Glory



Seventy-five years ago a story began that has been chronicled on the pages of time with the indelible ink of faith, courage and vision.

The story began when this year's Centennial-celebrating Missouri Synod was only 25 years past its first meeting in a Chicago church, and Detroit was a sleepy city of ten thousand still to be awakened by a Henry Ford.

In a rural area near Detroit some Lutheran men from this Michigan city quietly purchased a tract of swampy land. They didn't quite know how they were going to do it but they did know these words, "O make the Deaf to hear Thy Word and teach the Dumb to speak, Dear Lord." And they knew that they had to do something about it.

Today that swampy piece of land is the beautiful landscaped home of your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. And today we who are carrying on for the founding fathers dedicate ourselves anew to these words which built a school and founded an institution.—"O make the Deaf to her Thy Word and teach the Dumb to speak, Dear Lord."

## Institute launches new speech program

Ever on the alert to make its crusade for the rehabilitation of the deaf still more effective, Lutheran Institute for the Deaf initiated a new speech program with the opening of the fall semester.

The program is under the supervision of a special speech teacher, Miss Alyce Ann Thompson, whose responsibility it is to carry out a correlated speech program throughout the school. The three major objectives are: building pleasant voices; developing good speech elements with special emphasis on perfecting the vowel sounds; and establishing a phrasing and inflection pattern in speaking. The acquisition of all three objectives is necessary for good speech and will be a highly prized accomplishment by each deaf child. The speech program also will include an auricular training program the purpose of which will be to re-educate the remnants of hearing which some deaf children possess. A hearing aid can bring sound within hearing range of some deafened, and the interpretation of these sounds or "noises" into words, spoken thought, and music can be accomplished to varying degrees of success.

The deaf child wants to hear and to speak more than he wants anything else in this world. The teachers shall endeavor to give each child as much speech as possible, and thereby equip him for a happier life in our hearing society. A well correlated speech program developed step by step will produce noticeable improvement by the close of school in June.

**Detroiters  
Don't Forget  
POUND DAY  
This Fall**



## The right to place these jewels in the Savior's Crown



And they shall be Mine . . . in that day when I make up My jewels.  
Mal. 3:17

Do you know that you hold a part interest in a jewelry store? Perhaps you've never thought of your Institute for the Deaf as a jewelry store, but we have one hundred jewels here. They are the deaf boys and girls of our school.



We make this comparison because the theme of our appeal to you is the diamond which typifies the importance of these deaf children and symbolizes our seventy-fifth anniversary year.

These are the jewels that, but for you, might always have been dross. These are the jewels that, but for you, might always have been as silent stones. These are the jewels that, but for you, might never have been set in the Savior's crown as redeemed souls. These are the jewels that are worth the world one hundred times because these jewels are human souls.

This is the jewel that lies on the velvet of your perspective today—your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. This is the jewel that has been refined through 75 years. This is the jewel that you can possess with your prayers and contributions this 75th anniversary year.

Perhaps some of these comparisons seem strange. We grope for words to describe the awe-inspiring Divine importance of this work—bringing Salvation to these silent souls who might never have heard the gospel story if you hadn't supported the school.

You can possess something more important than all the jewels of the world—the right to help this school educate these deaf children—the right to place another jewel in the Savior's crown.

### The smile of God upon the world

Four hundred years after Dr. Martin Luther published his first catechism, which was an illustrated manual of Christian doctrine the value of pictures in religious instruction is at last being caught by the church body bearing his name.

All too long has religion been divorced from art in American church life. Their reunion in the spirit of true Lutheranism should be hailed with delight.

Art and religion belong together by identities of origin, subject matter, and inner experience. Religion and art were one and the same thing before either of them became consciously regarded as a distinct human interest. The principal subject matter of the world's artistic treasures is religious. The experience of faith and the experience of beauty are in some measure identical. At our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf the sense of sight stands out prominently as an avenue of approach for Christian truth to enter mind and heart. The altar crucifix constantly preaches and teaches the second article of the creed: Redemption. The three branched candelabra at the sides of the altar remind one of the Trinity and the two communion lights on the retable forever witness to the twofold nature of our Savior, Son of God and Son of Man.

