

Class of '47

Nine pupils will be graduated from this school in a special ceremony Festival Sunday. They are:



Marjorie Bryce, who comes from Pinconning, Mich., and plans to attend her local hearing high school next year.



Kenneth Harlan, whose hometown is Des Moines, Ia., will continue his education at the Iowa State School for the Deaf, Council Bluffs, Iowa.



Eleanore Knight, whose home is in Louisville, Ky. She plans to work in her hometown next year.



William Ludwig, of Denver, Colo. William will go on with his high school work at the Colorado School for the Deaf.



Gloria Lutz who calls Detroit her hometown, will continue her formal education at Michigan State School for the Deaf, Flint, Mich.



Shirley Sautter, another Detroit girl, will join her classmate, Gloria, at the Michigan School for the Deaf.



Bernice Schoenberg, of Richmond, Mich., will make it a trio as she, too, plans to attend the Michigan School for the Deaf.



Kathleen Thate, whose home is in Wakenda, Mo., will take her high school work at the Missouri School for the Deaf, Fulton, Mo.



Noah Wertz, Jr., who makes his home at Graymont, Ill., plans to attend the Illinois State School for the Deaf at Jacksonville, Ill.

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Their Odyssey of Battle

"The kingdom of heaven is like unto a mustard seed"— words of the Savior. We think of them as this issue dealing with the education and graduation of our deaf children goes to press. We think of a simple little ceremony that will take place on a Sunday afternoon in June out under God's trees. There'll be a speaker, a song perhaps, a piece of paper called a diploma and a handshake. It's graduation for nine boys and girls. These are nine special boys and girls because they are deaf and their achievements have been great. And somehow, graduation isn't the right word and then we think of the Savior and His story about the mustard seed and know the word we want. We aren't witnessing a graduation, we're witnessing a sowing — that's the word.

These are not just nine boys and girls. They are nine deaf boys and girls who, next fall, will be scattered throughout our country in different schools — one in Colorado, one in Iowa, another in Missouri and so on. Just as previous classes they, too, will go to the far corners of our country. But these nine confirmed deaf do not go merely as graduates but as nine mustard seeds to sow where'er they go the word of God.

These new members of the Church will now go among new groups of deaf where by example and conversation, they will be witnesses to that Savior who said "Ephphatha" to their deaf souls.

For the past 74 years confirmed deaf boys and girls have gone out from your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf into our nation even as these now are going out to provide the leaven that was so sorely needed for the loaf.

These deaf who here have been trained in the ways of the Lord have provided the spark that set the fire of the Word ablaze among many other deaf which led to the establishment of many of the deaf congregations now dotting our land.

Today we can say "74 years of your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf" and resulting from it "50 years of church missions among the deaf."

Six girls and three boys stand on a platform under the trees and many say "graduation" but we say much more "the Lord is sowing his seed."

Gloria Dei site of impressive confirmation ceremony as nine deaf children pledge faith

Lutheran Institute for the Deaf once more fulfilled its main purpose for existing when nine pupils took their confirmation vows in an impressive service in our Institute Gloria Dei Chapel, May 4.

The nine boys and girls who reaffirmed their baptismal vows and publicly confessed their convictions were Marjorie Bryce, Kenneth Harlan, Eleanore Knight, William Ludwig, Gloria Lutz, Shirley Sautter, Bernice Schoenberg, Kathleen Thate, Noah Wertz, Jr.

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 and performed the act of confirmation.

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

Thousands to attend festival on June 8

As a gesture of thanksgiving to God for the completion of its 74th school year, the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf will celebrate its annual festival, June 8.

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, the open air service and a vesper service. The all-student program which begins at 2:00, will include gymnastics and drill work with colorful costuming. The entire faculty had a part in the development of this program.

