

Incidentally yours

And there shall be wars and rumors of wars . . . and then shall the end come. The Lord is truly again sounding His warning thunders throughout the world reminding us that it is later than we think and urging us to greater efforts in the harvesting of the souls ordained for His kingdom. May we not be found wanting when He comes but be able to give account of the talents entrusted to us.

Vacation days are not so much days of rest as they are days of relaxation and change of routine. Our entire personnel had opportunity to enjoy short vacation periods recently and we hope that all will return refreshed and able to carry on the Master's work in the new school year with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

The writer of these lines, too, enjoyed some time away from the routine but combined pleasure with work. He and his good spouse journeyed to the Lone Star State, stopped at Valparaiso University where we gave a chapel talk and interviewed students for the purpose of inducing them to enter the field of special education—(mission accomplished)—gave talks in the interest of your Institute in Trinity School, Klein, Texas, the assembled congregation at Hufsmith, Texas, the Rotary Club, Tomball, Texas, showed the film, "The World of Silence," in St. Matthew's school, Houston, Texas, visited the School for the Deaf in Houston and had an interview with the parents of a deaf child, went to San Antonio, Laredo and into Mexico, down the Rio Grande Valley to Mercedes where we gave a talk and showed our film in Rev. Dundek's congregation, enjoyed the hospitality of the Twenhafel's and Vogel's at Mercedes, went to Brownsville and across the Rio Grande to Metamora, Mexico, then back up along the Gulf, stopped at the famous King Ranch and Corpus Christi, back to Houston, then to Dallas where we interviewed the parents of another deaf child and where we enjoyed a night's stay and visit with our friends, Pastor and Mrs. P. J. Klenk (Pastor Klenk is doing some fine work as a missionary among the Negroes of Dallas)—next to Newkirk, Oklahoma, where we gave a talk and showed the film in Pastor Thies' congregation. — Thanks Pastor and Mrs. Thies for your fine hospitality; — on to visit the Indian School, then to Arkansas City where we enjoyed a visit with Rev. and Mrs. K. H. Meyer and scheduled our film; continued northward

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Annual Association Meeting

The annual meeting of the Society of the Ev. Lutheran Deaf Institute was held on June 14th. Pastors and delegates assembled on that day to review the activities of the past year and to discuss matters pertaining to the future welfare of your Christian school for deaf children. Following are some excerpts of the President H. R. Wacker's annual report:

"Not including capital improvement expenses, it cost \$1,022.00 per year to house and educate a child in our school last year. This figure is considerably below other schools for the deaf. . . . Due to the fact that most parents can pay only a part of the cost, national interest and support is so essential for this highly specialized work. . . . Aside from the gratifying response to our annual appeal by congregations and organizations considerable income was derived from the use of our popular Memorial Wreath Folders. . . . However, had it not been for some bequests received during the year there might have been a sizeable deficit in our operating treasury. Lena Cramer, Ida Scheidler, Wilhelmina Jordan, Louise Sharrer, Emil Latzke, Wilhelmina Pommerencke, John Bauman, Lizette Grimm, Wolter, Zinke and Heideman are the names of the saints who, as good stewards, put some of their talents to work in the Savior's vineyard before they departed from this vale of tears to the heavenly mansions. . . . Truly, theirs are God-pleasing investments.

"Our faithful Detroit Ladies' Auxiliary presented our school with a much-needed station wagon and replaced wornout furniture and bedding. The Macomb County Auxiliary gave us a Deep Freeze Unit as well as all needed dishes and cooking utensils. Sheets, pillow cases, quilts, towels, etc., were received from many Ladies' Aids from near and far. Such gifts are of inestimable value to your Institute.

"Following the policy of decorating certain units of our property each year, the girls' residence will be renovated this summer.

