

# SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL

## Incidentally yours

Busy days and busy people.— Members of our Ladies' Society busy mending some hundreds, yea thousands of hose and other garments, some canning fruits and vegetables sent us by our farmer friends — our housemothers, God bless them, busy being mothers to the hundred deaf children placed into their loving care by their absent parents — laundresses busy keeping clothes clean and ironed — cooks busy cooking wholesome food for a family of 135 — book-keeper and clerks busy in the office keeping books and records and taking care of much correspondence and the mailing list — teachers busy teaching speech and language and other subject matter to little ones deprived of the sense of hearing and especially also teaching them to know their Saviour, Jesus Christ — teachers also busy with special programs to portray such events as the discovery of America by Columbus, Reformation Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, etc. — teachers busy coaching the athletic events such as touch football, basketball, softball, etc. — teachers busy teaching swimming, handicraft and gymnasium activities. — Truly, we at your Lutheran Institute are convinced that this is about the busiest place on the globe.

Please, dear reader, when I mention gymnasium activities do not assume that we have such a building. For gym work our pupils have to be transported from three to five miles to public gymnasiums. — It is our fond hope that some day some one whom the Lord has blessed especially bountifully and who may wish to increase his income tax deductions, will open his purse strings and so enable us to erect a modest health and recreation building on our campus. — A consecrated group of women called the Martin Luther Memorial Foundation has already collected approximately \$2,000.00 for this purpose, a friend in Pittsburgh has augmented this sum by several hundred dollars and recently Pastor E. Schildt's congregation, East Bethlehem, Detroit, added another \$100.00 to this fund. So the beginning has been made. May the Lord bless it and make it to grow and grow and grow.

The nine copies of our 16 mm all-color sound film, "The World of Silence," are also always busy, and gratifying are the reports we

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GREETING  
FROM OUR DEAF  
CHILDREN WHOSE HEARTS  
AND MINDS BUT FOR YOUR  
HELP MIGHT NEVER HAVE KNOWN  
THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS



## 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:

James Kuker, Green Valley, Mrs. Wm. Gurske, Springfield, Illinois; Sam Beights, G. Bertsch, Kendallville, Indiana; Mrs. Leona Baer, Adrian, Mrs. Fred Zahn, Ann Arbor, John Lang, Bay City, Otto Malow, Centerline, Mrs. Paul Behling, Dearborn, Walton Fish, Fred Schacko, Walter Schroeder, Frank Smith, Henry Wentzel, Detroit, Frederick Behnke, Marshall, Mrs. Albert Ebert, Mt. Clemens, Mrs. Bertha Witherspoon, Port Austin, Julius Haske, Reese, Mrs. Augusta Schlacht, River Rouge, Wesley Smith, Royal Oak, Mrs. Anna Hetzner, Michael Seidel, Saginaw, Mrs. Louis Braun, South Lyon, Michigan, and Pastor August Sauer, New Ulm, Minnesota.

"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.

## Photography Made Easy

Our children recently were made acquainted with the mysteries of photography when Mr. Robert Anstett of Royal Oak spent days with us taking individual pictures of all the children gratis and developing them right before their eyes. It was a most interesting experience for all — yes even for the teachers.

## Convention Attended

Attendance at the convention of the Executives of American Schools for the Deaf held at Colorado Springs, Colorado, was greatly enjoyed by Dir. Klein and Mr. W. Knack, a member of our Board of Directors. The latter paid his own expenses in order to become better informed concerning the difficult work of teaching deaf children and the problems connected with the operation of such schools.

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

## Deaf Child's Advocate Celebrates Twentieth Anniversary

Ed. Note: With this issue of the Advocate we enter the third decade of its publication. Reminiscing, we bring you some of the high lights featured in the past issues.

**1930** Twenty years ago this month "The Deaf Child's Advocate," then only a 6 x 9 inch four-page paper, made its first appearance in the homes of our readers. The very first lines printed in that first issue of our school's publication was Matt. 18:14, "It is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven, that one of these Little Ones should perish." Gleaned from one of the articles of the first issue—quote—This little paper is going to be what its name implies, a true advocate of the cause of the deaf child in our midst. It is going to bespeak the cause of the deaf child for its advancement physically, mentally, morally and spiritually. — Approximately 4,000 people received copies of that first issue.

**1935** The Advocate reports school progress. — Due to the large enrollment in the lower grades it became necessary to employ a fifth teacher. — The erection of our girls' dormitory unit is progressing very nicely.

**1940** It was a joyful day when over eight thousand Lutherans of Detroit and vicinity assembled on Pentecost Sunday afternoon to dedicate to the Glory of God the Gloria Dei Clara Elizabeth Knudsen Chapel and all the other new buildings of our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. Dr. Walter A. Maier of St. Louis delivered the principle address. — Dr. John W. Behnken brought the greetings of Synod.— The dedicatory act itself was performed by Pastor E. C. Fackler, the president of our Board of Directors. — The Hon. Luren B. Dickenson, Governor of Michigan, was present and brought the greetings of the state. — The Board of Directors—publicly expresses its appreciation and gratitude to the Campaign leaders, The Rev. E. T. Bernthal, Chairman, and the Rev. A. Fahling, Assistant, who with the blessing of our Lord and the prayers of our friends have made this glorious accomplishment a fact.

