

## Incidentally yours

Swish, swish, swish, so the months of September, October and November have gone by. And now we are in December and the blessed Christmas festival is at our doors. May it be a truly MERRY CHRISTMAS to all our readers.

For our pupils and their parents the Christmas season will be a very happy and enjoyable one because for many of them it will be the first reunion since September. For some of us who have loved ones in the Korean war area the Christmas joy will be intermingled with sadness.

The autumn months were full of activities. There were trips to the orchards of Messrs. Knudsen, Good, Schroeder and Beversdorf for bushels and bushels of those delicious apples and pears — paper collection campaigns the proceeds of which help to finance our athletic program — gym-work and swimming for boys and girls from the 3rd grade up—football for the boys and now basketball.

Busloads of Ladies' Aid visitors came from Kendallville, and Goeglein, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Lansing, Unionville, Hillsdale, and Royal Oak, Michigan, Hamler and Malinta, Ohio. We and our Ladies' Aid representatives are always happy to welcome these fine groups of women. And conducting them through our buildings and classrooms so to acquaint them with the work they are so generously supporting is a real pleasure. We hope they all enjoyed the dinners we served them.

Demonstrations with children and talks on our Institute's work were given at the Grosse Pointe Woods Women's Association, the Women's Missionary League, Flatrock, Ohio, a circuit meeting at Marshall, Michigan, Sherman Park Bible Class, Milwaukee, Wis., and Gloria Dei Woman's Club, Detroit.

Our own very active Ladies' Aid beautified and furnished a lounging room in the basement, bought two Bar-B-Q grills for the picnic grove, held an "open house" for the entire Institute staff, gave our children a so-called homecoming chicken-dinner and supplied new furniture for our big boys' living room.

While on our way to Flatrock, Ohio, we stopped in Napoleon to visit a dear friend of our Institute, the ever cheerful Grandma Choche, whom

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## A BLESSED YULETIDE SEASON TO YOU, OUR FRIENDS



### Children's Annual Christmas Program

The children and staff again extend to their parents and friends of our Institute a hearty invitation to their 1951 Christmas program. It will be presented to the public at your Institute on the afternoon of December 19th at 2 P. M. We sincerely wish that as many of our friends as possible will be able to enjoy this program and be guests at the annual Christmas tea given by our Ladies' Aid which also provides gifts for our children.

The pupils and teachers are busily planning and preparing the program which with its colorful costumes is always greatly enjoyed by all who come to see and hear our deaf children publicly and joyfully proclaim the birth of Jesus their Savior.

### Christ In Christmas

As we again approach the blessed Christmas season when the birthday of our Savior and King is celebrated throughout the Christian world, we at our school, too, are active in the preparation of a program which will fittingly celebrate our Savior's birthday. For those of our pupils who are enrolled in the Pre-primary Department this year, it is a new experience — practicing the Christmas program, identifying in pictures the baby Jesus, the manger, Mary and the angels, learning to speak the words, "I love Jesus," etc. To have a part in the program, gives these little tots a great thrill. For those who have been with us longer, Christmas is always the season of highest joy because it affords them the opportunity again to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

"Establishing Christ in Christmas" in its broader sense means bringing to these children in our charge their heavenly birthright — Salvation —. Christ was born for them to save them from their sins and they were born for Christ, to be with Him and to glorify Him before His Father in Heaven.

Christian education, always on a high level, seems to reach its peak in children during the Christmas season, and our pupils are no exception. The colored lights, the preparation for the program and all that goes with Christmas makes a deep impression upon all children. And when these are properly interpreted then even the little tots can experience the true Christmas Spirit.

## THE DEAF'S SOLILOQUY

By JAMES MONTGOMERY

To me, while neither voice nor sound from earth or air may come,  
Deaf to the world that brawls around, that world to me is dumb.  
Yet well the quick and conscious eye assists the slow, dull ear;  
Sight can the signs of thought supply and with a look I hear.  
The songs of birds, the water's fall, sweet tones and grating jars,  
Hail, tempest, wind and thunder — all are silent as the stars;  
The stars that on their tranquil way, in language without speech,  
The glory of the Lord display, and to all nations preach.  
Now, though one outward sense is sealed, the kind, remaining four,  
To teach me useful knowledge, yield their earnest aid the more.  
Yet hath my soul an inward ear, through which its powers rejoice:  
Speak, Lord, and let me love to hear Thy Spirit's still, small voice.  
So when the archangel from the ground shall summon great and small,  
The ear, now deaf, shall hear the sound, and answer to the call.

