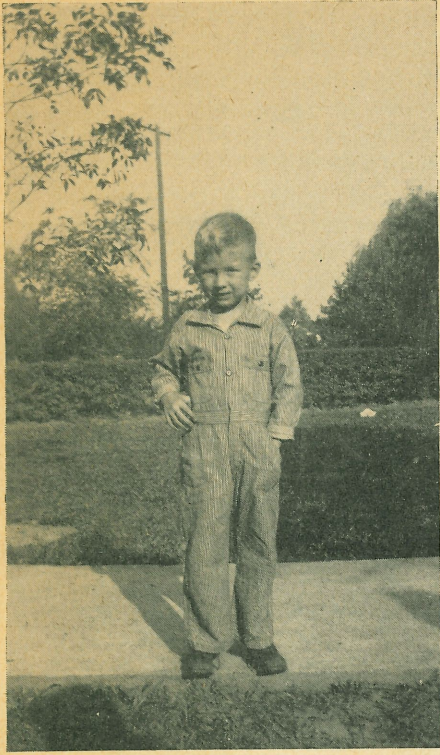


TOUCH OF TEXAS



Sprightly little member of our younger set is diminutive "Lone Star State's" Dwain Dube, who when at home rides the range around Bishop, Texas.

**Incidentally yours**

Once again our Ladies' Aid Society arranged a beautiful Christmas party for our entire family with a well-filled stocking for each child and a gift of \$150 for additional playground equipment.

**Unique gifts**

An annual scholarship of \$100 for an indigent pupil in our school was established by the John W. Smith Old Timers' Club as a memorial to John W. Smith, a former mayor of Detroit. . . A cash gift designated for a veteran's child in our school was received from the Detroit Lutheran Post No. 406 of the American Legion. At present we have fourteen World War II veterans' children.

Having received a harness, a buggy, and a light wagon as a gift from Mr. Fred Masch, our children are looking forward to the time when they will be able to hitch up Topsy and go for a ride. If a cutter were forthcoming from one of our readers, their joy would really be complete.

Our pupils are all elated about the new fluorescent lighting in their living and study rooms. A sincere vote of thanks is due Mr. Wm. Buchinger and his helpers for hanging these fixtures free of charge.

**Large contributions swell building fund**

Among specific contributions received recently were two of a thousand dollars each for our new building project. One is a memorial gift by the Henry Bringman family of Arkansas in memory of Mr. Henry Bringman who for years was a real friend of our cause and a regular contributor.

The other came to us through Mr. Michael Mauthe of Brooklyn, N. Y., executor of the Clara F. Greiner estate, who honored the expressed wish of Miss Greiner that the sum of one thousand dollars of her estate be given to our Institute. Placques on the doors of two designated rooms in our new building will establish these units as lasting memorials in loving memory of the two departed friends of our deaf children.

In addition to the aforementioned we have received gifts for two other units in our proposed building, one from a friend in California and the other from the Detroit Lutheran Fellowship. A gift of \$500.00 from a friend in St. Louis, with his permission, will also be designated for a unit in our new building.

**Supporters respond during past year**

Our sincere expressions of thanks and appreciation are herewith once more conveyed to you, our kind friends, Lutheran Day, Sunday, and High Schools, Ladies' Aid Societies, Church and other organizations near and far who, with your gifts of toys, linens, food, and cash, have assisted us so greatly during the past year and especially during the recent holiday season in the work of maintaining this Christian school and home for deaf children.

Your contributions are playing a vital part in rehabilitating these handicapped little ones and providing for them all the necessities of life plus the little pleasures and joys so vital in the lives of children.

# The deaf child's ADVOCATE

Vol. 17

February 1947

No. 2

**IT'S A WINTER WONDERLAND**



Take large quantities of frosted vapor commonly called snow and scatter abundantly over a large area of 6861 E. Nevada. Then add a generous sprinkling of sleds and skates and combine with various amounts of concentrated energy also known as boys and girls.

Allow ingredients to mix well with each other during the course of an afternoon and you have the perfect formula for a childhood winter wonderland. Caution, this formula is digestible only by those people called children. The other species, called adults, will find the ingredients much too active.

Yes, indeed, this formula furnishes our children with many happy winter hours of recreation, and we pass it on to you to be used for little friends of your acquaintance.

