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Incidentally yours

Quiet reigned within our walls during the vacation months, July and August. But September, the month of renewed activities in church and school, brought back the life and noises so familiar in a family of one hundred and forty healthy youngsters and Institute personnel. What a change!

What happiness one sees when so many deaf children are reunited after the vacation period. — To them going home was a real pleasure in June, but returning to school in September meant no less enjoyment. Parents tell us that their children usually want to begin to pack their suitcases two weeks before it is time to return to school.

We again have a fine group of children. — Nineteen of them are new ones, eight girls and 11 boys. These came from the following states: **Canada, California, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Texas.**

Summer months were by no means months of leisure. Much work was done. School room floors were refinished, five teacher vacancies had to be filled, a like number of household members had to be found, a new furnace had to be installed as well as a hotwater heater, roofs had to be repaired and walls and ceilings washed, visitors had to be shown through the buildings, and there were the interviews with parents of deaf children. There was much correspondence, speaking appointments had to be kept, and meetings attended, and many group visits were arranged for the fall months, and speaking appointments made.

A letter from Alexandria, Egypt, asks that the writer's name be placed on our Advocate mailing list. — Twenty individual hearing aids were bought to be used for children who have residual hearing. The retail value of these is \$4,000.00. However, through special arrangements and concessions we paid considerably less for them.

The Ironrite Co. presented us with an Ironrite mangle. Members of our Macomb Ladies' Aid also deserve thanks for this gift. — The Detroit Aid presented us with a new stainless-steel sink, a refrigerator, and two Bar-B-Q grills. Many thanks, dear ladies.

An interesting letter from Dr. A. Zeile, President of the Michigan
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R. to L. Director J. A. Klein welcoming Rev. Paul Rafaj, Olyphant, Pa., President of the Slovak Lutheran Synod.

SLOVAK SYNOD MEETS HERE

The 34th Convention of the Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church was held at our Institute from August 14 to 21.

Members of the First Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church of Detroit (the Rev. Andrew Daniel, D.D., Pastor) acted as hosts to the more than one hundred pastors, delegates, and guests who came from far and near to participate in this group's regular biennial meeting.

The opening worship service on Wednesday was held in the chapel. The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated. The sermon was spoken by the Rev. John Daniel of Streator, Illinois.

All business sessions were conducted by the Rev. Paul Rafaj, President, of Dickson City, Pennsylvania, who, together with most officers, received a vote of confidence from the body by being re-elected.

One of the chief items of business was "The Common Confession" — submitted for study by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. The presentation was made and discussions were led by the Rev. J. S. Bradac, D.D., of Whiting, Indiana. After careful consideration, a resolution was unanimously adopted approving this document as "sufficient basis for further negotiations with other Lutheran bodies toward the attainment of true unity of doctrine and practice."

Two festival services were held on Sunday morning. Envelope offerings at these services were devoted to the cause of the Institute. Following these services a fellowship dinner was served to Convention guests and congregation members. An informal outdoor program in the grove completed the day's program.

When the Convention adjourned and members of our sister Slovak Synod returned to their homes, we are certain that many new friends for our Institute were made as the result of the week spent here.

— REV. THEO. DANIEL

PUPIL REPLACEMENT

Every school has its pupil-grade-placement problems and ours is no exception. We are hoping that the plan as outlined below will solve at least some of our grading problems in a way which will be beneficial to all concerned.

The classes are now divided into four departments — Pre-Primary, Primary, Intermediate and Advanced. Each department consists of three classes or grades. A class might even consist of all "slow" or all "above average" pupils. Minimum requirements are set up for each department. These must be reached before any child can advance to the next department. The above-average child is given opportunity to progress more rapidly. This, of course, means much individual attention on the teacher's part. However, with small classes we feel that it can be done.

Reading and language are the foundation upon which a deaf child builds his education. Without this solid foundation laid in the early years of the child's school life, the walls of his education cannot be built. Proceeding upon this basis, reading-readiness and reading-achievement tests plus language tests were given to all classes except the pre-primary grades. These tests were analyzed and the pupils classified, first according to department and then grade within the department. Of the entire group tested, twelve were reclassified, eight advanced beyond the normal year and four were regrouped.