The Rev. Otto E. Sohn of Flint, Mich., and the Jehovah choir, directed by Mr. John Mueller, 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 7:00 p.m. will mark the close of festival activities. The Rev. E. W. Nuelken of Redemption Lutheran Church will be guest speaker. Jehovah choir under the direction of Mr. John Mueller will sing.

In addition to these festival features, the committee has arranged a softball game and other amusements to insure a busy and interesting afternoon for all visitors.

The Institute ladies' aid will serve a complete hot meal in the well-equipped basement dining room. Serving will begin at 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 traditional Detroit area affair.

For healthier hearing

The following simple rules were prepared by Dr. W. Gardner and L. Larsen to aid parents in safeguarding their children's hearing health.

Earaches mean the child is sick. Find out where he is sick. A bad earache is dangerous and demands prompt medical attention.

A *running ear* is dangerous to a child's life and health. It may cause destruction of hearing.

Frequent colds often affect hearing. Find out the cause.

Diseased *adenoids* and *tonsils* may cause middle ear abscesses which may result in hearing loss.

Scarlet fever, measles, diphtheria, mumps and whooping cough are dangerous enemies of hearing. Avoid exposure and take advantage of inoculations.

Wax should be removed by a competent physician. Hairpins and matchsticks are lethal weapons.

Swimming should be confined to controlled pools to prevent ear infection.

Children with ear trouble should always wear a cap and don't let the child wet the hair for combing.

Don't wash the ear canal with soap. It irritates the canal.

Don't let a child blow his nose loudly. Lean slightly forward when blowing the nose and never blow the nose while lying on your back.

Don't forget that most defects of hearing are preventable.

What of the future?

"Is it likely that my deaf son will become a useful self-supporting citizen?" This question is heard quite frequently and a writer in the Utah Eagle answers the query in this fashion.

If a child has no other defect except deafness he should have little difficulty in meeting competition in vocational lines.

People are inclined to blame loss of hearing for handicaps which in no way should be related to deafness. It should be remembered that there are a great many physical and personality handicaps which are far more serious than deafness, and that deaf persons have these as well as any other people.

The deaf person who has developed desirable personality traits and good work habits is in demand as an employee quite as much as any other capable workman.

National surveys have shown that deaf workers are above average in traits and abilities desired of employees.

A FATHER'S LETTER TO HIS SON

Dear Son

No doubt you are looking forward to a week from tomorrow at which time you will have reached a milestone in your life, for on that day, you personally will relieve your sponsors of the promise they made for you when you were baptized as a tiny baby and will promise to remain true to the teachings of the Word of God as they have been taught to you by your instructors in the school at Detroit and as you yourself have learned them from your study of the Bible.

The promise that you will make next Sunday, is by no means a light one, as I am sure you fully realize from the instructions which have been given to you by Mr. Klein, Mr. Bellhorn and your other instructors in previous years, and we, your parents, in our prayers are going to ask our heavenly Father that He will strengthen you by His Holy Spirit to keep this promise until the end, that you will be ever faithful to His Word, continue to study it diligently, keep it and also tell others so they too may be saved. It is not sufficient that we ourselves know and believe in the salvation which is ours. It is our solemn duty to let others know about it so that they, too, may receive that salvation which is theirs. With the background and foundation which you have built up by attending the school in Detroit, where it was possible for you to gain this knowledge of salvation, you will have a wonderful opportunity to see that others, who haven't had this opportunity will also learn of Him. When you enter school next fall, wherever it may be, you must not force religion onto anyone, but merely by your actions, your true feeling of companionship, loyalty to others, your gentlemanly deportment at all times reflect your Christian training. . . .

It is time that we come to a close. Again I want you to know that our prayers will be with you and they will always be that you remain steadfast in the faith which you are going to accept as being the one and only way to true salvation until the heavenly Father calls you to Him into His heavenly Mansion which has been prepared for all true believers. In everything that you do, it will be done with the request, "JESUS, LEAD THOU ON." That, my boy, is the hope and prayer of your parents.

