

Rev. E. C. Peterson

## Rev. E. C. Peterson Is Festival Speaker

Praise and thanks to the Almighty God for 78 years of blessings to the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf will be the theme of the Festival Service. Rev. E. C. Peterson, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, East Detroit, will serve as main speaker for this service on June 11 at 3:00 at the Institute.

Music for the Festival Service will be furnished by the Detroit Lutheran High School Choir, under the baton of Mr. L. Franzen. The choir will sing two selections. Rev. Louis Heinecke, pastor of Trinity Church, Utica, Michigan, will address the graduating class. Director John A. Klein will present the diplomas.

# *The deaf child's* **ADVOCATE**

### Festival Features

11:30-2:30—Delicious dinner served by Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf

1:00-2:45—OPEN HOUSE

All guests are cordially invited to tour the buildings

1:00 MASS BALLOON ASCENSION

See thousands of multicolored balloons rise and float away to unknown destinations

1:30-2:00 INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN HOUR

2:00 COLORFUL PROGRAM by DEAF CHILDREN

View the beautiful costumes and enjoy this interesting program

3:00 FESTIVAL SERVICE

Hear a timely message by Rev. E. C. Peterson of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, East Detroit, and listen to the singing of Detroit Lutheran High School Chorus. Rev. N. E. Borchardt will interpret for the Deaf

4:00 SECOND BALLOON ASCENSION

4:00-6:30 OPEN HOUSE

4:00-6:30 EVENING MEAL

Served by the Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf

4:15 SOFTBALL GAMES

6:30 THIRD BALLOON ASCENSION

7:00 VESPER SERVICE

Rev. Thalacker from St. Thomas & St. Peter will be the guest speaker, and Mr. Paul Droege will direct the singing. Stay and close a notable day with prayer

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### Thousands to Attend Festival on June 11

As a gesture of thanksgiving to God for the completion of the 78th school year, the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf will celebrate its annual festival on June 11.

This traditional festival provides friends of the Institute opportunity to renew old acquaintances, observe accomplishments of the school and enjoy a pleasant afternoon in worship and picnic activities on the beautiful grounds of the school.

Highlighting the day's program will be an all-student program, and the open-air afternoon and vesper services. The all-student program, in the development of which the entire faculty had a part, will begin at 2:00. Among other things, it will also feature beautiful and colorful costuming.

The Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf will again serve a complete hot meal in the well-equipped basement dining room. Serving will be from 12:00 to 2:30 and from 4:00 to 6:30. However, other refreshments will also be available on the grounds throughout the entire afternoon and evening.

The Institute is looking forward to greeting a record number of friends at this traditional Detroit affair.

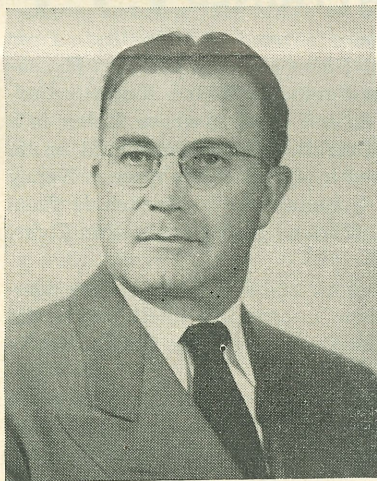
This Festival also serves as an annual homecoming day for our many graduates throughout the United States and Canada.

### Macomb Ladies Aid Marks 15 Years of Service

The 15th Anniversary of the Macomb Ladies' Aid for the Deaf was observed with a special service on Sunday evening, April 30, at St. John Lutheran Church, Rochester. The Rev. George A. Sebald of Waldenburg preached an inspiring sermon, taking for his text 1 Cor. 15:57, 58. The Rev. Walter C. Gerken, Pastor of St. John Church, served as liturgist. After the service lunch was served by the Ladies' Aid of Rochester. Arrangements for the affair were made by the Macomb Executive Board and Mrs. Herman Sievert, keywoman for the local congregation.

