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### Incidentally yours

Even though with nature the Melancholy Days are here again, there definitely is no melancholia among our many fine children. Only happiness beams from their smiling faces. Just mention Hallowe'en, Thanksgiving and Christmas to them and see their faces brighten like sunshine. Melancholia? "Nosiree." Nothing but happiness here. And this is all due to the fine environment which your Lutheran Institute provides for its many deaf children.

**But we do need a third good Christian housemother for our large girls. If you know of a capable and willing person for this position send her to us post-haste. — The girls are very good — the living conditions are very good — and the salary is fairly good. — So come yourself or send us some one.**

October group vivsitors were Rev. Walter Zeile's L. Aid, Davison, Rev. H. C. Buch's L. Aid, Yale, Christ Memorial Lutheran L. A., Detroit, Trinity L. Aid, Lansing and St. Paul's L. A., Caro, Michigan. It is always a pleasure to have such group visitors, because that is a mighty fine way for our Christians to see their gift dollars at work. — Won't your Ladies' Aid group come, too, for a "look and see?"

**The John W. Smith Old Timers Club dedicated our Auricular Training Room to the memory of the Honorable John W. Smith, one time mayor of the city of Detroit, by equipping this room with auricular training material at a cost of \$685.00. We are most grateful to these friends of our school for this valuable and lasting memorial.**

Property upkeep is a big item in an establishment as big as ours. Some recent repairs and replacements which we had to make in addition to the usual redecorating jobs were the welding of one of our steam boilers, the refitting of the gas-water-heater flues, the overhauling of our mammoth laundry extractor, the replacing of a stokerworm housing as well as a stoker hopper, a gas motor for our tractor and the reconditioning of two oil furnaces. The cost of all such work runs into big money in these times of inflation.

The Rev. C. Thalacker and the writer were privileged to report on the work of our Institute at the  
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# The deaf child's ADVOCATE

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### How Come—?

We all know the parable of a certain man who made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant to say to them, Come, for all things are now ready. And all they that were bidden began to make excuses for not coming.

Then the master, being disgusted with the invited guests told his servants to go on the streets and lanes and bring in the poor, the maimed, the halt and the blind. And when there was yet room, the Lord said, Go into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. And so the Master's house was filled.

The Lutheran Church maintains a good Christian school in which deaf children are led to the Master's wedding feast by teaching them to know their Savior. This

school is open to deaf children of all creeds regardless of whether or not their parents are able to pay the board and tuition fee. The Lutheran Church invites, yes urges, all the parents of deaf children to make full use of the facilities of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf by enrolling their handicapped little ones in this Christian School.

In the early days of the school there was an overwhelming response on the part of Lutheran parents to this invitation, and children from other church denominations enrolled in our school were in the minority. This situation has gradually changed so that now the percentage of Lutheran and non-Lutheran children is about even.

We are sometimes asked why not more Lutheran children are

enrolled in this Christian school. We are sorry that we haven't the answer to that question. Could it be that our Lutherans are still uninformed concerning their Lutheran School for the deaf, or might it be because they are satisfied with half a loaf of religion for their deaf children whereas others prefer to have the entire loaf.

Believing that the lack of information is the chief reason, we again offer to send full and complete information concerning the Lutheran School for the Deaf to anyone having a deaf child in the family or knowing of such a child.

It is our sincere hope that many Lutheran parents of deaf children will investigate this Christian School which is being maintained primarily for the purpose of giving their handicapped children a thorough religious, as well as, elementary secular education.

## OUR NEW PUPILS 1952



Sitting L to R: Chas. Drury, Janice Dautenhahn, David Ahlness, Lois Dolan, Heather Coffman, Sherri McCoy, Robert Gates

Kneeling L to R: Sharon Czekay, William Green, Marylyn Meredith, James Axford, Russell Dolan, Clair MacLeod, Reed Lee, Kathleen Bednarczyk, Joseph Greer

## MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS



Mrs. Margaret Benda

Again our school considers itself most fortunate in having filled its teacher vacancies with three very fine teachers. So that our readers may become somewhat acquainted with them, we introduce them by picture and short biographies.