—Iowa Hawkeye

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we found confined to a hospital bed with a double fracture of the hip.

Our friend, Mr. Wm. A. Knoll, annually surprises us with a cigar-box-full of coins which he accumulates during the year for our Institute. This year the box was heavier than ever. Two years ago it contained \$36.75 and last year \$36.75. But this year it contained the magnificent sum of \$50.80. We recommend this unique way of laying aside a mite for our less fortunate brethren.

Another friend of our deaf children, Mr. J. W., sent us \$100.00 as a thankoffering for his good wife's recovery from a serious operation. The money is to be used to purchase a good microscope for our science classes. — May God bless both the gifts and the givers. —

On October 8 all our children's eyes were examined by Doctors Robert Sobieski, R. T. Hugo, C. W. Johannes, H. R. Hecox, J. A. Park, M. Guinta, J. V. Dueueke, Mrs. Charlotte Bunte and Mrs. Marjorie Orthner. This is an annual affair and is done gratuitously by the good doctors. Other doctors who have been serving our children without charge are Dr. W. Huegli, Dr. Charles Sharer, Dr. E. F. Dittmer, Dr. Lester Kreis, Chiroprapist, Dr. Alice Palmer, Skin Specialist, and Dr. Hy. Ulbrich, X-ray Specialist. For all the valuable services these people have rendered our children we are most grateful.

The children's Hallowe'en party, as always, was a huge success. Originality really is demonstrated at such parties.

The Nielsen Brothers and their helpers again brought us the ingathering of fruits, vegetables, potatoes and canned fruit from the Thumb District congregations. It required two large semi-trailers to haul this produce. Among the gifts

there were 4,240 quarts of fruits, vegetables and jellies. — Cases of eggs were received from Mr. and Mrs. George Scheiderer of Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Ries of Washington, Mich. — For all these blessings we are indeed most grateful to the donors, to the Giver of All Good Gifts, and of course also to the Nielsen brothers and their helpers.

Our Garden Club sponsored by the Detroit Dept. of Parks and Boulevards received a special award from the Twentieth Century Club. The children chose to accept the award in the form of evergreen hedge plants for 200 feet of hedges along our driveway. Mr. Chas. Schad was in charge of our Garden as well as our Junior Forester Club.

Recent visitors from foreign lands were Dr. Heinrich Dietz from Nurnberg, Germany, and Miss Angeliqua W. Cillie, a teacher of a school for the deaf in Worcester, C. P., South Africa. Among other things Miss Cillie wrote, "You really have a very beautiful campus and school. — I did enjoy seeing that movie of your school. You did a fine piece of work there. I saw a great many things I am going to take back to my school in South Africa." —

The equipping of our boys' hobby room or shop has begun. So far we have a vibrator saw, a power jig saw, and a wood lathe. The latter is the gift of the Southeast Exchange Club. The several pieces we have are Craftsman Power Tools sold by Sears, Roebuck. We hope that we may receive more such tools from time to time so that eventually our shop will be fully equipped.

Through the generosity of Mr. W. H. Pessefall, who supplied us with free tickets, our older girls and boys were permitted to enjoy seeing the Boys Town and Central Catholic football game at Briggs Stadium.



† Rev. E. C. Fackler †  
1879-1951

## IN MEMORIAM

Our beloved Lutheran Institute for the Deaf lost one of its staunch friends and leaders on Saturday, October 13, 1951, when the great Shepherd of the Church translated His servant of 72 years, Pastor E. C. Fackler, into His Church Triumphant.

Pastor Fackler, ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ, rendered historical service in a host of important capacities to Detroit Lutheranism as well as to the Church Universal throughout his fruitful pastorate of forty-one years at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. But all the friends of our Lutheran School for the Deaf will hold him in grateful remembrance especially because of his untiring love and prayerful concern for the handicapped deaf child.

Pastor Fackler served most faithfully for twenty-five consecutive years as president of the Association of supporting congregations of our Institute and especially also as chairman of its Board of Directors. A framed scroll which acknowledges this outstanding service fittingly adorns the wall of the main corridor in our educational building.

May the Heavenly Father comfort the bereaved with the assurance of a blessed reunion in heaven and give them the abiding knowledge that He does all things well.

Rev. H. R. Wacker

## Graduates Compete

Three out of nine of our last year's graduates are attending High Schools for hearing students. They are Marlene Schulz of Royal Oak, Mich., Grace Meilander of Ohio, and Gaye Haigler of Birmingham, Ala. Five others are in State High Schools for deaf students.

