



Rev. H. A. Grueber, D.D.

## Rev. H. A. Grueber, D.D., Is Dedicatory Speaker

The dedication of the Diamond Jubilee Building will be fittingly celebrated by the presence of an outstanding man in world Lutheranism. Dr. H. A. Grueber, former Vice-president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, will appear as the main speaker for this service on June 12, at 3:00 at the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in Detroit.

Dr. Grueber is chairman of Synod's Board of Higher Education and past President of the South Wisconsin District.

# The deaf child's ADVOCATE

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### FESTIVAL FEATURES

- 12:00-2:30 Hot dinner served by Institute Ladies Aid
- 12:30 - 1:00 INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN HOUR
- 1:00-2:45 OPEN HOUSE  
All guests may tour the buildings
- 1:00-2:45 MASS BALLOON ASCENSION  
Watch a rainbow of multi-colored balloons fill the sky.
- 2:00 COLORFUL PROGRAM BY THE DEAF CHILDREN  
See the beautiful costumes and interesting program.
- 3:00 DEDICATION SERVICE  
Hear Rev. H. A. Grueber, D. D., former vice president of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. — Hear the famous Bach Chorus directed by Prof. Carl Munzel.  
Rev. N. E. Borchardt will interpret for the deaf
- 4:00 SECOND BALLOON ASCENSION  
See thousands of balloons rise and float through the heavens.
- 4:00-6:30 OPEN HOUSE  
See the new Diamond Jubilee Building
- 4:00-6:30 DELICIOUS LUNCH SERVED BY INSTITUTE'S LADIES AID
- 6:30 THIRD BALLOON ASCENSION
- 7:00 DEDICATION DAY VESPER SERVICE  
Stay and close a notable day with prayer. Hear Rev. G. Walter Schoedel and the Detroit Lutheran Bach Choir

### Confirmation Class of 1949



Photo by Windhorst

### THE GOAL ATTAINED

On Sunday, May 1st, eight children of our school, four boys and four girls, having completed the required course in religious instruction, knelt before the Lord's altar and renewed their baptismal vow and thus became active members of the Lutheran Church.

Confirmation Day is always a happy day for both our pupils and their parents because on it these handicapped young people who, some years ago, entered our Institute without hearing, language or speech, orally confess their faith in their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Whom they have learned to know and love so well in your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. It is the day to which they have looked forward from the time the children were enrolled in our school. And now that it has come, we, who have helped to prepare these young people for this occasion, bid them farewell and pray that God the Holy Spirit may keep them steadfast in the faith until the end. And may they always keep in mind their Savior's promise of an eternal reward in His assuring words "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of Life." Rev. 2:10.

### Vesper Speaker Rev. G. W. Schoedel

The Rev. G. Walter Schoedel and Pastor H. R. Wacker will serve as guest speaker and liturgist. The Trinity Lutheran Church choir of Mt. Clemens will sing for the Vesper Service under the direction of T. Hardt.

