

DEAF CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE
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Incidentally yours

The blessed Easter Festival again has come and gone. But the angel's message, "He is risen" and the knowledge that, because our Savior lives, we also shall live again, remain with us to help us make this life a purposeful one. The Assurance that we shall live again in everlasting glory in the presence of our Redeemer should urge us ever more to work the works of Him that sent us while it is day: because the night cometh when no man can work.

The book "Your Deaf Child" by Helmar R. Mykelbust, Charles C. Thomas, Springfield, Ill., publisher, should be in every home of parents of deaf children.

The 1951 graduating class was confirmed on Sunday, April 15. The confirmation picture will appear in the June issue of the Advocate.

An honor system for our pupils evolved by a faculty committee and put into operation recently is beginning to prove its worth. — The student body elected Curtis Ketelsen of Stockton, Iowa, President. and Grace Meilander of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Secretary.

Our girls, under the direction of Mrs. Mildred Murray, one of our teachers, are doing exceptionally fine work in their handicraft class. Samples of their work will be on display at our annual festival, June 10.

The Misses Mary Stack and Emily Born have been asked to appear on the program of the National Convention of Instructors of the Deaf which is to be held in Fulton, Mo., next June. Miss Stack will give a demonstration with nursery children, and Miss Born will take part in a panel discussion on language teaching.

Pastor Louis Heinecke, vice-chairman of our Board, and the writer attended a meeting in Chicago held for the purpose of discussing ways and means of coordinating appeals for the support of certain benevolent and educational organizations.

College students and parents of such students, be sure to read our teacher-training proposition which appears in another article of this issue.

Recently we had group visits by Ladies' Aid societies from: Redeemer L. A., Birmingham, Mich.; Arlington L. A.; St. John's L. A., Holgate, Ohio; and Trinity L. A., Wyandotte, Mich. Parents of deaf

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Confirmation

For 78 years confirmands of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf have annually knelt at the Lord's altar and there pledged their lives to faith and service in Christ, their Savior.

What a joyful climax for Christian parents and relatives who come to be witnesses to that pledge made by a deaf member of the family. This climax was preceded by years of cross-bearing and much concern on the part of the parents for the well-being of their handicapped children. Part of that cross-bearing consisted of long months of separation from their loved ones during each school year, and especially also the financial burdens which always accompany such special care and education required for deaf children.

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Christian Education

The purpose of your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf is to give deaf children an elementary education and to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and so make of them useful citizens of this world, members of the church, and heirs of heaven. This Christian training begins the day the child enters school. The folding of hands in prayer at meals and at bed time, and the viewing of religious pictures projected on the screen in the morning chapel devotional period are the beginnings. As soon as sufficient knowledge of language is acquired, Bible Story and Catechism become daily subjects in the classroom. Upon entering the sixth grade, our children begin three years of intensive study of the Bi-

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Visualizing Lent

The eyes of the Deaf must also serve as ears. In teaching the fundamental doctrines of religion to the Deaf it is important that drawings, sketches, film strips, flannelgraphs and other types of visual aids augment the religious text books in explaining the meaning of such abstract words as God, faith, grace and repentance. The Lenten message pictured on this page was designed by Miss Emily Born, our seventh grade teacher, and placed on her class room bulletin board during the recent Lenten season.

Emphasizing prayer and meditation, it was often referred to by the class during the study of our Lord's Passion. It also served as a vivid reminder of the season of meditation and prayer to all who saw it.



Our Boys Emerge Champs Again

Our boys are wearing big smiles again. And, of course, they have a right to do so. During the winter season they participated in a basketball league of eight Detroit East Side Lutheran elementary schools. They completed the season with a perfect record of seven wins and no defeats in conference competition, thus winning the championship trophy. Several extra games were played with other Lutheran schools who were not members of the league. These were Trinity of Monroe, St. John's of Adrian and Nazareth of Detroit.

The North Detroit Kiwanis Club, which is always interested in the welfare of our boys, equipped the team with beautiful blue and gold basketball uniforms. The winning of the championship was our boys' way of saying, "Thank You!" to the Kiwanians for their very fine gift.

With the basketball season past, the boys are now preparing to win the baseball trophy. They hope to continue their splendid record as champions.