Pastor Sebald called attention to the fact that the society, which held its first meeting Jan. 31, 1935, at Mount Clemens, has grown in membership from 31 to 180 ladies, and that during the past 15 years has furnished two rooms in the Institute as well as supplying equipment for the kitchen. The speaker, who was present at the first meeting, recalled the interest shown by the late Mrs. Louisa Arendt of Detroit in helping to effect organization. The first officers were: Mrs. George Sebald of Waldenburg, President; Mrs. William Klemm of Mount Clemens, Vice-president; Mrs. Edwin A. Blank of Canal, Secretary; and Mrs. Charles Beyerlein of Macomb, Treasurer. Pastor Sebald con-

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Rev. C. L. Thalacker

### Vesper Speaker Rev. C. L. Thalacker

A brilliant climax to an activity packed Festival Day, June 11, will be the traditional Vesper Service under the trees on the spacious lawns of the Institute at 6861 Nevada Avenue.

The Rev. C. L. Thalacker, St. Thomas and St. Peter Lutheran Church, Detroit, will be the speaker. The Rev. Louis H. Koehler of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Detroit, will serve as liturgist.

Music for the Vesper Service will be furnished by the St. Thomas-St. Peter Choir. This talented group of singers will render two selections under the direction of Mr. Paul F. Droege.

# Plan to Attend JUNE 11



## Incidentally yours

Many months of preparing the pupils for confirmation, the final buying of new clothes, and the taking of confirmation pictures were all very interesting and exciting. But the divine service and the solemn act of confirmation in the presence of the children's parents and sponsors, some of whom came from great distances, and the many local friends who filled our chapel so that there wasn't even standing room left climaxed the entire school-year's activities. And friends and readers of the Advocate, if you could have been present at this occasion and could have seen the joy and happiness on the faces of the parents of these handicapped children who here in your Institute learned to know and confess their Savior, you would have wanted to thank and praise God for the opportunity He gave you to have a part in this glorious work of leading deaf children to everlasting bliss.

Coming events: The annual festival service on June 11th at which the pastors E. C. Peterson of St. Thomas-St. Peter Church, Detroit, will deliver the sermons;

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod convention in Milwaukee where an exhibit of your Institute will acquaint delegates and visitors with the unique work which they are sponsoring with their gifts;

English District Women's Mission Guild convention which will be held within our walls on June 27 and 28 for which we expect to welcome delegates and guests from all parts of the United States and Canada;

July 1-3 the Institute will be host to the 1920 Class of River Forest graduates and their wives. Our welcome sign is out to these colleagues and we hope that they will enjoy their stay with us.

Our Detroit Ladies' Auxiliary replaced thirty worn out spring and mattresses in the boys' residence with new box springs and inner-spring mattresses. They also purchased new window drapes, bedspreads for the girls' residence, and made new slip-covers for settees and chairs in this building. — For the upkeep of the interior of our beautiful Institute, we are greatly indebted to our good ladies. — We just cannot get along without them.

Our deaconess housemother, Miss Marie Twenhafel, feeling the need of rest, took a month's leave of absence which she spent with her brothers in Texas. — The writer of these lines having similar symptoms

## Confirmation Class of 1950



Photo by Windhorst

### • • • THE GOAL ATTAINED • • •

The confirmation class of this year entered your Institute from far and near at a tender age. Paul Finks came to us from Kansas City, Kans. Ronald Backer lives in Saginaw, Mich. Kenneth Carter's home is in Royal Oak, Mich. Arthur Theiss, whose father is a Texan, now lives in Toledo, Ohio. Detroit claims Amy Heald as its own. Tuscin, Michigan, is represented by Charlotte Johnson. Nancy Coston is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana. Julia Madach is from our good neighbor country Canada. Marlene Nabors calls Van Dyke, Michigan, her home.