**1945** English District Convenes at Institute for the Deaf.—Lutheran Deaconesses meet at Institute for the Deaf. . . ., again there was need for additional room and we read, Board of Directors plan expansion program (Addition to Boys' Dormitory). — Teachers are needed.

**1948** Diamond Jubilee — Begin 75th School year. — An outstanding event in Detroit Lutheranism was fittingly celebrated by the presence of an outstanding figure in world Lutheranism when Dr. J. W. Behnken, President of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, appeared as the main speaker for the Diamond Jubilee service of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, Sunday, June 13, 1948. — Director John A. Klein on this festival Sunday was given public recognition for his forty years tenure in office at the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. From a list of more than two score applicants only twelve could be enrolled because of lack of room and teachers. — All eight copies of our all-color sound movie "The World of Silence" have been booked to Nov. 15.

**1950** Macomb County Ladies' Aid for the Deaf marks 15 years of service. — Teachers needed. — English District Lutheran Women's Mission League convenes at Institute. — Board Appoints Walter Bellhorn Principal. — Mr. Leo H. Kuehn, Graduate of Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, receives Presidential award. . . . The mailing list now stands at 43,000 addresses.

As we turn the pages of the Advocate one by one through the issues back to Volume 1 Number 1 dated Dec. 1930 and again read the very first lines, "It is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish," the bountiful blessings of God showered upon this school are a visible and forceful proof that such is still the Lord's desire.

For these blessings we give all thanks and praise to God. And as we pass the 20-year milestone, we pray that He will continue to let the Deaf Child's Advocate successfully plead the cause of the Deaf Child.

## Incidentally yours cont.

receive concerning it. Ex: Pastor Gumz of Waupun, Wis., writes, "Although we have shown your picture twice in my congregation in the past two years, I should like to show it once more on a Sunday morning to our entire Sunday School Department."

Our Institute was privileged to be remembered in legacies left by Pastor and Mrs. Louis Andres, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, Mrs. Frederick Thiesse of Forest Park, Ill., Mr. Wm. Schlegel, Wapokoneta, Ohio, Laura M. Kloock, Chicago, Ill. These are truly all "giltedged" investments which will continue to pay enormous dividends until the day when the Lord shall come and say to their investors, "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." May many follow the example of these saints and make similar investments in their Lutheran Institute for the Deaf.

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## Children's Xmas Program Dec. 19

Right now all our children are excitedly and deeply interested in the preparation of a beautiful Christmas program which they will present to the public at the Institute on December 19 at 2 P.M. We extend a most cordial invitation to our many readers in the Detroit area to come and enjoy this program and to be the guests at a tea given by our Ladies' Society which also provides gifts for all our children.

The teachers and children have spent many hours in planning, designing and producing this program. We can assure you that all who will attend this event will be delighted to see the children in their beautiful costumes and will enjoy hearing the deaf children tell the Christmas story.

This is truly a day of rejoicing for our children because it is the day when they can publicly show and proclaim joy to the world because of the birth of Christ, our Savior.

## We are ALL Thankful

Thanksgiving Day came and went so quickly. What a wonderful day — and so important, especially to us Americans. We who live in this God-blessed country have reasons indeed, to be celebrating Thanksgiving Day every day for the thousand and one gifts of God we are privileged to enjoy day upon day. — Our Institute family, too, celebrated Thanksgiving Day and from the bottom of its heart expressed its feelings of gratitude to the heavenly Father who so generously provided for its many needs during the past year. He did this through you, dear readers, who so willingly and graciously provided the wherewithall, meaning food and money, so necessary to operate a school and home for exceptional children. And so we, herewith, also express our thanks to you and wish you God's richest blessings for the coming year. May He bless you abundantly so that you in turn may be able to continue to be a blessing to the less fortunate of the human family.

## Our Youngsters Hit of Convention

Miss Mary Stack, our nursery teacher, recently demonstrated the teaching of the beginnings of lip-reading to three-year-old young-

sters at the convention of the Better Hearing Association. The Detroit Hearing News comments as follows: Most of all we enjoyed those darling children from the Lutheran School for the Deaf. — The Lutheran school had had those tiny three-year-olds only one month; yet they were just dancing to please their teacher, make sounds and point them out on the pictures. It tugged at our heart-strings, especially when we thought of the years ahead when these children will have to go out into the normal hearing and speaking world; no longer with the companionship of others similarly afflicted or the help of understanding teachers." — Dear reader, you who are blessed with the sense of hearing have you ever thought of that?

## A Plea From the Deaf

We are deaf and we need you who can hear for us. Some of us are speechless and we need you who can speak for us. It is so hard for us to fight our own battles, win our own cases, defend our own rights. We often mistake what is spoken because we pick the wrong word from someone's lips. We say things that we often do not mean. Our language difficulty makes it a little tougher for us than for normal-hearing people.