These competitive sports have a wholesome effect on our boys since they promote fair play, cooperation, tolerance and also help to bring the boys in close contact and competition with hearing groups. — We sometimes wonder which group, the hearing or the deaf, benefits more by this fine competition.

Ladies' Aid Banquet

This year's Ladies' Aid annual dinner was unique in so far that the Honorable G. Mennen Williams, Governor of the State of Michigan, was the honor guest and main speaker. Addressing his remarks to the president, Mrs. A. S. Johnson, and the assembled guests, the Governor lauded the work of the Ladies' Aid Society and the many Christians who so loyally support the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. He stated that the State of Michigan was both proud and happy to have such a fine residential school for deaf children within its boundary. After having been shown through all the buildings, the Governor commented on the general appearance, the practical appointments, and the spotless cleanliness of the Institute.—The Rev. Henry Storm of Windsor, Canada, toastmaster, enlivened the evening's program as usual with humorous and witty introductions and remarks.

The eternal reward

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. Julius Stahmer, Arlington Hts., Ernest Rateike, Berwyn, Chas. Jacob, Manito, Rev. L. O. Walper, Mokence, Mrs. Joe Zagerman, Mt. Olive, Illinois; August Dreyer, Fort Wayne, Mrs. Chas. Kottlowske, New Palestine, Indiana; Mrs. Edward Mast, Ann Arbor, Mrs. Theo. Kahlbaum, Carleton, L. M. Clark, Dearborn, Anthony Konkel, Gustave A. Musog, John Nuechterlein, Detroit, Mrs. Marie Beier, Lenox, Mrs. Barbara K. Walter, Mrs. Geo. Ohr, Monroe, Louis Diehm, Remus, E. H. Baker, St. Joseph, Bernhard Rothfuss, Sebawaing, Michigan; Albert Lieske, Arlington, Minnesota; E. Radke, St. Louis, Missouri; Mrs. John P. Schaffer, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Henry Bolland, Bishop, Texas; Ida Kuegele, Richmond, Virginia; Rev. W. Fischer, P. em., Baraboo, Prof. Em. Th. Schlueter, Madison, Fred Koch, Milwaukee, Mrs. Sophie Fett, Plymouth, Mary Schemmel, Racine, Norma Klug, Thiensville, and Roland Kramer, Watertown, Wisconsin.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth."

Revelation 13:14.

Something New

Recently the Misses Florence Krueger and Priscilla Keup, two of our teachers, organized a club for our older deaf girls and called it "The Lutheran Girls' Club." Margaret Hopf was elected president and Joyce Rosow secretary.

The purpose of the club is to acquaint our girls with proper manners and grooming as well as good health—and play habits. These objectives are to be attained by promoting various group activities, always keeping in mind the Christian viewpoint and the realization that "Favor is deceitful, beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord shall be praised."

To assist our teachers in this worthwhile endeavor, our ever-willing Macomb Ladies' Auxiliary voted the Club a gift of \$50. Our sincere thanks to our good Macomb friends for always being so thoughtful of our needs.

Parents Can Help Their Children to Learn English

A deaf child's greatest educational handicap is his lack of command of English. When they entered school, most of our students could not speak, nor did they know that thoughts could be expressed in words, either spoken or written. Slowly they were taught the names of things and actions and the language for their every-day experiences. This is a long and tedious procedure and requires not only skill and patience on the part of teacher but also a great deal of attention and application by the pupils. A good command of English is acquired through constant usage only. Under the most favorable circumstances, it is impossible to give a deaf boy or girl the amount of practice in English that his hearing brother or sister gets. It is, therefore, all the more important not to miss any of the opportunities that a deaf child has to use English.

When your deaf child is at home, speak to him and insist that he speak to you if he is able to. If you cannot understand what he says, have him write and correct any mistakes he makes. Do not accept any gestures when he is able to express his thoughts in English. You may have to help him along a little, giving him the names of some things and assisting him here and there with the structure of a sentence, but if he knows that you will accept nothing but English, he will respond and give you English. The more he uses English, the more he will think in English and gradually acquire a mastery of idiomatic English. There is nothing that will stand him in better stead and that will be of greater value to him not only in his advancement in school but also in his progress in life after he leaves school.—*The Jersey School News*

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 sufficient discharge of my executor for same.

Incidentally yours cont.

children of pre-school age from Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, and Canada also came to acquaint themselves with our school and its facilities.

