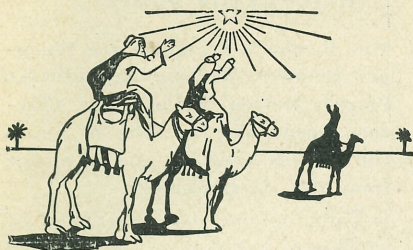


# JOYFUL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL



## Incidentally yours

School days, busy days, blessed days. — Household and teaching staff members are all working diligently and efficiently towards that definite goal of educating one hundred deaf children for this life and for the life that is to come. . . . Teaching deaf children is a most interesting and important profession and it is deplorable that not more people enter it. The shortage of teachers in this field of special education is tremendous. Free scholarships are offered at various training centers to encourage young women to enter this field of education. Write and ask us about them.

Recent very welcome visitors were Superintendent Mr. Charles M. Jochem of the New Jersey School for the Deaf and his two principals, Mr. Tobias Brill and Mr. Orville Parrish.

Through the instrumentality of our good friend Mr. Wm. Fenske, salesmanager of the Good House-keeping Shops, and Mr. Harold Meinke, President of the Michigan Laymen's League, our boys recently received a fine RCA television set from the Michigan Lutheran Laymen's League. How much such a gift means to deaf children only those who work with and teach them can fully realize. The eye alone can convey to the mind of the deaf what the combination of ear and eye conveys to other people, hence, television is of such tremendous value to the deaf. Our sincere thanks to the Michigan Lutheran Laymen's League for its splendid gift.

The \$200,000.00 addition to our boys' residence is now under roof, and we hope that by next March or April the entire structure will be ready for occupancy. There are still a number of rooms available to be dedicated as memorials to loved ones. — The Board of Management hopes that sufficient funds will be made available through friends of our Institute so that no appreciable debt remains when the building is finally turned over to us by the builder. — Recent larger gifts to our building fund were received from

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## Christmas — The Season of Sounds

Christmas, the season of sounds, is here . . . the sound of treble, childish voices singing "Silent Night, Holy Night" . . . The sound of an innkeeper's voice telling a harried Joseph that there is no room in the inn . . . the sound of lowing, restive cattle as Jesus Christ, Son of the Almighty God, is born into a world whose only hope is this Infant on His makeshift bed of straw . . . and can your memory hear the greatest hallelujah chorus of all time as angel choristers fill the world's night with "Peace on earth, good will toward men!"

Remember one more sound as you prepare for this Christmas . . . that not too distinct and sometimes pathetic sound of the deaf child's prayer which entered your home not so long ago in the form of our annual appeal for funds to help these deaf . . . And may the sound of Jesus' voice enter into your hearts asking you to give generously toward the education of and maintenance for more than one hundred deaf children at the only Protestant School for deaf children in America. Make this your gift of gratitude for the wonderful eternal salvation Christmas brings . . . And if you do, you'll hear a new sound this Christmas time, the heartwarming sound of the deaf child's voice saying,

*"God bless you and a very merry Christmas"*



*Glory to God in the Highest*

## Do Outside Charities Hurt Church Income

**ARE THE FINANCIAL APPEALS OF SYNOD'S EXPANDING CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS EN-CROACHING UPON THE INCOME OF THE LOCAL CONGREGATIONS?**

To get a practical answer to the question, it was put to a pastor in the Detroit metropolitan area whose congregation has an enviable record of generosity to the home church, to Synod, and its beneficiaries.

"I, for one," he said, "have always contended that the solicitation of members of our Lutheran churches for extra-congregational purposes serves to broaden their view of the work of the Church at large and to extend the scope of their charity. In this process the local treasuries do not suffer. Rather, the very opposite trend ordinarily sets in."