In another year there should be no reclassifying in the intermediate and advanced departments and very little in the primary group. The pre-primary will continue to remain quite fluid — pupils moving around within the department until properly placed according to their abilities.

NORTH CAROLINA EX G. I. WINS BALLOON RACE

The winner of our annual balloon race for 1951 is Mr. William L. Shaw of Route #2, Box 90, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. Mr. Shaw is a twenty-nine year old ex-Air Force service man of World War II and now a carpenter by trade. He is still single and has besides his parents a brother and a sister.

Roanoke Rapids, a city of 18,000, is located approximately 630 miles from Detroit. It is noted primarily for its textile industries, having four large textile mills in operation as well as a paper mill.

The card which Mr. Shaw found was released in behalf of Nancy Pfannes of Auburn, Mich. It was sponsored by Mr. Chas Schwandt of Gross Pointe Woods, Mich., and sold by Mr. Ewald Finner of Detroit. While walking in the rural section of his town two days after its release, Mr. Shaw saw the red balloon and card hanging from a small oak tree. When Mr. Shaw returned the card to us he did not realize that he was our 1951 winner.

PRESENTING OUR FIVE NEW TEACHERS

We are proud to introduce our new teachers to our many friends and may we take this opportunity to extend them a warm welcome into our faculty. The Institute family is very happy to have secured this promising group of individuals, one of whom is rich in experience, the others are newly entering into their chosen profession this year.



Mrs. Dymphles Nutt

Back with us again to teach our Kindergarten class is Mrs. Dymphles Cooper Nutt, a former teacher of our school. Mrs. Nutt has returned this year after teaching at the Michigan School for the Deaf in Flint, Michigan. She received her training in Special Education at that school and has had additional training in Special Education at Milwaukee State Teachers' College, the University of Chicago and National Kindergarten College, Evanston, Illinois. She lives with her husband and two daughters in Pleasant Ridge, Michigan.

Mrs. Marjorie Kuehn Neubacher comes to us from Royal Oak, Michigan. She is launching her teaching career with our Prep B class in the Pre-Primary department. Mrs. Neubacher received her training in Special Education last year at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf at Pittsburgh, Penna. after three years at Valparaiso University. She was married last June to Robert Neubacher, also a graduate of Valparaiso. She lives at our school because her husband had to enter the army.



Mrs. Marjorie Neubacher

Mrs. Margaret Anderson is a native of Detroit. She, too, is beginning her first year of teaching, serving our Intermediate C class. She, a graduate of Wayne University, received her degree last June. Mrs. Anderson received her Special Education at this University and her practice teaching at the Detroit Day School for the Deaf. She lives with her four-year-old daughter, Cynthia.



Mrs. Margaret Anderson

Mrs. Dolores Overmyer, another native of Royal Oak, Michigan, also is starting her first year and is serving one of our Primary B classes. She is a graduate of Michigan State Normal College in Ypsilanti where she received her degree last June. Mrs. Overmyer



Mrs. Dolores Overmyer



Mrs. Constance Keppen



The scene depicted here is typical every September when parents from near and far bring their little deaf children to us for an education and Christian rearing. Here we see Mr. Wm. Parker and son arriving from Whittier, California with Mrs. Palmer, an aunt, to enroll three-year-old Billy in our school.—To send a young deaf child many hundreds of miles away from home to a special school truly demands a real sacrifice from both parents and children.

majoring in Special Education and had her practice teaching in the Rachham School of Special Education. She is living with her husband in Royal Oak.

Another of the ladies taking her first step in the teaching field is Mrs. Constance Church Keppen. She, like Mrs. Overmyer, is beginning her work with another of our Primary B classes. Mrs. Keppen is also a graduate of Michigan State Normal College where she majored in Special Education and also received her training in the Rachham School of Special Education. She, too, received her degree last June. She is residing with her husband in Detroit.

Our entire staff joins with us in wishing these teachers, who have dedicated themselves to this very special task of teaching deaf children, every possible success and God's richest blessings in their chosen work.

"The World of Silence,"

our all-color-sound film, still arouses interest in the work of our Institute as can be seen from the following letter of September 11, 1951.

