

Incidentally Yours

Vacation days are here again — July and August affords the Institute office opportunity for reflection on the past and planning for the coming school year. But there are also days of relaxation and change of routine for all at the Institute. Our entire personnel had opportunity to enjoy short vacation periods and we hope that all will return with renewed vigor and enthusiasm to carry on the Lord's work in the new school year.

Several of our faculty members are spending part of their vacation at summer school sessions in Michigan and Illinois.

Parents of older deaf children in increasing numbers are requesting application blanks with transfers to our school in mind, realizing that "The One Thing Needful" is after all the best they can give their handicapped children. —

Congratulations to the Robert Tegeders who are the proud parents of a baby boy. Mr. Tegeder is a member of our faculty.

Another member of the faculty, Miss Florence Krueger, recently changed her name to Mrs. Ernest Oppliger. Wedding bells rang out for Florence and Ernest on Saturday, June 16th. We wish them God's richest blessings in their wedded life. —

New teachers engaged for next September are Mrs. Deloris Overmyer and Miss Ruth Church who acquired their special training for teaching the deaf at Ypsilanti, Mich., and Miss Marjorie Kuehn who spent last year in training at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The 1911 Class of River Forest graduates (Addison) together with their families spent the week-end of June 30 at the Institute reliving college days and enjoying side trips to various points of interest within Greater Detroit. —

Your Institute is also happy to be host to the Slovak Lutheran Synod convention in August. —

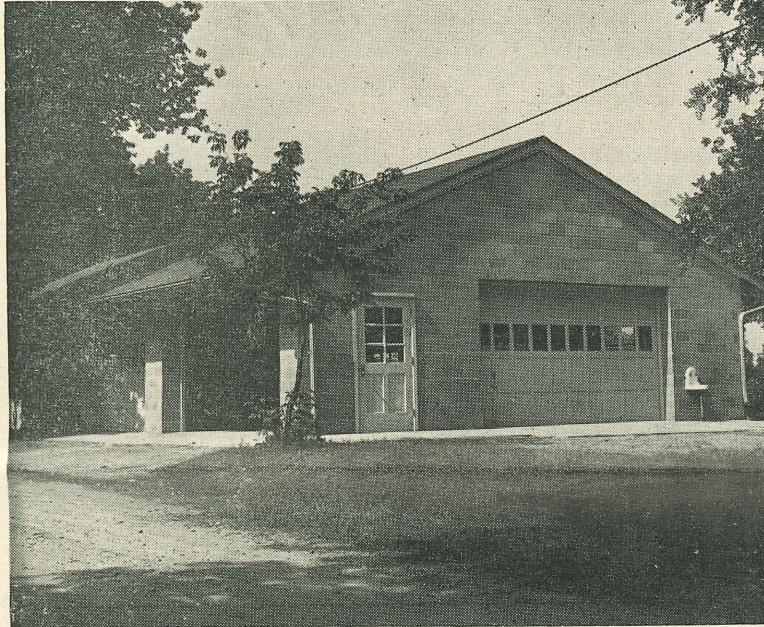
Our faithful Ladies Auxiliary of Detroit and the Macomb County Ladies Auxiliary continue to be most active and helpful. Recently the Detroit group paid for twenty sturdy picnic tables for our grove and the Macomb County group is helping to pay for our garbage disposal unit. We thank God for the indispensable service. —
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New Picnic Pavilion — Storage House

At long last a Festival and Picnic pavilion, 34 x 70 ft., has been erected in our grove. This much-needed unit with gas, water and electricity installed was constructed by the Geo. Auch Co. and will be used every year on the day of our annual festival for serving cold lunches, pop, ice cream, etc., and also for the convenience of our parishes for their annual picnics on our grounds. It will be in use every Sunday and occasionally during the week in June, July and August. During the winter months it will serve as a storage building for our picnic and playground equipment, power lawn mower, tractor and park benches and tables.

School-opening Date

The 79th school term will begin on Tuesday, September 4th. All children coming from great distances should arrive on that day or a day or two earlier. All pupils coming from Detroit and nearby points should arrive on Wednesday, September 5th.