The pastor continuing to answer the question put to him explains the psychology of Christian giving. "It is my conviction," he said, "that congregations make a serious mistake when they by resolutions or other restrictive measures endeavor to limit giving for outside purposes. Past experience tends to indicate that wherever the human springs of generosity are artificially suppressed or channeled solely into the treasuries of the local church, the flow of contributions from that source decreases also for home purposes. The abuse of a congregation's powers to negate the individual right to contribute to whatever purposes particularly move his Christian spirit will serve to discourage his generosity to the point where eventually appeals for congregational funds also will fall upon deaf ears.

*"Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard."*

Prov. 21:13.



## 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. E. A. Ritzmann, Lodi, Calif.; Laura Malley, Berwyn, Rev. H. C. Schreck, Chester, Mrs. Henry Wente, Crete, Ill.; Rev. P. G. Nau, Columbus, W. C. Polster, Evansville, Ralph Golster, Anna Henke, Gary, George D. Hartman, Kokomo, Mrs. Fred M. Meyer, New Haven, Ind.; Ernest Schroeder, Ann Arbor, John G. Kolb, Mrs. Barbara Mammel, Mrs. Emma Maxson, Mrs. Caroline Selle, Bay City, Jacob Haubenstricker, Christian Kern, Birch Run, Mrs. Gust Hellenberg, Coldwater, Mrs. Mathew Haller, Dearborn, William Bischoff, Rev. Philip Bohn, Mrs. Jas. Cramer, Mrs. Anna Diedrich, Mrs. Caroline Floetke, Mrs. William Ford, Mrs. Ottilie Hanow, Herman Hartwig, Aug. Hoeft, Roy W. James, Walter Janascheck, William S. Knudsen, Mrs. Wm. Lenz, Mrs. John Malak, Leonard E. Mandeville, Mrs. Eda Melms, Donald Miller, Charles M. Morenz, Mrs. Henrietta Muhme, Mrs. George Oderfer, Julius Ortwein, Mrs. Lillian Paschke, August Friehs, Mrs. L. J. Reindel, Mrs. Johanna Rodamsky, Mrs. Fredericka Rohde, Julius Sadrojsky, Norma Schoof, Adolph Schwan, Rev. Robert J. Smukal, Edward H. Voss, Mrs. Hermina Voss, Stanley and Robert Willits, Albert Zeller, Sr., Mrs. Marie Zippert, Detroit, Paul W. Rein, East Detroit, Arthur Hübinger, Mrs. Schury, Frankenmuth, Mrs. G. P. Storm, Free Soil, Mrs. A. Fett, Mrs. O. Waldschmidt, Grand Haven, John Anschuetz, Highland Park, Mrs. Wesley Sundberg, Mrs. Arthur Kahler, Lenox, Mrs. John Keinath, Millington, Mrs. Mary Merkle, Monroe, Adolph Eckert, Robert Giefke, Mt. Clemens, Fred Menzel, Petersburg, Mrs. Anna Ruthig, Pigeon, H. C. Schmiede, Plymouth, Otto Roth, Reese, John Schlegel, Remus, Ernest Schultz, Fred Bierlein, Richville, John Burgess, Royal Oak, Hattie Albrecht, Mrs. Rudolph Finger, Mrs. Mary Meyerhuber, Mrs. Martin Salvner, Walter Schnell, Mrs. Wm. Steltzeide, Mrs. Louise Wegner, James Wiltse, Saginaw, Louis Jank, Mrs. Emma Sting, Albert Zimmer, Sebawaing, Harold E. Peterson, St. Clair Shores, Emil Guenther, St. Joseph, Oscar Fahsel, Tawas City, Otto Kobs, East Tawas, Mrs. Lillian Kuechenmeister, Utica, Mrs. August Kreger, Washington, Michigan; Mrs. B. R. Menzel, Minneapolis, Minn.; Rev. Ed. Oelschlaeger, West Point, Nebr.; Ralph Galster, Albuquerque, N. Mex.; William H. Ziebarth, Buffalo, N. Y.; Chas. Steinbauer, Convoy, Frank Hohenberger, Defiance, Herman Fitzreiter, Henry Humer, Napoleon, William Hill, Painesville, Mrs. Paul Weisenberg, Toledo, Ohio; August Arndt, Algoma, Mrs. Julius Neitge, Deer Park, Mrs. M. Sauer, Milwaukee, Dr. H. W. Kleinschmit, Oshkosh, Mrs. Sophia Fett, Plymouth, Wisconsin.