Dear Mr. Klein,

Never in my experience as a Pastor's wife have I witnessed a film of such outstanding quality, produced by one of our Church Institutions. That may seem a very strong statement, but I'm willing to back it up with the enthusiasm and deep appreciation the women of our Grace Guild manifested at the end of the showing.

Thank you for your fine cooperation, and if I may tell you once again how touched we were it's only because the film is a truly excellent one.

Thank you. Mrs. C. M. W.

The
WORLD OF SILENCE
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is still available

Parents of Deaf Children

The January, 1951, issue of the AMERICAN ANNALS OF THE DEAF, a handbook on the education of the deaf, contains information on the following subjects:

- Residential Schools for the Deaf
- Public Day Schools for the Deaf
- Denominational Schools for the Deaf
- Private Schools for the Deaf
- Preschool Classes for the Deaf
- Vocational Education
- Rehabilitation
- Personnel in State Departments of Special Education
- Ministers and Priests for the Deaf
- Social Welfare
- Hearing Aids Approved by The American Medical Association
- Medical School Personnel in Hearing Problems
- Summer Camps
- Publications
- Speech and Hearing Clinics
- State Departments of Education Hearing Clinics
- State Department of Health Hearing Programs
- Parent Education
- Organizations of and for the Deaf
- Films on the Education of the Deaf

The January issue sells for \$2.00.

A yearly subscription for the five regular issues may be obtained for \$3.00. Address all communications to the American Annals of the Deaf, Gallaudet College, Washington 2, D. C.



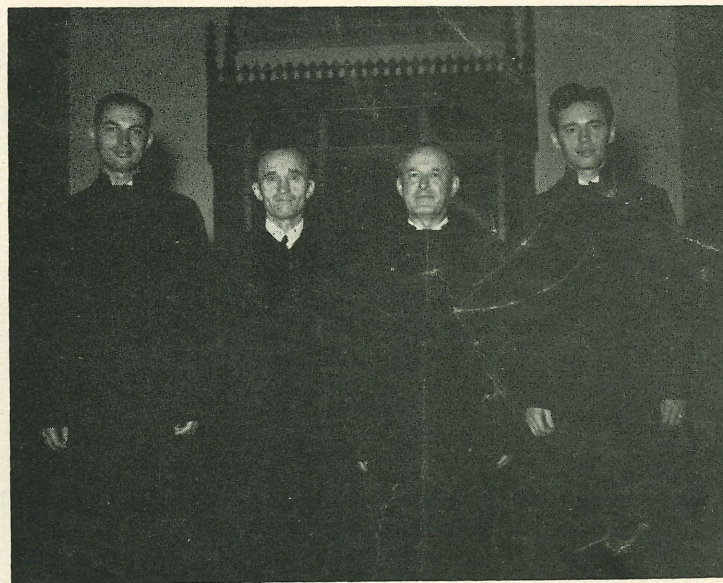
L. to R. Host and hostess of the Slovak Lutheran Synod Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Daniel, Rev. J. G. Majoros, Sharon, Pa., Rev. John Bajus, Chicago, and Mrs. Michael Estok, Hazelton, Pa.



Top L. to R. Mission Board. Rev. Bohuslav D. Tuhy, Newark, N. J., Rev. Michael Estok, Hazelton, Pa., Rev. Joseph Kucharik, Garfield, N. J. and Mr. Andrew Duda, Jr., Slavia, Florida.



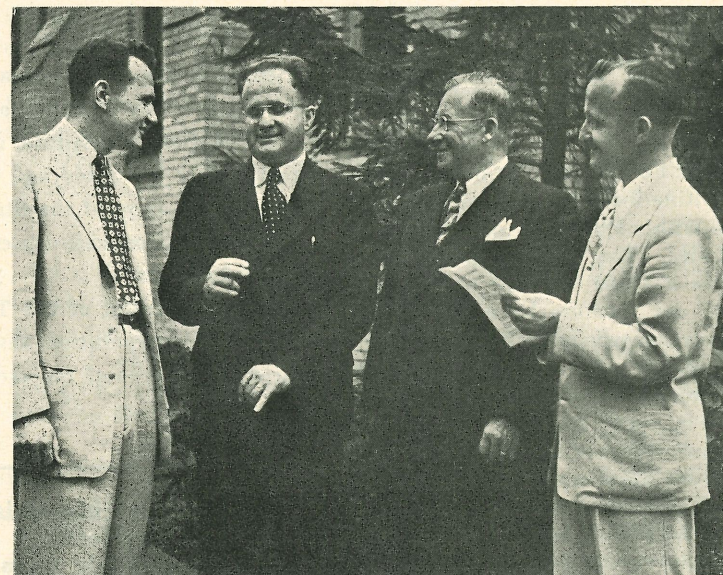
Extreme left. Rev. Stephen D. Kostelny, missionary from Chaco, Argentina and his wife with convention visitors.