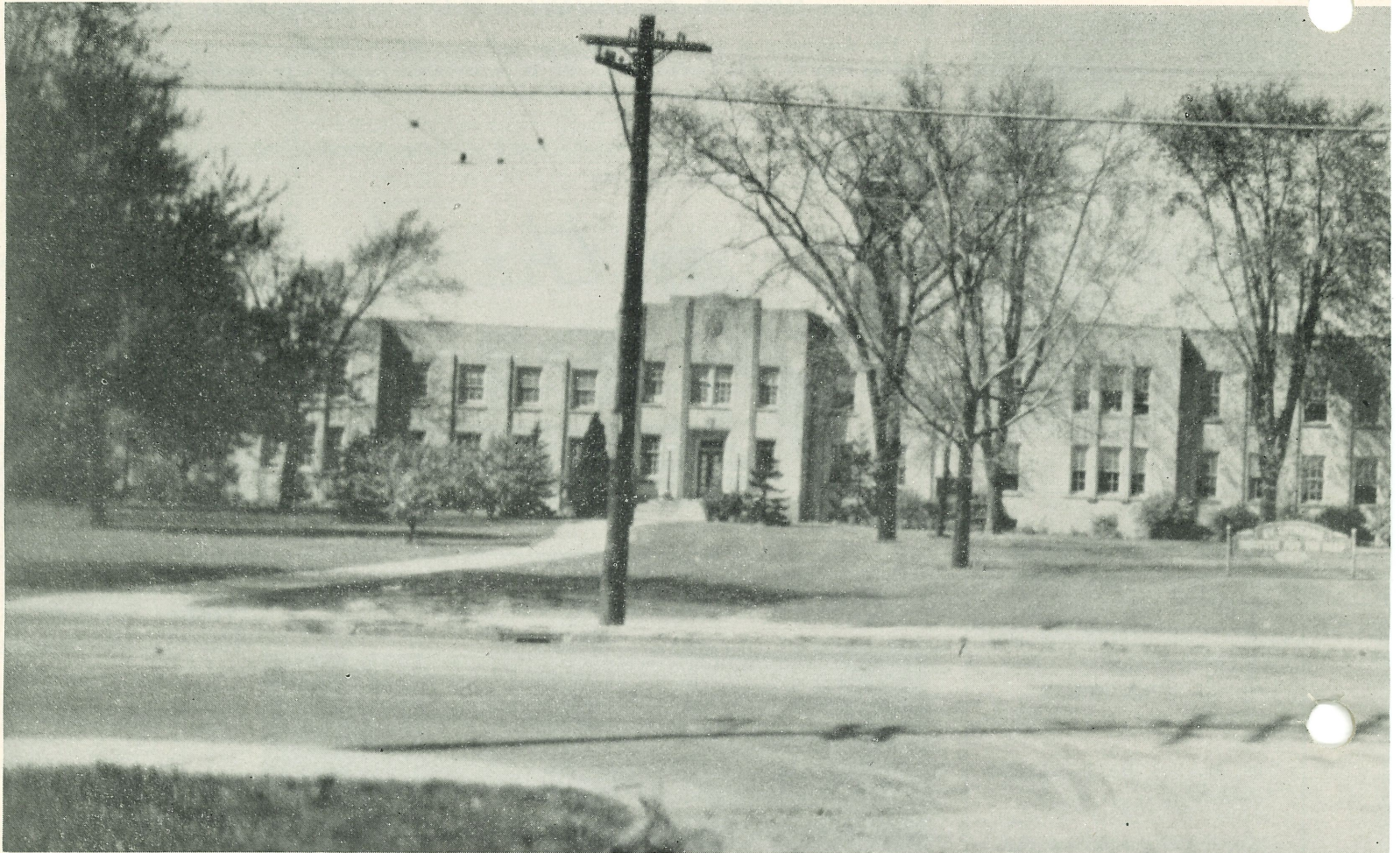
Music for the Dedication Service will be furnished by the well known Detroit Bach Choir under the baton of Carl Munzel. The Choir will sing: "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" by J. S. Bach and "Halleluia, Amen" by J. F. Hendel. Mr. Walter Matthes of Bethany Church will serve as accompanist.

Mr. A. J. Freitag, Principal of the Detroit Lutheran High School, will address the graduating class.



REV. G. W. SCHOEDEL

# Plan to Attend JUNE 12



1939 - 1949

### A Brief History of the Ev. Luth Institute of the Deaf

In the year 1873 our forefathers, encouraged by the sainted Dr. C. F. W. Walther, established the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, the first Protestant school of its kind in America. It was the Master's challenge "Feed My Lambs" which gave them the incentive to act. Friends of the deaf in those days were few and necessary material gifts were not easily obtained. These were real obstacles to this work of faith. But in spite of them, the original "Deaf Mute Institute" was constructed on a 20 acre plot of land in the then sparsely settled area called "Norris."

**Year after year deaf children from far and near, besides receiving a secular education, were fed the "Bread of Life" within these walls under the guidance and supervision of consecrated directors, teachers and housemothers.**

Personnel changes took place from time to time but the Institute's primary aim and objective, to rehabilitate and lead deaf children to their Savior, never changed.

**The original Institute, a three-story brick building with its high glassed-in tower, stood as a land mark in Norris, later called North Detroit, for more than 60 years. It served both as home and school for the many deaf children who sojourned within its portals while they, due to their handicap, laboriously received an education and learned to know their Savior.**

In the early 1930's, the influx of new pupils taxed the Institute's facilities to the limit. So in 1936 a boys' residence was constructed. Soon thereafter the safety authorities declared the old structure a fire hazard and condemned it. Remember, these were depression years. Nevertheless, the Association resolved to replace it with a modern fire proof school, chapel and girls' residence in order that it might continue to accept and serve the ever increasing number of applicants. This became a reality in 1938 and 1939 when our Christian friends throughout the length and breadth of our land rallied to the call of our very efficient building campaign manager and dear friend, the Rev. E. T. Bernthal, and provided the funds needed for this very costly but necessary expansion program.

At the completion of these units it was thought that they would provide sufficient facilities for all times. But hardly were the new buildings occupied, when a waiting list of new applicants closed our mouths to the words "yet there is room." Ever heeding the command of our Lord to feed His lambs, an addition to the boys' residence became a necessity and was built during the Institute's 75th Anniversary year. This latest unit, God willing, will be dedicated on Sunday, June 12th.