"And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."

## Aural Guild

The Halloween party with unique costumes, chalk talk, toy balloons, 6 reels of movies, cookies, ice cream and ginger ale given our pupils by the Aural Guild was a huge success. The members of the Guild have made this party an annual pleasurable event for our pupils. Many thanks to you Aural Guilders.

## If I Could Hear for Three Days

My young friend, Virginia, has asked me what I would do if, for three days, I could hear again.

Many long years ago, when I learned that I was to be totally deaf for life, I promised that when I entered this "silent world" I would carry with me such vivid memories of sound that the loss of hearing would never become unbearable.

Yet as the years passed, those memories dimmed — and now I can no longer watch a bird's throat swelling in song and hear the music in my mind. So, if I had granted to me three days of perfect hearing, on the first day I would search for, and listen to, sounds I have never heard. I would listen to a giant plane as it zoomed across the sky and disappeared — a tiny fleck against fleecy clouds. I would know the song it sings to my son who is a fier.

I would turn on a radio and pray that I would hear Bing Crosby singing White Christmas, as I marveled at the miracle of broadcasting.

In the evening of that first day, I would seek out a symphony orchestra, and I would remember great voices — those of Caruso, Schumann-Heink, Mary Garden — as I listened to the mellow tones of the cello.

At dawn the second day, I would wander into fields and woods, searching for a little brook that would talk to me as it murmured over moss-grown rocks.

I would hark to the wind sighing among trees and grasses; I would listen for the call of a lark, the chirping of robins. And at dusk I would hear their sleepy twittering as they settled for the night.

Then, in the black-dark hours, I would hear the stealthy sounds of things moving in the night, and I would fall asleep to the sound of rain pattering on my roof, and when I wakened it would be the third and last day of hearing, so . . .

At dawn, I would seek one sound to which I would listen all the day, and I would engrave that sound so deeply on my mind and heart that I would be able to hear it forever and ever . . .

I would hear and listen and thrill to another sound which I have never heard — the voice of my son . . .

—LUCILLE GRISWOLD

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## Memorial Room Roll of Honor

### Additional Pledges:

N. N., Detroit, \$300.00 in loving memory of Rev. Ferdinand Sattelmeyer.

Mrs. Edward Broge and Friends (Etna) Pittsburgh, Pa., \$300.00.

### Correction No. 1:

"St. Mark's Ladies' Aid, Detroit, \$500.00 in memory of departed members" and "Daughters of St. Mark's, Detroit, \$300.00 in memory of Miss Elsie Buehrle.

### Correction No. 2:

"Mrs. E. Sarber, Detroit, \$1,000.00 in loving memory of her husband, Dr. C. O. Sarber.

## Convention Days at Faribault

Recently we spent three very delightful days attending the meeting of the Conference of the Executives of the American Schools for the Deaf at Faribault, Minn. Faribault is a beautiful city noted especially for schools and institutions one of which is the Minnesota School for the Deaf headed by Mr. Howard M. Quigly. — While in Faribault we were privileged to meet two of our Synod's missionaries to the deaf, pastors R. F. Cordes and C. Bremer. They were conducting a Bible Class in the Minnesota School. Faribault is also noted for its roquefort cheese factory which is located in several caves hewn out of solid rock. Last but not least, Faribault has a fine Missouri Lutheran Church of which Rev. W. A. Lemke is the pastor. It has a five-room school principaled by Mr. R. Maag. We visited this school on the day of Mr. Maag's 15th anniversary as teacher and were permitted to address a few words to faculty members and pupils. We believe that Mr. Maag is the head of what seemed to us a model school.

## Incidentally yours

Mrs. Bertha S. Schuppan, the Wuepper Reunion, Redemption Lutheran Church, Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Goede, and the John W. Smith Old Timers Club, as was a pledge from Mrs. Clara Peppler.

