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CONFIRMATION:—

Spring is with us again. How time does fly! The older one gets, the faster it seems to go. And as it goes, events just seem to pile one upon the other. In our Institute it is no different. May 1st will be confirmation day for another class of deaf children, a day to which the children have looked forward these many years and which will mean so very much to them and their loving parents. It is the day when our pupils, although handicapped with the loss of hearing, will publicly pledge allegiance to their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whom they have learned to know and love in your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. All parents of the members of the class are invited to be present with us at this solemn occasion and to spend the day with us as our guests.

DEDICATION:—

Soon after confirmation day will follow the annual festival which always marks the close of the school term. And do our pupils look forward to this day! It is the day when all our children leave the school, their foster home for almost ten months of the year, to be with their loving parents for a pleasant and enjoyable vacation period.

Coupled with the celebration of the annual festival on June 12th will be the dedicatory services for the newly completed \$200,000.00 addition to our boys' residence. This will truly make the occasion a day of real rejoicing.

JUBILEE:—

Our readers will notice that this issue features the Jubilee Anniversary of our Ladies' Aid Society. This wonderful organization of which Dr. Lulu Fackler is the president, has for seventy-five years rendered real Martha service, especially also in so far as it has been a real foster mother to our many deaf children during these many years. On that great day of the coming of our Lord, its members will surely receive special mention, as will all who have so generously and continually supported this special work of the Church, when Jesus will enumerate all the services which they, out of love for Him, rendered unto these less fortunate little ones.

PLAQUES:—

Bronze plaques on which the names of donors of rooms in our new building will be inscribed are now being prepared. There are still some rooms available and anyone wishing to dedicate such a unit to the memory of a departed loved one may do so by writing to us. Pay-

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Where they crucified Him

Then delivered he Him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led Him away.

And He bearing His cross went forth unto a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew 'Golgotha': Where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

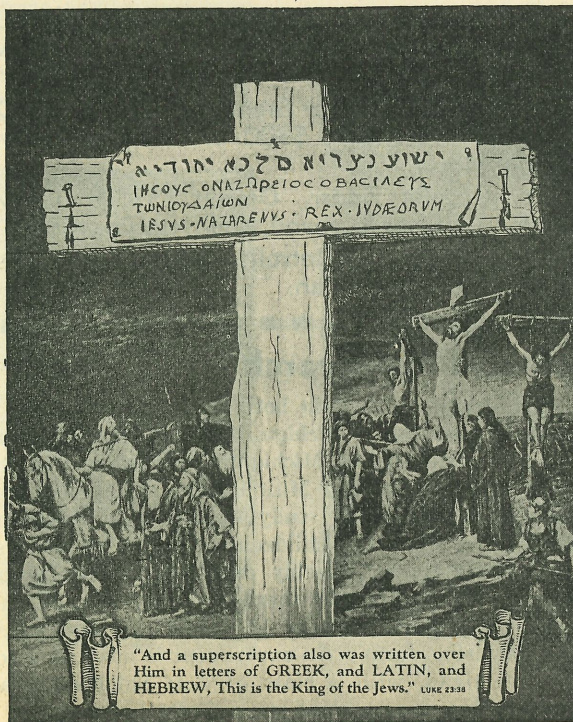
And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin.

Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that He said, I am King of the Jews.

Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

John 19:16-22.



"And a superscription also was written over Him in letters of GREEK, and LATIN, and HEBREW, This is the King of the Jews." Luke 23:38

Annual Festival— Dedicatory Service

Through the blessings of God and the wholehearted and generous support of the many friends of our Institute we are happy to be able to report that the new wing begun in February of last year is rapidly nearing completion. And in order publicly to express our gratitude to our heavenly Father for this latest achievement, your Board of Management has decided to combine the dedicatory services with the Annual school closing festival which this year will be held on Sunday, June 12th. All parents, supporters and friends of our Institute are cordially invited and urged to be present with us on this memorable day to celebrate and rejoice with us.

Plans are already under way to make the occasion one long to be remembered. Mr. Elmer Engel has been elected chairman and manager of the festival committee. Other members of the committee are John Rehbein, Arthur H. Brandt, William Bellhorn, Walter Bellhorn, Carl Munzel, Otto Wirgau, Dr. Lulu Fackler, and Melvin Luebke. In future meetings this list will be greatly enlarged in order to make a real success of this eventful service. Prominent speakers will be secured by the School Board which consists of Pastors Geo. Krach, Louis Koehler and N. E. Borchardt.