We again ask that the parents have their children's full names on each garment, including handkerchiefs, hose, and shoes, also that all children be vaccinated and immunized against contagious diseases and given so-called booster-shots where necessary.

J. A. KLEIN, Director

Annual Association Meeting

The annual meeting of the Society of the Ev. Lutheran Deaf Institute was held on June 13th. Pastors and delegates of the 48 Lutheran congregations forming the Association again assembled to review activities of the past year (the 78th), and to discuss matters pertaining to the future of your Christian school for deaf children. Excerpts of the annual reports of the President and School Board are as follows:

"Due to rising costs the annual education cost per child now stands at approximately \$1200. or about \$100. higher than a year ago. For the second straight year it was necessary to draw from the legacy funds in order to meet operational costs, since contributions were not sufficient to meet the ever rising costs. Generous gifts from POUND DAY and of farm produce were received from friends which is of tremendous benefit. The Detroit Ladies Auxiliary and the Macomb County Auxiliary again contributed generously to our cause in the form of drapes, bedding, stage and seating in the basement and picnic tables for our grove."

Mr. Henry Rehn's appointment to fill the unexpired term of our late secretary was ratified and Rev. E. F. Schildt and Rev. C. L. Thalacker were newly elected to the Board of management and school board succeeding Rev. L. Heinecke and Rev. L. Koehler respectively. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Mr. Walter Maul.

Pastor N. E. Borchardt, chairman of the School Board, reported the following:

"At the close of the school year 101 pupils were enrolled. Our Institute is ever becoming more and more a missionary agency. Four children were baptized and

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New Board Members

New members voted to the Board of Directors and the School Board in the Annual Meeting of the Association were the Rev. E. Schildt, and C. L. Thalacker and Mr. Henry Rehn. The Rev. Schildt, Pastor of E. Bethlehem church, Detroit, for more than twenty years, did all the photography work for our movie, "The World of Silence." The Rev. Thalacker, Pastor of St. Thomas and St. Peter church, Detroit, succeeded the Rev. L. Koehler on our school board.

Mr. Henry Rehn, an attorney and a member of Our Savior Church, Detroit, is a native Detroit and a layman much interested in the building of God's Kingdom here on earth. He is a son of former Rev. Rehn of Detroit. We are looking forward to their counsel and aid in directing the affairs of the Institute.



Rev. Edmund F. Schildt

New Position

Deaconess Marie Twenhafel, housemother in charge of our Boys' Department for the past 13 years, has accepted a position with the new Lutheran School for the Deaf on Long Island. She is a conscientious and most faithful worker and we are sorry to see her leave. The entire Institute Family wishes her God's richest blessing in her new position.

Ladies Plan Dinner

The Detroit Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf has announced its program of events for the early fall. The meeting on September 11 will feature the annual homecoming dinner for all members at 12 noon.

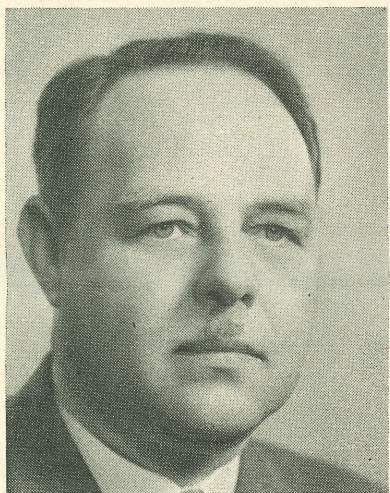
On Tuesday, Sept. 25, the Society will serve its Annual Harvest Dinner at the Institute, beginning at 5 P. M.

Meeting — Continued

nine were confirmed. Four of the nine came from non-Lutheran homes. Three newly trained teachers, Miss Marjorie Kuehn, Miss Ruth Church and Mrs. Richard Overmyer, will join our staff in September. Our health program at the YMCA and the St. Clair Recreation Center was continued throughout the year. We deem this vital even at great costs and inconvenience. More and more we are feeling the need of our own health building. Our Advocate now has 43,000 readers."