It is the Lord who through His Christians has continuously provided the school with its every need. Truly, He hath done all things well. To Him be all glory.

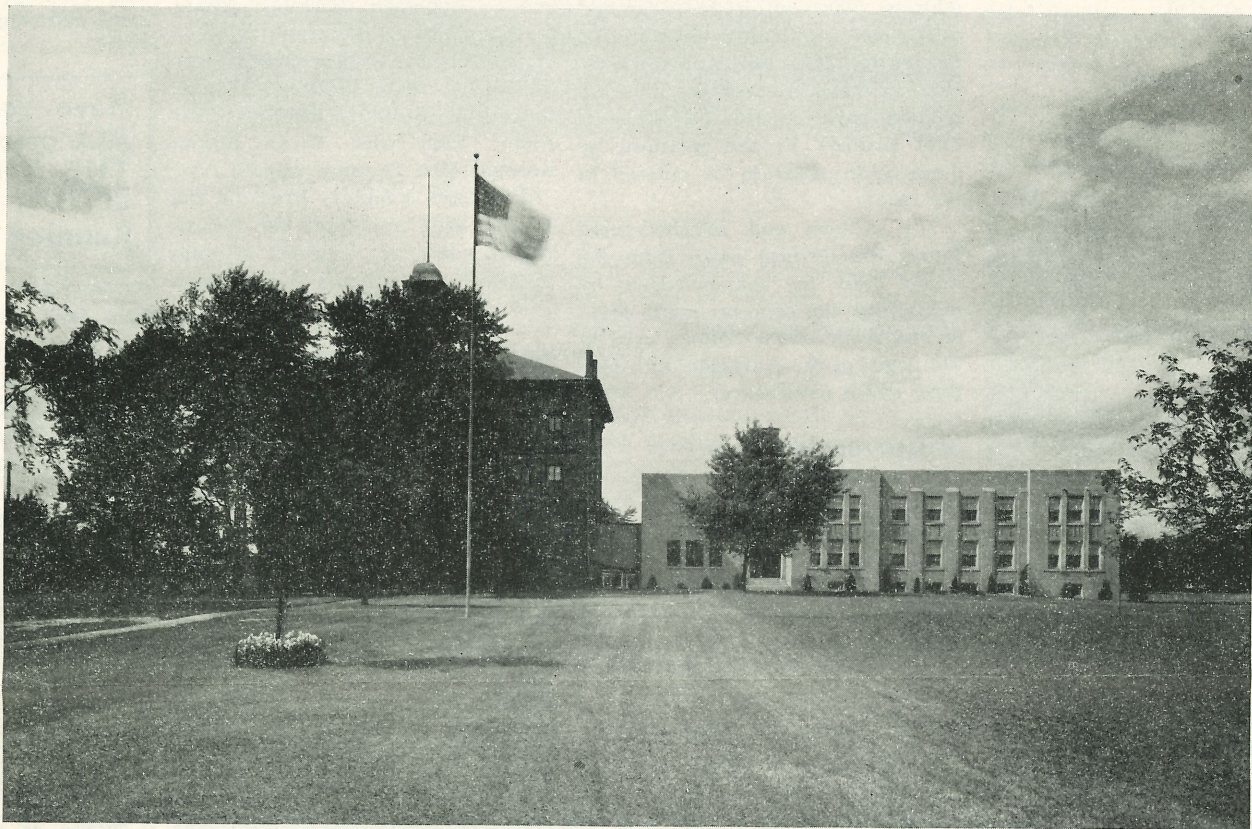


1875 - 1936



Photo by Carl Schultz

## All Praise and Thanks to God



1936 - 1939

## Incidentally yours

### Events:

As wave after wave rushes onward to meet the seaside sand so do events crowd upon one another at your Lutheran Institute. — Many last minute details in connection with the completion of the new building — painting, carpentry, plumbing, floor covering, filling and grading of the grounds, laying walks, paving the back yard, seeding and planting, board meetings, Ladies' Aid meetings, festival committee meetings, group visits from here and there, appearances before service clubs and church organizations to give talks and demonstrations — conventions and conferences — confirmation — graduation — annual festival — school closing. But all these are good signs of life and progress and we would hardly wish it to be otherwise.

### Graduates:

The graduates of this year entered our Institute from near and far at a tender age. Gayle Pauline Knosp's home is in La Crescent, Minnesota. Joann Eleanor Meyers lives in Palmyra, Michigan. Joyce Wilma Nagel and Richard Daniel Nicolai are Detroiters. Cleopatra Papajohn, our little Greek Miss, is a native of Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Barry Robert Schulz and his younger sister were brought to us all the way from Winnipeg, Canada. Benjamin Kotchin came from Pennsylvania, and our Frenchman, Anthony Herbert, hails from the northern lakes and woodlands of Ontario, Canada.

