

Incidentally yours

Recently it was our pleasure and privilege to present the work of your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf before a group of Ladies' Aid Societies in Quincy, Illinois. The well-attended meeting was held in the afternoon in Pastor Titus Lang's church. The Ladies' Aids present were from the congregations of Pastors Titus Lang, E. W. Hahn, and E. Otto of Quincy, Pastor H. Hallerberg of Clayton, Ill., and Pastor W. Beinke of La Grange, Mo. — In the morning we were also permitted to tell our story with the aid of picture slides to the pupils of St. James Parochial school of which Mr. Theo. Wilder is the principal. We are most grateful to Pastor and Mrs. Lang for their kind hospitality, to the vicar, Mr. Matzke, for his kind helpfulness and to the pastors and Ladies' Aid members for their interest in the cause.

It is our sincere hope that other communities will follow Quincy's example and will arrange for such group gatherings where we may bring to the attention of our Christians the needs of the MOST

FORGOTTEN CHILD.

From Quincy we went to Battle Creek, Michigan, to attend a two-day convention of the Instructors of Exceptional Children. No matter how long one has labored in the field of special education, he can always learn new things at these very interesting meetings. — Recent school-room visitors were Mr. John Tenny and Miss Sophia K. Alcorn, who are in charge of special education at Wayne University. — We welcome our new housemother on the boys' side. She is Miss Carolyn A. Burton, a trained nurse with many years of hospital experience. — A new Fluid Process Duplicator was acquired recently to replace one that was worn out from much service. — On March 20th the members of Pastor Reebe's Ladies' Aid of Flint, Michigan, were our guests.



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The time for a greater school has come

It is difficult to put into the restrained form of a news story the joy that we who labor with the deaf felt when the signal to go ahead with projected building plans was given.

In these times the three R's are not enough

The days of calling the three R's an education have long ago passed into the limbo of antiquity. Today, modern educators, backed by the proof of experience, realize that other things

Striking close to home

Lutheran Institute for the Deaf is also affected by the critical shortage of trained teachers and salary disputes which mark the world of education today.

The official publication, "American Annals of the Deaf," points out that there are so few teachers in training at the present time that, even if they were distributed equally one to a school, less than half of the almost three hundred schools for the deaf in the United States would be fortunate enough to obtain the services of one of these new teachers.

In an effort to alleviate this shortage the Institute offers free room and board to anyone capable of college entrance. To those who have already completed two years of college, the administration will put forth every effort to obtain tuition scholarships from an organization which makes such available.

beside the three R's must be taught in order to prepare our future men and women for the complex social structure in which they live.

One of the most important phases of education today is the education of the body as well as the mind.

The Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, ever on the alert to improve the facilities it offers its pupils, has long been aware of this need for health education. Throughout the past years faculty members have attempted to devise an adequate health program, but their efforts, ingenious as they were at times, were, and still are, thwarted by the sad fact that no gymnasium facilities are available at this school. And until that time comes when more friends of this school realize how necessary a gymnasium is for the complete education of these children, those in charge of health education must limp along as best they can.

The board of directors, fully cognizant of the high cost of construction at this time, but equally aware of the Savior's command to teach the deaf, has decided to begin construction on a new 117 ft. wing to the boys' dormitory, an addition to our dining room and three more class rooms this spring. This additional space which will provide much needed facilities for staff members and children will cost in the neighborhood of \$125,000.

Because of the present high cost of building, we hesitated a long time before deciding to go ahead with this expansion program. But the Lord again definitely compels us to go forward. He does this by directing more and more deaf children to our school, whom we must now sadly turn away because we lack facilities, and by having already given us a substantial portion of the necessary funds for the proposed venture through your generous offerings.

Next year will be the diamond jubilee year of our school. It is the earnest hope of all those interested in this work that this momentous occasion can be celebrated by the dedication of this new building.

Legion and Lions play circus hosts to kiddies

Fun with a capital F was the order of the day for February 1, when fifty-five of the bigger boys and girls were the guests of Briggs Post No. 242 of the American Legion at the circus. And what hosts these Legionnaires turned out to be with a special bus for the occasion and all the trimmings from peanuts and elephants to the man on the flying trapeze.

On February 3, fun was still being spelled with a capital F as members of the Detroit Lions' Club played Daddies to our tiny tots and treated them to that eye-widening spectacle of a three-ring circus. A splendid bus, again, transported the children and their hosts to that childhood fairyland of sawdust and clowns.

"A good time was had by all," but opinion is still divided whether the children or their hosts had the best time of all.

Our thanks and appreciation to these groups for their kind interest in our children.