Seriously, tho, there are other ingredients we'd like to add to this formula for winter recreation — ingredients that would make our children happier, healthier and better adults for tomorrow. The snow isn't always there but the recreational needs of our children are. And the ingredient they need most to complete their health formula is a **gymnasium**.

If such a gymnasium were erected, it could be dedicated as a lasting memorial to our war heroes and it would build the foundation of health for future generations of deaf children.

Who among our readers will help to add this important ingredient?

**Kiwanis aids in making health program success**

Although the Institute still lacks its own gymnasium facilities, the health program which was established in September in conjunction with the YMCA and YWCA has proven to be a highly successful measure to offset the absence of a gymnasium on our own property. It provides the much needed facilities for health education, and although it is only a part-time program, it offers one solution to the problem until the friends of these deaf children aid the school in realizing its ambition to build a gymnasium.

With the aid of the Kiwanis Club, who underwrote a part of the cost of the program, plus the cooperation of the officers of the Northeastern YMCA and Highland Park YWCA, and the organizational guidance of Athletic Director M. W. Luebke, the health program is in full swing and is a highly popular aspect of school life for the children.

A chartered bus transports the children to and from respective Y's where they are taught the fundamentals of many sports, gymnastics, swimming and manual training. Some of these activities are featured on the pictorial page of this issue.



### To the few

To you few who are capable of being teachers; to you who are preparing yourselves for a career in the colleges of our country; to you who possess the potential of education, these words of the American philosopher, William James, are directed, "The great use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it."

Frankly, this editorial has been written for you—the college student. This editorial was written because we need you and you need what a position in this school can offer—a use for your life that will outlast it.

It is possible that just because you, who have the necessary talents, do not prepare yourself for a teaching position in a school for the deaf, these handicapped boys and girls will have to continue to exist in a desert of silence and ignorance. But if you enter this field of education you can rest assured that many deaf children will not just continue to exist but will live gloriously in a garden of light and knowledge and you will have the satisfaction of having spent your life for something that outlasts it.

Students and students-to-be, think it over when you are planning your next semester's program, because it might just be possible that your present objectives do not have this much to offer and you might find that William James had a pretty good idea when he said, "The great use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it."

See what we have to offer by writing to Director J. A. Klein, 6861 E. Nevada, Detroit 12, Mich.

### Children return

Refreshed by a Christmas vacation spent with their parents, our children returned to school January 6 with renewed vigor to finish the first semester of their year's work on January 24. The second semester is well under way and will terminate June 8, the date of our annual festival.

### 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.

### Reverie at eventide

The time of day that I love best  
Of gracious calm and solitude,  
That never fails to give me rest  
Is eventide, when none intrude.

Before the rising hills I stand  
Revelling in God's wondrous work;  
Beauty, spread o'er all the land,  
A task that Nature cannot shirk.

Homeward-bound in reverie,  
The firmament with stars aglow;  
Happiness steals softly o'er me,  
Setting the world aright below.

—Christel Erdmann

### Fruits of consecrated labor

Testimony to the high caliber of work this school is able to achieve is found in recent letters from parents whose children have attended or who are still attending it. The following are excerpts from several letters:

The father of one of our graduates sent us the following note his son received from a teacher in the hearing high school he now attends:

"You have a good mind and a good background. You do much better than a lot in my algebra class who can *hear* everything explained." His father adds, "It might make Mr. Bellhorn feel good to know that he is responsible for Eugene's background in arithmetic."

Another parent writes, "You and your entire staff with the help of God have certainly come to the rescue of the deaf and hard of hearing. It is amazing to us everytime Monica comes home. She is certainly getting everything we could desire for her."

The worth of our endeavor is proved by letters like these.

### "A pain in the neck"

Every so often some new acquaintance tries to make us feel resigned to our deafness by saying sympathetically, "Just think how many disagreeable noises you don't have to hear!" That oft recurring remark gives us a pain in the neck.

Why not, in like manner, commiserate the blind with "Just think how many unsightly things you don't have to see?" Or a cancer patient with "Just think how many years of toil you won't have to live?" Or even say to a legless man, "Just think how many weary miles you won't have to walk?"

You are horrified by the idea, are you? That is because you can readily visualize the plight of the sightless, the incurably ill, and the dreadfully maimed, but you can emphatically NOT grasp the full and awful import of total deafness.