Eight optometrists, a number of whom are Kiwanians, again tested the eyes of all our pupils gratis. Glasses for indigent pupils are always supplied by the various Detroit Kiwanis Clubs. The North-east Detroit Kiwanis Club recently also provided an individual hearing aid for Karen Eustis, one of our pupils. Kiwanis International recently sent our pupils a large number of plastic toy boats from Chicago. The North Detroit Kiwanis Club provided an enjoyable wiener and corn roast in our picnic grove in October. Memorial rooms in our new building were dedicated by both, the North Detroit Exchange Club and the North Detroit Kiwanis Club.

## 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.

Have you booked the ALL color Sound Movie THE WORLD OF SILENCE? Running Time 35 Min.

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Our Savior's Pound Day Donation



Frankenmuth Ladies' Aid

## ... Gifts of Love ...

Indelibly written into the pages of our Institute's history one can find column after column of recorded names and figures which might well be titled "Gifts of Love." In fact, financially, the very foundation of the Institute has been built upon such gifts.

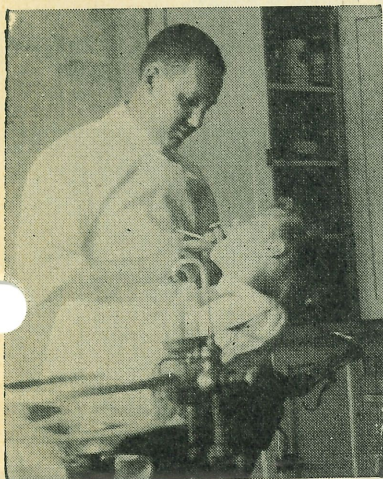
Pictured on this page are eight of the many and varied ways in which individuals, groups and organizations have given of their time, talents or money to further the cause of deaf education.

Together let us look at these illustrations. — Here is teacher Paul Luebke of Bethany School, Detroit, whose additional talent for barbering is brought into service in the boys' residence on alternate Saturdays.

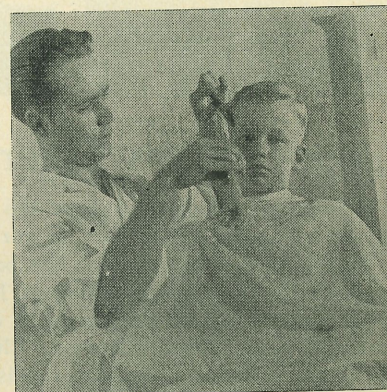
— Drs. C. Rueger and Augusto deGoenaga serve the dental needs of our children on Thursdays when, ordinarily, they could enjoy a few hours of relaxation away from their profession.

— The Rev. E. Buchheimer of Our Savior, Detroit, delivers his congregation's Pound Day donation, symbolic of the many congregations of Greater Detroit which take part in the annual fall grocery offerings to our Institute. — The Thumb District and nearby congregations remember us every autumn with a farm produce shower, tons of which the C. & H. Nielson Cartage Co. has for many years gathered and brought to us. Henry Nielsen and son, Edwin, say "We and our helpers love to give our services and the use of our equipment for the deaf children."

Service clubs and other organizations besides sponsoring a boys' club provide our pupils with a health program and various kinds of entertainment. At the annual corn roast given by the Northeast Detroit Kiwanians our kiddies really had a corn consuming time. — Ladies' Aids, interested in the welfare of our charges, arrange group tours of the buildings and classrooms. The Frankenmuth Ladies' Aid, as have others, chartered buses for their trip. — And we are ever mindful of that vast host of friends who by heeding our annual appeal remember the needs of the Institute periodically with cash contributions. May God bless them.



Dr. C. Rueger, D.D.S.



Barber Luebke



Dr. A. deGoenaga, D.D.S.



