

JOYFUL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL

Incidentally yours

The Lord knoweth His own. The deaf children placed into our care are also definitely His own. In these days when the financial support for our work is falling behind due to strained economic conditions throughout the country, He has again demonstrated this by permitting the Institute to benefit from a generous bequest by Mrs. Ida A. E. Scheidler of Chicago, Illinois. In appreciation of this fine support of our work, the Board of Management has decided to dedicate a room in the Institute to the loving and lasting memory of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Scheidler. — To bequeath moneys for the purpose of carrying on the blessed work of saving souls after one's departure to the heavenly realms is indeed a most glorious and blessed method of perpetuating one's deeds of love and faith.

Again we were privileged to receive a generous gift from our unknown friend who last year sent us a like sum through Dr. Andrew Zeile, President of the Michigan District—Missouri Synod. May our dear Lord richly bless this brother in Christ who, through his Thank-offering is doing so much to bring Christ and His salvation to deaf children.

Six-year-old Johnny Ireland of St. Joseph, Michigan, and three-year-old Joyce Wolter of Fremont, Nebraska, are the latest additions to our family. Both are pleasant, alert and happy youngsters.

The heads of all private schools engaged in special education in Michigan met in our Institute. They formed an association which has for its purpose the furtherance of special education and the safeguarding of the interests of schools engaged in this work.

The following groups were recent visitors at the Institute: The Civic Club, Detroit; Salem Ladies' Auxiliary, Rev. A. G. Wacker, Ann Arbor, Mich.; St. John's Auxiliary, Rev. O. F. Stahlke, Waltz, Mich.; St. Paul's Ladies' Auxiliary, Rev. M. Zschoche, Napoleon, Ohio; Trinity Ladies' Committee, Rev. L. C. Hoepfner, Elkhart, Indiana, and Trinity Ladies' Auxiliary, Rev. O. M. Riedel, Jackson, Michigan.

The Martin Club of Milwaukee has ordered a so-called Primary Typewriter for our Institute. This will be a great aid in our visual aid program. — Many thanks to you, our Milwaukee friends, for being so thoughtful of our needs.

Canned fruit gifts and farm produce were received from individual

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Christmas Night

Christmas night is the incomparable time when the peaceful spirit of the gentle Christ child touches the hearts of men.

There are many Christmas nights worth remembering for all of us, some that have had a particular personal significance for one of us and others that have left an indelible impression on all of us.

Think of that first Christmas night when the glory of the stars was dimmed at that moment when the heavenly host filled the midnight skies with its heavenly brilliance and divine message, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Think, too, of that Christmas night when the world first heard the words and music composed by a humble organist and choir-master and which, since that time, have filled the world on Christmas Eve with the beauty of "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Think of that night in 1535 when Dr. Martin Luther sat in his study with his little child on his knee and composed that glorious Christmas song, "Vom Himmel Hoch, Da Komm Ich Her." (From Heaven Above to Earth I Come.)

Also, think of the joy that was present in the hearts of those Saxon immigrants who were spending their first Christmas in free America, how they must have sung those Christmas songs knowing that here in America they had freedom of religion.

And now another Christmas is approaching. On this occasion we want you to think of this Christmas night when one hundred and ten deaf children of your Institute are celebrating Christmas at home with their parents or guardians. Think of the joy in the hearts of those silent souls who now, too, know and can enjoy the true meaning of Christmas. And think also of their parents and guardians who can now more deeply appreciate Christmas and its meaning because they know that their little deaf child is being taught to know Jesus his Savior, without Whom there would be no "Merry Christmas" for any of us.

"Unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, Which is Christ the Lord."

A Merry Christmas to you from all the staff and children of the Ev. Lutheran Institute for the Deaf.

And while thus thinking of all these wonderful Christmas nights you may also want to remember your Institute with a Christmas gift for the work it is performing for you in the Lord's Kingdom. Remember His words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40.