For one thing, deafness shows no outward visual evidence of its presence. The man with his external ears cut off excites more pity than the man with his internal ears functionless, as witness the atrocity of the late war.

Deafness is the most difficult affliction to comprehend by those not so afflicted. We do not have to imagine a totally dark world, for we often experience total darkness in a room or in a country-side upon a moonless and starless night. Likewise, dreams of trying to flee from danger upon legs that somehow refuse to function are the common experiences of mankind, as any psychoanalyst will tell you. But try to imagine a totally silent world, and unless you are yourself deaf, you find it impossible to do so.

You may place yourself upon an uninhabited desert island, and straightway you have the roar of the breakers, the sighing of the wind, and the din of the thunderstorm. Crawl into a cave, and you hear the drip of water, the fall of pebbles, and the scurrying of field mice. Go deep into a primeval forest, and there are the scraping of branches, the twittering of birds, the drone of insects, and the quarrelsome sounds of wild creatures. Even try to imagine yourself in heaven, and straightway you hear choirs of angels. Aye, even go to sleep, and in your dreams you can hear conversation, laughter and what not. There is no escape from sound unless you are deaf. Then all is soundless, even your dreams. —

From "Comments" in P.S.A.D. News

### To the many

With many deaf children clamoring for admission, the administration has been sadly compelled to limit our enrollment because housing facilities are lacking.

Recent issues of the Advocate have presented this very human problem to you. And you, the readers, who make this school possible, have taken this problem to your hearts and responded generously with the financial encouragement necessary to expand the facilities of this school. Possibilities for the construction of an additional building are promising.

However, a new problem has arisen. We present this new problem to you with the knowledge that it will receive the same considerate understanding that the problem our expansion program has been receiving. Briefly stated our most pressing and immediate problem is this—the inability to procure additional teachers which would be required if the school were expanded.

To give you an idea of the acute shortage which prevails in the field of deaf education, Dr. John Lee of Wayne University commented that the United States alone could use well over 700 more teachers of the deaf. Thus, this school, as all others, faces the problem of an adequate faculty. Won't you please encourage your college friends to enter this field of special education?

With the help of God this school so far has fared well in procuring teachers and trusting in that Divine succor faces the future.

### Share Your Advocate

#### THE DEAF CHILD'S ADVOCATE

Published bi-monthly at 2969 W. 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, in the interest of the deaf child by the Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, 6861 E. Nevada Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Subscription Price, 25¢ per year

#### EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

J. A. Klein, Director, 6861 E. Nevada Avenue ..... Managing Editor

#### FACULTY

Director J. A. Klein, Walter Bellhorn, Miss Emily Born, Miss Elsie Forsberg, Mrs. Nannie Strom, George Munding, Melvin Luebke, Miss Carol Anderson, Miss Christel Erdmann, Miss Deloris Hansen, Miss Pauline Strasen, Miss Helen Szajna.

#### SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. Geo. M. Krach, Rev. N. E. Borchart, Rev. L. Koehler.

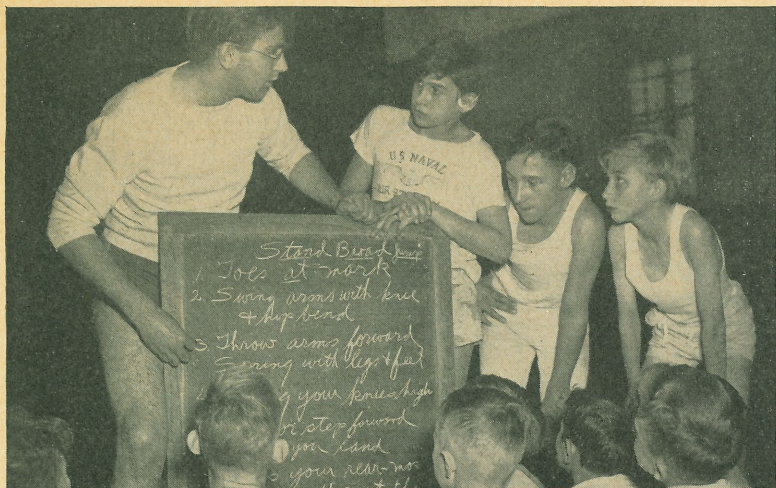
All communications regarding the editing must be sent to the managing editor. All communications pertaining to changes of addresses must be sent to Circulation Department, 6861 E. Nevada Ave., Detroit 12, Mich.

