

**Incidentally yours**

"The World of Silence," Our Institute's all-color sound picture is booked solidly to the middle of June. Any one wishing to schedule this interesting film for the summer or next fall should do so already now because it is in great demand. — What they say about the picture: A very good picture, its presentation is superior. It was enjoyed by all. Rev. Paul F. Stueckler, El Paso, Texas. — A wonderful picture for a wonderful cause. Rev. C. A. Borman, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. — An excellent visual story of our Institute. Della Wolf, Glencoe, Minnesota. — Very good film, would like to book it again. Rev. Ernest R. Drews, Olympia, Wash. — My congregation was delighted with the picture. Rev. O. J. Reeb, Flint, Michigan. — Excellent—best visual manner of teaching thankfulness yet seen. Paul O. Ebel, Long Beach, California. — Very good. Enthusiastically received. New interest aroused in the work done at the school. Rev. M. J. Bruer, Long Beach, California. — Very good picture and well received. Walter Knigge, Anaheim, California. — Exquisite in presentation and mighty in appeal. Rev. Alf. A. Streufert, Glencoe, Minneapolis. — Everyone thought the picture very beautiful, very informative, very interesting and touching. Mrs. Earl Muck, Portland, Oregon.

Our Pittsburgh friend again sent us a check in the amount of \$100.00 to be added to our Gymnasium Fund. We are happy to inform this good person that we can expect this fund to grow more rapidly now since an organization of active Detroit women has decided to gather monies for it. The fund will henceforth be called The Luther Memorial Fund. And anyone wishing to contribute to this worthy cause should always state that the offering is to flow into "The Luther Memorial Fund."

Our Ladies' Aid contributed \$500 toward the payment of a \$2500 electric dishwasher. — The Institute Athletic and Gym program sponsored by the Northeast Detroit Kiwanis Club is a very valuable educational and recreational activity for the pupils of our Institute.

Christmas parties given to groups of our pupils by the employees of the Western Electric Co., the Ladies' Aid for the Deaf, the Alpha Iota Sorority, the North District Kiwanis and Exchange Clubs, and the Northtown Theatre were greatly enjoyed.

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

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## Opening heaven's doors

Congregations and Church organizations everywhere seem to be building churches, schools, and colleges. All are intent on enlarging the place of their tents so as to be able to do the Lord's work the better. Here at the Institute where scores of deaf children are knocking at the door seeking to know Jesus, their Savior, we, too, must enlarge our tents. We must begin to build even though we haven't funds sufficient to meet the present high cost of building.

We thought we had laid aside a sum large enough to pay for the erection of the much-needed additional unit, but when we opened the contractors' bids we found that we were considerably short of the funds necessary. This presented the question: Shall we reject all bids and postpone building operations until another time or shall we trust that our dear Christian friends will provide the additional monies? If we had said NO to this question, little deaf children would continue to stand at heaven's door with no one to open it. — Not a pleasant picture, dear friends, is it? — And we could only hope that our dear Savior might not ask an accounting of us for the sad plight of these bloodbought souls. Compelled by this Divine imperative, the board of management has decided to go forward and build, trusting that you will corroborate its decision and help to open heaven's door to the many waiting souls.

## Friends, groups provide gifts, parties to insure merry Christmas for the deaf

Too numerous to mention are the hosts of individual friends who donated gifts during December to brighten the Christmas Season for our Deaf Children. The Institute takes this occasion to express its sincere gratitude for these deeds of love.

A number of organizations brought the joy of Christmas to our deaf children's hearts as well as to their own by playing host to our children at colorful parties.

Included in these groups were the Lutheran Institute Ladies' Aid for the Deaf who gave a Christmas party and gifts to the children and staff members, employees of the Western Electric Company who gave the children sleds and athletic equipment as well as a party; the Alpha Iota Sorority, the North Detroit Kiwanis Club, The North Detroit Exchange Club, and the Northtown Theater and its owner Mr.

Tatu, who gave our children a theater party.

The gratitude of children made happy by their efforts is extended to these groups.

It was one of our beloved deaf pupils' distinct privilege to hear the Savior's personal voice speak that miraculous "Ephatha," "Be thou opened," when a guardian angel suddenly, on January 23, reached down from Heaven to take Donald Scheiderer's soul into His eternal glory. Donald's departure is our loss but his everlasting gain.

## Institute Ladies' Aid invaluable to school

The Christmas season as well as the rest of the year finds the Institute receiving much help and support from two groups, they are the Lutheran Ladies' Aid for the Deaf in Detroit and The Macomb County Ladies' Aid for the Deaf.