Mrs. Margaret Benda nee Juntilla is our new Kindergarten I teacher. She is a native of Calumet, Michigan (Upper Peninsula). She spent her first two years of college at Northern Michigan College of Education and the last two at Michigan State Teachers College at Ypsilanti where she majored in Special Education and received her B.S. degree. Mrs. Benda received her practical training at the Michigan School for the Deaf in Flint.



Miss Eleanor Powell

Margaret was the June bride of Mr. Edward Benda, who is a graduate of the Michigan College of Mining and Technology. She and her husband are presently residing in Detroit.

Miss Eleanor Powell is our new Kindergarten II teacher. A native of Adrian, Michigan, which is still her home, she was graduated from Adrian College and spent three years teaching in public schools. Miss Powell has also spent four years in journalism work. She received her Master's degree in Special Education from the University of Michigan and taught three years at the Michigan State School for the Deaf located in Flint, prior to joining our staff.



Miss Betty Ohlinger

The Board of Management and our entire family bid these new members of our Staff a warm welcome and wish them much success and happiness in their work.

Miss Betty Ohlinger, our new 4th grade teacher, was born in Chicago Heights, Illinois. Her present home address is Mendota, Illinois. She was graduated from Monmouth College, Illinois, with a B.A. degree in 1949. Prior to joining our staff Miss Ohlinger had three years of experience with the deaf, one as boys' supervisor and two as a teacher. She is presently doing graduate work at the University of Michigan.

## 80th School Year Opens

When noses were counted on the opening day of our school, it was found that there were sixteen new faces enrolled from ten different states. We were happy to welcome these fine youngsters into our family. In our Pre-primary Department our newcomers are David Ahlness, South Dakota; Kathleen Bednarczyk, Indiana; Janice Dautenhahn, Missouri; Charles Drury, Indiana; Sheri McCoy, Michigan; Robert Gates, Ohio; Lois Dolan, Maryland; and Joseph Greer, Ohio. Those in the Primary Department are William Green, Michigan; Heather Coffman, Illinois; Marilyn Merideth, Kentucky; James Axford, Michigan; and Harry Lee, Nebraska. The Inter-

mediate Department received Russell Dolan, Maryland, and Sharon Czekay, Wisconsin. Clair MacLeod, from Michigan, went into the Advanced Department.

The parents of these youngsters can be assured that all have already adjusted to their new environment and are getting along nicely in their respective classes. The total enrollment to date stands at 102 pupils with several applications still pending. The pre-primary and primary Dept's are filled to capacity, but there is still room for several in the departments above the 3rd grade.

At this writing the school is working with full steam ahead. Teachers and pupils are filled with that kind of enthusiasm and eagerness so necessary to reach a set goal.

We ask the Lord to bless our entire school and to grant us a successful year of scholastic activities.

## Pupil Appreciation

Detroit, Michigan  
September 28, 1952

Dear Mother:

*I like this school very much and it is good for me. The boys and girls learn to speak here. They are very good children and help the smaller children to eat properly and they also help to wash them.*

*The small boys go to bed early, about 8:00 P. M., I go to bed about 9:00 P. M. The school trains us in good health habits, in sleeping and eating of proper foods. The boys show me places on the playground and in school too. I like the boys and girls and the teachers.*

*The speech training helps me to say the words right. It also helps me to know the meanings of words and how to use them properly. We go to Church every Sunday. May God bless you and our whole family.*

Your loving son,

Clair

**Editor's Note:** The above letter was written by Clair MacLeod, a new pupil in our advanced department.

## 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 a sufficient discharge of my executor for same.

## Christmas Suggestions

### For The Children:

Tablets with lines, Stationery, Pencils, scissors for cutting paper, rubber toys, and other toys, bobby pins, soap, combs, stuffed animals and dolls, barrettes, hand lotion, mittens, stocking caps, tooth paste, Kleenex, colored crayons, tooth brushes, small hand mirrors.

### For The Household:

Dresser scarfs, large bath towels, bed sheets, twin bed size, flour sack dish towels, wash cloths, mattress covers, quilts and blankets.