"Entered as second-class matter December 13, 1930, at the Post Office at Cleveland, Ohio, under the act of August 24, 1912."

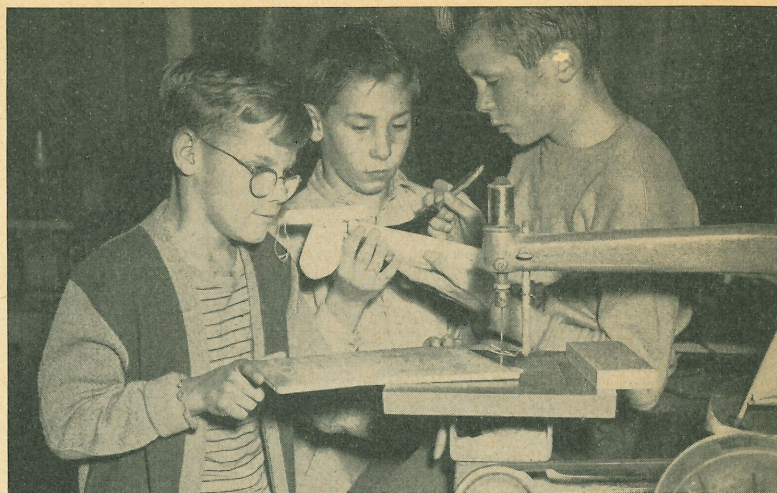


FOR STRONG BODIES . . .

. . . AND SKILLED HANDS



Leigh Crane of Detroit, Anthony Herbert of Canada and Ben Kotchin of Michigan (L. to R.) receive special instructions from Athletic director Luebke. The children are taught numerous track and field activities as part of their health education.



Valuable vocational training is one of the most important aspects of the new health program being conducted by our school at the YMCA. Here (L. to R.) are Helmut Quiram of Texas, Kenneth Carter of Michigan and Paul Finks, formerly of Kansas City, putting the finishing touches on their latest project.

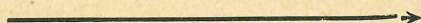
### ONE FOR US



In addition to their many activities in gymnastics, manual training, swimming and athletics, the boys have access to a variety of games intended for their sheer amusement. Here Gordon Goebel and Dick Nicolai (with cap) try their luck with the dart game.



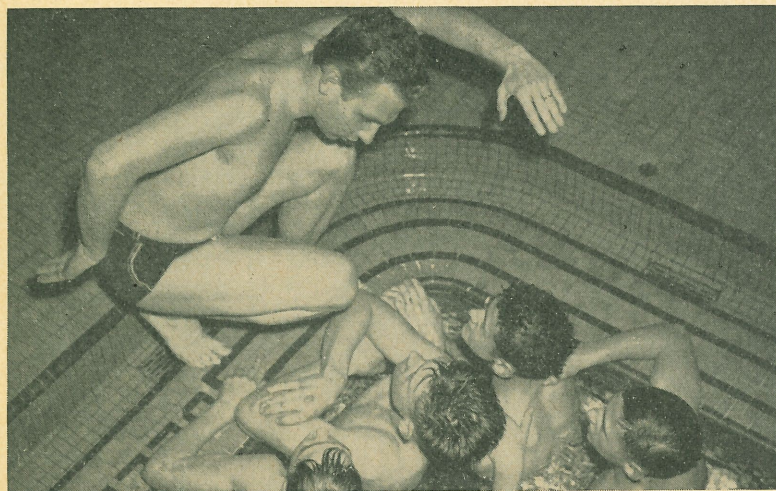
John Curry of Michigan and Kenneth Harlan of Iowa (L. to R.) exhibit the perfect form they have been taught. Weight lifting and gymnastics play an important role because they develop body tissue and muscular coordination.