May you enjoy a blessed Confirmation day.

With deepest love,

FATHER

Environment and the education of the deaf

In discussing the environmental factors in education of the deaf Guilbert C. Braddock contributes the following thoughts on the subject.

Experiences are conditioned by environment and by the extent of one's contacts with other people.

The deaf child, like the normal child, is influenced by his environment. Despite the fact that by reason of his lack of hearing ability he is said to be cut off from the world, the deaf child is no less a part of the environment. He is bound to see a great deal of what goes on around him, and from other people he learns what the approved ways of living are. Thus, he is bound to learn something by some method or other, and if he learns the wrong things it will not be on purpose but from lack of guidance.

For the earlier years the home is the chief social factor. The informal education he receives from his parents and brothers and sisters and playmates will greatly outweigh anything the teacher can do for him at school. The parents can do much for him by example. By directing his home experiences he can be made self-reliant, truthful and considerate.

The teacher's part comes after the home conditions have formed the basis of the child's personality. The teacher furnishes the intellectual experiences. The teacher can best do this by linking his studies as much as possible with the life which the child is living.

His environment is an important factor in his future success. It is wise to make this environment work in his interest.

Positions open for Assistant Housemother Assistant Cook and Maintenance Man

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Early training essential

Writing in the Silent World E. S. Greenway points out the advisability of early training for the deaf child. More progress has been made recently in undertaking the education of the deaf child between the ages of two and five years. During this period the child can be trained in speech habits so that later intensive speech work is made easier. They can be taught to lip-read to a marked degree, so that they acquire an understanding of normal language. They are trained socially and given a start in the difficult process of education which considerably limits the retarding effects of deafness.

The education of the deaf child raises many problems for the parents. They are reluctant to send the child away to school at a tender age. But, remember, there is only one remedy for deafness and that is education. This remedy must be applied as soon as possible. No parent would neglect sending his child to a hospital if it had a broken limb. Deafness is far more serious than this and the only "hospital for deafness" is the school.

As a rule, children should be enrolled in a nursery school between the ages of 2½ and 3½ years.

Deaf children can and do make great successes of their lives, but a study of the careers of all outstanding deaf people will show the importance of training in the pre-school years.

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**"Hail and Farewell, I must arise,
Leave here the fatted cattle
And paint on foreign lands and skies
My Odyssey of battle."**

—Tennyson

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From the classroom

Egypt

Egypt is southeast from America. It is on the continent of Africa.

It is one of the oldest countries in the world. The Jews were slaves there long ago. The name of the ancient kings was Pharaoh. The pyramids are tombs for kings. The Sphinx is a huge statue of a god. It has the body of a lion and the head of a man.

The Nile River flows through Egypt. The source of the Nile River is in central Africa. It flows into the Mediterranean Sea. It is four thousand miles long.

Dick Nicolai—6 Grade

A Shopping Trip

Yesterday afternoon after school Joyce and I went shopping. I bought a beautiful picture of Jesus when He was twelve years old. I shall give it to my sister, Beatrice, for a present.

I bought some ice cream and two candy bars.

When I was coming back to school I met some girls of the Fifth Grade. We walked back to school together.

Margaret Hopf—4 Grade

Picture Description

The boy has brown hair. He has blue eyes. He has on a white shirt. He has on short green trousers.

The girl has yellow hair. She has blue eyes. She has two red ribbons tied on her braids. She has on a white blouse and a pink and white jumper.

Roberta Clawson—3 Grade

News

Today is Monday. The sun is shining. It is a pretty day. We shall play outside this afternoon. We shall play with our kites, roller skates, and the boys will play ball.

The girls will sew this afternoon. They will make some pretty hats. They like to sew. They made pretty flowers for Easter.

Gerold Evers—2 Grade

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.