## Incidentally yours cont.

North and West Michigan Pastoral Conference held at Arcadia. Later Pastor Thalacker also reported at the South and East Michigan Pastoral Conference held at Waldenwoods. We welcome all such opportunities to bring the work of the Institute to the attention of its supporters. — Mr. Bellhorn, our Principal, with some children, recently demonstrated the work of our Institute at Fair Haven, New Baltimore, Birmingham, and East Lansing, Michigan.

The writer has been invited to speak at a regional meeting of the Lutheran Womens Mission League at Zanesville, O., and to read an essay at the 37th Annual Meeting of The Osteopathic College of Ophthalmology and Otorhinolaryngology to be held in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Robert Tegeder, our 7th grade teacher and Athletic Director, is more than busy these days improving our boys' football and getting his lads ready for the basketball contests which will soon follow. —

To all the pastors and friends who availed themselves of the opportunity of showing our all-color sound film, "The World of Silence," in their congregations and who expressed the desire for another similar picture as a sort of sequence, we can bring the information that such a film is now definitely in the planning stage. We hope to have it ready for bookings by September of next year.

We urge those who have not shown "The World of Silence" in their congregations as yet to do so, because it is a picture, which we know, their people will long remember.

Recent treats which were all greatly enjoyed by our pupils were an outdoor weiner and corn roast around a camp fire arranged by the North Detroit Kiwanians, a home coming dinner by our Detroit Ladies Auxiliary, and a horseshow which included a real polo game.

The man with the pennies, nickels and dimes was here again and brought us another great big boxful of money. This time the box contained the grand sum of \$46.60. Twice a year Mr. William Kroll pays our Institute a visit and each time he leaves us such a box filled with small money which he day by day deposits for the Lord's work.—We are most grateful to Mr. Kroll for being so thoughtful of our many needs and wish him the Lord's continued blessings.

## Parent Appreciation

Fargo, No. Dakota  
Sept. 25, 1952

Dear Director Klein:

We were happy to learn that Lynn is being prepared for confirmation this year. Whatever you deem best for him we will accept as satisfactory. We have considered it a sincere privilege to have him educated in your school and feel you have done a wonderful job. We shall be eternally grateful to you for bringing the knowledge of Jesus Christ and salvation to him and sincerely hope he will always practice and cherish it in the same manner you instilled it wherever he may be in the future.

Our Sincere Greetings in Christ,  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Q.



Rev. George Hildner, Pastor of Tabor Lutheran Church, Detroit, newly elected member on the Board of Management of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf.

## Balloon Returns

Since balloon tickets were not sold this year, the balloon ascension was modified by some three-fourths compared to former years. However, of the 500 balloons released bearing identification cards, about the same percentage have been returned as at this same time last year.

The greater part of the returns are from the province of Ontario, Canada, with a scattering few from New York and Michigan. The high velocity winds on the festival day were not conducive to distant travel.

The winner has been determined and we hope, in the subsequent issue, to bring you some interesting facts concerning him and the circumstances under which the card was found.

Our film,  
**"THE WORLD OF SILENCE,"**  
is again available.

## Deaf Ears and Strong Hearts

My grandmother was once a courageous woman. At the age of 17 she left her family and her native Germany to cross the ocean in a cattle boat. She landed at New York, a teen-ager in a strange land. She had no friends or relatives and could not speak a single word in English.

Grandmother was not the timid and retiring type. With her savings from a job as charwoman she enrolled in night school. There she met grandfather and after a brief courtship they moved to the middle west. In the years that followed the two immigrants began to raise their family on a homestead farm—a farm that eventually became their own because they had strong hearts and the courage to meet life as it was. They accepted the language barrier and their educational handicap as a part of life and with sweat and courage built a future on the Missouri plains.

Yes, grandmother was once a courageous woman. But time and illness brought many changes. Time placed towering apartments and a thriving business district where her farm once stood. Illness placed deafness in her life and for the last 30 years of her life she refused to engage in any social activity. She became embittered and filled with mistrust because she could not understand what others were saying. She was filled with self-pity because she could no longer hear—filled with fear that she was different and didn't belong—a tragic example of what deafness can bring.

