

Incidentally yours

The blessed holiday season behind, pupils and teachers are again back in harness and straining at the tugs to attain the appointed goal during the last long stretch of the school term which will end with the annual festival on Sunday, June 11th. —

All children were privileged to spend Christmas away from school. Such as could not go home on account of distance found a happy welcome in the homes of kindly Detroit people. May God bless these thoughtful and unselfish friends. —

Having an appointment with Mr. Stork, Mrs. Pauline Strasen Fenton resigned as teacher on February 1st. The vacancy was filled by Miss Evelyn Jedreczka, a graduate in special education with a masters degree from Wayne University.

Through receipts from the Martin Luther Memorial Foundation and other individuals interested in providing a gymnasium for our children we have, to date, received the sum of \$2003.28. This is by no means an imposing amount, but it is a beginning. And if it is the Lord's will that our deaf children have this health building, He will surely see to it that they get it.

We congratulate the brethren in the East upon their acquisition of that beautiful estate at Mill Neck, Long Island, which they plan to use as a school for the deaf.

The burden of being both Superintendent and principal having become too heavy for the shoulders of one person, the Institute's boards officially appointed Mr. Walter Bellhorn principal who shall henceforth be responsible to the superintendent for all educational and classroom activities. Mr. Bellhorn, who has been an instructor in our school for twenty years, is to continue active as a classroom teacher until June. But if sufficient teachers can be obtained to fill his and other probable vacancies, he is to be a full-time principal thereafter.

The parents of our deaf children may have heard of a doctor in Florida who supposedly is restoring the sense of hearing to deaf people. We herewith want to inform them that of all the children attending our school who were given treatments by this doctor and who have returned to school none have experienced any improvement in their hearing.—This fact is borne out by audiometric

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IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

Centuries ago, when Portuguese colonists settled on the coast of South China, they erected a massive cathedral on a hill crest. But the violent China Sea typhoons proved too severe, and three centuries ago the cathedral fell, all save the front wall. The cathedral has never been rebuilt. But that ponderous front wall has stood as a mournful monument ever since. On top of it stands a great bronze cross, clean out against the sky. It is a striking thing to see, and when Sir John Bowring visited South China in 1825, he was deeply impressed by that cross on the wall. Returning home, he wrote the famous hymn, "In The Cross of Christ I Glory, Towering O'er The Wrecks of Time." Sir John has gone, and so have the Portuguese colonists, but the hymn lives on. And the cross — it stands.

Entering the Lenten season, as we are, we let our mind's eye roam to the crest of a hill, called Calvary. There we behold the cross of Christ as we repeat the words: "In the Cross of Christ I glory." We glory in that cross because it was the altar upon which the Lamb of God, Jesus, was slain for sinful mankind. We see in the cross of Christ our redemption from sin, our salvation.

The very purpose of our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf is to teach the children the truth of the cross of Christ that they might glory in it and its wonderful blessings. To learn to speak, to read, to write, to be equipped with what is needed to become useful citizens in this world — all this can be accomplished in any one of the many state schools for the deaf. But to teach our deaf children the way of life through the cross of Christ is the one thing that our school wishes to accomplish above all others. Unless our children learn to say in sincere faith: "In the Cross of Christ I glory," and let that Christ of the cross motivate all their thinking, speaking, and doing, they have missed the most important thing in life.

You, who glory in the cross of Christ, will always remember our school in your prayers, will help to promote its welfare, and will generously support it with your gifts.

In Memoriam

The Board of Management and our entire Institute family extend their deepest sympathies to the Pankow family upon the untimely departure of Mr. John Pankow. Mr. Pankow was a valued member of the Board who had the interest of our work at heart and was always willing to give freely of his time and efforts. In his passing the Institute sustained a great loss.

Mayor Cobo Speaks At Ladies' Banquet

Albert E. Cobo, newly elected Mayor of the city of Detroit, was the main speaker at the Ladies Auxiliary Annual banquet January 15. Mayor Cobo was introduced to the audience by the toastmaster, the Rev. C. MacKenzie, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Detroit.