A Trip to the Circus

An event on this year's school calendar which will be remembered by both the children and staff was a trip to the Circus. Our host was the Grosse Pointe Lions Club. The Lions came with four buses to transport all to the circus.

The children are still talking about the funny clown who pretended to sit on the laps of some of the teachers and housemothers. A big "thank you" goes to these Lions who do so much to bring joy to our children.

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:

Larry F. Cuniff, San Francisco, Rev. F. G. Wynneken, P. em., Santa Monica, Calif.; Rev. P. N. Feddersen, Alton, R. Huizinga, Berwyn, M. F. Miltzer, Chicago, Gust Malwitz, Collinsville, Hugo W. Berg, Oak Park, Mrs. Theodosia Fuhrhop, Steeleville, Illinois; Mrs. Louise Buettel, Ft. Wayne, Carl Stresemann, Huntington, Indiana; H. J. Bruns, Sr., Denver, James Bisbey, Waterloo, Iowa; Mrs. Wilhelmina Horning, Edward Koengeter, Ann Arbor, Mrs. Bertha Friedrich, Coldwater, Rev. Carl Binhammer, P. em., Coloma, Christine Guetschow, Dearborn, Mrs. Charles Austin, Mrs. Bertha Bohn, Mrs. Augusta Doletzke, Bertha Friedrich, M. A. Kamin, Emil Miller, Mrs. Minnie Niekamp, George E. Parnham, Rudolph Peetsch, Thomas E. Riching, Fredrick W. Rosenaw, Mrs. Emelie H. Sherman, Detroit, Otto Kobs, Sr., Mrs. Martin Schlechte, East Tawas, Rev. W. C. Wangerin, Grand Rapids, Mrs. Merce, Ida, Mrs. Louise Schwartz, Lincoln, Arthur D. Heidt, Millington, Miss Clara Burger, Miss Mary Heiss, Monroe, Henry Eschenburg, Chas. Kleino, Mrs. Fred Mittelstaedt, Reinhardt Trapp, Mrs. Fred Witt, Mt. Clemens, Charles Schave, Port Hope, John A. Hahn, Richmond, Christ Nickodemus, Geo. Rogner, Richville, Mrs. Wm. Peetz, Rogers City, Mrs. Peter Wagner, Sebewaing, Mrs. J. Zink, Sterling, Arthur Heidt, Mrs. Minnie Weidenmiller, Vassar, Michigan; Christian Kahle, Clements, Wm. J. Ernst, Lester Prairie, Minnesota; Mrs. Ida Bohning, Garfield Heights, Herman G. Rausch, Marysville, Fred Holtz, Toledo, William Hille, Westlake, Ohio; Ida Bruns, Hecla, S. Dakota; Rev. H. A. Bentrup, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Aug. Dube, Lexington, H. Hoeldtke, San Antonio, Texas; Mrs. Henry Hoepner, Appleton, Mrs. Reinhart Treichel, Greenleaf, Rev. Carl Buenger, Kenosha, Mr. Lessmann, Milwaukee, Rev. Theo. C. Gieschen, Union Grove, Mrs. Frank Hoge, Wauwatosa, Mrs. Otto Muenschow, Wausau, Wis.

"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."

Institute Pleased

The Editors of the Deaf Child's Advocate salute William Ludwig on his educational achievements. William is totally deaf. His parents, who lived in Ogden, Utah, sent him to our school at the age of six. He was graduated and confirmed in 1947, having completed the work of eight grades in eight years. The Colorado Index, his school's paper, informs us that William is now the president of the Literary Society of the High School and that, after only two years at this school, he is preparing to take the college entrance examination in June of this year. This is truly a wonderful record. William wants to be a Lutheran Missionary to the deaf.

Johnny Belinda—A Protest

We have just seen the much-talked about movie, Johnny Belinda. The picture is well-acted and we have nothing but praise for Jane Wyman who played the part of the deaf girl and for Lew Ayres who tried to help her. Both of them learned to use a few signs very well and the average deaf person will get a thrill out of seeing someone use the signs on the screen.