On Sunday, April 16, these four boys and five girls, having completed the required courses 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 and sponsors because on it these handicapped young people who, some years ago, entered our Institute without hearing, speech or language, on this day, orally confess their faith in the 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 of their entering school. And now that it has come, those who have helped them to prepare for this occasion rejoice with them. And soon we shall bid them farewell and pray that God the Holy Spirit may guard and keep them steadfast in the faith until the end. May they always keep in mind the Savior's promise, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of Life." Rev. 2:10.

## Macomb Ladies Aid Mark 15 Years of Service

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gratulated the members of the organization on the fine work accomplished in the past and he encouraged the present members to continue steadfast in the special work they are doing for the Institute, the children of the school, and to the glory of God.

The special project of the group for this year was the purchase of a deep freeze for the Institute. A donation was also made to the Dr. Walter A. Maier Memorial Fund. The funds required to carry on the work of the society are raised through free-will offerings. The present officers are: Mrs. George Sebald, Honorary President; Mrs. G. Walter Schoedel of Mount Clemens, President; Mrs. Louis Heinicke of Utica, Vice-president; Mrs. Ed. Reackhof of Lenox, Recording Secretary; Mrs. William F. Junke of Mount Clemens, Financial Secretary; Mrs. R. Foerster of Canal, Treasurer.

The Anniversary Service on April 30 was attended by a large congregation and proved to be a source of inspiration and fine fellowship.

## Incidentally yours cont.

spent an extended vacation with his relatives and friends in and around Houston, Texas. On his way to the South and back he spoke to students at Valparaiso University and St. John's College, Winfield, Kansas, for the purpose of inducing some girls to become teachers in special education.

The school year will close with the celebration of our annual festival on June 11th. All parents who will be present that day may take their children home after the three o'clock service. For all others train or bus transportation will have to be sent at least one week in advance.

For our Milwaukee convention we expect to make use of a Selectro-slide. The pictures for this machine have already been taken by our good friend, the Rev. Ed. Schildt. Convention delegates and guests be sure to stop by and see them.

Our softball champions will soon blossom forth in brand new suits presented to them at a cost of \$100 by Mr. Werner Knack, Board member and treasurer of the Institute.— Many thanks, Werner. Our boys will now try even harder to win games.

## 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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## Festival Features Balloon Ascension

The Festival Committee of this year resolved again to feature balloon ascensions and to sell balloon cards to friends of the Institute. The members of the committee enthusiastically accepted this work because of the great attraction this form of entertainment offers to both young and old.

The balloon cards bearing the name of a deaf child and the number of his or her sponsor (the person purchasing the balloon) will be attached to the balloons which will be released on Festival Day, June 11.

It is planned to release thousands of these balloons to be carried over the countryside. Last year one ascension went into northern Michigan and the other into Canada. It is planned to release balloons with the attached cards at 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 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 outer end of the card is given to the purchaser as a receipt. The stub with the purchaser's name and address should be returned (not mailed) to the Institute by June 10 in order to be entered in the race.

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

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

## The World of Silence

is an All color  
Sound Movie  
Requiring 35 min.  
Running Time  
There are open dates  
after June 1

## In Memoriam

*The Board of Management and our entire Institute family extend their deepest sympathies to the Knudsen family upon the untimely departure of their mother, Mrs. Clara Elizabeth Knudsen. Clara Elizabeth Knudsen was held in high esteem by the Lutheran Deaf of America and it was she who made our beautiful Chapel possible through her generous gift of love. Mrs. Knudsen was a true friend of the Institute and was always interested in its work and the physical well-being of the children. In her passing the Institute and the deaf children have sustained the loss of a friend and supporter. — Their loss was heaven's gain.*

## How to Be a Good Neighbor In Spite of Deafness

**Ed. note: This little story will give an insight into the life of a deaf couple, and how they strive to win the respect of their hearing neighbors. It illustrates the experience of all deaf people.**

For eight years we have been getting along fine with the neighbors. But I don't mean we always have good neighbors. The first few years we were lucky to live in the neighborhood where my husband, Jim, was known all his life. Even when we lived above the printing shop our next apartment neighbor happened to have a deaf relative, so we got along fine.