The Rev. Dr. Andrew Daniel of Detroit and his brother Rev. John of Streator, Ill., flanked by pastors Theo. A. of Minneapolis and Thomas A. of Lorain, Ohio, sons of Dr. Andrew Daniel.



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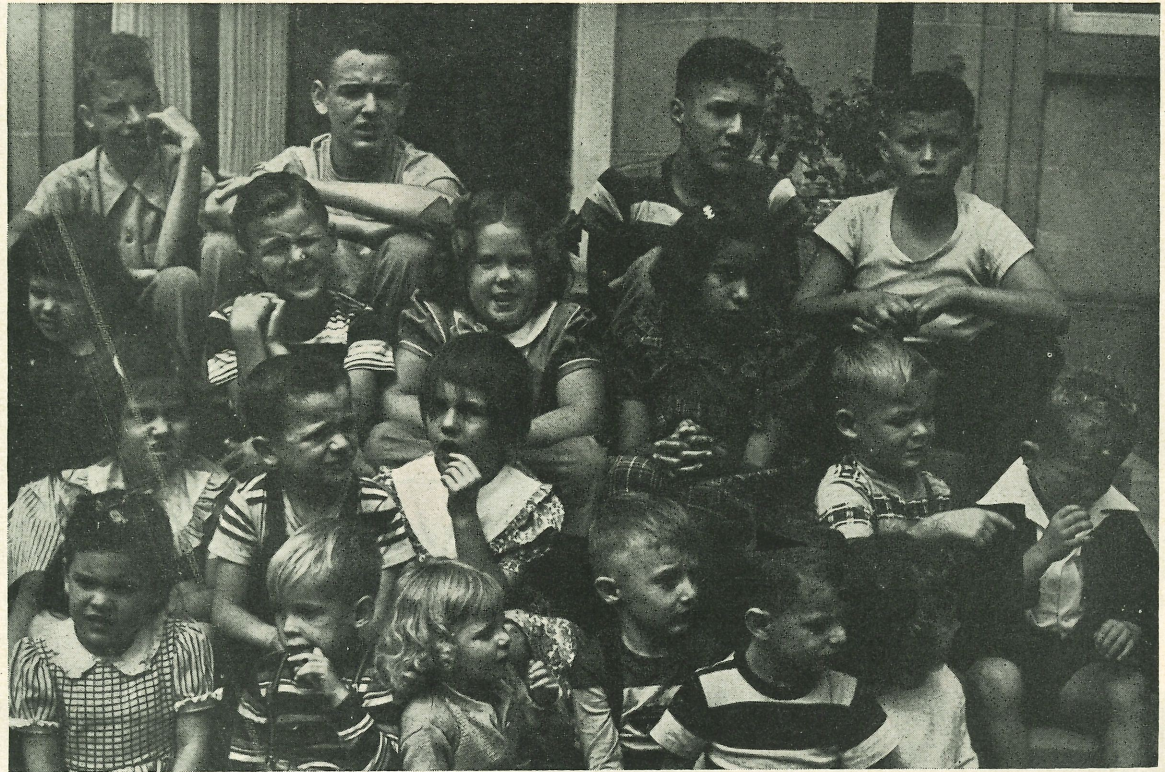
As again we bring you the most recent list of departed friends and readers of our Advocate, we do so with mixed emotions. Death always causes physical grief and sadness. However, for Christians who say with Paul, "For I have a desire to depart and be with Christ which is far better," it brings spiritual gladness. To them it opens the door to eternal bliss. Therefore, we rejoice and await a happy reunion in heaven.