### MIRRORED MIGHT

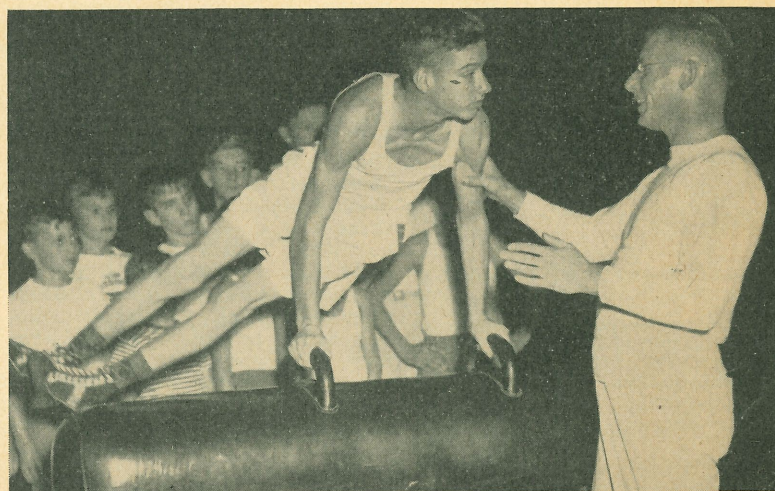


### A HELPING HAND . . .



It may be February outside but it's July in the YMCA swimming pool and believe us the "Ole swimming hole" was never like this. While the boys refresh themselves with an afternoon swim they are supervised and taught the finer points of swimming by Mr. Munding of our faculty.

### . . . OVER THE HURDLE



YMCA instructor Mantle instructs Noah Wertz of Illinois in the use of gymnastic equipment. All types of equipment are available to the boys and expert instruction in the use of the equipment is adequately furnished by YMCA personnel.



## Incidentally yours

We gratefully acknowledge the following anonymous gifts received during the recent holiday season: from friends in the Central District, ten dollars; Chicago, five dollars; Wausau, Wis., one dollar; Frankenmuth, Mich., one dollar; New Haven, Ind., ten dollars; and, St. Louis, fifty dollars.

Our thanks to Nick's Welding Shop for the gift of an all-steel trailer and Mr. Martin of Grosse Pointe for an electric train and equipment. And our Ladies' Aid is particularly grateful to the Associated Kiwanis Clubs of Detroit who gave an electric dishwasher.

## For a merry Christmas

The Grosse Pointe Lion's Club provided a real treat for fifty of our older pupils when it sent them free tickets to the Black Hills Passion Play. . . The Gratiot Avenue Lion's Club remembered all our pupils with Christmas gifts. . . The North Detroit Exchange Club arranged a party with gifts for thirty of our between age pupils, and presented the school with a sizable check. . . Twenty-four of our older girls were entertained at a Christmas dinner and party by the Fruehauf Trailer Co. Girls' Club at the Northeast YMCA. . . Our entire group of children was entertained by the Gamma Alpha Sorority with motion pictures followed by gifts of favors and ice cream. . . A hundred pound bag of rice was received from St. John's Men's Club, Stuttgart, Arkansas, and a very large bag of English walnuts from the Van Nuys Junior Walther League in California.

## Plan movie premiere for synod's convention

Work continues on the new movie of the Institute. All pictures, 3300 feet of film, have been taken and developed. The task that lies before us now is the editing of the film down to 1400 feet, the writing of the narrative, and the adding of the narration to the picture.

Plans now are to have the movie completed for its premiere at the Synodical convention at Chicago next July. It is a color film and our narrator will be a nationally known radio announcer and performer.

Knowing that you will want to book this new picture for your congregation, we suggest that you have your dates selected before you come to the convention so that we can give you a definite dating at that time.

## Ladies' Aid elects officers for year

Election of officers marked the annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf.

Officers elected to guide this organization for the coming year are Mrs. P. J. Fackler, president; Mrs. A. F. Johnson, first vice-president; Mrs. Ella Priebe, second vice-president; Mrs. L. Koch, recording secretary; Mrs. George Milz, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. Ruff, financial secretary; Mrs. J. A. Klein, treasurer; Mrs. Helen Koester, memorial chairman; Mrs. Charles Healy, chairman of representatives; Mrs. Bertha Koester, member of buying committee; Mrs. Henry Dryer, trustee; Mrs. Henry Zuelch, program chairman and Mrs. John Pankow, official hostess.

On January 19, members of the Ladies' Aid were feted at their annual banquet. The toastmaster and speaker for the evening were Mr. Wm. Fenske and the Rev. Harold Bernthal, respectively.