Mayor Cobo spoke of the excellent and important work in which the women are engaged, namely the rehabilitation of handicapped children. He stressed the vital part each and every civic minded citizen should take in work which assists in preparing the handicapped to become independent and useful members of Society, the State, and the Church. Activities of this sort will not only help the individual but will assist in making the city of Detroit and the world at large a better place in which to live and work.

The following ladies were elected to guide the organization for 1950: Mrs. A. S. Johnson, President; Mrs. P. J. Fackler, First Vice President; Mrs. L. Koch, Second Vice President; Mrs. J. Milz, Recording Secretary; Mrs. E. Ruff, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. W. Porth, Financial Secretary; Mrs. M. Rohlfing, Treasurer; Miss Bertha Koester, Program Chairman; Mrs. R. Deierlein, Membership and Representative Chairman; Mrs. H. Riese, Memorial Fund Secretary; Mrs. C. Witt, Buying Committee; Mrs. A. Chlewinski, Trustee; Mrs. Frieda Carroll, Publicity Chairman.

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Ladies Auxiliary A Blessing

During the past year the Ladies Auxiliary for the Institute for the Deaf contributed the following to the Institute:

Children's Christmas	\$ 133.15
Ster-L Ray Lamps	162.00
Easter and Homecoming for children	74.94
7 Electric Clocks	75.36
Station Wagon	1,520.14
Electric Sewing Machine	126.22
Medical Supplies	278.30
Bedding, Draperies, Blankets, Toweling	1,888.84
Bibles for Confirmands	37.15
Clothing	25.87
Stage and Stage Draperies	525.27
Miscellaneous	90.24
	\$4,937.48

Expended for Kitchen Equipment, Correspondence, etc. 2,111.29

A Total Contribution of \$7,048.77

To have such an organization to assist in the work of providing a read home-school for deaf children is truly a blessing and its help is highly appreciated by the children, the staff, and the Institute's Board of Management.

When Is a Man Educated?

When he can look upon the universe, now lucid and lovely, now dark and terrible, with a sense of his own littleness in the great scheme of things and yet have faith and courage.

When he knows how to make friends and keep them, and above all when he can keep friends with himself.

When he can be happy alone, and highminded amid the drudgeries of life.

When he can look into a way-side puddle and see some thing beside mud, into the face of the most forlorn mortal and see something beyond sin.

When he knows how to live, how to love, how to hope, how to pray—glad to live and not afraid to die, in his hands a sword against evil and in his heart a childlike faith in his everloving Savior.—J. F. Newton (Adapted)

After April 15th the writer of these lines intends to take a long-over-due vacation in the form of an automobile trip to Houston, Texas. Since this vacation will extend over several weeks, he will be willing to present the work of our Institute by giving talks and showing an all-color sound film. Pastors with parishes along his route of travel and in Texas wishing to arrange such programs should write to Director J. A. Klein, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Mich.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

"What can you do?" These were the words of a Nebraska pastor as he concluded his urgent long distance telephone call to the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, in Detroit, in which he stated the problem concerning Joyce, a little deaf child. His conversation about



Joyce

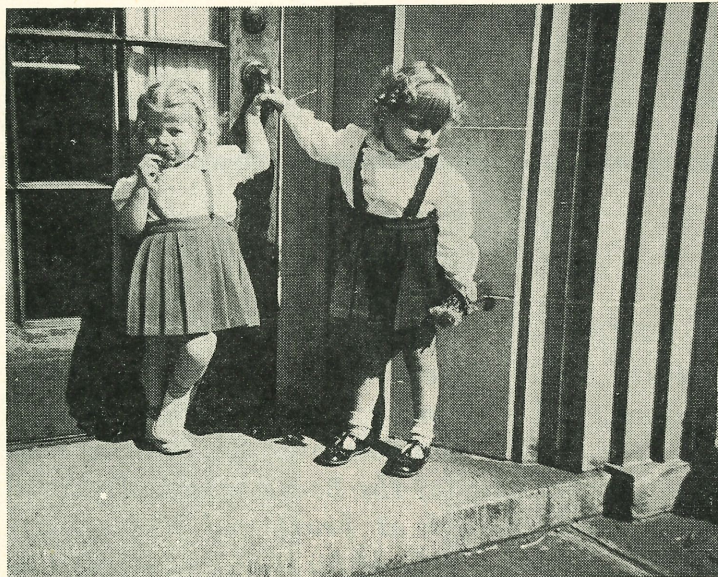
Joyce revealed that she is a three-year-old deaf child whose father, a veteran of World War II, is a T. B. patient in a government hospital in Denver, Colorado, and whose mother in unable to care for her. The grandfather, a Lutheran pastor in Nebraska, and his good spouse had made preparations to adopt their little deaf granddaughter. However, the pastor suffered a fatal heart attack, and died at the early age of 45. The widowed grandmother, being physically unable to care for the