Pastor Geo. Krach, chairman of the School Board, reported the following:

"One hundred and twelve pupils were enrolled during the past year. Some of them came from such far distant points as Tacoma, Washington, Los Angeles, California, Brownsville and Dallas, Texas, North Carolina, and Birmingham, Alabama. . . . The teaching staff consisted of the Director and thirteen teachers. In addition to these there was a household and maintenance personnel of 21 persons. Nine children were confirmed and graduated from the eighth grade. . . . Seven young unbaptized pupils were brought to the Savior through baptism. This demonstrates that your Institute is truly a missionary agency. . . . More than twenty new applications for enrollment are already on file for the coming year. . . . Three teachers, having been trained for us in the Pennsylvania school, will join our staff in September. They are Miss Florence Krueger, a Valparaiso graduate, Miss Priscilla Keup and Mr. Robert Tegeder, both River Forest graduates. . . . Anticipating further teacher replacements, our Director was successful in securing three more Valparaiso University students who will take training in Pittsburgh, Pa., in the coming year, and be ready to accept teaching positions with us in September of 1951. . . . A new four-outlet hearing training unit was purchased and installed. . . . Mr. Walter Bellhorn was appointed full-time principal responsible to the Director. . . . Our Health and Recreation program which was supervised and directed by teachers Mr. Luebke and Mrs. Mildred Murray was very successful. . . .

How much more of a success it might have been if we had a health building or gymnasium on our own campus instead of having to transport fifty-five children (the older group) to recreational centers in the city. But even in spite of difficulties, our boys won the football and basketball championship and our girls' health program was telecast over one of the Detroit local stations.

We thank God for all the grace and mercy He showered upon our Institute in the past and pray Him to continue His blessing unto us also in the future."

Mrs. Linda Kropp Ritter

You, dear reader, did not know Mrs. Linda Ritter, formerly of Houston, Texas, and later of California, nor did you ever hear about her. But our dear Lord knew her and loved her because she was one of His dear children. And because Linda Ritter loved her Savior and desired to serve Him, He entrusted her with many talents. These she did not bury as did the unfaithful servant, but she put them to work in her Lord's kingdom by helping to build churches, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and giving shelter to the sick and homeless. Judgment Day alone will reveal how many sufferers from want and hunger received relief out of the generous hands of Linda Ritter.

Our Institute, too, from time to time, was the beneficiary of Mrs. Ritter's ever open hands. One of her larger gifts was a thousand dollar memorial room in our building which she dedicated in loving memory of her husband. Linda Ritter is no longer in this vale of tears because her Savior took her to Himself. But her deeds of love and faith are continuing because in her last will and testament she directed that a very large portion of her estate be put to work in various ways in the Lord's vineyard. And so, even though Linda Ritter is now enjoying the bliss of the heavenly realms in the presence of her Lord and Savior, she, like an Angel of Mercy, is still active on earth feeding the poor, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and leading lost souls to Christ and salvation; especially also the souls of deaf children since she left a sizeable sum of her money for the work of your Institute. What blessed investments are such talents which God's children designate in their last wills and testaments for the purpose of carrying on the Savior's work here on earth.

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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:

The Rev. C. A. Weiss, Quincy, Wm. Kemnitz, Varna, Illinois; Fred Zahn, Ann Arbor, O. Berlin, Fred Harder, Sr., Mrs. Wilhelmine Jannusch, Clarence Pfahlert, Detroit, William Sillman, Fowler, Wm. Conzelmann, Frankenmuth, Edward Knob, LaSalle, A. W. Frazer and Mrs. Katherine Schmidt, Monroe, Michigan; Alfred Rossdeutsher, Buffalo, N. Y.; Wm. Ehmke, Milwaukee and Mrs. Erwin Jaster, Montello, Wisconsin.

"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.

DORIS KRIST GRADS
DETROIT LUTH. H. S.

Four years ago Doris Krist, a totally deaf girl, was confirmed and graduated from your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf.

In the fall of 1946 Doris entered the Detroit Lutheran High School. Here, in competition with all hearing students, she, by means of lip-reading only, mastered all subjects required for the college preparatory class and was graduated with honor in June of this year. Mr. Freitag, principal of the High School, complimented Doris on her scholastic record achieved in spite of the handicap of deafness.

Math was Doris' favorite subject and she most probably will continue her education with accounting in view as her life's profession. We are confident that she, with her mental capacity, her wonderful personality, and her determination to overcome her handicap, will achieve her goal.

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.

HAVE YOU SEEN Jimmy?