But when we first bought our house two summers ago we were a little worried. Our children began to tell me that the neighbors were telling them that their parents were deaf and dumb. This hurt the children's feelings.

We knew that they were ignorant about the deaf and we didn't show hard feelings. We thought perhaps these neighbors didn't know the meaning of "deaf and dumb." We did explain simply to our children that these people never saw deaf people before and that we all should be friends. We showed kindness and in time the neighbors grew friendly and understood us.

Sometimes they are kind to phone for us and we always give them whatever fruit and vegetables they do not have in their garden. At Christmas time I presented them with boxes of baked goods and some small gifts for their children. But we don't ask them to phone for us too often—just once in a while, when necessary.

We borrow each other's garden tools or help with the loadings. Once our next door neighbor asked us to watch a grass fire on a vacant lot nearby, and it was windy that day. I could see that this neighbor was pleased with our co-operation.

We must remember one thing—that is, not to hurt the feelings of our neighbors. I learned a lesson once. I threw a stick at a dog belonging to a neighbor, because it was ruining our garden plants. She wrote me a kind of nasty note, calling me a poor neighbor. I went over and apologized. I asked if it wouldn't be better if we built a little fence around our garden. She thought it a good idea and in turn apologized for what she wrote. But I said to forget everything.

Last Christmas we invited the neighbor to look at our tree and presents and have a buffet dinner with us. They looked so happy and pleased that they in turn invited us to their homes.

To be good neighbors we try to be patient, friendly, cheerful, and mind our own business. It doesn't hurt to answer their curious questions, such as "How can you live just like us and you can't hear?" We take time to tell them about school days and show them pictures and scrap books. They are less inquisitive now than they used to be.

When you can make your neighbors understand the deaf, you too can get along well with them. Somebody has to start the ball rolling, and you might as well start it.

—Adopted WAD Pilot

## Who Is Successful?

We read in the paper the other day that before a man is a success, he must have an income of at least \$5,000 a year.

If we were to believe that a man's success or failure depends upon the amount of money he earns, it would be difficult to find many "successes" among teachers of the deaf, blind, and other children needing special training.

Indeed, many of us would be classified as downright failures. The average salary for teachers of the deaf is far below the \$5,000 figure. Does this make us "half-successful?"

Fortunately, we teachers are not ostracized by society because we have to live from check to check. In fact, people are beginning to realize that even teachers need money to pay the rent and to buy groceries. There is some hope that teachers will eventually be able to crash that \$5,000 bracket.

All levity aside, teachers may not be rich, but they are happy. There is an inner satisfaction in the heart of every true teacher that cannot be measured in terms of money.

—The Va. Guide

## April Coronet Carries Article on Gallaudet College

**Ed. Note: Four graduates of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf are now enrolled at Gallaudet College. They are William Ludwig, Richard Kelsey, Ruth Fabry and Dick Tucinardi.**

That the deaf are able to deal with the levels of higher learning if they have the opportunity is the theme of the article on Gallaudet College appearing in the April issue of Coronet Magazine.

"At Gallaudet, handicapped students learn to meet the world on equal terms," observes the article Teaching the Deaf to Live Anew.

Its student body of 300 is chosen from the thousands of young Americans who were born deaf or made deaf by disease. Trained mainly in state-supported grade and high schools, they challenge the ancient notion that the deaf are helpless in a world of sound. "We believe," said Dr. Irving S. Fusfeld, dean of the college, "that the deaf can meet the world on equal terms."