afflicted grandchild, took her troubles to a Lutheran pastor friend. This pastor, knowing that your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf is being maintained by Christians to help solve just such problems, assured the grieving relative that the Institute, no doubt, would open its doors also to her little grandchild. And the long distance telephone call was to verify this assumption.

The good pastor's question, "What can you do in this case?" was already answered 76 years ago when the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf was founded. The Lord's admonition, "Bear ye one another's burden," was then and is still the guiding principle of this Institute which offers deaf children a truly Christian education and rearing in a home-like atmosphere.

And so, at this writing, little Joyce is a happy and well-adjusted member of our large family. Here she is not only receiving loving physical care, but, above all, she will learn to know her Savior.

Joyce's problems are no more unique than are those of many other deaf children attending your Institute from far and near. The gifts of love sent to the Institute by Christian friends make it financially possible to give such less fortunate little ones as Joyce a pleasant home and a Christian education even though but little or no financial support can be expected from parents or relatives. The Lutheran Institute for the Deaf is located at 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Michigan.



The door to education is heavy for these little deaf children. Let's help them open it.

Incidentally yours cont.

tests given before and after the operations were performed.

Our boys under the tutelage of their coach, Mr. Melvin Luebke, are acquitting themselves most favorably. Having been champions in softball and a football league last fall, they now are well on the way of being their league's basketball champions. Mr. Luebke is not only an efficient coach but also a good layout man and co-editor for our Deaf Child's Advocate.

The North Detroit Kiwanis Club, the North Detroit and the Southeast Detroit Exchange Clubs each presented our Institute with a sizeable Christmas check for which we are truly grateful. —

We sincerely thank all gracious donors for all their kind gifts and remembrances which included gifts of food, toys, educational equipment, and money. We can assure you that all were needed and put to good use.

Included in our "Thank You" are also the members of the Grosse Pointe Lions Club who on February 2nd again afforded our entire Institute family that annual treat, a visit to the circus. What a day of joy!

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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A MOTHER WRITES TO A TEACHER

Dear Mrs. Murray:

I want to thank you for writing and letting me know about Virginia. And I want to let you know, too, that we were really surprised when she came home for Christmas to see what you did for Virginia.

My girl friend, my twins, and I cried for happiness, when she started to write the words "MOTHER" — "BROTHER" — "BABY" and the twins' names. She printed out the words "fall"—"jump"—"arm"—"eye" and drew pictures of her bed, hearing aid, and of you, her teacher. She also showed how you teach her by holding your hand on her face to say the words and her name "Virginia." I know now what you meant when you wrote that she did not use her lips the way you wanted her to. All I can say is, "It's wonderful now to have the feeling that she is no longer being pushed around and to know that she has learned so much in so little time."

She behaves very nicely, does not cry or worry like she did. That old look and the worried lines are gone off her little face. She's such a happy girl now.

You hear and read so much about different schools and how the children are treated, that it makes you sick thinking about it. And I was really worried sick until I saw her. Nobody can tell me anything like that about your school now. Truthfully, I am very pleased and greatly satisfied with Virginia, the school, and everything. Little Donald is 5, and when he saw her and she showed him that she could write, too, he said, "Mother, she can write her name and talk." He had tears in his eyes. He was so glad that Virginia had learned to write. He said, "Good, for my little sister."