Robert Anstett, a soldier in the paratroop division of the U. S. Army, sent us several contributions of money which he earned by doing K. P. duty for some of his buddies. Realizing what living a soldier's life means, we especially appreciate and value his offerings.

We hope that many of our Advocate readers will be with us on Sunday, June 10, when we will celebrate our annual festival. This year we shall feature the 250th anniversary of the founding of Detroit and the part Lutheranism has played in the history of our fair city.

We hope that a new pavilion will help to expedite the serving of the many visitors on the festival day.

Our pupils took part in the annual spelling bee from which Mary Lou La Ford emerged as school champion by correctly spelling the word "atmosphere." Margaret Hopf of Clifford, Canada, was the runner-up.

Recently Mr. Werner Knack and the writer attended the Cleveland Lutheran Charities Campaign committee meeting. We came away feeling that our Cleveland Brethren have the proper approach to a United Charity Fund Raising campaign.

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

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Detroit Celebrates Scholarships Available

A Lutheran mass celebration will be held on Sunday afternoon, June 10, at the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in conjunction with its annual festival to commemorate the 250th birthday of the city of Detroit. Highlight of the day will be a historical pageant, together with music and song, presented by the Lutheran day schools and Sunday schools of Greater Detroit. The pageant, consisting of more than 20 scenes, will depict the outstanding historical events of Detroit's past 250 years. It was written by Principal A. Lietke of Nazareth Lutheran School, Detroit.

Never before in the history of U. S. Lutheranism has a similar event been written and produced. The theme for this pageant will be giving thanks to God Almighty for the boundless blessings bestowed upon our city and especially also upon Detroit's Lutheranism.

Our many readers of the Advocate and their friends are urged to reserve June 10 and plan to be present to view this magnificent pageantry and to hear the mass chorus of more than a thousand children singing hymns of praise to our bountiful God.

Confirmation

Yet on the day of confirmation all these cares melt into a glorious prayer of Thanksgiving to God for having blessed their many sacrifices by having brought their loved ones to the knowledge of their Savior, Jesus Christ.

Christian Education

ble doctrines in preparation for confirmation and church membership.

The fact that our former pupils enjoy the reputation of being good citizens and some of the pillars in the churches of their respective communities is tangible proof of the importance of a thorough Christian education as is offered by your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf.

During the past few years, your Institute has been arranging for scholarships to students who felt a sincere interest in the field of special education.

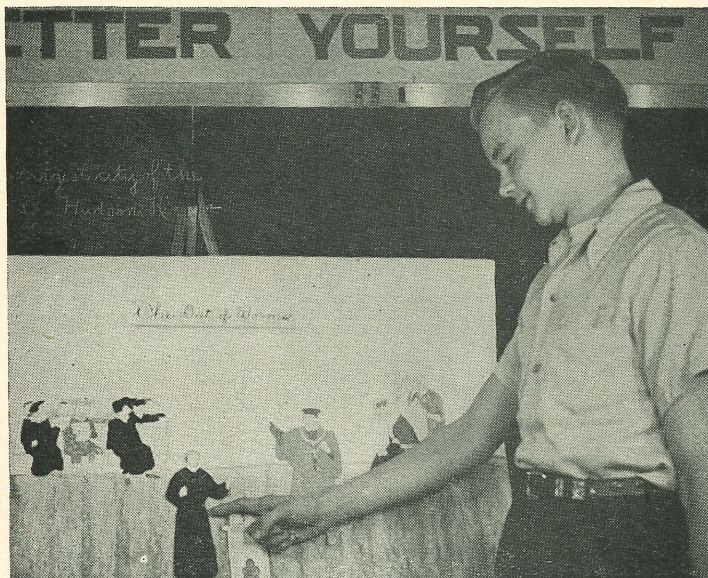
The fruits of this program have already benefited the Institute. Scholarships for three people were accrued in 1949. The recipients were Robert W. Tegeder, Miss Priscilla Keup, and Miss Florence Krueger. The first two were River Forest graduates and the latter a Valparaiso student. These young people completed their training course in special education in the Pennsylvania school with which we make such scholarship arrangements, and became members of our faculty last September.