The Coronet article observes that America's system for education of the deaf, unmatched anywhere in the world, grew out of the interest of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet. —News Release from Gallaudet College

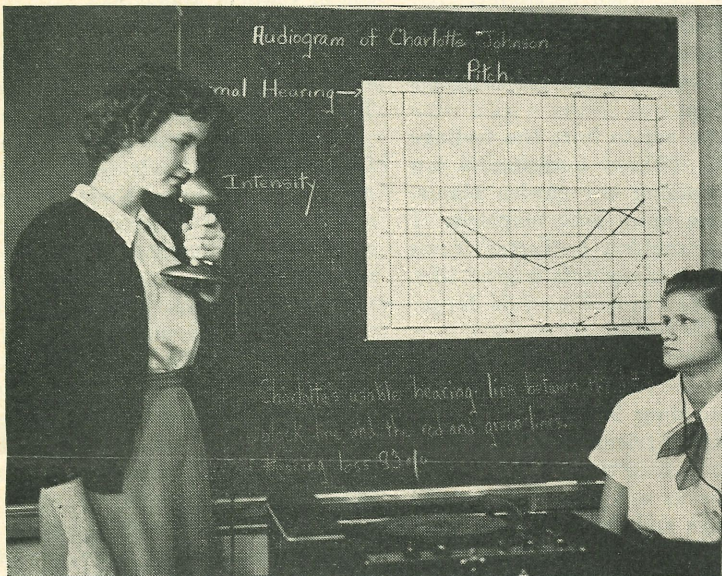




Gaye Haigler, Birmingham, Ala., celebrating her thirteenth birthday with members of her seventh grade class.



Visitors signing the guest book. Plan to visit the Institute this summer on your vacation trip.



Auditory training unit is used to train the residual hearing of deafened children.



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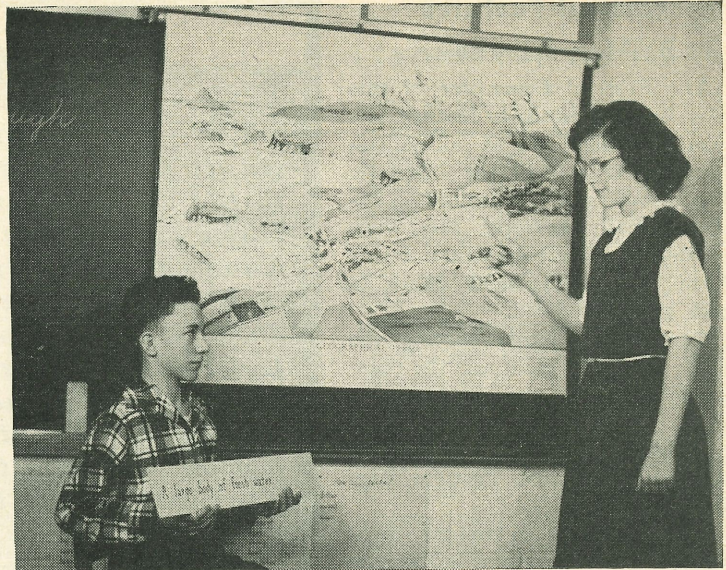
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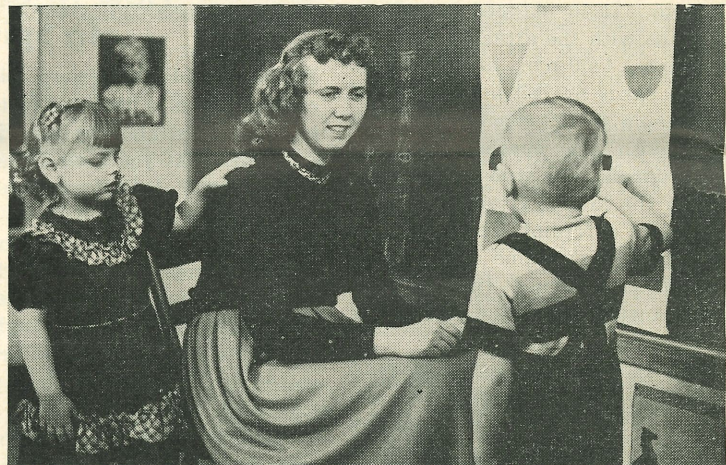
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The fifth grade studying definitions for the various geographic forms.



A sense training lesson in the primary room. Part of the readiness program for speech and speech reading.



How proud our baseball team is of their new uniforms which were given to them by Mr. and Mrs. Werner Knack of Christ Lutheran Church, Detroit.