Symbol of a cause

The editors of the *Advocate* often wonder how their paper is received in the homes of their readers. In attempting to follow faithfully a policy of presenting the news and needs of your school to you, the editors wonder whether friends of the school feel that it is always true to this policy, or whether they feel that we have deviated and adopted the policy of the open hand.

A recent reading of the Pauline epistles has erased all worry from its editors' minds and has sent them back to their desks convinced that theirs is a Divine purpose which they serve and that theirs is a Divine command of the Lone Galilean whose eternal voice peals forth, "Go ye and teach," which they serve.

Certainly the intrepid Paul considered neither half apologetic phrases nor made any attempts to compromise in "selling" his product—the most priceless commodity and yet the easiest to obtain in God's universe—SALVATION.

Friend, we of this school are "selling" exactly the same product and, Christ-determined, are "selling"—SALVATION for SILENT SOULS.

And we, as Paul and Luther, cannot do otherwise but ask and, no, demand that you who have taken this salvation into your lives, support us who preach this salvation to others.

And so the *Advocate* dedicates itself anew to plead among you the cause of a larger school, a larger trained Lutheran faculty and a desperately needed gymnasium.

We consider this paper in a new light—The *Advocate* is the printed symbol of a cause.

These bear repeating

It is gratifying to receive the many letters from parents and friends commending the work of this school.

One parent writes us, "Frankly, we feel that the school has been the salvation of our child." Testifying to the home-like atmosphere which the staff strives to create at all times is the remark of this parent who says, "You all must be wonderful to him. He never can wait until school starts in the fall. As soon as the month of August rolls around he looks forward to going back to school." Another parent has this to say of the school: "The staff of your school is to be commended for the wonderful progress my boy has made."

Ecce Homo – Christ the Arisen!



Thy Kingdom Come

Across the pages of history men have swept who have written names, dates and events in indelible ink upon the chronicles of time. A memorable day, a deadly battle, a stirring speech or the humble birth of a child have eventually altered the destinies of empires, twisted the fate of nations or revolutionized the thought of mankind. But, superseding these brief ephemeral gesturings of men is the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who punctuated with his philosophy and shaped with his deeds the entire history of humanity for all time. A lone Galilean, who lived in that little province of the two million square mile empire of Rome, was condemned to die by Pontius Pilate and nailed to two pieces of lumber, where by the weight of his own body He would tear His flesh and break His body until life had left Him.

This solitary Jesus who was spitted between a sinful earth and holy heaven; this deserted Jew, who Naudin pictures in his "Ecce Homo" as tortured, beaten, spat upon, scourged and bloody; this gentle man at whose innocent death even the mute boulders of the earth rent themselves in outraged horror; made history; not for a decade, not for a century, nor for a nation, nor for a hemisphere; but, He made history for the entire universe and for all eternity.

This event was so important that almost 2000 years later we celebrate the resurrection of that Christ, who emerged from the stronghold of death, from the shattered bastions of hell, with the soul of man free and redeemed forever.

And now, we celebrate Easter because a man died on a hill outside a Roman provincial capital, and now we celebrate Easter because out of the ashes of His death arose the phoenix of eternal life. Ecce Homo, behold the man. Behold Him, embrace Him, believe Him this Easter and live.

The record speaks for itself

All too often, because of their handicap, the deaf are set aside as a people apart from the rest of us. A little straight thinking will make us realize that the deaf are an integral part of our economic, industrial and spiritual society. The war and the splendid record of the deaf in war industries has opened the eyes of many to the potentialities of the deaf when they are given a chance to assume their proper place in society.

Here are only the opinions of a few of the many men who have been sold on the deaf. Henry Ford says, "The deaf can do their work one hundred percent." Another great industrialist, Charles W. Seiberling of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, says, "We started with eight deaf workers. Gradually we added more and more until there were six hundred deaf workers on our pay roll. The record speaks for itself. These men and women proved themselves loyal, efficient, and safe workers."

There it is, "The record speaks for itself."

The story of a picture

No better reason can be given for the appearance and importance of this article in the *Advocate* than the words of Elvira Larson, "It is our prayer that it (the writeup) may encourage some deaf child also to use his talents in the Lord's service."

The story of Miss Signe Larson, deaf from birth, is a source of inspiration and encouragement to all who read it. It has been said that if she had never produced another picture, her etching of the head of Christ would have won for her a place with the artistic great of all time.

A critic has said, "The face has in it that which no other artist has conceived: gentleness without femininity, self-control without cowardice, suffering without submission, hope and idealism even in the midst of seeming defeat."