Harold said, "Mother, I am so happy our little sister has really learned more than I expected her."

I am glad that Virginia was able to come back home for Christmas. It really did the children and me a lot of good.

The twins said, "Now we don't have to worry about little Virginia any more." Harold was so worried about his little sister that he became sick. We had him home in bed for two months. We had X-rays, blood tests and other tests made. But the doctors couldn't find what was wrong. They said that he must be worried about something. But when Virginia came home and he saw how she was, he sized her up and down and then took a deep breath and said, "Now at last we don't have to worry about little Virginia."

Other times it was always little Virginia this, little Virginia that. He was so sick that he could not walk and couldn't hold his food down. Now he goes to school and is happy. He reads every letter that you write and I am saving every letter you write me.

That little Christmas vacation did us all so much good and we thank you a lot for everything.

Yours truly,
Virginia's Mother

TO ALL LUTHERAN DEAF

Dear Friends in Christ:

Permit me herewith to convey the sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation of our Board of Management and the entire Institute staff to all the Lutheran deaf, wherever they may be, for their very generous offering of \$464.57 for the dedication of a Memorial Room in our new building to the memory of Mr. Edward J. Pahl through whose intercessions to the then Director of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, Mr. D. H. Uhlig, the blessed mission work among the adult deaf was begun more than a half century ago by the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

The Lord has visibly and bountifully blessed the work which was begun in such a small way and under such adverse conditions. It is therefore most appropriate and God-pleasing for the Lutheran deaf to manifest their gratitude to God by supporting their Lutheran School for the Deaf where deaf children are being brought to the knowledge of their Savior even as our sainted brother Pahl was led to the Good Shepherd in this very same school.

May our dear Lord continue to bless all the deaf and may He grant that through our school and the work of our many consecrated missionaries many more deaf may find the way to eternal bliss through faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

J. A. KLEIN, Director

New School Equipment

The Gilbert Corps No. 59 of the Woman's Relief Corps supplied our Institute with \$64.00 worth of film strips for our visual aid program. This material is of inestimable value in the mental development of children who must depend entirely upon their sense of sight for an education.

Always wanting that which may assist the teachers in the education of our many deaf children, we purchased a single outlet hearing training unit last year. This new instrument proved so helpful that we now have placed an order for a four-outlet unit. With these aids the children who have some residual hearing are taught to make better use of such hearing in the acquisition of good speech and language.

The results of research in electronics and the principles of sound carried on during the war, are now being further developed and adapted to the manufacturing of better group hearing aids and hearing training units for the use in schools for the deaf. These group aids are so constructed that groups of 8 to 12 children can use them simultaneously. Having thus equipped our auditory training room, we are now looking forward to the day when all class rooms will be equipped with similar instruments. Do you ask why we do not do this NOW? — The cost per class room unit is from \$300.00 to \$500.00.

Thank You

We are very grateful to all individual friends and organizations who so generously responded to our annual appeal titled, "These, Too, Deserve a Chance." — It was particularly gratifying and laudable to receive offerings from so many Ladies Aid Societies. It is perhaps only natural and proper that the mothers in these organizations should be especially thoughtful of the needs and pleasures of our handicapped little ones, who, on account of their affliction, must forego the pleasures of homelife and their own mother's care and love in order to receive an education which these mothers' own hearing children can obtain so easily and without effort and sacrifice at home. — May our dear Lord richly bless all supporters of our work. And may He move those, who can but as yet have not responded to our appeal, to send their offerings and thus help make life just a little more bearable for less fortunate fellow

Scholarships Available

During the last few years, your Institute has been proffering scholarships to individuals who feel a sincere interest in the field of special education, especially in the teaching of the deaf. The fruits of this program will soon benefit the Institute.

Scholarships for three students were secured last year. The recipients being Mr. Robert Tegeder, Miss Priscilla Keup, and Miss Florence Krueger. The first two are River Forest products and the latter a Valparaiso student. These young people are now enrolled in a training course in special education in a school in Pittsburgh, Pa. They will be ready to join our staff of teachers in September of this year.