AN ALL Color Sound MOVIE

The World of Silence

A 16 mm color sound film depicting the home and educational activities at the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf.

In a fast moving and interesting manner this movie shows how deaf children, beginning at the age of three, are reared and educated in this modern Christian home-school — how they are taught to speak and read lips and so are given an opportunity to fit themselves into the home, social and economic life of their respective future environments.

The purpose of the film is to acquaint the public with the educational problems of the deaf child and to create interest in and gain support for the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf.

The projection time for this outstanding film is 35 min.

SEND US THE WORLD OF SILENCE

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DATE ON WHICH FILM IS DESIRED:

1st CHOICE..... 2nd CHOICE..... 3rd CHOICE.....

MAIL YOUR REQUEST TO:
6861 NEVADA AVE.
DETROIT 34, MICH.

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to Winfield where we found Dr. and Mrs. Munding's doors open to us, gave a chapel talk to the student body and showed the film to the High School department, interviewed prospective teachers and enjoyed a pleasant visit with our cousin, Professor L. Wunderlich;—next stop was Junction City and Ft. Riley, Kansas, where we visited our son, Captain J. J. Klein; and finally back to Detroit and the daily routine. In between we did a little fishing and visiting with friends and relatives.—Not a very restful vacation, but an enjoyable one.

Our "Carryall" took Mr. W. Bellhorn and the writer of these lines together with an exhibit of your Institute to Synod's convention in Milwaukee. We hope that many visitors and delegates saw our display.—Enjoyed the hospitality of the R. Eggebrecht's while in Milwaukee.

Your Institute was happy to be host to the English District Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention and the 1925 Class of River Forest graduates.

The anonymous friend of our deaf children again sent us a fifty dollar offering from Lansing, Michigan. We do not know this generous giver, but the Savior knows him and He will surely reward him bountifully. We can only say "THANK YOU" to our good friend and wish him or her God's richest blessings.

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

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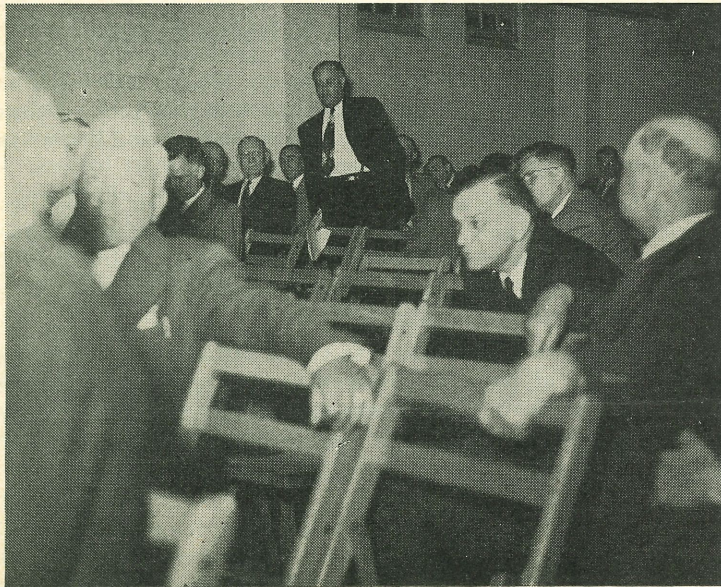
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The Detroit Area Softball championship games were played at our Institute's Annual Festival. The captain of St. John's Lutheran School of Waltz, Mich., accepts the championship trophy from Mr. Ruth of the Lutheran High School



The Balloon Ascension this year established a new record. The winning balloon card was returned from Hartfield, Va. (See story on page 3)



Rev. Enno Claus, of Peace Lutheran Church which is one of our Institute's staunch supporters, offering a resolution at the annual meeting.

Balloon Race Record Established

On June 11, at the Annual Festival, northwesterly winds did their part in establishing the new distance record of 485 miles for one of our balloons. The day was cool and bright and it was wonderful to behold thousands of balloons bearing the cards attached by our supporters soaring up and across the heavenly skies. And then during the hot quiet days of July and August the cards from these balloons came back to us sent by their finders. On a master map the balloons direction of flight and locations of landing were marked. The first cards came from towns in southern Ontario such as Ruthven, Leamington, Staples, Tecumseh, Blytheswood and Woodslee. The next group of cards came from Ohio. Thirty-five cards were returned from Cleveland, Lakewood, Alliance, Avon Lake, Akron, Suffield, Parma, Rocky River, and Homeverton.