In addition to an annual Christmas party and individual gifts for children and staff members the Detroit ladies presented a gift of \$200.00 to be used for the purchase of playground and recreational equipment.

The Detroit organization held its annual election in December at which time the following officers were elected: President: Dr. Lulu Fackler; Vice-Pres.: Mrs. Alfred S. Johnson; 2nd Vice-Pres.: Mrs. George Priebe; Rec. Sec'y: Mrs. Louis Koch; Cor. Sec'y: Mrs. George Milz; Fin. Sec'y: Mrs. Edmund Ruff; Treas.: Mrs. John A. Klein; Memorial Chairman: Mrs. Wm. Riese; Buying Chairman: Mrs. Wm. Strauss; Trustee: Mrs. Marie Ratje; Representative Chairman: Mrs. Chas. Healy; Program Chairman: Mrs. Hy. Zuelch; Hostess: Mrs. Richard Corkill; Ass't Hostess: Mrs. Wm. Porth; Spiritual Adv.: Rev. Martin Haendschke.

Highlight for the month of January was the ladies' aid annual dinner on the eighteenth at school.

On February 18 a Valentine party will be given at the school by the Aid. Luncheon and entertainment are some of the outstanding features.

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



### Incidentally yours

We are grateful to all these organizations for having been so thoughtful for our youngsters.

Our store rooms and bins are again full of groceries, canned fruit and vegetables due to the generous donations by our Greater Detroit congregations. These gifts also include 20 bushel of nice apples from Mr. and Mrs. Emil Ruhlrig of Dexter, Michigan. Two Electro-aires, two Sterilamps, and two hospital carts purchased by the Ladies' Aid for the Deaf are valuable additions to our hospital ward equipment.

The 75th Anniversary Committee consisting of the Pastors George M. Krach, Louis H. Koehler, and Norbert E. Borchardt, plus members of the faculty are at work making plans for the proper celebration of the Institute's 75th Jubilee on June 13. Friends, if at all possible, plan to be with us on that day. A nationally known preacher has already been selected for the service.

During the past weeks we were kept more than busy locally showing our film, giving demonstrations and lectures on our work in the following places: Grace Church, Detroit, Pastor Halboth; Trinity Church, Mt. Clemens, Pastors W. Junke and W. Schoedel; Trinity Church, Pontiac, Pastor W. Strandes; Martini Church, Hamtramck, Pastor C. Zeisser; St. Peters Church, Plymouth, Pastor E. Hoenecke; Salem Church, Detroit; Lutheran Charities, Detroit; Women's Luncheon Club, Grosse Pointe; Michigan Teachers' College, Ypsilanti; and the Grosse Pointe Farms Women's Club.

Ice skating on our private rink and tobogganing down our fine hill develop fine rosy cheeks on our youngsters these days. The fine lot of sleds presented to us by the employees of the Western Electric Co. are put to good use now. — The three beautiful bicycles given our children by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kleinschmidt of Detroit and the bow and arrows from Mr. and Mrs. Szajna will afford our pupils much pleasure after the winter's snow and ice has left us. We are very grateful to these kind donors as well as to all others who so generously assisted at Christmas time to bring joy to our children through gifts of candy, fruit, toys, bedding, etc., etc. May our dear Lord bless them all most abundantly. We here also express our appreciation for the nice sums of money left our Institute by the A. A. Moellering and the Rose Schuchli Estates of Chicago.



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### Director John A. Klein

The 30's, years of momentous decision, brought a new man to the director's chair of the Institute in the person of Mr. John A. Klein, who was given the reigns in 1933 and so became the fifth director of the school.

He assumed the leadership at this critical time rich in the experience and "know how" of institutional work from his many years' experience.

During those critical years of reconstruction his leadership, business acumen, sound judgment and perseverance guided the destinies of the school to the heights of greatness.

Director Klein, called in 1908, will, in June of this year, have given forty years of service to this school. He took his work in the field of special education at The Wisconsin Teachers' College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and at Central Institute for the Deaf, St. Louis, Missouri.—G.M.

### Notes from here and there

Fourth-grader Curtis Ketelson has his 12th birthday January 7th. Mrs. Witt surprised him with a beautiful birthday cake, complete with greetings and candles.... Roberta Clawson got a hearing aid for Christmas. . . . The Fourth-graders are excited and industrious these days. They are working out a play to present to the school and its friends sometime soon. . . . Our recent ice storm made our playgrounds a winter wonderland for sleds and ice skates. Their enthusiasm has not waned in spite of the many bumps and bruises incurred. Incidentally, our good director was such a casualty, too. . . . Anita Chrysler and Lynn Lackey entertained their Prep A class at birthday parties this week. Their class is learning Little Jack Horner which they may present at a program later. . . . The children are enjoying a newly acquired sandbox in the Kindergarten room. . . . Hughie Blankenship's mother from Bowling Green, Kentucky, visited the nursery class January 5.