Attention Readers

Due to the heavy mailing list and economy reasons we would appreciate it greatly if our readers would inform the Institute office of changes of address as soon as they occur. Thank you!



Mr. Henry M. Rehn

Why is Hearing Conservation Needed?

Because modern science has learned that much deafness can be prevented by prompt medical attention following early detection of ear disorders and hearing loss. The children with neglected mild hearing losses are the main future deaf people of adult life.

Because minor hearing losses are often not noticed in the period when medical attention could save the child's hearing.

Because many children with undetected hearing losses are problem children who have been branded as stupid, inattentive, and have been retarded in school because they could not hear.

Because indications of possible damage to hearing, such as earache and running ears, are often overlooked or regarded as unimportant by parents and teachers.—

Michigan Mirror



Busy members of our new Garden Club

Under the guidance of Mr. Shad, of the Department of Parks and Recreation, a group of the pupils in the Advanced Department of the Institute are having elementary experiences in gardening and forestry.

The early lessons included films and slides showing correct methods of gardening. This was followed by discussions of seeds and depths of furrows for each kind. A plan for the garden was made after measuring the plot of ground to be used. Mr. Shad provided all seeds and plants as well as tools to be used. We made a few mistakes in planting but we are glad to report that everything is growing, the weeds included. A group of our Detroit children will work one day a week during the summer to keep the garden in order.

Time permitted just a few lessons in forestry. Three trees were planted on our campus and one lesson in tree trimming was given by Mr. Shad. We expect to keep all the beautiful trees on our grounds in good condition by applying our lessons.

In the fall the Club members will choose vegetables to be exhibited at the Michigan State Fair. On the first Saturday of October all the Clubs of the Detroit area will have a grand finale on Achievement Day. Each member will receive a 4-H pin and all prizes or honors will be awarded.

Even though our garden products may not win any blue ribbons, the project has been a very profitable learning experience.

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



Rev. Chester L. Thalacker

Incidentally yours cont.

ice which these good ladies render our cause. —

Friends of the Institute who are planning to stop in or travel through our fair city during their vacation period are invited to make a tour through the school and become better acquainted with the work of educating the deaf. The "welcome" sign is always out.

Parents wishing to enroll their deaf children in our school in September should write at once for a catalog and an application blank.

The National Convention of Instructors for the Deaf held in Fulton, Missouri, was most interesting. It was attended by the following of our teachers: The Misses Emily Born, Helen Szajna, Elsie Forsberg, Mary Stack, Mrs. Mildred Murray and the writer.

Track and Soft-Ball Champs

This year for the first time a Lutheran soft-ball league for girls was organized on Detroit's northeast side. Our girls were privileged to enter the spirited competition. They worked very hard and enthusiastically during the season and were richly rewarded for their efforts. The championship trophy came their way only after they had emerged victorious by the very narrowest of margins in a play-off game. This game was necessitated as the result of their being tied at the conclusion of the season with Bethany Lutheran school.

Our boys team was less fortunate this year. However, since they gained experience they are looking for a much brighter outcome next year when most of the boys will return.

On June first our combined boys and girls track team again competed with some sixteen other Lutheran schools of Detroit and surrounding area in the annual Detroit High School sponsored track and field meet. On this warm June day our children gave their all in every event and this proved sufficient. It was a jubilant group indeed which carried home the huge championship trophy and numerous ribbons.

Former Pupil Honored

Richard Nicolai, a graduate of our school and now in the eleventh grade at the Michigan State School for the Deaf in Flint, was chosen by that faculty for special honors as the result of his high scholastic achievements during the year. He was privileged to represent his school on governors day at the State Capital and will also be a guest at the summer camp of the Wolverine Boys State College for one week. Congratulations to Richard.

We hope that he will continue to demonstrate outstanding ability at Michigan State School for the Deaf.

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.



Part of the Festival throng viewing a scene from the historical pageant, "They Builided a City."