The window over the altar expresses the theme of the Institute: Ephphatha, be thou opened. St. Mark 7:31-37. As each twelfth Sunday after Trinity rolls around and the Gospel of the healing of the deafmute is read in our churches, how our dear children at the Deaf Institute must yearn for that blessed day of contact with the exalted Savior who gives open ears and unloosed tongues.

—THE REV. G. T. OTTE

## Judging the deaf child

Common mistake of parents of deaf children is to go to extremes in expecting too much or too little of their children. They fail to realize that, like hearing children, their individual abilities vary a great deal.

Some deaf children have more ability for learning speech reading than others. Others may find the mechanics of voice development easier to master. And a third group may fail in both of these, but still have exceptional powers of mental grasp and reasoning.

In addition to the consideration of mental capacity there are other factors which enter into judging his progress. The degree of deafness in one or both ears and general muscular coordination are a few of the other factors in which there is a great variation.

In order to judge the child fairly, it is necessary to consider his limitations and hidden abilities. These are the conclusions of a writer in the Kansas Star.

Among our many distinguished visitors last summer were also Dr. C. E. Hoopmann of Australia, Dr. P. H. Petersen and Dr. Schultze of Germany.

### 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.

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### Reward of service

This letter from one of our former pupils, Doris Krist, needs no further comment. Suffice it to say that sentiments such as this letter contains are ample reward for our efforts:

Dear Mr. Klein:

The latter part of June I received a letter from Mr. Biedermann, of the Lutheran High School, which I shall always remember.

The news of the tuition being sent to the Lutheran High School from the children of the Deaf Institute, for the completion of my first year, has made me a happy girl.

My years with the Deaf Institute were blessed with many gifts. The teaching which I had at your wonderful school has made it possible for me to complete my first year at the Lutheran High School.

Words can never express the thanks that I feel. Your gift has given me more ambition to strive for the goal of life. With God's help and guidance I hope to complete the 10th, 11th and 12th grade.

For the happiness which has been brought to a deaf child, may God guard and protect the Lutheran Deaf Institute and guide other deaf children in His steps.

Lovingly yours,

DORIS KRIST

Our beautiful Memorial Wreath folders are free. Why not order a supply now?



### Begin Jubilee building

Your Institute opened its 75th school year with thirteen teachers and full classes. — Of the forty applicants for enrollment, only eleven could be accepted on account of lack of room. — Friends, is it necessary that we build and enlarge our facilities?

There is but one answer. And your Board of Management is wrestling with this problem now as they weigh the high cost of building at this time with the very real and pressing need for additional facilities to care for those we must now turn away. We hope that friends of our cause may volunteer to furnish all the rooms in our new addition as memorials to loved ones. On the door of every room so dedicated a bronze plaque bearing the donor's name will be affixed. Anyone wishing to make such a permanent and lasting dedication may do so by sending the money direct to the Institute. Costs for furnishing the various rooms are \$300.00 \$500.00, \$750.00 and \$1000.00.

### Civic groups aid school

The Southeast and North Detroit Exchange Clubs were our guests on September 17 and the East Detroit and North Detroit Kiwanis Clubs enjoyed our hospitality September 30. These civic organizations are our friends. Their members do much in helping to rehabilitate handicapped children. The Northeast Detroit Kiwanis Club is again assisting us in our Y. M. C. A. health and handicraft programs for our pupils besides furnishing needed eyeglasses for all indigent children. — The Grosse Pointe Lions Club gave us our first ponies several years ago.

Recently we received a gift of \$25.00 from an anonymous friend in New York. We take this occasion to acknowledge the generous offering. May the Lord bless the kind donor.