Visual Education

The Chinese have the proverb, "One picture is worth ten thousand of words." All teachers of the deaf have always found this to be true and have used visual materials as much as possible. Since the war a great deal of excellent visual materials such as film strips, slides and movies have come on the market. They cover every subject in the school curriculum and facilitate learning.

Our school has been building a library of such visual materials. We find filmstrips especially helpful with deaf children, because such pictures may be viewed as long as necessary and the printed commentary on each frame helps to explain the picture.

Through the generosity of various clubs we have been able to make a fine start in building such a library. And a group of teachers is now engaged in making guide lessons for each filmstrip. These will be useful to teachers using the materials in future years.

We are also a member of the Lutheran Film Library which makes it possible to have the use of excellent educational movies. Our children who previously had considered movies merely as an amusement, are now finding that they can "learn" from movies. So learning is becoming more enjoyable and more thorough by the use of visual aids.

Since all visual aid material is quite expensive and since so much more is needed we shall greatly appreciate hearing from individuals or groups who may be interested in helping us to enlarge our library and so make the acquiring of knowledge a little easier for our, so severely, handicapped children.

The eternal reward

Through Memorial Wreaths, we have been informed that the following readers of our Advocate have been called by the Lord to be with Him in the heavenly mansions:

Henry W. Horst, Rock Island, Ill.; Miss Minnie L. Hitzeman, Kendallville, Ind.; Rev. Wm. Holls, Baltimore, Md. Fred C. Fiegel, Fred Haab, Ann Arbor, John G. Meyer, Bay City, G. Hellenberg, Coldwater, T. L. Richmond, Robt. W. Chalmers, Mrs. Martha Fischer, Mrs. Sydney Girardin, F. W. Kleinschmidt, Mrs. James Kuvales, Mrs. Walter E. Lussky, Mrs. Wm. Malow, Edward G. Middleton, Herman J. Plauman, Mrs. Louise Potter and Chas. Rienecke, Detroit, Mrs. Rund, East Detroit, Christopher Krauth, Farmington, John W. Veitengrueber, John Walter, Frankenmuth, Paul Hall, Mrs. Conrad Kraft, Grand Rapids, Alfred C. Schubring, Harbor Beach, Mrs. Geo. Kohler, Lansing, Mrs. John Scholl, Monroe, Edwin Blank, Mt. Clemens, Ernst Reinhold, Reese, Mrs. Mathew Bierlein, Richville, Mrs. Arthur Wuggazer, Sr., Tawas City, Mrs. Augusta Sauer, Utica, Mich.; Dan Kryling, Malinta, Ohio; Miss Karen Ann Knell, Oakmont, Pa.; Rev. H. C. Wehrs, Burlington, Mrs. Katherine Sullivan, Milwaukee, Mrs. C. Winter, North Prairie, Wisconsin.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—Matthew 25:21.

From the Classroom

A long time ago Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem. There was no room in the inn for them. They went to a stable. In the night God sent Jesus to Mary. She had no crib for Him. She put Him in the manger.

That night an angel told the shepherds about Jesus. They went to see Jesus. The three wise men saw a very bright star in the sky. They followed it to Bethlehem. They saw Jesus. They gave presents to Him. We love Jesus.

Christmas is Jesus birthday. It is December 25th.

Estelle Provow
Grade 3

Doing Our Part

We know that you will give the cause of the deaf child your prayerful consideration and your moral and financial support in the ratio in which the Lord has prospered you knowing that helping to bear a brother's burden is God pleasing.

Your Institute Reports

The 75th Anniversary year of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf has passed into history, but the guiding hand of God and His blessings are never ending. Your Institute continues to prosper and your privilege and opportunity to serve your Lord and Master in this work of bringing Christ to these, His deaf children, is always before you. In the interest of the school and its needs we bring you this somewhat comprehensive report.

NEW UNIT

The Diamond Jubilee Building, the construction of which was begun during the 75th year of the Institute's existence, was dedicated last June. This new fireproof structure is a two-story building 43 x 127 feet with a full basement. Besides providing much needed rooms for household and classroom help, it offers living space for approximately 25 additional pupils. Due to the splendid and continuous cooperation of our congregations, organizations, and individual supporters it was possible to dedicate it debt free.