Some of the balloons soared on into Pa., from were the following towns returned cards: Adah, Aliquippa, Claysville and Isabella. Morgantown and Terra Alta, W. Va., also sent balloon cards back.

But some of the balloons were carried on and on, and three in particular finally came to rest in the State of Va. There cards of these three came from Aylor, Hartfield and Luray. The card from Hartfield, Va., was pronounced the winner by the judges. Macey White found this card on June 12 one day after the festival. This particular balloon traveled the distance of approximately 485 miles in one day, truly a very fast flight for a small toy balloon.

The card which was returned by Macey White bore the name of one of our youngsters, Estelle Provow. It was purchased by Ellen Fletcher of Peace Lutheran Church.

In appreciation for having cooperated with us in this unique and interesting publicity stunt, we will send these friends tokens awards.

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earth while they themselves are already enjoying heavenly bliss.— We pray, "Oh, Lord, for the furtherance of Thy Kingdom and the winning of sin-lost souls, give us more faithful stewards, yes, give us more Linda Ritters of whom it may truly be said, 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.' We ask this in Jesus name. Amen."

I lean on the Bible

It is commonly known that Helen Keller was born deaf and blind. The story of her struggle for an education and a chance for living is the story of a courage that must have had an unflinching source.

Here, in a statement from Helen Keller, is the answer to her achievements and the secret of her source of courage.

"In the Bible I find confidence mightier than the utmost evil. Also it has a vision which anticipates and passes beyond depth on depth of good as revealed by events. I lean on the Bible as a courage-renewing parable that embraces all the catastrophes and upward trends of history. It is dynamic with an unflinching idealism which, if we follow it simply,

will give momentum to match our souls' greatness with God's Trust in us and our dominion over earth's destiny."

School-opening Date

The 78th school term of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf will begin Tuesday, September 5th. All children coming from great distances should arrive on that day or earlier. All pupils coming from Detroit and nearby points should arrive on Wednesday, September 6.

We again ask that the parents have their children's full names on names tapes sewed on each garment, including handkerchiefs, hose, and shoes, also that all children be vaccinated and immunized against communicable diseases and given booster shots if necessary.

J. A. KLEIN, Director

Harvest Dinner Planned for October

The Detroit Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf has announced its program of events for this fall. The meeting on September 12 will feature the annual home-coming dinner for all members. — On October 24, the Society will serve its Annual Harvest Dinner from 5:00 to 8:00 o'clock.

How fortunate are all who live in a Christian home. Truly this is a blessing to be cherished and shared.



Mrs. Erna Halboth, Chairman of the registration committee, welcoming delegates to the English District Women's Mission League convention



Rev. Henry Rische, Editor of "This Day," was the convention banquet speaker



Mrs. Robert A. Jack, president, speaking at the Mission League's banquet



Rev. Alfred E. Leja, of Philadelphia, explaining some of the regional projects to a group of League delegates



An informal gathering of a group of League delegates in the Institute's reception room

Lutheran Women's Mission League

The English District Lutheran Women's Mission League held its annual convention at your Institute in June of this year. Delegates of chapters from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and other areas of our country were represented.

Vera Loeber of Messiah Lutheran Church, president of the Detroit district of the League, and Mrs. Erna Halboth of Grace Lutheran Church, Redford, were in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Robert A. Jack, of Cleveland, Ohio, president of the national organization, conducted the convention business meetings.

Highlighting the convention was the inspiring talk of Rev. Henry Rische, Editor of the new Lutheran family magazine, "This Day," given at the banquet. Rev. Rische spoke on personal evangelism and of the soul-saving work of the mission league in bringing greater numbers of people to Christ's cross.

Our Institute's Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf and our faithful household personnel served the delicious meals for the convention.

We were happy to have been able to place our Institute's facilities at the service of this consecrated group of Christian women whose main purpose is to help build THE KINGDOM.