Miss Marjorie Kuehn, another Valparaiso student, will complete her training course at the same school in June and will be ready to join our teaching staff next September. Two other Valparaiso graduates who also enrolled for the teacher training course through us have decided to accept contracts to teach in the Pennsylvania school next year.

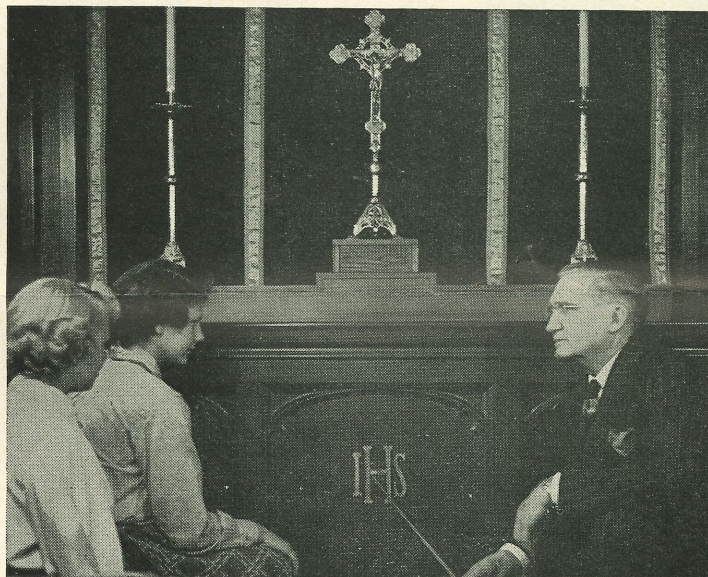
Since we shall need more and more such specially trained teachers, we are looking for further prospects for whom we may arrange to take the necessary training without cost to them. We can use only such persons as have completed at least three years of college work in the field of education.

Since it is an in-service-training course, the Pennsylvania school offers free board, room, and tuition plus a monthly stipend of \$25.00. And for a limited number of applicants who will obligate themselves, if needed, to teach in our Institute for a period of at least two years at regular salaries we will augment the cash stipend by \$15.00 per month.

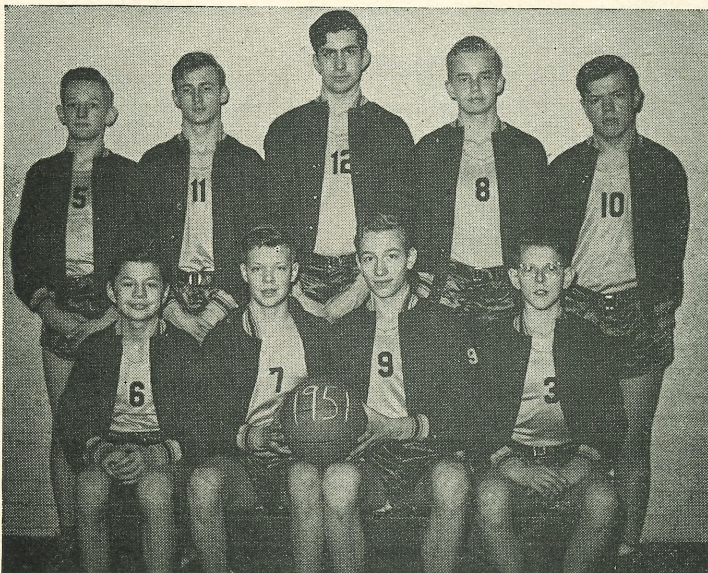
If you know of anyone inclined to teach deaf children, which, by the way, is very interesting and fascinating work, please, have them contact Director J. A. Klein, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Mich, to secure details of this program.



Robert Leland explaining a scene from the Life of Luther by means of flannelgraph.



Dir. J. A. Klein explaining church symbolism to several of his confirmands.



Our basketball team in its fine blue and gold uniforms purchased for them by the North Detroit Kiwanis Club.

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Linda Lou Palmer and David Weston presenting a bow tie to Gov. G. Mennen Williams.



Dir. J. A. Klein introducing Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Wacker to Gov. G. Mennen Williams. Rev. Wacker is chairman of the Institute's Board of Management.



Rev. Henry J. Storm, toastmaster, introducing the American counselor stationed at Windsor Canada.



Gov. G. Mennen Williams addressing the dinner guests.



Gov. G. Mennen Williams manifests interest in nursery class methods.