This picture shows a deaf girl growing up in innocent ignorance. It is likely that the great hearing public who see the picture will come to the conclusion that all, or at least many, deaf girls grow up in that way. This is not the case, as all who really know the deaf can testify. On the other hand, such cases are the exception rather than the rule. For this reason we protest the movie as giving the public an entirely erroneous picture of the deaf in America today.

R. M. Greenum, editorial writer for the Ohio Chronicle, takes much the same view as we do on this picture. He says: "As melodrama Johnny Belinda may serve its purpose of providing the audience with an emotional experience. However, many will take the case of Belinda as typical of deaf girls everywhere, and that may cause misconceptions that will be very hard to overcome."

The picture is heart-touching and one cannot but sympathize with the unfortunate deaf girl who is the heroine. In any audience seeing the picture one may see handkerchiefs brought out to wipe away tears of sympathy for the deaf girl.

Throughout the country there are thousands upon thousands of deaf girls. Many of them are charming girls; many are brilliant girls; nearly all of them are educated. They do not need sympathy; they don't want sympathy. All they desire is to be treated as their hearing sisters, as their neighbors.

We believe that this picture is doing the deaf of the country untold injustice and as a matter of fair play it should be followed up with one showing the typical American deaf girl of today. She goes to school; she may go to college; she goes to church; she marries; she rears a family; she takes part in community life. We salute the intelligent American deaf girl of today.—*Minnesota Companion*

(Ed. Note: Seventy-six years ago a group of men in Detroit were well aware of cases like Johnny Belinda. And in order to break the bars which imprisoned the mind of deaf children they founded your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf which you through your continual support are helping to maintain.)

Memorial Room Roll of Honor

Additional Room Dedications:

Mr. Wm. Gayde and daughter Sarah, Plymouth, Mich., \$300 in loving memory of Mrs. Wm. Gayde.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stenke and daughter Dorothy, Utica, Mich., \$300 in loving memory of Anna Meyer.

Mrs. Cecelia Knorr, Detroit, \$300 in loving memory of her husband, the Rev. Ed. Knorr.

Mr. Chas. Austin, Detroit, \$500 in loving memory of his wife Lillian.

Institute Aids in Research

Our school is cooperating with both the Michigan State Normal College and the University of Michigan in a research study on speech development. Dr. Schubert of Michigan State Normal College and the University of Michigan and Miss Richardson of Michigan State Normal College are making a study of the effectiveness of using Visible Speech in teaching deaf children to talk. The readers of The Deaf Child's Advocate will probably recall the article in our paper a year or so ago which informed them of a particular machine that was invented by the Bell Telephone Laboratories. This machine depicts speech in a visible form. An experiment is now being conducted at Ypsilanti, Michigan, with a class of deaf children to ascertain whether the machine can be used successfully to teach the deaf to speak.

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ments on such pledges need not be completed until December of this year.

HEALTH ACTIVITIES:

Our boys and girls are doing outstanding work in their gym and handicraft classes. Recently our group of boys was listed with those having received the highest ratings in attendance, performance, and advancement. Swimming is also included in their program, and you should see our boys and girls swim.—We are very grateful to the Northeast Detroit Kiwanis Club which partly underwrites our health and handicraft program, and to the North Detroit Kiwanians for sponsoring our Boys' Club.

Our Boys' Club will have an exhibit of its work on April 21st, to April 23rd, at Convention Hall in Detroit. The boys have chosen to display the Soap Box Derby racers of Kenneth Carter and Richard Nicolai. The club sponsored these two boys in the annual race in Detroit last year.

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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Board members who were not present are Mrs. Geo. Friebe, Miss Bertha Koester, Mrs. F. Carol.