Since we shall need more and more such specially trained teachers, we are always looking for prospects for whom we can arrange to take the necessary special training without cost to them. Two Valparaiso students, the Misses Margaret Schoedel and Margaret Heinecke, are recent volunteers. Arrangements are being made to have these young ladies accepted in a training class at Central Institute which works in connection with Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. — We can use more such volunteers who have completed two or three years of college work.

beings. For only with their generous gifts of love can your Institute continue to bring Christ to the Deaf.

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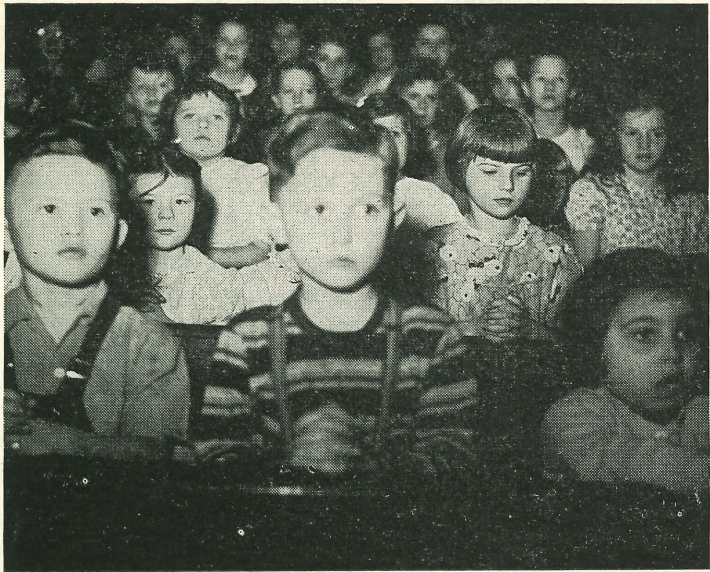
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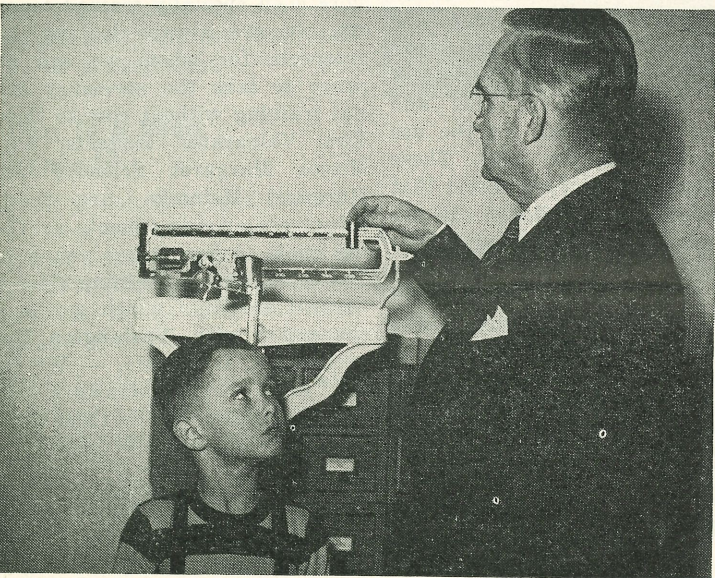


Hughie Blankenship, Bowling Green, Ky., begins his day with morning devotion in our beautiful chapel where Bible Stories and pictures are projected on a screen and explained to the children.



