

Incidentally yours

On September 6th began the 77th school term of your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. In respect to enrollment and size of teaching and household staff it is again a record-breaking year. The new unit dedicated last June made this possible.

Twenty-four new pupils have already been enrolled at this writing and several more will arrive within a few days. — Five new teachers and five household members either filled vacancies or new positions. The new household members are Mrs. Ann Schutlz, Mrs. Eleanor Schneider, Mrs. Elizabeth Kakarian, Mrs. Ruth Mitchell, and Mrs. Mary Fields. Our new teachers are Mrs. Mary Robson from Toronto, Canada, Mrs. Nellie Jensen, Metamora, Michigan, Mrs. Mae Moffatt from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, Miss Vivian Fitanides, Saco, Maine, and Miss Elizabeth Cutler, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

We owe a word of gratitude and recognition to Mr. Ray Ballbach of Detroit for the photographs of our June festival which appeared in the August number of the "Advocate."

Your Institute's expansion program is now completed with the exception of a Health Building or Gymnasium.

Interested in supplying this need is a group of consecrated women called the Martin Luther Memorial Foundation. This organization plans annually to celebrate Dr. Luther's birthday by arranging appropriate lectures on Luther's life and work.

All proceeds of such celebrations will accrue to the Luther Memorial Foundation. And the first project financed by this foundation will be a gymnasium for our Institute.

The officials of the Society and especially their chairmen on arrangements, Mrs. A. Johnson and Mrs. Eugene Edwards, have been extremely active in arranging about a dozen units which will have separate Luther birthday celebrations throughout greater Detroit on November 10th.

Dinners will be held at these various Lutheran churches: Christ (River Rouge), Covenant, Nazareth, St. John's, Tabor, St. Peter's (Plymouth) and at the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. Rosedale Park church will have a celebration on November 18.

May the Lord bless the endeavors of these willing workers so that a Health Building for our deaf youngsters may soon become a reality.

The deaf child's ADVOCATE

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TWENTY-FOUR NEW PUPILS ENROLLED THIS YEAR



... Now There Is Room ...

By train, bus, airplane and automobile they came and found that finally there again was room for them at the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. They came from villages, towns and large cities of America and Canada. They came from the homes of professional workers, farmers, laborers and skilled trades-men. They all came. They came in order that they might, in this special school, receive that education and training which would make of them useful, self-reliant and independent members of society and citizens of heaven.

Seventy-six years ago a group of Lutherans in Detroit, encouraged by Dr. C. F. W. Walther, established the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. It was the Master's Challenge "Feed My Lambs" and a Christian desire to assist in the rehabilitation of the underprivileged, which gave them the incentive to act and establish this special school.

First they came from Frankenmuth, Michigan, those two little girls. But the good news spread and they came from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin. Every year they came from greater distances. In the early 1930's, the influx of new pupils taxed the Institute to the limit. As a result, in 1936 a boys' residence was constructed. Then they came from Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota and the Dakotas. In 1938 and 1939 the Christian friends throughout the length and breadth of our land rallied to the Lord's call again and additional units were erected. They came from Tennessee, Colorado, California, Alabama, Florida and Kentucky. Again in 1949, another, this time the Diamond Jubilee Building, was completed.

For the past 76 years they have been coming and the high objectives of the school are still the same. The rehabilitation of deaf children and the Master's challenge "Feed My Lambs" is today as strong a chal-

Audio-Visual Aid Room Established

Lutheran Institute for the Deaf inaugurated its seventy-seven years of service to the deaf when it opened its doors to a full capacity group of pupils, September 7, 1949.

For the first time in nearly a decade, the Institute was not forced to turn away scores of applicants because of limited facilities, but, because of the completion of the Diamond Jubilee Building could, at this time, accepted almost all of the applications of those on file.

Ever on the alert to make its crusade for the rehabilitation of the deaf more effective, the Institute initiated a new visual aid program with the opening of the fall semester. One room in the school building has been set aside for Audio-visual aids. This audio-visual aid room was equipped with the following: a group hearing aid, audiometer, an auditory training unit, piano, a delineascope, 16mm projector with screen, film strips, lantern slides, necessary storage place, blackboard, and enough desks for a complete class. The room is available to all teachers and has eliminated the problem of continuously moving expensive and heavy equipment from one room to another.

As it was 76 years ago. Christians, following the Lord's command, "Bear ye one another's burdens," have ever been helpful in providing the school's needs.

