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Incidentally yours

What a beautiful program! That was the general comment of those who were present at our deaf children's Christmas service. And it truly was a most impressive celebration of our Savior's birthday at which Pastor Geo. Krach, chairman of our school board, delivered the Christmas message.

Immediately after the service all children left to spend the holidays at home or with kind friends. They went by car, bus, train, and plane. Some flew to Tennessee, Alabama, Texas, Minnesota, Wisconsin and California. What wonderful experiences! But no matter how they travel, our children are always conscious of the fact that God's holy angels are by their side to protect them from all harm and danger. And so they never fear or fret while they travel alone.

A new pupil joined our family January 4. She is Frances Blumenstock. She and her father, Dr. David Blumenstock, California University, flew in from San Francisco. After Frances saw our nice home and happy family of children, she kissed her Daddy good-bye and, without shedding a tear, joined the rest of the pupils of her class.

Our boys enjoy their league basketball games. Having seen the Wayne-Valparaiso University game makes them want to be as good as our Valpo boys were on that occasion. And in their new basketball uniforms supplied by the North Detroit Kiwanis Club, we know that they will do their best to win games. — Both boys and girls value their Friday afternoons at the Y's where they have swimming, handicraft, and health exercises. — All are looking forward to the coming of the circus in February when they again hope to be the guests of the Grosse Pointe Lions Club. —

After that comes the week-end outing of our Boys Club under the sponsorship of the North Detroit Kiwanis Club. Seemingly there is never a dull moment for our large family of children. — The Southeast Exchange Club presented us with a \$100.00 check for Christmas for the purpose of purchasing the first machine for our boys' hobby room. As time goes on and funds are made available, we hope to fully equip the room. — Both the North Detroit Kiwanis and Exchange Clubs also gladdened our hearts with Christmas checks. — We thank our friends in Assumption, Ill., for subscriptions to Cap-

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EPHPHATHA

And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis.

And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.

And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue;

And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.

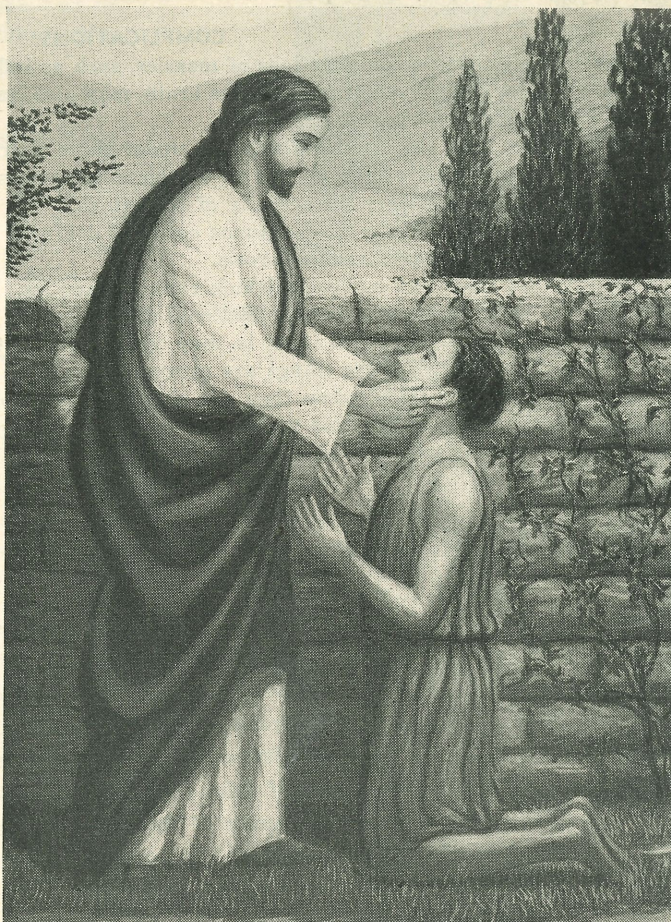
And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.