PERSONNEL

To obtain qualified teachers and good household help is a constant problem. For the 1949-50 school term four vacancies had to be filled and one additional teacher obtained. Anticipating future needs, we have at present three students training at Pittsburgh University to become teachers for our school. Two of these trainees are from our normal school in River Forest, Illinois, and one is from Valparaiso University. We added one new class this year and intend to add another next year. By that time our teaching staff will consist of fifteen members. This year our entire staff consists of fourteen teachers, four office workers, fourteen household staff members and two maintenance men.

ENROLLMENT

One hundred and ten pupils are enrolled in the Institute. Of these, twenty-four, ranging from the age of three to fourteen, are with us for the first time. These new children came to us from nine different states and Canada.

COST

At present it costs the Institute \$1000.00 per child per year for board, housing, and tuition. Of this amount we receive approximately one-fifth (\$22,000) from the parents and four-fifths (\$88,000.00) must come from other sources.

\$1000.00 a year? Seems high, doesn't it? Let's compare it with cost per child in several other schools. One neighboring school for the Deaf reports a cost of \$1,600.00 per child. A nearby state school for the deaf reports \$2,000, and the tuition fee at a private school for the Deaf in the middle west is \$2400.00 per child per year. Educating the deaf has been and still is costly and yet we know that our figure of \$1000.00 is far below the national average. Our friends can rest assured that their school for deaf children is operated as economically as possible without sacrificing efficiency.

PARENTS' OBLIGATION

To have a deaf child or even two in the family is certainly not an easy burden for the parents to bear. Such a cross lies upon both the child and the parents. And what a financial problem! Picture the average size American family with an average income attempting to meet the full cost of educating its handicapped loved one. In most cases it just is not possible. And so in your Institute of the 110 pupils, the parents of only 4 find it possible to pay the entire cost of \$1000.00 in addition to the usual traveling expenses, registration and health fees. Then the scale ranges down to the lower brackets where 20 pay only \$15.00 or less per month and finally to 34 pupils who receive no support whatever from home. Many of these thirty-four pupils are either orphans, half-orphans, or come to us from broken homes.

THE CHRISTIAN'S PRIVILEGE

Jesus, Our Savior, extends to you the opportunity to help bear the heavy financial burdens of these parents upon whom He has laid so heavy a cross and who so sorely need your help. And orphans and the little ones from broken homes have no one but you to whom they can turn for the financial help they need in order that they, too, may receive a Christian education and so learn to know their Savior. The Lord speaks also for these when He says, "Bear ye one another's burdens." — \$8,800.00 is needed to meet these requirements.

Incidentally yours cont.

donors, and more than 200 quarts of apple sauce came from Trinity, Mt. Clemens members of the Macomb County Ladies' Auxiliary. — Mr. G. Winkel of South Haven, Michigan, together with his Pastor, the Rev. W. W. Westendorf, brought us a two-ton truck-load of potatoes and apples. — May the Lord richly bless these and all other kind friends of our deaf children.

Another auditory training unit with four outlets has been ordered. This instrument, one of the latest and best, will be installed in our auricular training room.

Our boys have the honor of being the champions of the Lutheran football league. Now they are hard at work trying to achieve the same success in a basket ball league.

Speaking engagements were recently met by members of our staff at Decatur, Indiana, Victory Lutheran Congregation, Detroit, Ascension, St. Clair Shores, South Lyon, Fraser and Dearborn, Michigan.

"THE WORLD OF SILENCE" BOOKINGS After February 1

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 of my executor for same.

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Tribute to Mr. Louis C. Knorr

"Well done" was the unanimous sentiment of the Deaf Institute Board of Directors when surveying the forty-seven years of conscientious service of Mr. Louis C. Knorr as a member of the Board.