Another Diamond Jubilee Celebration

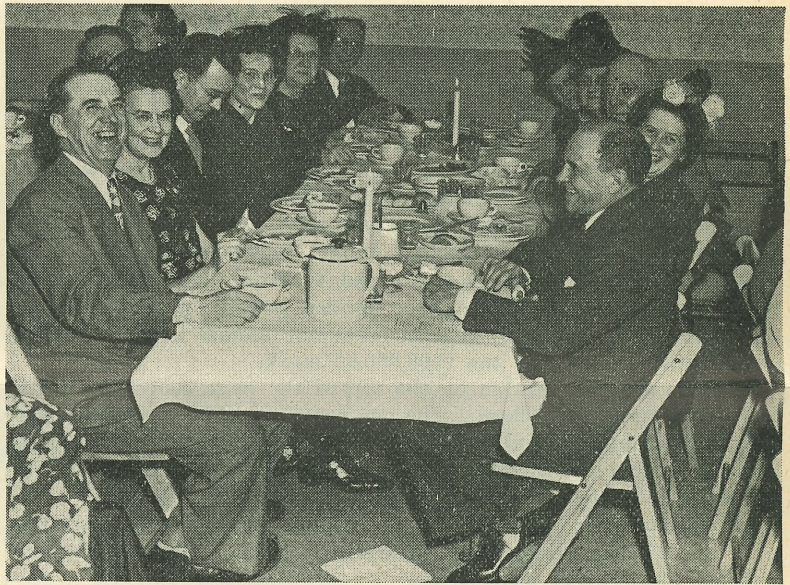
Born 75 years ago in the hearts and minds of a small group of Christian women was the incentive for the statement of purpose as it is recorded in the Constitution of the Ladies' Aid Society for the Deaf, Detroit, Michigan, Article II, "The purpose of this society shall be to supply the Institute for the Deaf with household furniture, bedding, kitchen and dining room utensils, etc.; also to provide indigent children with clothing, school supplies, medical, dental and optical care." It was the love for Christ that prompted these women to organize themselves into a society for this type of service.

As time went on the needs of the Institute grew and presented themselves as a real challenge to the ladies. Realizing that its task was great and that "in numbers there is strength" the society was ever active in gaining new members to assist in its God-pleasing work so that now it has a membership of nigh unto a thousand and has also organized a branch society called the Macomb Ladies' Aid Society for the Deaf. In a subsequent issue of the Advocate we intend also to feature the activities of this latter organization.

Since 1935 the opportunities to serve the school and its pupils have increased tremendously due to the Institute's far-reaching expansion program. And as each new unit of the Institute was completed, the Ladies' Aid in every instance lived up to Article II of its constitution and supplied the required furnishings of every description.

Other Martha or better said "Mother services" rendered by the Society throughout the years have consisted of providing clothes, special medical and dental care, paying hospital bills, yes, at various times, even providing railway tickets for indigent pupils, gladdening the hearts of the children with annual Christmas parties including appropriate gifts to all children and the home coming dinners provided each year. No end of service.

We are proud of our Ladies' Aid and upon the occasion of this its 75th anniversary we congratulate its members and wish them God's continued blessing and guidance in serving these handicapped.



Board of Management members and wives and other friends of the school.



Standing: Mrs. W. Faust, seated right to left: Mrs. Martha Buelow, Mrs. I. Kalawunder, Mrs. and Mr. J. Pankow, Mr. Wm. Porth, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fackler, Jr. Mrs. Buelow and Mrs. Kalawunder are among the oldest living members of the Ladies' Aid.



Right to left: Dr. Paul Friedrich, Dean of Cranbrook School, main speaker of the evening. Dr. Lulu Fackler, Pres. of Ladies' Aid. The Rev. Forest Friebe, toastmaster, and Mrs. F. Friebe.



... Institute Staff ...

Your Institute now has a staff of thirty-two workers consisting of the director, thirteen specially trained teachers, thirteen household members, one bookkeeper, two office clerks, and two maintenance men. The total annual salaries required for these faithful workers amount to approximately \$55,000.00. Adding to that the cost of food for a family of 130 and property upkeep, you can readily understand why at present our annual budget requirements are around \$100,000 per year. Due to our added facilities now nearing completion, our family will experience decided growth by September of this year. This naturally will increase our annual budget requirements considerably over the \$100,000.00 mark.

The two groups pictured on the top of the page contribute much to the success of our school. The one represents highly trained men and women whose special skill is releasing the minds of deaf children from their prison of silence. And the other represents kind and loving women devoted to the daily needs of these children.

An efficient office staff keeps all the Institute records. Last but not least our kitchen staff, which serves our entire family with three delicious meals every day.

From whence do we get this rather large sum necessary to conduct this special work of the Church? The parents of our children pay us as much as they can which amounts approximately to one-fourth of our budget requirements. For all the rest we must look to God's children, meaning, of course, you. And we are happy and grateful that we can say that you have never failed your Lord in this glorious work. He will surely be your rich reward.