### Appreciated Gifts:

Our Ladies Society gave each confirmand a beautiful confirmation certificate titled "My Confirmation Vow," an index red letter Bible, and a prayer book. All confirmands and their parents were the school's guests at a fine confirmation dinner served by our good Institute cooks. — Confirmation pictures were taken by the Windhorst Studio.

### Labor Saver:

Our 72-inch Locke power lawn mower is an important implement in keeping our acres of lawn always in a presentable condition. To keep the several thousand feet of walks free from snow, to plow and cultivate the garden plots and to cut the weeds in our horses' pasture our Board recently purchased a garden tractor with the necessary attachments.

### Generous Friends:

Our ever willing Ladies' Aid is purchasing all necessary drapery, spreads, bedding and throw rugs for our new building. — Mrs. Wm.

## Memorial Room Roll of Honor

### Additional Room Dedications:

General Motors Girls' Club \$1500.00

Mrs. Clara Zschoche, Napoleon, Ohio, \$300 in loving memory of her husband John W. Zschoche

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Huth, Edgerton, Ohio, \$300 in loving memory of their uncle, Jacob Strater Cheerful Workers Club, Chicago, Ill., \$300

Malinda Elbers, Homewood, Ill., \$300 in loving memory of her parents Henry and Sophie Elbers and brother Walter.

### Festival Features Balloon Ascension

The Festival Committee of this year resolved again to accept the job of selling balloon cards to the friends of the Institute. The members of the committee enthusiastically accept this work because of the great attraction it offers to both young and old.

The balloon cards bearing the name of a deaf child and his or her sponsor (the person purchasing the balloon) will be attached to a balloon and released on Dedication Day, June 12.

It is planned to release thousands of these balloons to be carried over the countryside. The balloons with the attached cards will be released at 1:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M.

The cards are all numbered, and the person selling them fills out the stub with the purchaser's name and address. The stub at the other end of the card is given the purchaser as his receipt. The stub with the purchaser's name and address plus the balloon card should be returned (not mailed) to the Institute by June 11 in order to be entered in the race.

The balloon and attached card found the farthest away from the school will be acknowledged by publicizing the sponsor, pupil, finder and seller of the balloon card in the pages of the Advocate with pictures and a news story.

### A Correction

In the last issue of this paper the name of Mrs. Peter Wagner was listed among those of our deceased readers by mistake. We are happy to state that our good friend, Mrs. Wagner, is still very much alive and in good health.

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

### Festival Committee

The success of the Institute's Dedication festival is directly dependent upon the active cooperation and support of the Institute's friends.

In order to present an interesting and well organized Dedication festival men and women of talent and loyalty have been chosen to serve on the following important committees: (these committees will be augmented) Program: Rev. Geo. M. Krach, Rev. N. E. Borchardt, Rev. L. Koehler; Music: Carl Munzel; Publicity: Arthur Brandt; Balloon: William Bellhorn; Novelty: Otto Wirgau; Purchasing: Erwin Robertson, and C. Niederer; Usher: Henry Nielson, Gustav Petrusch, Otto Kraft, Walter Gerach, Al. Hannusch; House Police: Theo. Stelter; Public Address: Peter Woznick, H. Wallhauser, R. Buchard; Stage and Decoration: J. Gerber, Robert Yek and C. Anderson; Parking: Ewald Fenner; Indoor Restaurant: C. Niederer; Finance: Arthur Brandt; Refreshment: Paul Petrusch; Stock Room: J. Stretke; Seating: Earl Rider; First Aid: Miss Bertha Koester, Miss Dorothy Appold.

Dr. Lulu Fackler, Pres. of the Ladies' Aid, appointed the following to serve as chairmen of committees: Mrs. Louis Koch, Mrs. Wm. Porth, Mrs. Geo. Priebe.



CARL W. MUNZEL

## Incidentally yours cont.

Porth presented four large electric clocks for our corridors. — Mr. John Rimmer is the donor of a fine Colorado Spruce which was planted near our chapel where a Christmas-tree-lover helped himself to a nice spruce which was growing there. — Mrs. Wm. Deckert gave one of our confirmation girls a pretty white dress. — American Legion Post No. 387 arranged for a post Easter party for our children with Easter baskets, ice cream, etc. — The Girls' Scouts of Olivet Lutheran Church provided our little tots with Easter favors. — Two cases of eggs from our friends in Broadlands, Ill. — General Motors Girls' Club furnishings for the hospital room in the new building. — Much appreciated compliments on the makeup of this little paper from Mr. George Munding and others. — Kind words concerning our film, "The World of Silence." All nine copies of this picture are still booked solidly up to July 1st and request for showings are already being made for next fall.

### 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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