### From the classroom A Barber Shop

A barber cuts hair for men and boys. He shaves men. Many people sit in a big chair in the barber shop. He uses scissors and a clipper. He shaves men with a sharp razor.

A barber shop has a striped pole in front of it.

Robert Leland  
Grade 4—Age 12

### Language Stories

A woman picked up her purse. She went to the store. She said to a man, "I want to buy a pumpkin for Hallowe'en." She said, "How much does it cost." She bought a pumpkin. She went home.

A teacher bought a pumpkin. She came to school. She said "Good morning" to her class. She said "Who will make a Jack-o-Lantern?" Two girls wanted to make a Jack-o-lantern. Two girls cut and made a Jack-o-lantern. They put it on the table.

Curtis Ketelsen  
Grade 4—Age 12

### 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.

**Don't Forget  
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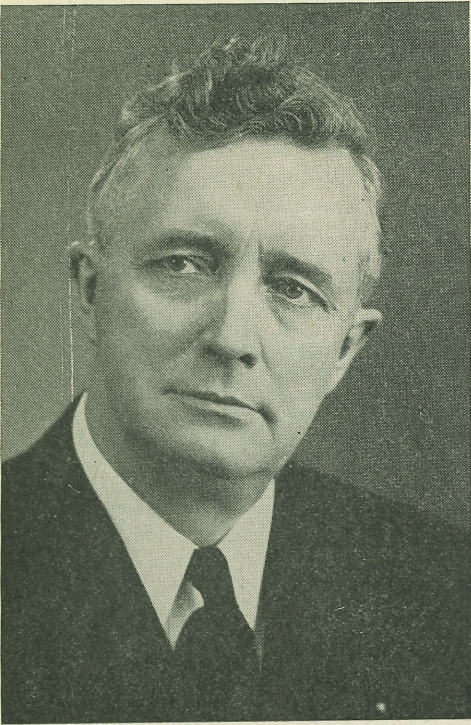
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# —Years of crisis and men to meet it—



That decade which began with 1920 was a real time of decision for the over half-a-century-old Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. Its building facilities were outmoded and condemned and funds were needed to replace the old Institute building with a modern structure.

In such times of crises our Heavenly Father always provides the times and the men to meet the needs. And so it was that the Rev. F. A. Hertwig was chosen to meet the challenge. At that time he was not only serving as pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Detroit but also as vice-president of the Michigan District. Today he is third vice-president of the Missouri Synod. Pastor Hertwig served as chairman of the building fund committee at that time, and under his leadership sufficient funds were raised to build the first unit in 1936, which is the present boys' dormitory.

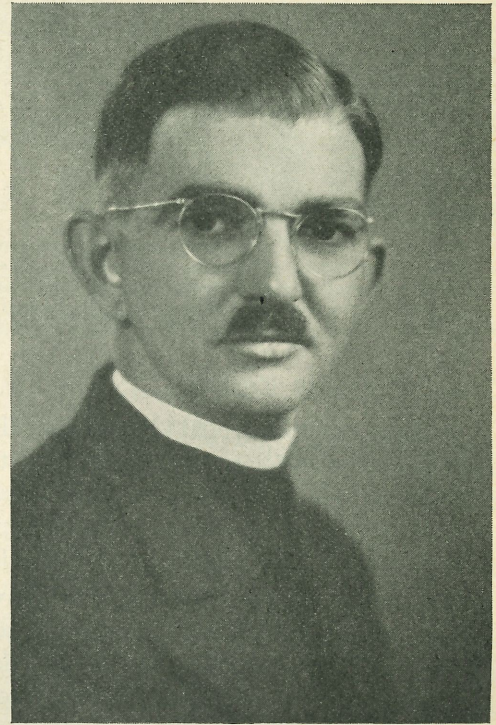


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The 30's that covered our nation with its pall of economic gloom cast its shadows over the Institute as well. School revenue tumbled as supporters felt the pinch of a depression and shadows grew longer and deeper when the venerable brick-frame structure that housed this school since 1873 was condemned as being a fire hazard and unsafe for deaf children.

But there were men who had faith in this great cause for the deaf and still greater faith in the miraculous ways of God. Such a man was the Rev. E. T. Bernthal, pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church, one of Detroit's largest. In spite of depressing economic conditions he threw his talents, ingenuity and energy into an all out campaign and continued unceasingly until he had reached the goal of \$225,000.00 he had set for himself, a sum necessary to replace the condemned building. During this campaign he gave not only of himself but also the services of his office and staff as well. Through him Mr. W. Knudsen was moved to donate \$60,000 for our Gloria Dei Clara Elizabeth Knudson Chapel which he dedicated to his wife.