Thy deaf have heard, O God



Confirmation class of 1947. Standing from left to right: William Ludwig, Eleanore Knight, Gloria Lutz, Kenneth Harlan, Bernice Schoenberg, Shirley Sautter, Noah Wertz, Jr. Seated from left to right: Kathleen Thate, Director Klein, the Rev. N. C. Borchardt, Marjorie Bryce.

Feature new movie at annual meeting

The annual meeting of all delegates from the Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf will be held at the school in an all-day session, June 11.

Highlighting this year's meeting will be the showing for the first time anywhere of the new movie depicting the work of the school, "The World of Silence."

This movie will have its world premiere at the Centennial Convention of Synod in Chicago.

This film has been acclaimed by men in the movie industry as unique in its field. The Institute wishes to thank Mr. Walter Wilhelm for his invaluable technical advice and the many hours of assistance he contributed to the making of this picture.

Marjorie Bryce takes school spelling honors

Although she found herself the lone deaf girl in a group of fifty hearing children at a district spelling bee sponsored by the Detroit News, Eight Grader Marjorie Bryce exhibited some of that stuff of which deaf are made and acquitted herself admirably.

Depending entirely upon her ability to read lips Marjorie successfully competed with her hearing fellows until only seventeen remained when she was finally spelled down on the word "occupation." Marjorie had previously won the school spelling championship with Kathleen Thate runner-up.

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. Kate Knickmeyer, Danbury, Conn.; George Kilmer, Chicago, The Rev. C. T. Abel, Elmhurst, Henry H. Holze, Mattoon, Ill.; Julius Lang, Kendallville, Ind.; Gottlieb Martin, Indianapolis, Ind.; Laurence Clark, August Finkel, Dearborn, John Allwardt, Louis C. Baumann, Henry R. Kohn, Jr., all of Detroit, Mrs. Louise Provow, Ferndale, Miss Loretta Rupprecht, Frankenthum, and Mrs. Carl Erbsch, Sebewaing, Mich.; The Rev. H. C. Kuechle, Rocky River, Ohio.

Teachers of the deaf to meet in Florida

The Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf will hold its thirty-third convention at the Florida School for the Deaf, St. Augustine, Fla., June 16 to 20.

Several members of the Institute staff plan to attend this convention in order to keep informed on the very latest developments in the field of deaf education. They will have the opportunity to discuss the problems of teaching the deaf with experts in the field.

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

Incidentally yours

Our present buildings were completed in 1939. But parts of the interior had to be left unfinished due to a lack of funds. This work was finally finished by erecting walls in the administration building basement to provide a vault, store-motion picture projecting-manual arts- and play-rooms. — A new acquisition which was especially welcomed by our boys and girls is an electric dishwasher.

The Larsen "Head of Christ" which appeared in our April issue received much favorable acclaim. —Due to a great shortage of teachers in the field of special education we have been doing some recruiting among college students. As a result Miss Gertrude Bruhn of Seward, Nebraska, and Miss Marion Neuman of Sebewaing, Michigan, will take up studies with the intention of becoming teachers of the deaf. — College students who have had two years of college work and who intend to become teachers in special education can obtain scholarships by applying to Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan, or the Department of Special Education, Lansing, Michigan. These scholarships are also available to non-Michigan residents.