Miss Larson and her work are of particular interest to us because she is deaf and is a member of the Lutheran Church in Lindsborg, Kansas. The work which she and her sister are doing should be a source of encouragement to deaf people who sometimes feel that their handicap limits their possibilities.

Another source of inspiration is the devoted manner in which these sisters aid each other in presenting religious chalk talks. In the words of Miss Larson's sister, "We feel it our mission in life to present the gospel by means of our chalk talks."

For those of our readers who have been struck by the beauty of this picture, copies can be purchased by writing to Miss Signe Larson, Lindsborg, Kansas.

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Sixty attendance officers of the Detroit Public School system were assembled in our chapel recently to hear Superintendent S. Roth tell them of our Lutheran school system in Michigan. — On March 28th we were privileged to appear before the River Forest student body to give a chapel talk. — Recently on the Sunshine Club of the Don McNeil Breakfast Club Radio Program it was suggested that the members of the Sunshine Club remember the children of our Institute with a letter and card shower. As a result our pupils within a few days, received 600 letters, cards, and pictures from listeners in every state in the Union. This was good free and unsolicited advertising for our Institute. — Word has reached us that Evelyn Thaete, one of our former pupils, was happily married to the man of her choice in California by Pastor Walter Uhlig.—A number of our teachers will again attend summer courses at Wayne University. As an inducement to continue their education our school offers these faculty members free room and board at the Institute while they attend these classes. Several of our teachers will receive their masters degree this summer. Among them are Mr. George Mundinger, Mr. Melvin Luebke, and Miss Helen Szajna. Mr. Luebke is also our athletic director, and it is Mr. Mundinger's responsibility to keep this little paper interesting to our readers and to get it to them on time.

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The Institute goes on the air



Many people listening to WWJ heard the voice of a deaf child for the first time as Fran Harris interviewed Dean Hofman and Miss Forsberg for a special program broadcasted by radio station WWJ.

Ladies Aid underwrite cost of building unit

Another touch of beauty will be added to the school through the generosity of our Institute Ladies' Aid.

The ladies have decided to equip all of the staff members' rooms and our dining room with venetian blinds.

In addition to this the ladies have voted to pay for the cost of one of the units in our new wing which will be built soon. It is the consecrated effort of groups like this that make this school possible.

New basement rooms increase facilities

Recently work was completed in the basement of our administration building which provided us with additional much needed space. This work marks the completion of construction which was halted at the time our present buildings were being built because of lack of funds.

Completed in the basement were: a large storage vault to handle documents, records and supplies, a room for the storage of tables and chairs, a manual training and handicrafts room and a play room housing our miniature circus and electric trains.

Select committee

Plans for the proper celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of this school which will be celebrated during the next school year are fast taking shape.

Appointed as a special committee to plan anniversary activities are the pastors G. M. Krach, N. Borchardt and L. H. Koehler, who will be assisted by the staff members.

The eternal reward

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

- Fred Frost, Collinsville, John Boehm, Sr., Forest Park, Ill.; Walter Pischke, South Bend, Ind.; Mrs. J. Dell, Mrs. Minnie Eckert, Mrs. Maria Himmler, Frank Jahnke, Bertha Kasner, Mrs. Bertha Kriewall, Mrs. J. Ortwein, Mrs. Bertha K. Sadrojinski, Theo. Sonnenberg, Max Stoezner, Miss Meta Taube, August Thiemer, The Rev. John J. Trinklein, emer., Walter Truersh, Gustave Wahnefried, Mathilda Warnack, Mrs. Lenz Zenke, all of Detroit; Fred Puffpaff, East Detroit, Mrs. Katherine Haubenstricker, Frankenmuth, C. H. Kuchenbecker, Harbor Beach, Mrs. Fred Moeller, Kinde, Mrs. Paul Neinas, Mrs. John Rachow, both of Mt. Clemens, Teacher John Winterstein, emer., Richville, Conrad Kalitta, Rogers City, Miss Minnie Jordan, Walter McCary, Andrew Winterstein, all of Saginaw, Louis Schulz, Sebewaing, Wm. Krach, Utica, Mich.; Mrs. Clara Dittmar, St. Louis, Mo.; Ernest Schilly, Memphis, Tenn.; Charles W. Zahn, Cypress, Esther Roemer, Houston, Tex.; Mrs. Irma Lange, Milwaukee, Wis.

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.

Pupils give their share to some worthy cause

Thankful for the chance they have been given to surmount their own handicap of deafness by attendance at the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, pupils of this school gave their pennies and nickels and dimes from their allowances to help those handicapped with infantile paralysis through the March of Dimes, and later contributed again to the Junior Red Cross campaign.