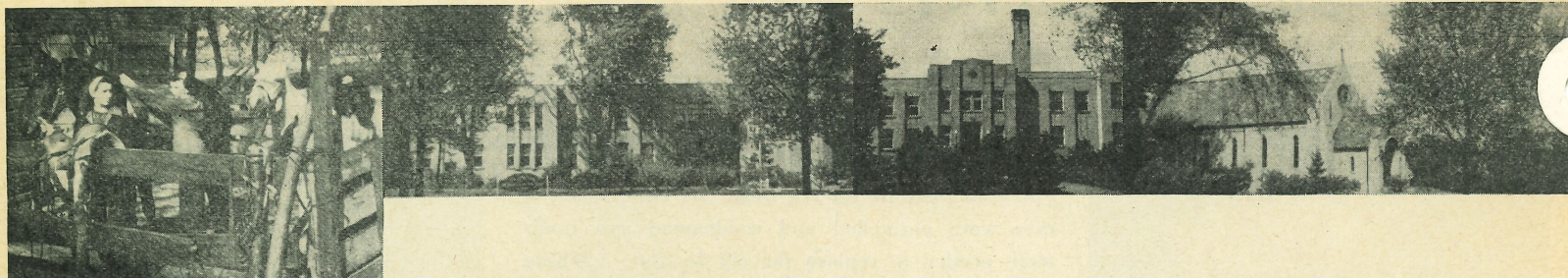
The publicity which, by the way, was considered most outstanding, was all planned by the Rev. Mr. Bernthal.

Recognition must also be given to the good wives who unselfishly allowed their husbands to devote so much of their free time to this work.

The buildings erected at that time were dedicated in May 1940 at which time Dr. Walter A. Maier was the guest speaker.

Because of the tireless efforts of the men pictured on this page and their helpers, this school now has a plant recognized as one of the finest home-schools of its size for deaf children in the United States.





### In the name of those who cannot hear

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST:

This is the 75th ANNIVERSARY YEAR of your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. It is, therefore, a year for special praise and thanksgiving to God for the untold blessings He showered upon the deaf in this Christian nursery during the past 75 years. And so we say with humble hearts: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake." Ps. 115:1.

We are truly grateful to God for having used this, one of the oldest if not *the* oldest institution of mercy in our Church, these many years, to gather for himself "jewels" from among the less fortunate. We thank Him for having given His Christians the opportunity to unstop the ears of the deaf and to cause the tongues of the dumb to sing the sweet name of Jesus at this Institute.

We are confident that you and all our friends will want to rejoice with us in this JUBILEE YEAR and manifest your joy and gratitude with material gifts, so that this blessed work of rehabilitating the handicapped may continue to prosper and thus lead ever more deaf children to the knowledge of Jesus, their Savior.

To bring the needs of the deaf child near to the hearts of fellow Christians, we offer for distribution folders and other material as well as the use of our very interesting 16mm all-color sound film titled "A World of Silence."

Be assured that your kind cooperation and your prayerful and financial support will be deeply appreciated.

With cordial greetings,

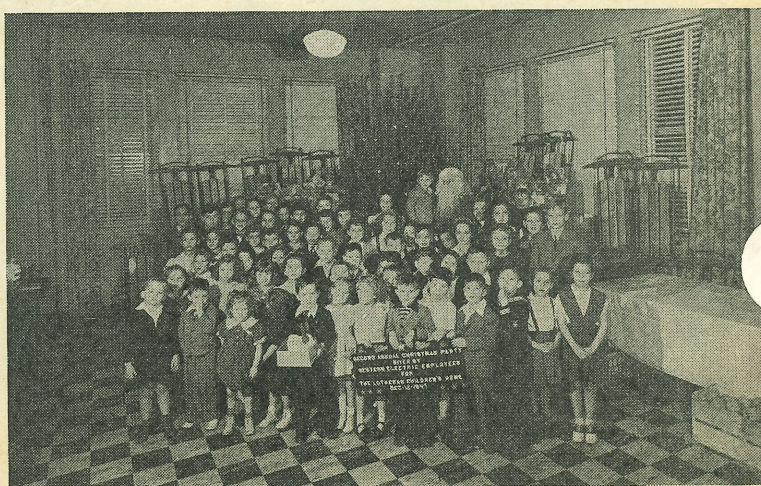
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Santa Claus with his gifts for the younger children at our school at the Western Electric employees' Christmas party.