Mrs. Otto Wirtz, Lodi, Mrs. Somer, Santa Cruz, California; Mrs. Theo. Engel, Chicago, Hy. J. Hiller, San Jose, Illinois; Mrs. Emma Kurth, Gary, Indiana; The Rev. Julius Nickel, P. em., Winfield, Kansas; Edwin Mueller, Bay City, Mrs. Amelia Veazie, Coldwater, Hanna Bodinus, Peter Eisenbach, Al. Hannush, Mrs. Ferdinand Korneffel, Mrs. E. Kraepel, Mr. Kubbe, Walter Maul, Arthur Schroeder, Louis C. Schulze, Michael Starenko, Detroit, George Geyer, Arnold Hetzner, Geo. J. Keinath, Frankenmuth, Mrs. Henry Maul, Grosse Pointe Park, John E. Luscher, Marshall, Mrs. C. Wiess, Melvindale, Leonard Keinath, Millington, Gilbert Pfeiffer, Saginaw, Mrs. Leo Fox, St. John's, Arthur Berk, St. Joseph, Arnold Binder, Sebewaing, John F. Fahning, South Haven, Charles Moeller, Tawas City, Mrs. John Kramer, Unionville, Julius Blank, Walter Stenke, Utica, Michigan; Albert Fricke, Cleveland, Carl F. Bostelman, New Bavaria, Ohio; Frederick Kroening, Mrs. Hannah Semmann, Milwaukee, Henry Kramer, Wausau, Wisconsin.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth."
Revelation 13:14.

Incidentally yours cont.

District, states the following: "Must forward this weighty note to you at once.—Happy to know that our "Thankful Giver" still is with us. May the Lord richly reward him or her. To me the handwriting looks like that of a woman.—With Fraternal greetings, A. Zeile." The contents of the letter was a \$50.00 bill sent to Dr. Zeile for our Institute by a person who lives somewhere in Michigan. This is one of more such gifts which we were privileged to receive in previous years. Whether the person is man or woman we do not know nor do we know where he or she lives. What we do know is that the Lord knows him or her and that He will surely reward beyond measure for the wonderful way in which this person extends a helping hand to lead deaf children to Christ.



These nineteen new children coming from Canada, California, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, No. Dakota, Pennsylvania constitute a near-record enrollment of beginners.

Teacher Reunion Here

A Guest Writes:

A week ago we were in Detroit. We were guests of your School for the Deaf. It was a most unusually pleasant experience that the Class of 1911 was privileged to enjoy. Just the fact that we could be quartered at your School added immeasurably to the success of the reunion.

As one of the Class, let me take this opportunity to say Thank You. We cost you added work, but I'll assure you that the good will you have created will bear fruit.

FORM OF BEQUEST TO

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 sufficient discharge of my executor for same.

Our beautiful Memorial Wreath folders are always available upon request, free and post-paid.

A Mother Writes:

Dear Mr. Klein,

Paul had a good summer. He came through his operation in top shape, and was very busy with his little friends in the neighborhood. It always does me good to see him play well with the hearing children. I suppose as he gets older it will be more difficult for him, perhaps not, though.

We were so pleased with him. His habits and attitudes have improved amazingly, and he learned more academically than in the two preceding years in the other school put together. He had some tests at Northwestern again this summer. Dr. Myklebust said Paul still displayed some anxiety, however, he was quite pleased with his progress, and felt that we were on the right track for the first time.

I met Miss Stack the day I took Paul out to Northwestern. She was present when he took his tests. I liked her very much.

Paul seemed quite interested in your letter this summer. I think he was beginning to miss the school by that time. He was very glad to get back, I noticed, and certainly had no tears to shed when I left.

We send our best wishes to you and your staff.

Sincerely yours,

OUR FORTHCOMING ANNUAL APPEAL SOLICITS YOUR SYMPATHETIC AND GENEROUS RESPONSE.

Another Mother Writes:

We are very much pleased with the progress Judy made last year and many friends and neighbors have commented on the fact that she talks so well. Judy was very much surprised and delighted to find that her twenty-month old nephew can understand her and that she can read his lips, and they have had a wonderful time this summer. He wakes in the morning and starts calling for Judy.

We hope Judy will do as well in school this year as she did last.

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