### 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:

Mrs. John Fischer, Collinsville, Ill.; E. G. Wiese, Reynolds, Ind.; Mrs. Matilda Burger, Adrian, Frederick W. Lange, Bay City, Mrs. Augusta Bock, Mrs. E. C. Fackler, Gustav Fischer, Mrs. Hy. Gerstenschlager, Mrs. Clara Grahman, Mrs. E. Kamin, Theodore Moench, Fred Rehberg, Mrs. Louise Wirth, all of Detroit, Matthew Frank, Ferd. Keinath, Jacob Rummel, Mrs. Bertha Voss, Frankemuth, Albert Heideman, Jackson, Conrad Keinath, Millington, Conrad Kursinsky, Minden City, John Kohler, Monroe, Arthur Ahrens, Mt. Clemens, John Bundt, Sr., Muskegon, James Jacobson, Niles, Fred Breitner, Petersburg, Julia Abraham, Mrs. John Reinbold, Reese, Peter Kern, Richville, Mrs. Upleger, Romeo, Mrs. John Bender, Mrs. John Dirker, John G. Reinbold, Frank Sullivan, Esther Winkler, Saginaw, Samuel Kittlitz, Mrs. John Oehler, Charles Wehr, Utica, Fred Laux, Vassar, Mich.; Mrs. Annie Uthoff, St. Louis, Mo.; Frank Dietz, The Rev. H. F. Tiemann, Cleveland, Philip Kasper, Marysville, Ohio; Miss Lena M. Theimer, Oklahoma City Okla.; Mrs. Anna Widvey, Andover, S. Dak.; The Rev. Herm. Schmidt, Giddings, Mrs. W. C. Schrank, Hamilton, Charles Klein, Houston, Mrs. John Roensch, Port Arthur, Mrs. Hy Mottmiller, Weslaco, Tex.; Mrs. William Grunwald, Milwaukee, Gerhard Smukal, Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

### Pittsburgh donor wants to establish gym fund

Recently one of our reader friends who lives in the Pittsburgh area was moved to heed the plea of your Institute's need for a gymnasium and contributed a sizeable sum of money to be used specifically for the construction of a gymnasium.

This generous friend expressed the hope that his action might motivate others to contribute to a gymnasium fund.

His wish is passed on to our many readers and with him, we hope it will be fulfilled.

### Wayne U dean lauds The World of Silence

Recognition of the merit of our new movie, **The World of Silence**, is coming from all circles. High praise from one of the leaders in the field of special education was accorded the picture when Mr. John Tenny, dean of the college of special education at Wayne University, had this to say:

"I had the pleasure of seeing the colored sound film of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf when it was recently shown at Flint.

May I offer my congratulations to you and your staff on the excellence of this film. The photography is excellent, the scenes well planned, the specialized problem of teaching the deaf professionally presented, and the homelike Christian atmosphere well shown. This film not only presents the work of your institution favorably but will be of benefit to the educational program for deaf children everywhere."

### Michigan state official finds merit in new film

Miss Mary Blair, who is Supervisor of Special Education for the state of Michigan, recently commented on the high professional caliber of our new movie. She said:

"I had the privilege of seeing the movie in color, which was made at the Evangelical Lutheran School for the Deaf. I was very much impressed with it. It really is a professional product!

Would it be possible for us to borrow the film to show here in the Department of Public Instruction?"

### We bid a hearty welcome

New members of our household staff are Mrs. Augusta Hanselman, Mrs. El. Dornfeld, Miss Blanch Schaefer, Miss Dorothy Hamilton, and Mrs. Minnie Westerhold. Mr. Raymond Axtell is our new engineer.

### They say . . .

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, but in this instance a picture has produced ten thousand words of praise. That picture is our new movie **The World of Silence**. Here's what others say about it. See it yourself and decide what you have to say.

"This new all-color sound film **The World of Silence** is unparalleled. The living unaffected scenes are skillfully portrayed in both color and narration. The premier showing gripped pastors and lay delegates of Detroit—heartwarming and thought-provoking. It is a 'must' for your projector. I urge you to book it at once."

Rev. H. R. Wacker, Covenant Church, Detroit

"A splendid picture. The color and sound are just grand. Has a fine appeal. Really makes clear the message."

Rev. G. H. Perlich, St. John's Church, State Center, Iowa

"Photography and narration excellent. Certainly presents the work of your institution in an appealing way."

A. E. Scheiwe, Immanuel Church, Sebawaing, Mich.

"One of the finest films produced in Lutheran circles."

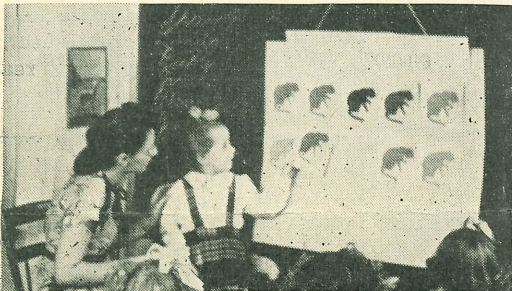
W. C. Rakow, St. John's Church, Waltz, Mich.