## "The World of Silence"

Our all-color-sound film, prompted following letter of Oct. 10, 1951:

Dear Friends in Christ,

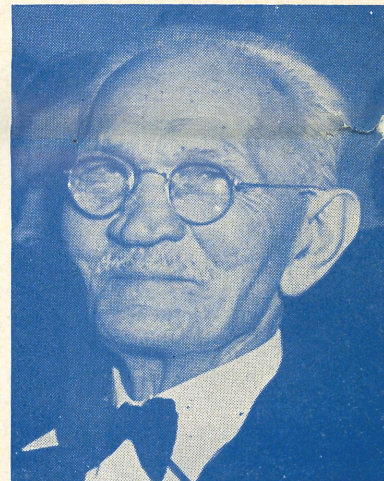
About two weeks ago we were fortunate in securing your film "The World of Silence." Our children were very much impressed by the cheerfulness shown by the handicapped children under your care. They admired the willingness to learn, the contentment with their lot, and the industry these children showed. They also admired the patience with which the instructors carried out their duty of love.

In appreciation and thankfulness to God for their good health and in sympathy for the less fortunate children our school decided to bring a mission offering of gratitude. You will find this enclosed in the form of a check in the amount of \$46.00.

Wishing you the Lord's blessing, we remain,

The children and faculty of  
Zion's Lutheran School,

ARNOLD J. LOBER, Prin.



† Grandpa Koester †  
Life-long Friend Of Our Institute  
Was Called Home At The Age of 86.  
Blessed are the dead that die in  
the Lord.

## To Our Readers

Before this issue of the Advocate came into your home you received our annual letter telling you of your Institute's financial needs. Inflation has reduced the value of our money to an extent where many more dollars are required to maintain this Christian School for deaf children. We hope, therefore, that you will find it possible, either now or later, to heed our appeal and so lend a helping hand in this difficult and costly mission endeavor.

## Mental Hygiene Conference

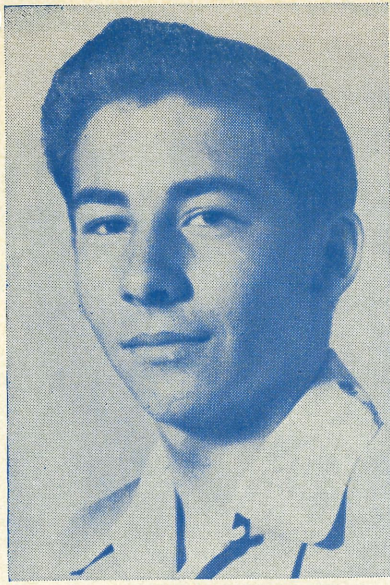
The theme of the Fifteenth Annual Conference of the Michigan Society for Mental Hygiene was "Toward Social Maturity," and its aim was to create a better understanding of factors involved in developing social maturity as it relates to individuals and groups. The Wayne County Training School is celebrating its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary this year and presentations on the last two days of the Conference emphasized the excellent work being done at that institution in the rehabilitation of intellectually and emotionally handicapped children. Commendatory expressions for Dr. Robert Haskell, Medical Supt. of the School, came from many leaders in the field of Mental Hygiene. He is working to make the school a wonderful example of what can be done with handicapped children.

Among the many excellent speakers was Dr. Alfred Strauss, President of the Cove Schools. His subject was the Brain-Injured Child, always interesting to teachers of the deaf since they find disturbances in perception, in language, and in emotional behavior among many deaf children. In regard to perception, the normal person perceives the whole and not the parts. A brain-injured child may be taken up with meaningless detail and finds it difficult to see the whole. In learning number symbols he may see only the curve at the bottom of the number three and confuse it with five which has a similar curve. Further remarks by Dr. Strauss on educational procedures to use with such children were helpful.

Another speaker whose splendid work with the mentally retarded has been followed with interest by teachers of the deaf was Dr. Samuel Kirk, Professor at the University of Illinois. He spoke on a new experiment being conducted under his guidance in the state of Illinois. Its purpose is to find the results of maximum educational opportunities on the young retarded child in social and mental development. We shall look forward with great interest to the results of this experiment which will not be concluded for several years.

—MISS EMILY BORN

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



**Alumnus Kenneth Carter Wins Arts Award**

Once again it is our pleasure to announce an outstanding fete gained by one of our products. Kenneth Carter, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carter of Royal Oak, Michigan, a graduate of our school with the class of '50 and now a 10th grade student at the Michigan School for the Deaf at Flint, recently was awarded 3rd prize in his classification of the 1951 Industrial Arts Awards sponsored by the Ford Motor Company.