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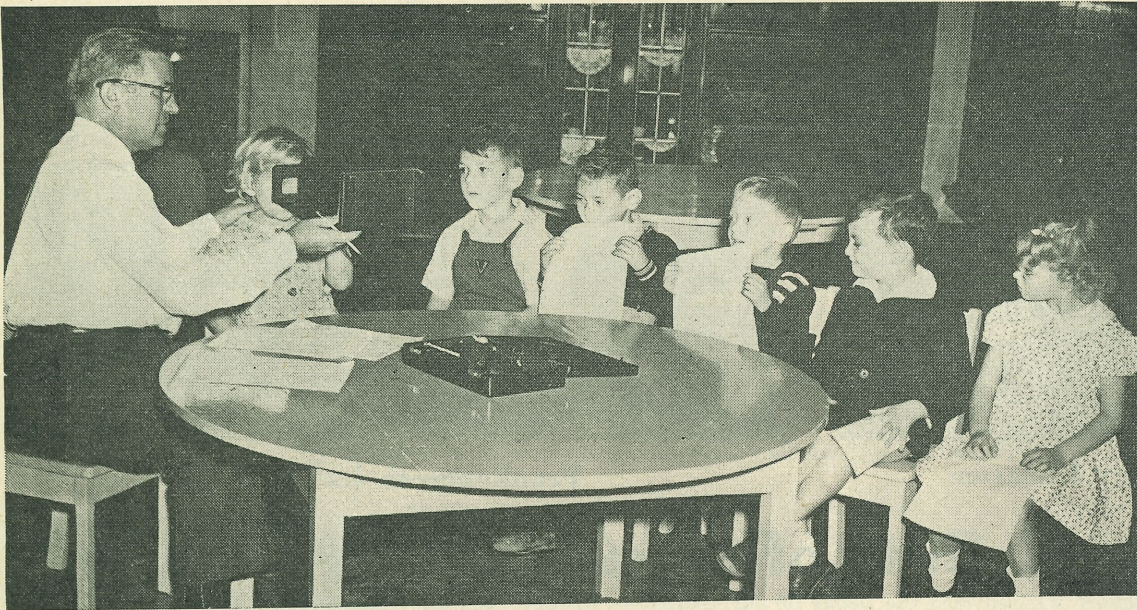


A Good Time Had by All



St. Andrew's Luth. S. S., Buffalo, N. Y.





Dr. Dueweke with the little people administering the Fusion Test.

Top Row L. to R.—  
 Dr. C. W. Johannes, Dr. M. Guinta,  
 Dr. H. R. Hecox, Dr. J. A. Park, Dr. R. T.  
 Hugo, Dr. H. R. Bunge.  
 Lower Row L. to R.—  
 Dr. J. V. Dueweke, Mrs. Charlotte  
 Bunte, Mrs. Mae Dueweke, Dr. B. B.  
 Wisney.

## Good Vision Essential . . .

Pictures here depict a part of the annual screening tests for visual defects made September 30th at our school.

This is an annual test that has been made possible by the optometrists of the Northeast Section of Detroit at our school, since 1933. These doctors donate their time to our children, and in co-operation with the North Detroit Kiwanis Club, Northeast Kiwanis Club and the Denby Kiwanis Club, material is given to our children as needed.

These screening tests are of necessity less efficient than a thorough optometric examination, but have proven over the period of years, sufficient to detect any abnormalities present.

After these tests are completed, the staff of the directing doctor, compare them with their previous records and history, and about 12% of the children then require the completion of the optometric examination. This is done by the eight optometrists, splitting up the number of children needing further work, and each of the examining doctors pick up two or three at a time from our home, take them to their respective office and complete the examination and return the children to us.

If a prescription is required, it is ordered, and if the parents are unable to meet the low laboratory cost, the bill is referred to one of the three Kiwanis Clubs' underprivileged Child Committees, who pay for the materials, and donate the completed glasses to the child.

Good vision is very essential for our deaf children, and these annual examinations by these eight optometrists are of great help to our pupils



Drs. Bunge, Wisney and Johannes examining the children for visual defects



Drs. Hugo and Park checking the visual efficiency of a student