Do you see our side of the picture? Please do something about it. Holy Scripture reminds you to be an ear to the deaf, tongue to the speechless and an eye to the blind. It goes on to promise great rewards and great spiritual happiness to you when you do these things.

The deepest mysteries of love are revealed to him who truly loves his neighbor for the love of Christ.

—Adapted from *Ephpheta*

## 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.



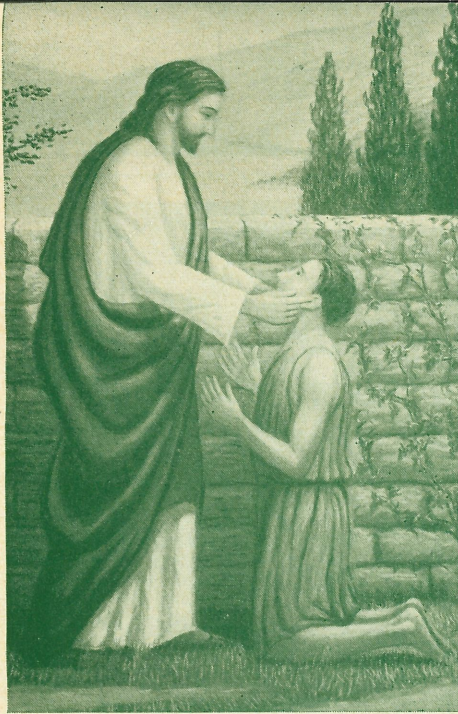
"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11



"There was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7



"And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger." Luke 2:16



# Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf

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Dear Co-Worker In The Kingdom,

St. Mark records how our Savior miraculously restored hearing and speech to the deaf and dumb youth. What a marvelous blessing this double miracle was can only be appreciated by one who himself was once so afflicted.

To obtain just a slight idea of what it really means to be born deaf, imagine yourself suddenly transported into China and there be told that you must learn to speak and understand the Chinese language just by watching the mouth movements of the people but not HEARING a single sound. And to make it even more difficult, no one would explain the Chinese language to you by means of another language. How much of that strange tongue which you never HEARD do you suppose you would learn to speak and understand? If you can begin to imagine yourself into such a situation, then you can, in a small degree, understand the handicap which the deaf child has to overcome to obtain an education. We who have normal hearing and a language which came to us so naturally and without effort through this marvelous sense of hearing are truly blessed. And since we have speech and language, it was easy for us, and now is for our normal children, to acquire an education and come to the knowledge of the Savior.

Because our deaf brethren have such tremendous obstacles to conquer in order to obtain an education, they need your help to develop mentally and spiritually. And since they themselves cannot ask for this assistance, we speak for them, and ask that you give them your prayerful and financial support for their Christian school which is being maintained to give these handicapped, but eager-to-learn, children an opportunity to become good citizens of this world and of heaven.

We know that, if you will give the above just a moment's serious thought, you, too, will be moved to compassion as was the Savior. And you will have a warm heart and an open hand for the educational needs of the deaf child, who, of all afflicted and handicapped mentally normal beings, is the most friendless, forgotten, and forsaken.

And out of gratitude to God for your own blessings, you will also speak a kind word for the support of your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in your congregation, school, church organizations, and to your friends. Free publicity material is available.

With Christian greetings, I am,

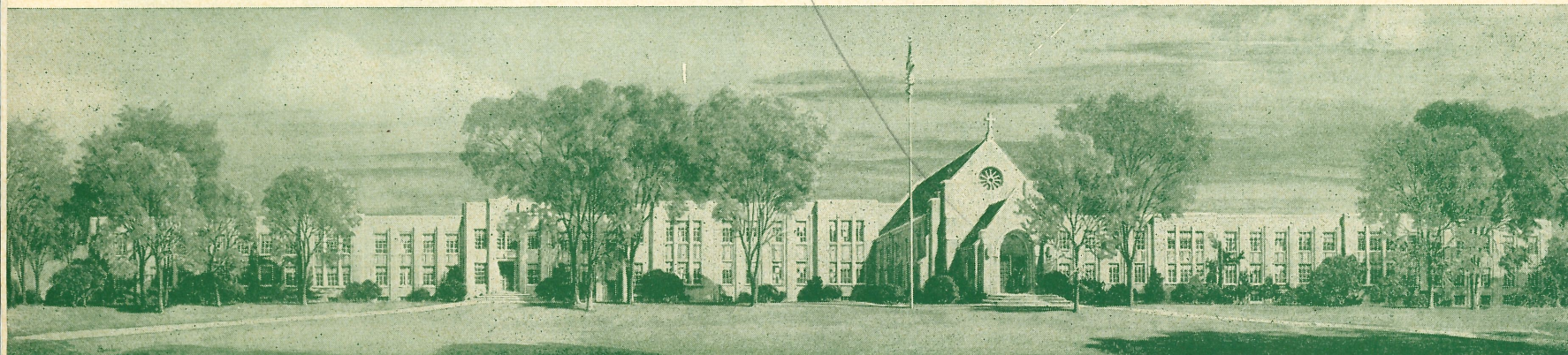
Your servant in the Lord's vineyard,

*J. A. Klein*, Director



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