From everywhere they came and the Institute grew and grew, and with it the operating costs increased proportionately. For these funds the Institute is entirely dependent upon its many friends, who so generously provided this outstanding home-school for handicapped children. We are confident that they will continue to lend a helping hand to these underprivileged little ones.

Winning Balloon Found in Canada

It was June 12, 1949, the day was warm and bright and wonderful to behold the thousands of balloons having attached cards by our supporters soaring up and across the two nations which this school, The Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, serves. And then during the hot summer months, many of these cards were returned to the Institute. On a master map their direction of flight and location of landings were marked. One flight went into northern Michigan and another into eastern Canada. No doubt many of them dotted the Lakes St. Clair and Huron.

Many of the cards were returned with letters telling of when and under what circumstances they were found. A large number of the cards were returned by farmers, who found them while harvesting their grain crops.

But some of the balloons soared on and on, and one in particular finally came to rest in the Canadian town of Creemore in Ontario. And there Harvey Ferguson found it with its card and returned it to the Institute. It was this card bearing the name of one of your youngsters, Michael Wackler of Howard Lake, Minnesota, which won the balloon



G. Harvey Ferguson

race. The winning card was sold by W. Schotter of 132 Poplar St., Wyandotte, Michigan, and purchased by Mrs. Anna Selka, 12795 Sycamore St., Wyandotte, Michigan.

The finder and purchaser and seller will receive tokens of appreciation.

Mrs. Wm. Porth was again the champion sales lady having sold the greatest number of balloons.

Mr. William Bellhorn of Mt. Clemens was chairman of the balloon committee.

... The Joy of the Harvest ...

The following letter was received at the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in Detroit during the month of August from a former pupil whose home is in Colorado. Because of the nature of the letter, it was felt that other Lutherans should be made aware of its content.

Dear Mr. Klein:

I am glad to inform you that I have successfully passed the college entrance examinations and am qualified for admission to Gallaudet College in the fall.

I want to thank you with all my heart, because you provided me the early training that made it possible for me to pass these exams.

I promise you that I will try to work exceptionally hard in college in order that the Lutheran school will get credit for anything that is accomplished by me.

I, also, want to thank you for the Christian training received and for showing me the way to salvation by teaching me the Bible truths.

The past two years in High School have shown me how much the Christian training in Detroit, the personal attention from you, and the housemothers and teachers in a Christian organization, really means to a person.

I hope that more students from the Lutheran School for the Deaf will enter Gallaudet College in the future. Your Friend,

William

What more can one add or say about a letter of this type? Some years ago this totally deaf lad entered our school at an early age, received a Christian and a thorough secular elementary education. Upon graduation and confirmation from the eighth grade, he entered a high school and after only two years he successfully passed a college entrance examination. Even for a hearing student this would be a remarkable record, but for a totally deaf person, it is truly astounding. In September, this lad plans to enter Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C. He now looks back to thank you, the Christian friends of the Institute, for having shown him at this Christian school for deaf children the way to salvation and at the same time prepare him to become a self-reliant and independent Christian and a true missionary who is intent on bringing other deaf to walk THIS WAY.

THE WORLD OF SILENCE Open Dates after December 1 Running Time 35 Minutes

Dr. Martin Luther Memorial Foundation

Early in the fall of 1947 the Ladies' Aid of Evergreen Lutheran Church, Detroit, adopted a resolution to promote an organization which will provide funds to sponsor worthwhile projects within the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod as memorials to Dr. Martin Luther.

Presidents and representatives of the Ladies' Aid Societies of the Lutheran Churches of Greater Detroit were then invited to attend a general meeting at Evergreen Lutheran Church in October. Several meetings followed before a constitution was adopted, officers elected, and the name "Martin Luther Memorial Foundation" chosen.

The aim of the Organization is annually to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther's birthday, by an ingathering of funds for the promotion of specific and worthwhile projects in the Lutheran Church.

Being aware of the need of a gymnasium at the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, and also; that the Lutheran churches of the Detroit Area need a Lutheran recreational center as well as a large auditorium for mass gatherings, the organization decided upon the erection of a gymnasium for our Institute as its first project. After this has been completed, the organization will undertake the promotion of other worthwhile projects in the Lutheran Church, be that in Detroit or elsewhere. The blessings of this movement will thus become nation wide.

Individual congregations as well as groups of churches are encouraged to sponsor Luther Memorial dinners on November 10 and so to increase the already existing nucleus of a Foundation.

Because of the great need of a gymnasium on our campus the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf is deeply grateful to these Christian women for having selected it as the first beneficiary of their endeavor and wishes them the Lord's richest blessings upon the success of their undertaking.