And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it;

And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

Mark 7:31-37

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WE THANK YOU

We are very grateful to all individuals, friends and organizations who so generously responded to our annual appeal titled "Lord Teach us To Pray." — It was particularly laudable to receive offerings from so many Ladies Aid Societies and Day and Sunday Schools. It is perhaps only natural and proper that the mothers and teachers 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 and comforts of homelife and their own mothers' care and love in order to receive a Christian education which hearing children can obtain so easily and without effort and sacrifice at home.

It is also very laudable and truly God-pleasing when hearing children out of grateful hearts and gratitude to God for having given them all their senses decide to lift a collection in their schools or at the occasion of their Christmas or other celebrations for the support of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf.

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 us their offerings and thus help make life just a little more pleasant for less fortunate fellow beings. For only with your generous gifts of love can your Institute continue to bring Christ to deaf children. — We sincerely thank you for your kind and generous gifts and we thank God for having made you to be our fellow-workers in this missionary endeavor.

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EARLY CARE CAN STOP DEAFNESS

By HERMAN BUNDESEN, M.D.

We are too prone to regard deafness, particularly if it occurs in early life, as inevitable and hence neglect many of the steps which might be taken to guard against it.

As a matter of fact, it is possible to make an early diagnosis of many disorders which later lead to deafness. When this is done and treatment begun at once, serious damage to the ears may often be prevented.

Even those types of deafness which are present at birth could largely be prevented since so many of them are due either to infections in the mother while the child is still in the womb, or result from the use of certain drugs during pregnancy.

NEXT STEP

Great care should be exercised in the selection of drugs given the expectant mother and she should also be protected from infections of all kinds.

The next step in the prevention of deafness comes at the age when the common diseases of childhood are rife. Scarlet fever, mumps, whooping cough and measles can all cause deafness; but today, with the modern methods of immunization and treatment, none of them should.

All youngsters should be protected against whooping cough by injections of whooping cough vaccine.

Should whooping cough occur, prompt treatment with what is known as hyper-immune serum and some of the antibiotic drugs may prevent complications that lead to ear damage. Hyper-immune serum is blood serum taken from persons who have received repeated injections of whooping cough vaccine.

MUMPS

Mumps may be responsible for total deafness by infecting either the ear or the brain.

Convalescent serum, that is, blood serum taken from a person who has recently recovered from mumps, given early in the disease, may be helpful in preventing these complications.

Of course, the child should be kept at rest in bed until the mumps subside.

COMPLICATIONS

Certain complications of measles, such as inflammation of the brain or lining membrane over the brain, may also lead to destruction of the hearing.

In a child, particularly one under three years of age, the giving of that part of the protein in the blood known as gamma globulin, may help to reduce the severity of the attack.

Perhaps the most common cause of deafness in childhood is the disorder known as otosclerosis.

This is a condition which runs in families. Severe illness, glandular disturbances and emotional disorders may be contributing causes for this condition; that is, may tend to bring it on.

Thus, if these things are prevented deafness may not develop.

Even colds, when they are long continued, may cause some loss of hearing. For this reason, if no other, colds should be treated by a doctor who will have in mind the serious complications to be avoided.

— *Detroit Times*

Deaf Linguist

Robert Ripley came up with a big one in his "Believe It or Not" cartoon. He named Gergely Antal, a deaf person of Brasov, Rumania, as a master of 21 languages. The nearest an American has come to that was in the case of John Carlin, brilliant Pennsylvanian of the early nineteenth century, who learned six languages by his own efforts.

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 ofdollars and the receipt of the Treasurer of said corporation shall be a sufficient discharge of my executor for same.

Incidentally yours cont.

pers Farmer and The Michigan Farmer. —

Recent enjoyable events were our Detroit Ladies Aid annual dinner with Pastor H. Storm of Windsor as toastmaster and Mr. G. Mennen Williams, governor of Michigan, as the speaker, and our Macomb Ladies Auxiliary annual potluck dinner at Fraser, Michigan, with Pastor E. C. Weber the speaker. —

Our Board voted to include all our employees, except the called male teachers and deaconesses, in our government's Social Security program in order that they may receive old age benefits upon their retirement. — Several offerings of money were received for our Health building Fund. As time goes on, we hope that this fund will grow so that a modest gymnasium on our campus may eventually become a reality.

The article on nursery schools for the deaf appearing in this issue of the Advocate was written by Miss Mary Stack, our expert nursery teacher. Some of her classroom work is depicted on page four.