The purpose of these campaigns was explained to the children by their respective teachers. The children then decided among themselves to save the money which they usually spent on their weekly excursions to the store and contribute it to those worthy causes.

During the month of April our pupils will participate in Synod's Centennial thankoffering as a gesture of appreciation for the support which Synod has given this school.

Faculty members, Luebke, Forsberg and Born were in charge of the respective campaigns.

Set June 8 as date of traditional festival

The traditional second Sunday in June has been set as the date for the annual festival. This year that day is June 8.

Mr. Elmer Engel, cashier of the Institute, will again serve as general manager. Committee men of the various congregations belonging to the Association are formulating plans for an even better festival.

The program will be scheduled for the entire afternoon and evening. Noted speakers and choirs will highlight the day's activities as well as a special program by the pupils and faculty members of the Institute.

Plan now to reserve that day, June 8, for a real picnic holiday.

Ladies aid fete staff with special party

In order to become better acquainted with the members of our staff the ladies' aid society gave an informal get-together Sunday evening, February 23.

Provisions for the enjoyable evening included games, prizes and refreshments served by members of the ladies' aid.

Mrs. Fackler, president of the ladies' aid, served as hostess for the evening and staff and ladies' aid members experienced an enjoyable evening.

The Friday acquacade



Here's a bevy of future swimming stars basking in the camera's eye as they cavort happily in the swimming pool. Reading from left to right our little mermaids are Barbara Brauer, Evanston, Ill., Roberta Clawson, Detroit, Marlene Schulz, Detroit, Margaret Hopf, Canada, and Geraldine Smith, Memphis, Tenn.

Taking a ride to health



Not even the camera's quick lense can capture completely the animated looks of excitement on the faces of our children as a chartered bus takes them on their way to an afternoon of exciting and necessary health activity. Truly, this trip is necessary.

Gymantics

With spring weather just around the corner Athletic Director Luebke is winding up winter activities and has plans well under way for the spring athletic program. Accent will be on the outdoor sports. Mr. Luebke confides that the last two months of the school year are the only ones he really likes because they are the only months when the weather is warm enough to have an athletic program without a gym. Perhaps one of these days he'll be able to enjoy the entire school year when our dream of a gym becomes a reality.

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Hats off to Kenneth Harlan, William Ludwig, Jack Allhouse, Barry Schultz and Arthur Theiss who recently passed the YMCA swimming tests, and are now proud members of the Minnow Club. Only those who pass the tests of diving, retrieving objects, swimming certain distance and other feats are eligible for membership.

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Diminutive Gerald Evers may be short of stature, but he certainly isn't short on courage. During a recent Friday afternoon gym session quite a few of the big boys failed to make the grade in hurdle jumping, but little Gerald just "gave it all he had" and over the hurdles he went.

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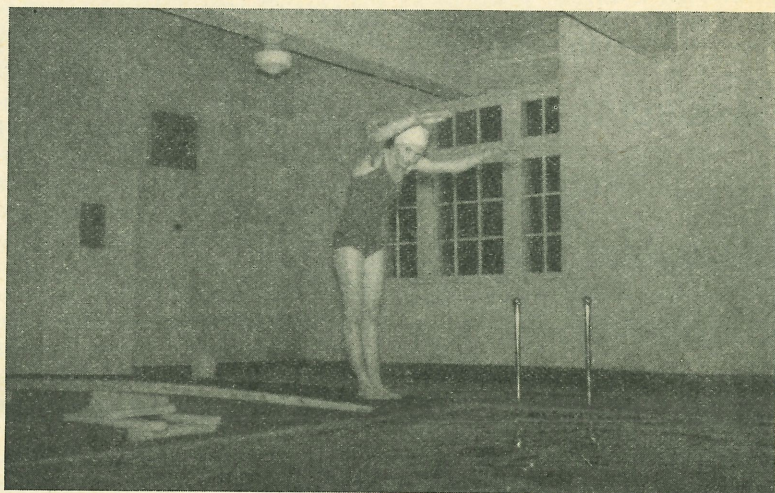
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Swimming our way to health



Aside from the health producing qualities of swimming, this sport is always an excellent source of recreation. A member of the YWCA staff here instructs the children in one of the varieties of swimming strokes which the children are taught as a part of their health program.

Here's to healthy bodies



Form that many a diver would envy is exhibited by Kathleen Thate of Wakenda, Mo., as she prepares to plunge into the clean, cool, clear water of the YWCA pool. Swimming, more than any other sport, builds the healthy bodies so necessary for a happy, full and useful adult life.