"Excellent from beginning to end. Appropriate music and gorgeous colors. I shall never forget it. It makes me appreciate my hearing."

Rev. H. H. Schauland, Hope Church, Omaha, Nebr.

"I saw your beautiful picture. I feel that you can be very proud of it. It certainly does not appear at all amateurish."

Harley Z. Wooden, Supt. Michigan School for the Deaf



Graphic scenes from a compelling movie — **THE WORLD OF SILENCE**

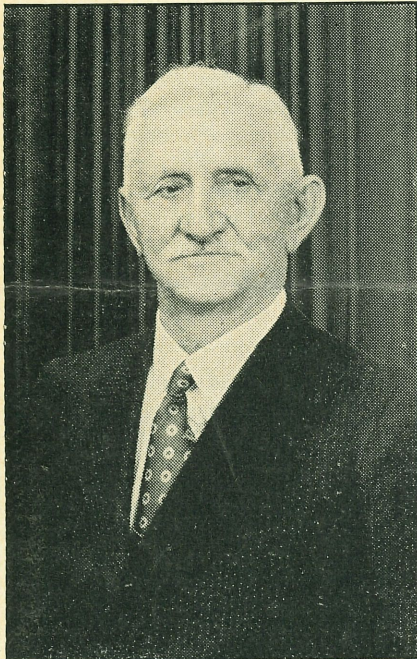


# They served a common cause — service to the deaf

Depicted on the right is one of the earliest pictures of the Institute in existence. It dates back to the turn of the century when this institution was a mere fledgling a quarter of a century old.

This room served as the office of the director. Seated at the desk is Pastor Bentrup, who served as the third director of this institution.

Following his years of service to the Institute Pastor Bentrup continued to serve his Savior in the parish ministry. He is now living in Chattanooga, Tenn., where he is still active in negro missions.

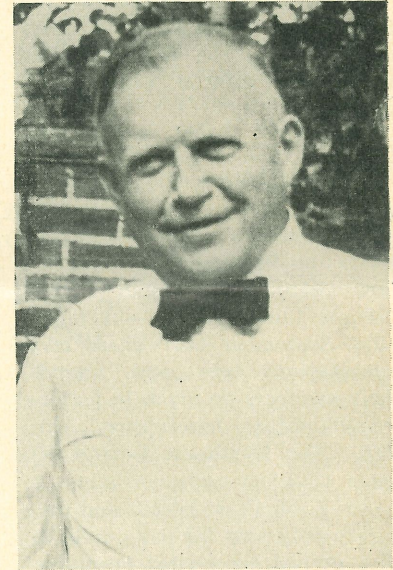


## In Memoriam

The recent passing of this faithful worker in the Lord's vineyard served as poignant reminder of the fact that throughout the seventy-five year history of this school Almighty God has given consecrated and willing workers for this cause.

Teacher Herman Meyer was such a man. During the early years of this school's existence when only self-sacrifice and strong faith in a cause made its survival possible, teacher Herman Meyer labored faithfully.

Mr. Meyer taught here seventeen years. In 1910 he accepted a call to Frankenmuth where he celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as a teacher last year. He retired at that time. He has three sons, Walter, Herman and Herbert in the ministry.



For over a quarter of a century this institution dedicated to the spiritual and educational rehabilitation of the deaf was guided through eventful years by the Rev. William Gielow.

Pastor Gielow served as the fourth director of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf from 1902 to 1933. During this period the present publication was started. In 1930 the first issue of the **Deaf Child's Advocate** was presented to the public and has continued to reach a growing number of readers throughout the years.



In striking contrast to the modern fire-proof structure housing the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf today is this picture of the interior of the old Institute.

Today everything possible in the way of modern facilities and conveniences have been built into this home-school for the deaf. And the conclusion of this Anniversary year should see these facilities made even more modern and extensive through the construction of our Diamond Jubilee building.

### We want to see THE WORLD OF SILENCE

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Date of showing: 1st choice.....	2nd .....
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