Mr. Knorr, who has held responsible offices in his home congregation, Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church, of which the Rev. C. Riedel is the pastor, was elected in 1902 as a member of the Board for the Ev. Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. Well qualified to serve as Financial Secretary of this organization he held this office during the entire forty-seven years and, at all times, gave his wholehearted Christian cooperation to this work.

He established a record of having been present at almost all meetings during his forty-seven years of service as member of the Board. His consecrated, efficient, and untiring service was always recognized and appreciated. It reached its climax with the dedication of the latest unit of our beautiful Institute, June 12, 1949.

We thank our gracious Lord for giving and maintaining willing servants to serve as faithful stewards, in order that His Kingdom may prosper and flourish to His glory and the saving of immortal souls.

With deep gratitude to our brother for his unselfish services rendered as a member of the Board of Directors during his forty-seven years in office, we close this sincere tribute to Mr. Louis C. Knorr with the words which our Savior spoke to the faithful servant: Matthew 25:21, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." —E. C. Fackler

Letter to the Editor

Dear Director Klein,

Enclosed find \$1.00 in money from David Reiman. He is in Kindergarten at St. Andrew's Ev. Lutheran School. All money he has left over from his lunch he brings home and puts in a milk pitcher. He was saving his money for Christmas gifts. But when we received your letter he decided to send \$1.00 to help some little boy or girl in your home.

Mrs. A. Reiman, Chicago, Ill.

Ed. Note: God will surely bless David and his gift.



Dr. Lulu Fackler, president of our hard-working Ladies' Aid, presenting the title of a new Carryall Chevrolet Station Wagon to the Rev. H. R. Wacker, the Chairman of our Board of Management.

The Society thus provided the Institute with the much needed vehicle to meet the school's constant transportation problems. And we are, indeed, most grateful to our ladies for this generous and valuable gift.

Annual Eye Exams Completed

Optometrists of the Northeast section of Detroit again completed their screening tests of the eyes of all our pupils. When further examinations are necessary the children are taken to one of the offices of the twelve participating optometrists where a complete optometric examination is then given and necessary corrections are made. The screening and examining services are rendered free by the doctors. When it is found that a child requires glasses and his parents or guardians are unable to pay the costs, the bill is referred to one of three Kiwanis Clubs' Underprivileged Child Committees, which then pays for the glasses.

Since good vision on the part of deaf children is very essential for their education, these annual examinations by the twelve optometrists and the valuable service rendered by the Kiwanians are greatly appreciated by our Institute's management. A special word of thanks is therefore due to Drs. Hugo, Johannes, Hecox, Bunge, Guinta, Wisney, Wozniak, Koven, Park, Dueweke, Van Dusen and Sobieski and to their assistants Mrs. Charlotte Bunte, Mrs. Mae Dueweke and Miss Bernice Due-

Gifts of Love

For many years Lutherans of the Thumb area of Michigan have set aside some of the produce of their harvest for the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf.

So again this year the fruits of their faith, twenty tons of them, including no less than 5000 quarts of canned fruits and vegetables, were delivered at our doors to nourish our large family of one hundred forty-five people during the coming winter.

A big vote of thanks is due the C. and H. Nielsen and Sons Cartage Company which gave gratis the services of two large semi-truck trailers to transport this generous offering of our friends in the Thumb. The Nielsen families have for many years made this two-day trip and gave of their time as their personal contribution to our work.

The gifts of produce and the services of the Niensens can only be evaluated by our dear Lord Jesus Christ Himself. And He alone can reward properly and adequately.

weke for having given of their time and professional service and to the three Kiwanis Clubs who so graciously pay the bills.