There was a wonderful response on the part of the Greater Detroit congregations to our Pound-Day appeal. Two of the churches furnished us with pictures of their gatherings which we bring in this issue. We hope that others will also supply us with pictures in the future.

The members of our confirmation class, eight girls and one boy, are proudly wearing their graduation pins. All are diligently studying their catechism lessons in preparation for that eventful day when they will kneel before the altar to pledge allegiance to their Savior.

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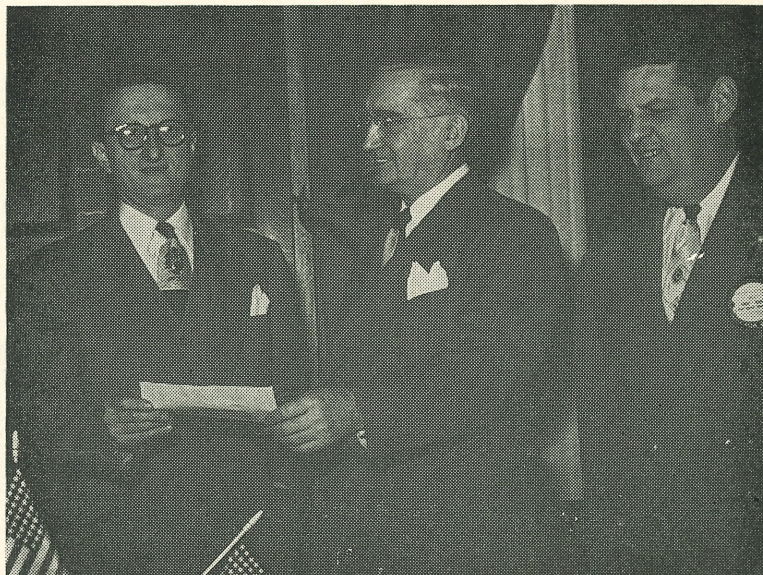
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Our Nursery School Program

During the first six months of the deafened baby's life, he cries, laughs, and babbles just as a normal hearing infant. But then, hearing no sound, he begins to grow quieter and the vocal cords that need exercise, grow steadily weaker. Unable to hear sound from birth, every stimuli to learning has been denied such children, and their parents, unknowingly, contribute to the vacuum in which these youngsters are encased by failing to know exactly how to communicate with them. Usually by the age of two, the parents take their deaf child first to the family physician and then to the otologist or to the psychologist. Strangely enough, it is usually the child's failure to develop speech rather than the deafness which is first recognized.

There are at present approximately twenty thousand children enrolled in schools for the deaf. Most of them are admitted at the age of six, at a time when the nursery problem has been passed. The reason for this is the fact that there is very little provision for the handling of little deaf children between the ages of two and six. The physician cannot dismiss the case by saying, either, that nothing can be done or that the child must ultimately be sent to a school for the deaf. There is usually a four year wait for the latter. The parents deplore this and plead that something be done about it. Here the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf is helping to solve the problem. It is one of the schools in America where toddlers as young as two are being accepted for enrollment. Such a pre-school has as its general aim social adjustment, parental education, and physical and mental development and as its specific aim speech, speech reading, and reading.

In teaching the normal child we appeal to all the senses. Because the auditory sense is impaired or because the amount of hearing is unknown in the deaf child, advantage is first taken of those senses, namely sight and touch, which are the most intellectual senses in tact. Training of the auditory sense, however, is begun at the same time the child is developing by sight and touch so that whatever hearing he may have, if any, can be developed so that it may help toward his education. Since the deaf child sees and hears with his eyes, his visual sense does a double duty. Learning to direct his eyes to look and watch, to observe similarities and differences large and small and to feel vibrations are the foundation of speech and speech reading — the ways and means of communication with his fellow man.



Officers of the Southeast Exchange Club presenting to Dir. Klein a check for the purpose of purchasing a mechanical unit for our deaf children's hobby room.



The pound day collection from Bethany Lutheran School, W. H. Matthes, principal, and O. Riess and K. Lindsay, pastors.