Incidentally yours cont.

Germany's 64 Pre-War Schools for the Deaf Reduced to Only Nine

Germany had before the war sixty four schools for deaf children. Today only nine schools are continuing their work as before the war. Some of the plants were requisitioned to house displaced persons, but most of these plants were destroyed in the bombardments. Even more grave is the fact that there are no more teachers wishing to learn how to train deaf children. The older teachers have retired, some are still prisoners in Russia, and others perished at the front.

In the schools which remain, the question of how to feed and clothe the children is a daily problem; nevertheless, they do not lose hope.

The orally educated deaf had a home for their aged at Stuttgart. This was destroyed in the bombardments but is now being rebuilt. The funds were found by a miracle. The authorities pushed the formalities, and the new home, which will shelter sixty persons, will be larger and better than the old one.

—LeMessenger, France.

FORM OF BEQUEST TO OUR INSTITUTE

I give, devise and bequeath to the Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf-Mute Institute, 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.

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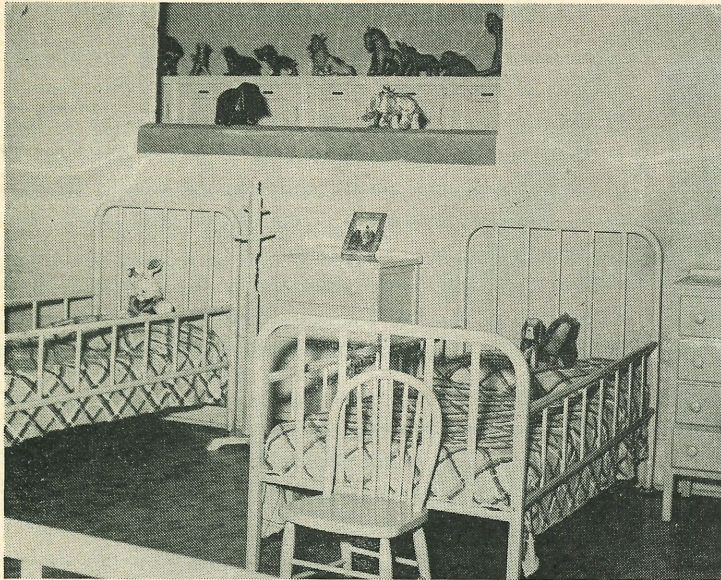
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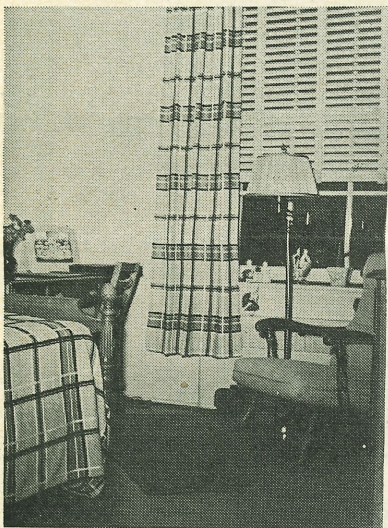
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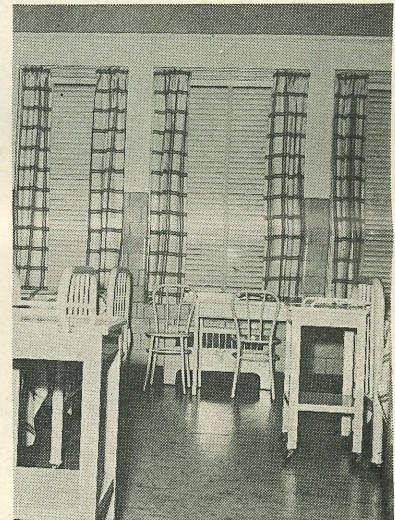
The Diamond Jubilee Building was dedicated on June 12, 1949. Nearly five thousand people were our guests on that day to see the dedication and also to tour the new unit as well as to view the other buildings. The new building is 127 x 43 feet and consists of a basement and two floors. Beside a small laundry for the use of the staff members, the basement contains: a recreation room with a sand-box for the tiny tots, club and manual arts rooms for the older pupils, and also storage rooms for bicycles, sleds, trunks, suitcases, and garden and lawn equipment. On the first floor we find, besides the usual utility rooms, a large hospital ward, an isolation room, a large living room for the smaller boys, a visiting nook, and a number of individual living rooms for staff members. The second floor consists of service rooms, bed-rooms for boys, and more living rooms for staff members.