## 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:

The Rev. Rudolph Jesko, Alhambra, Cal.; J. F. Ruecklos, Bloomington, Gottlieb Hauenstein, Huntington, Mr. Herbert Rode, Indianapolis, Karl E. Hieber, New Haven, the Rev. Karl Krotke, West Terre Haute, Mrs. Margaret Knoblauch, Woodburn, Ind.; the Rev. F. Schumacher, Louisville, Ky.; Herman Gensley, and Mrs. A. G. Wacker, Ann Arbor, Michael Reichard, Auburn, Ed Bobcean, A. Domin, Otto Gersch, Robert J. Heuman, Sr., Joanna Kuehn, Adolf Lenz, John L. Meyer, Lawrence Proksch, Sgt. Gustave Riske, Charles Schmidt, and Albert Zeller of Detroit; Pfc. Donald Gillespie, Ferndale, C. Perry, Flint, Kunigunde Frank, Mrs. Jacob Deuring, Mrs. Robert Hochthanner and Conrad Loesel, Frankenmuth, Mrs. J. Baehr, Grand Haven, Theo. Kutschinski, Grand Rapids, Henry T. Krauss, Lansing, John Keinath, Millington, Erich Kraft, Pigeon, John F. Ruff, Port Huron, John List and Mrs. Henry Luebker, Richville, Herman Fischer, St. Clair, Mrs. Julius Armbruster and Theodore Auch, Sebawaing, Ernst W. Hahn and Mrs. Charles Kukuk, Utica, Otto Hecht, Vassar, the Rev. R. A. Koessel, Mt. Clemens, Mich.; the Rev. R. Heidmann, Arlington, Mrs. Otto W. Kiecker, Hector, Minn.; Rudolph Bargmann and Mrs. Anna Walker, Buffalo, N. Y.; John Klinec and Ferdinand Wolff, Cleveland, Harry Loehrke, Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Charles E. Schweitzel, Pittston, Pa.; the Rev. G. E. Boettcher, Hortonville, the Rev. Enno Duemling and the Rev. A. F. Ziehlsdorf, Milwaukee, Wis.

## Former pupil wins Teegarden award for poetry



Chairman of school-board, The Rev. G. M. Krach, presenting Teegarden medal to faculty member, Christel Erdmann, in special ceremony.

## From the classroom The Vikings

The first white men to come to America were the Northmen. They are sometimes called Vikings or Norsemen. They lived in Europe. They lived in Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

The Vikings went to other countries to find land. It was very hard to earn a living in their countries because the land was rocky and it was cold.

Many Northmen made their living from the sea. They made lumber from their trees and built swift boats. They sailed to other countries. Many people were afraid of them because they were terrible fighters.

Eric the Red was a famous Northman. It was his son who came to America. The Vikings did not stay in America because they had too much trouble with the Indians.

Joann Meyers—Sixth Grade

## Indians

Indians have reddish brown skin and straight black hair. They have black eyes. They lived in America a long time ago.

The Indians came here from Asia. We do not know why they came. They lived in parts of North and South America.

The Eastern tribes lived in long houses. The middle western tribes lived in skin tents. The south-western tribes lived in pueblos.

Indians ate meat, corn, beans and pumpkins.

They liked to play games, wrestle and go swimming. They danced before they went to war. Sometimes they had dances when they came back from war also.

Joyce Nagel—Sixth Grade

## Special ceremony for Teegarden prize winner

In a recent ceremony, faculty member, Christel Erdmann, received the Teegarden Memorial Award for excellency in poetry. The Rev. G. M. Krach, president of the school board, presented the medal of recognition before the assembled student body and members of the board of directors.

The Teegarden Award was initiated by Miss Alice Teegarden in memory of her father, George Moredock Teegarden. He was a deaf man of considerable prominence and a teacher for many years. He was particularly interested in poetry, and Miss Teegarden felt that recognition given to students at Gallaudet College who do superior work in poetry would be a fine way to preserve the memory of her father.

Miss Erdman, who was the winner of this award for the past year, is a graduate of our school. Her prize-winning poem, "Reverie at Eventide," appears on page two of this issue.

## Director plans tour

Demonstrations of the type of work this school does for the deaf were given before the Reimer Woods Study Club by Director Klein and Peace and Divinity Church Men's Clubs by Mr. Bellhorn.

On March 5 Director Klein will appear before a joint meeting of Ladies' Aid Societies in Quincy, Ill., to give a talk on the work of our Institute.

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