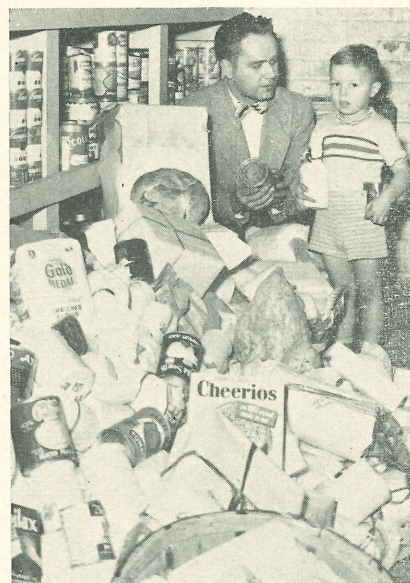
AN APOLOGY

Since we offended a number of our dear readers and friends by having, against our better judgment, used the abbreviation "Xmas" for Christmas in our Christmas greeting and in one of the headlines of our December issue of *The Deaf Child's Advocate*, we here publicly apologize to all our readers and promise never again to use the abbreviation for the name of Christ. — In all we received six letters in which the writers objected to the use of the word. There may have been others who had similar reactions. We want to assure one and all that we fully agree that, for valid reasons, the abbreviation should never be used, and we promise to be more careful in the editing of our little paper so that no one will ever again have cause to correct us in this matter.

The Managing Editor.

Our Children Thank You

Our children wish to express their heartfelt thanks to all who remembered them and their school at Christmas time with gifts, — to the various Ladies, Church, and other organizations, for their gifts of toys, clothing, groceries, fruits, candies, cookies, and gifts of money; — to service clubs such as the Kiwanis, Lions, and Exchange for the many benefits our children were privileged to receive from and through them; — to young people's organizations for their time and gifts to make Christmas a joyful and blessed one; — to all Sunday School and Christian Day School pupils of America and their teachers for having remembered the cause of their silent brothers and sisters with collections and other gifts; — to all individuals who not only remembered them in their prayers but also with offerings of money which is so vitally necessary in the operation of a school for the deaf. — To one and all we wish to say THANK YOU and A GOD BLESS YOU.



Mt. Calvary Day School and Sunday School children made this large collection possible. P. T. Luebke, principal, and L. Koehler and C. Looker, pastors.



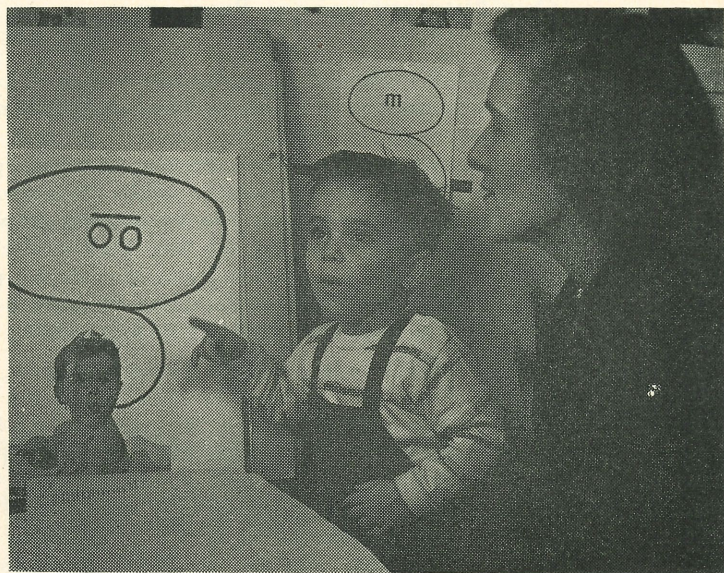
One of the aims of our nursery program is to determine the amount of residual hearing a deaf child has. Here vowel sounds are used as part of the screening program.



These children are working on a form board which develops the powers of observation.



The piano is used to develop the tactile sense and so becomes an aid for good speech.



Miss Mary Stack teaching the lip position for the production of the oo sound.



The pupils' and teacher's names and objects in the class room are some of the first reading objectives in a nursery school.



Speech reading is begun immediately with nursery children. The first words taught are the names of common objects and words and phrases which are a part of the child's immediate interest.

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