During the past summer a great many people from far and near came to visit our Institute, including the new unit. All were highly impressed by the beauty and practical lay-out of this unique Lutheran institution.

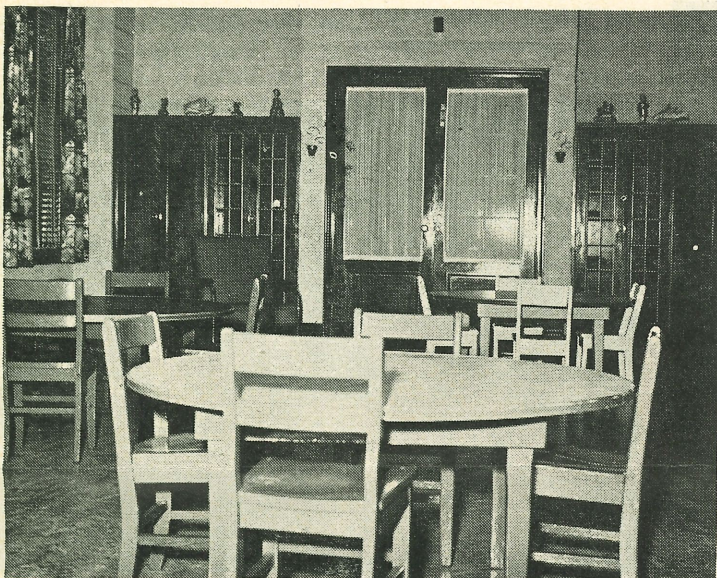
In order that all our friends, who so generously contribute to this soul-saving work, also may see our new building completed, we in this issue bring a full page of interior views of the new unit.



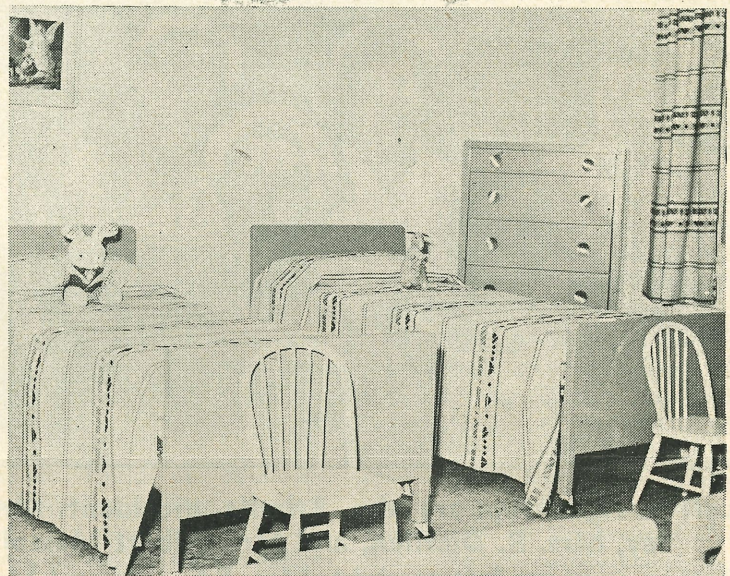
Teacher's Room



Boys' Hospital



Small Boys' Room



Boys' Bedroom No. 208



General Motors Girls' Club

Helping Hands Lighten Burden

The hospital room in the Diamond Jubilee Building was the gift of the General Motors Girls' Club. The organization is composed of girls who are employed in the offices of General Motors. Their purpose is to give a helping hand to handicapped and needed children and adults. The picture on the left shows two of the officers proffering a check to Director Klein.

Two large flags were presented to the Institute by the Gilbert Corps. No. 59, Women's Relief Corp., at our annual festival. The picture on the middle left shows the dedication of the flags.

This summer Division 7 of the Michigan Kiwanis Clubs held their annual picnic on the Institute's spacious picnic grounds. The North Detroit Kiwanis, which meets every Monday at the Institute, was the host. The picture below shows Director Klein welcoming Dr. Clarence M. Loesell, Governor of the Michigan District Kiwanis Clubs.



Gilbert Corps No. 59



Director Klein welcoming Gov. Loesell



Left to right, top, are Mrs. Brindle, president, Mrs. R. Bradley, Mrs. R. Dierlien, and Mrs. Albert Massoll. Bottom row are left to right, Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. A. Nauyoks. Mrs. R. Jewell, and Mrs. V. DeGrace were absent.



Mesdames Chairman Johnson and Edwards