June 10th, 1951, will not soon be forgotten by the throng in upwards of 8,000 who attended this Lutheran celebration. The event held on the grounds of your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf was unique in that it combined the Annual Festival with a very beautiful and interesting historical pageant entitled, "They Builided a City," which was presented through the combined efforts of the Greater Detroit Lutheran Day and Sunday schools. The 21 scenes depicting Lutheranism in Detroit from the beginning to the present were presented and augmented by 500 children's voices under the able direction of Mr. Carl Streufert, Mr. Leslie Zeddies, Mr. Carl Munzel and Mr. Herbert Gotsch.

The pageant which was authored by Mr. E. C. Lietke and produced by Mr. T. W. Leuthauser was narrated by Mr. W. C. Rakow and Mr. W. Bredehoeft.

We are very happy to announce that this presentation was a huge success. Nearly every comment heard contained the statements, "It was wonderful," and "What a tremendous amount of labor and cooperation." Yes, those two statements sum it up so well. And again permit us to extend our thanks to all who made this day a success.

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.

Balloons Do Travel!

Year after year our cards attached to toy balloons seem to reach greater distances. This year was certainly no exception. Stop a moment and think! (Would you think it possible that a toy balloon released in Detroit, Mich., would be found in less than 48 hours in some distant state well over 600 miles away? That is what happened.) Balloon borne cards publicizing the Lutheran's celebration of Detroit's 250th birthday at your Lutheran Deaf Institute reached almost unbelievable distances. Although cards are still coming in with each visit of the postman, we already have evidence that some balloons traveled over 100 miles farther than ever before.

The north by northwest winds on that clear afternoon of June 10th were certainly favorable. Balloons tended to travel in a very definite path which carried several over the high Appalachian Mountains of Virginia. Of the more than 2,000 balloons released, many of which no doubt came to rest on Lake Erie, some 45 cards have already been found and returned from six states, Mich., Ohio, Penna., West Va. and No. Carolina as well as one from our nation's capitol, Washington, D. C., and the province of Ont., Canada. Only the balloon to Washington, D. C., varied from the major course. It is not at all exotic to imagine that a scattering few may even have dotted the Atlantic Ocean. Of course the majority of cards were found in Ohio and Ont., Canada.

One matter of interesting coincidence is the fact that approximately 12 percent of all cards returned came from inside or very near the rubber capitol of the U. S., Akron, Ohio.

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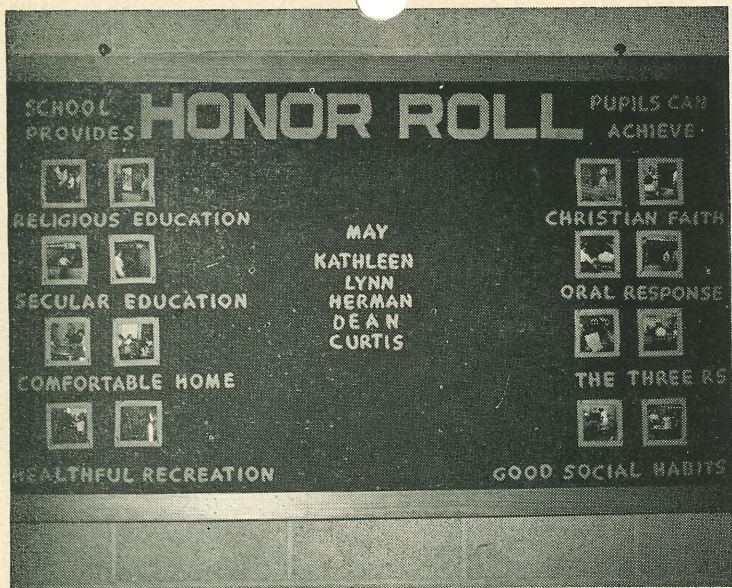
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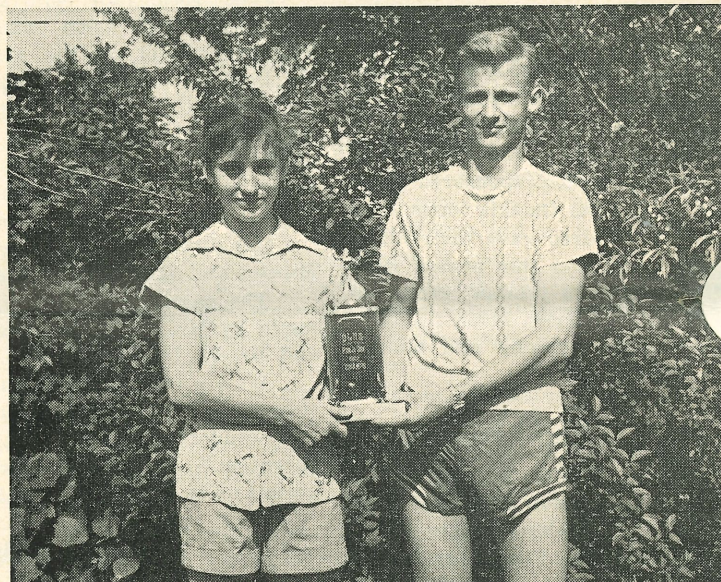