Winter Fun



A Helping Hand

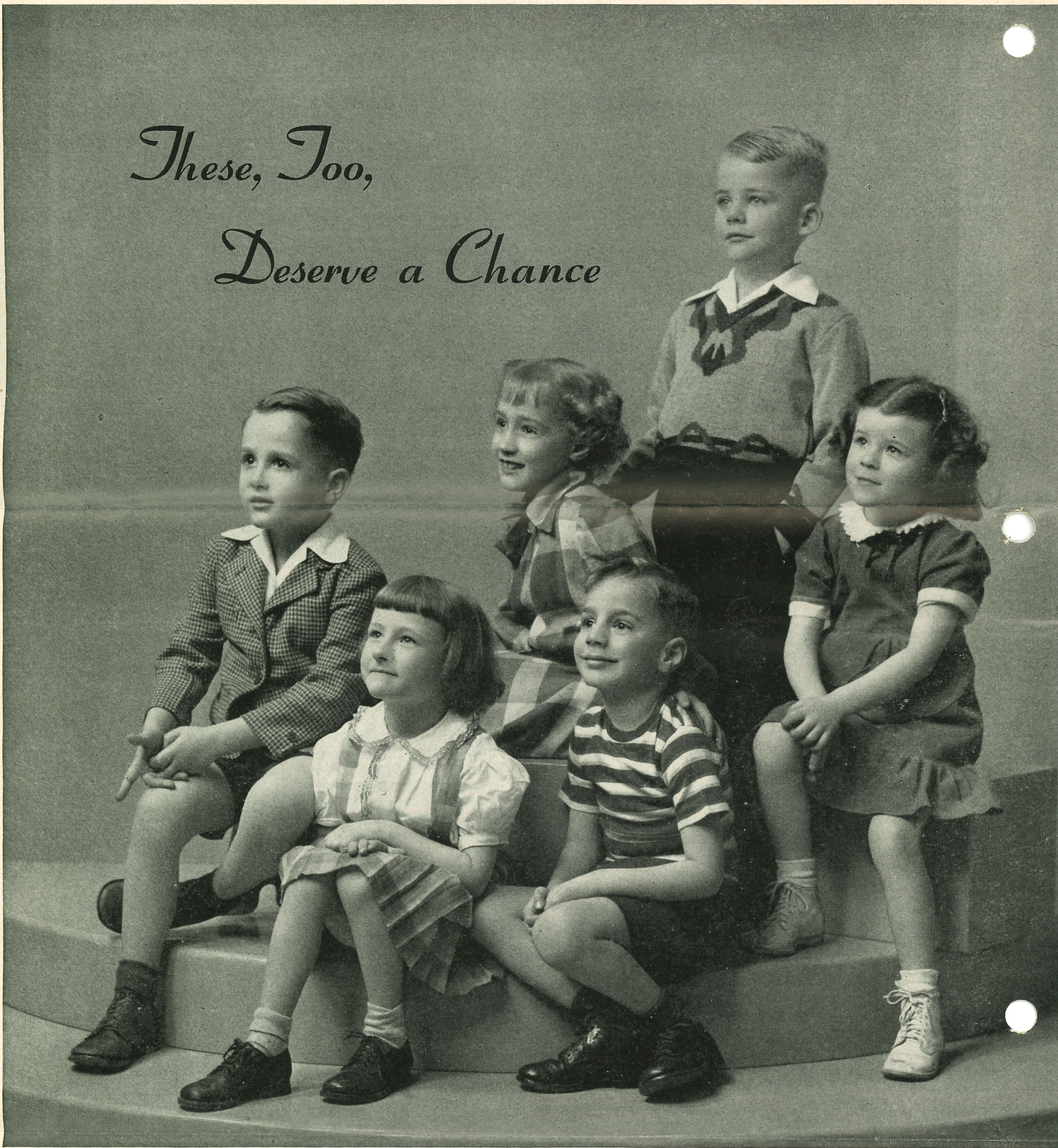


King of Winter Sports



Thrills of Skating

*These, Too,
Deserve a Chance*



It is for these and many other deaf children enrolled in your Lutheran Institute that your gifts, large and small, make possible a more abundant life, physically, mentally and spiritually. Send them to the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Michigan.

We know that you will not deny these less privileged little ones the chance for which they plead. Be assured that our Lord will bless you richly for it.