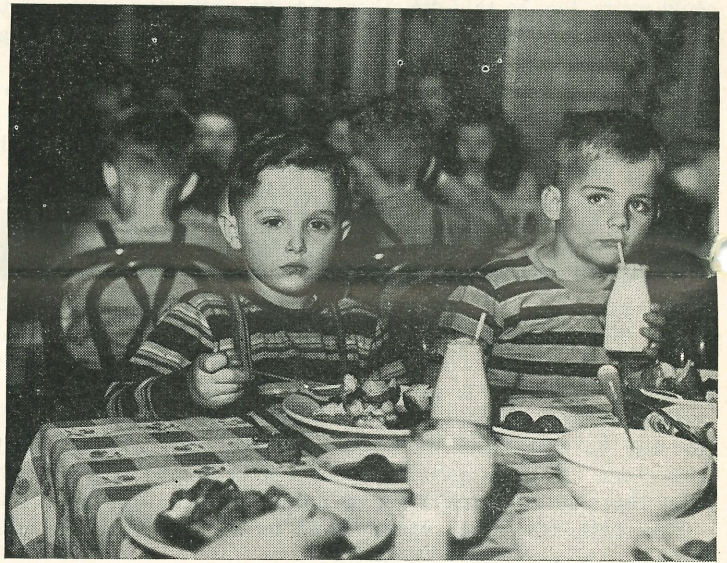
Then off to school — where lipreading, speech, language, and all the other subjects have allotted time in a five hour school day.

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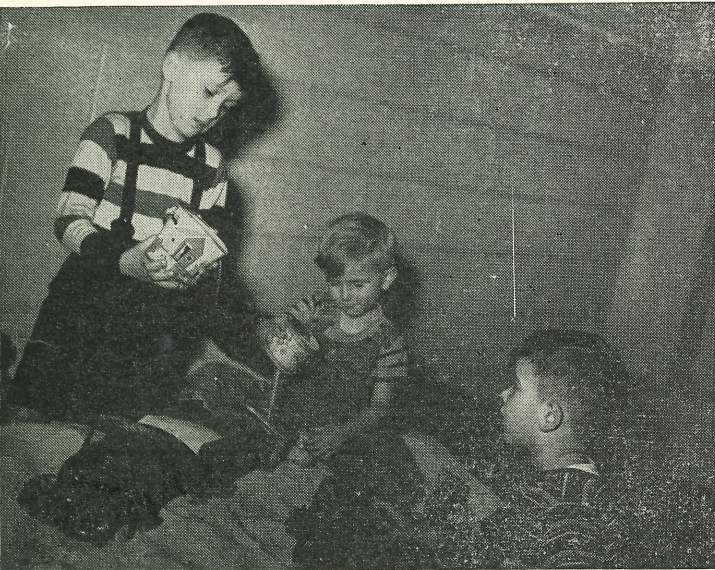


One of the school's primary concerns is the health of our pupils. How proud the little fellow feels when the monthly health check shows a gain in height and weight.

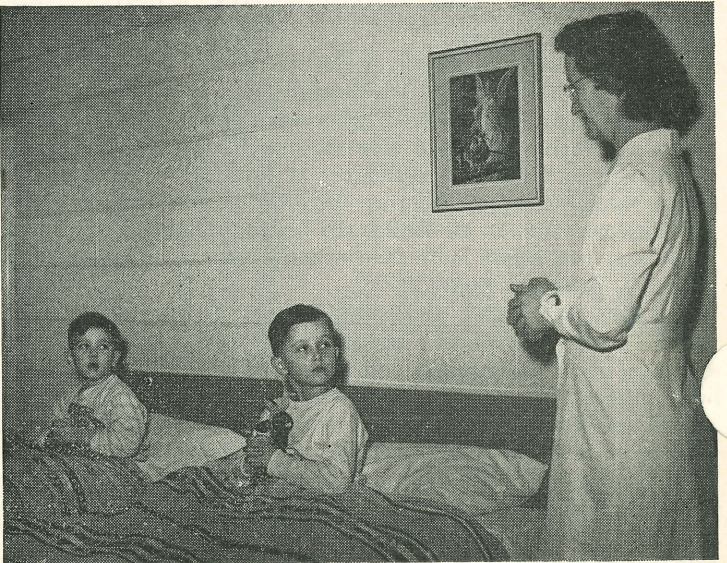
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Food showers from the friends of our Institute help in providing Hughie and the rest of our large family with delicious and well balanced meals.



All work and no play would make Hughie a dull boy. What child wouldn't enjoy playing in a sand-box during the middle of the winter with the box located in a warm and well-lighted room.



At the close of Hughie's active and happy day, he and the kindly house-mother speak the evening prayer and she tucks him in bed.