Kenneth received his \$50.00 award for an Off-Set Tailstock Center in the Machine work classification of the Machine Shop Group.

## Out Of The Classroom

The Fourth Grade classroom has become a Blackfoot Indian village! The children are studying Indian life and during this time have become imaginary Indians. Each child has adopted an Indian name and is known by it in the classroom. Too, each child made a headband which he wears during school hours.

The enthusiasm and diligence of the children has been remarkable. They want to spend all day making Indian things! So far they have constructed out of paper an Indian village replete with tepees, canoes and Indians. Now they are in the process of making items for an Indian museum such as a tepee, Indian clothing, pueblo, necklaces, tom-toms, bows and arrows, tomahawks, etc.

Eventually, by putting on a short program and by displaying the things they made, they hope to show the other children in school what they have learned about Indians, and their mode of life.

## A Grateful Father Writes

*Dear Daughter,*

*Thought I would write you a few lines to let you know that I am still thinking of you and to tell you I am looking forward to your coming home in just a little over a month from now, I will be so glad to have you home again with us and then we can all four plan our future together. But I will never forget those wonderful people there at the school and all the others that are contributing to the school because they are such fine Christian people.*

*I want to tell you something that I hope will make you happy. I have started taking instructions to become a member of the Lutheran Church. Then we can all belong to the same Church. After what the school has done for you and what Pastor Reuter has done for us especially when you were so sick and after hearing the Lutheran Doctrine preached for these past few years, I know that that is the Church of which I want to become a member. I hope this will make you happy. Daddy is trying to live a Christian life and I know that, with mother, your and Linda's help the four of us working together, we can all live Christian lives. I believe I have the finest little family any where.*

*Mother and I are looking for a lot so that we might build a new home in the very near future. Then we can really plan for our future both spiritually and earthly. I know you will do your part, so will Linda and mother. I will do my best to make all of you happy and proud of me.*

*Love, Dad*

## New Hearing Aids

Twenty of our pupils are the proud wearers of new Maico hearing aids recently purchased by the school. The aids are loaned to the pupils while in school and remain our property. These instruments built for exceptionally hard of hearing persons are of sturdy construction and adaptable to child wear. They are also equipped with special soft plastic ear pieces developed by the U. S. Navy. Mr. Troy Grady of Maico, Detroit, has arranged for a monthly inspection of these instruments.

## A Real Show

The feature of each year's Hallowe'en Party is the parade. Prizes are awarded in three classifications, namely, best dressed, most humorous and most original. The outstanding exhibit this year was presented by two boys, Gordon Goebel and Clifford Combs who allowed their keen interests in television to blossom forth as they collaborated to produce a most authentic appearing and operating model television. The picture on page four does not tell the entire story, however, since one of the boys sat inside and produced recorded music while manipulating puppets on the screen giving a real live-looking television show.

We are very proud of our pupils who show such outstanding qualities of initiative and intuition.

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Mr. Grady Inserting The Finished Earpiece Into Carl Snyder's Ear

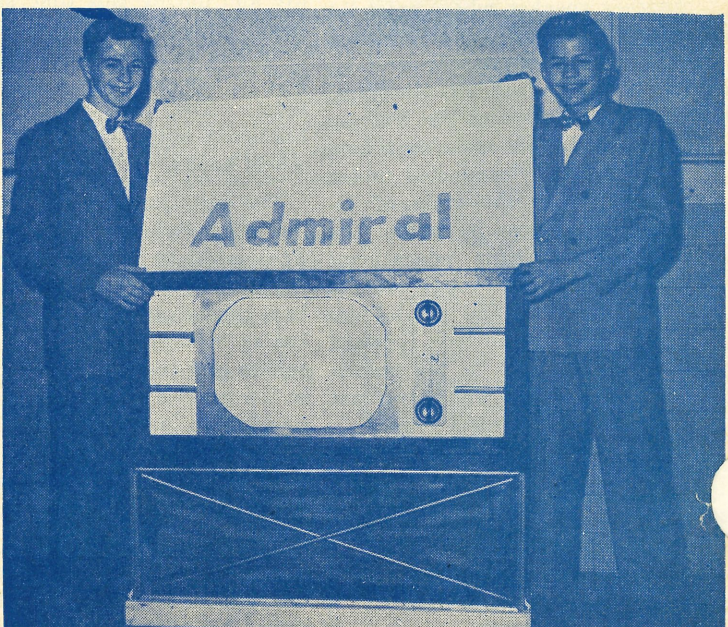


Mr. Troy Grady Taking Impression For Earmold.

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