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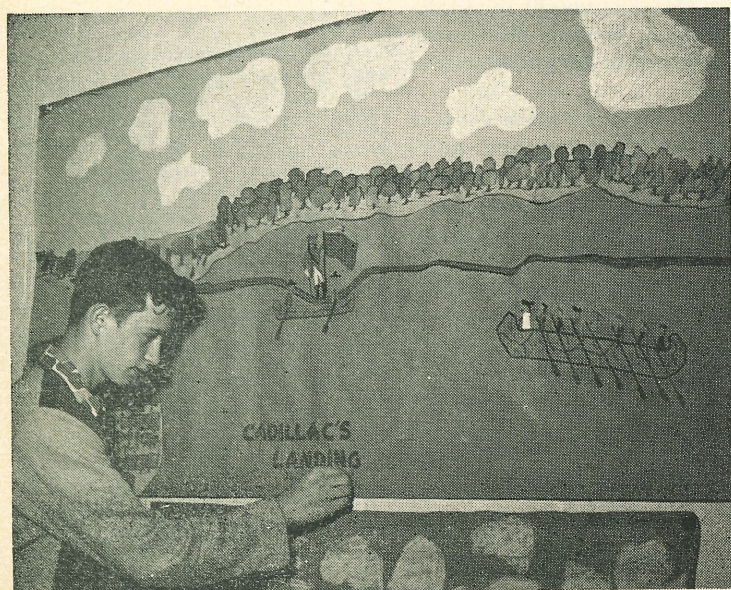


Our girls proudly display the championship trophy of the South and East Detroit Lutheran Girls League.

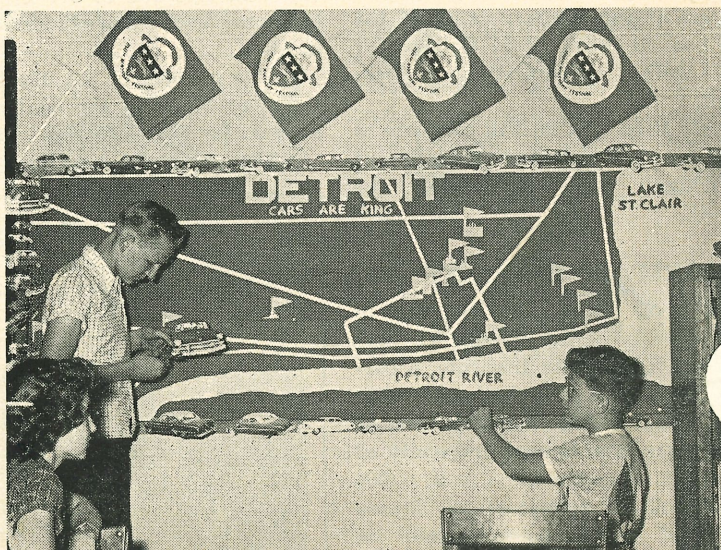


Monica Gable and David Bromberg, Co-Captains of our track team, bringing home the trophy after the Lutheran High track and field meet.

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Observing Detroit's 250th Anniversary, the Seventh Grade drew a historical mural beginning with Cadillac's landing.



Historical mural of Detroit depicts the Automobile industry 250 years later.