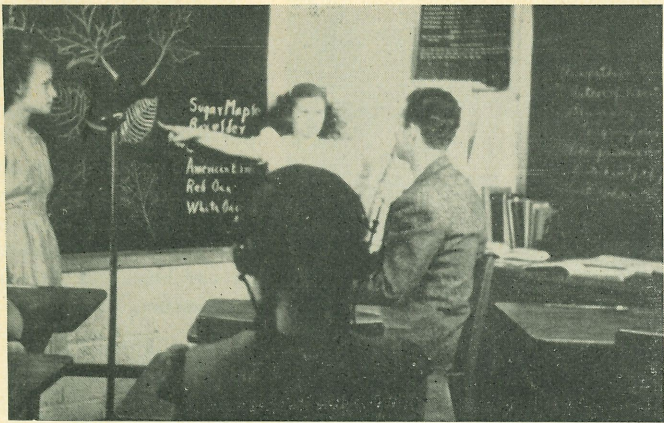
Publicity of the right sort is good for any cause, but it is especially beneficial to a home-school such as ours. We, therefore, readily consent to speak and give demonstrations with pupils before groups who request such. Recently members of our staff appeared before the Grosse Pointe Kiwanis Club, the Detroit Teachers' Conference, the River Forest student body, Redford Parent Teachers' Association, Calvary, Detroit, Mother and Daughter banquet, Rev. E. W. Frenk's Mother-Daughter banquet, Joliet, Illinois, St. John's Father-Son Mother-Daughter banquet, Ann Arbor, Michigan, a Mothers' Club, and the Rev. Louis Koehler, vice-president of our School Board, was given an opportunity to preach on our work in Pastor A. Dashner's church in Ottawa, Canada.

Our Detroit and Macomb Ladies' Aid Societies held their annual joint meeting at the Institute May 6 with a potluck luncheon. These groups render invaluable services to our Institute and its pupils. The Detroit Society recently pledged \$2500.00 for a unit in our new addition. The Macomb aid keeps our kitchen and dining room supplied with dishes and cooking utensils. God bless our women.

And Christ said, "Feed My Lambs"

EDUCATION OF THE HEART

THE HEART OF EDUCATION



As these deaf trod along the road of life they, too, must be made aware of the beauty along the way. Here Amy Heald of Detroit, Marlene Nabors of Van Dyke, Mich., learn of some of God's handiwork in Nature and acquire scientific information as well.



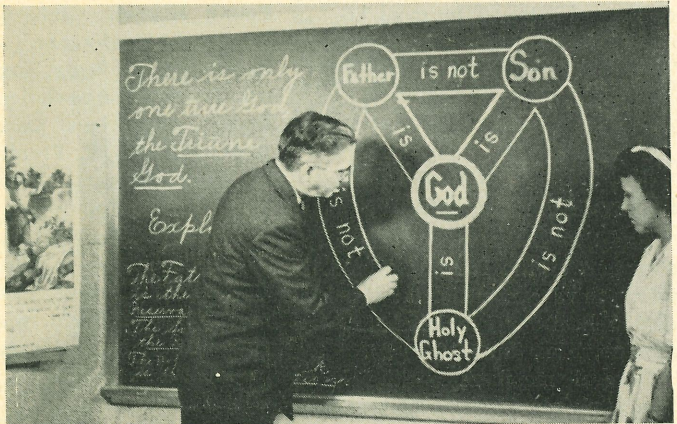
"There's no royal road to education" holds doubly true for the education of the deaf child. The road is a long, slow, journey. Here Janice Logan of Detroit takes one of her first faltering steps on that road as she is taught to produce one of the first elements of speech.



The end of the road is almost in sight for these scholastic travelers of the upper grades. Here they are being given another staff to lean upon for their sojourn through life—social sciences. Throughout our entire program the development of speech and ability to read lips remains always the core.



Quite a few strides have been taken along the educational road as this picture shows Zelona Rotchkiss of Fowlerville, Michigan, and Monica Gable of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, actually experiencing the grammatical principles they have been taught. This picture shows one of the pleasanter experiences.



The end of the road—they're on the last lap and confirmation and graduation hover on the horizon. Here is a picture of the religious training given these deaf so that they, too, possess that most vital piece of equipment that all need for life's journey—SALVATION.



Still another step along the road has been taken in this picture of one of the primary grades. Work of a practical nature always is stressed. Here Rosella Burgess of Royal Oak, Mich., Barbara Brauer of Evanston, Ill., Helmut Quiram of Dallas, Texas, and Marlene Schulz formerly of Winnipeg, Canada, learn to tell time.

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