It wasn't deafness itself that brought about this change in grandmother—her troubles began when fear entered her life. It was not the deafness but the fear of deafness that made her withdraw—fear that deafness made her socially unacceptable.

It is hard to explain the workings of the human mind. A large percentage of people wear glasses without feeling the least bit inferior. Others who feel that they are too short or too tall, gladly wear special shoes to change their height. Yet many partially deaf people refuse to wear hearing aids because they feel it makes their appearance distasteful. They would rather suffer the loss of hearing than to admit to others that they are deaf. Why is it that defective hearing is considered more of a social handicap than defective eyesight?

I often wish that grandmother could have accepted the philosophy of this well known prayer: "God grant me the strength to change the things I can change, the patience to accept the things I cannot change, and the intelligence to know the difference." Her life would have been a much happier and more fruitful experience.

Deafness exists as a physical impairment—not a mental handicap. The individual who fears deafness so much that he withdraws from all social contact has failed to accept life's challenge. Deaf ears need strong hearts.

J. W. HUTTIG—Kansas Star

## 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.

Mr. Fred Brunkhardt, Sterling, Colorado; the Rev. M. Fuelling, Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Eldon Mauschim, Elkhart, Miss Lydia Brose, Hartford City, Mrs. Anna Struve, Kouts, and Mrs. Minna Ault, Seymour, Indiana; Mr. Wm. Clack, Clinton, Mrs. Ernestine Dittmer, Mrs. Bertha Hass, Mrs. Alvina Hempel, Mr. Edward Kremkow, Mrs. M. Meyer, Mr. Walter Poirier, Mr. Wm. Schankin, Mrs. A. Schubring, Mr. August Strutz and Mr. Robert L. Young, Detroit, Mrs. Amalia Mallon, Ferndale, Mrs. Arthur Lawitzke, Fruitport, Mr. Walter Taube, Grosse Pointe Park, Mr. John Merce, Ida, Mrs. Mildred Grabo and Mrs. Emma Kapitzke, Lansing, Mrs. H. Mueckler and Louise Siegenhagen, Manistee, Mrs. Fred Gekle and Mr. Harly C. Waitman, Monroe, Mr. Fred Busch, Mr. Fred Eckert, Sr., Mr. Fred Schurig and Mr. William Schwark, Mt. Clemens, Mr. Andrew Kischnich, Munger, Mrs. Herman Schroeder, Reese, Mr. M. Currie, Roseville, Mrs. Max Haase, St. Joseph, Mr. Fred Erbsch, Sebawaing, Mr. Walter Laetz and Mrs. Chas. Remer, Utica, Michigan; Mr. Walter A. Mader, Cleveland and Mr. A. J. Goeglein, Defiance, O.

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

Revelation 13:14.

## Our Letter to You

Our annual personal communication to you will soon be on its way. You will recognize it the minute you see it. — Yes, it is a plea for financial support for the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. — We beg of you to open it, to look on both sides of the sheet, and to read the short message contained thereon. What you will do with it after that, we leave entirely to your heart's dictates. — He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth his bread to the poor.

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## Athletics

As all over the nation so also at our school, football is at the present time in the spotlight. Right now, we are in the midst of our schedule. Our boys are again active in the East Side Lutheran School league. We by no means anticipate being at the top of the league this year in any of the sports, since we are without the services of ten "big" boys who formed the core and greater part of the fringes on last year's athletic squads.

However, our boys will get the same body building and character training through their participation in the sports program this year as in the past even though some of the victory celebrations may be delayed.

After the football season the boys are looking forward to a somewhat more favorable basketball season. In the same breath it has been pointed out to them that we have a football schedule to complete before we enter the basketball contests.

One thing can be said with certainty, the sports program at our school stands ace high in the year's school activities to these deaf children. The ones who are not able to compete are none the less very loyal supporters.

## GREATER DETROIT DON'T FORGET POUND DAY!

The ribs of our pantry shelves are showing! We hope you will fatten them again with your liberal offerings and so reap the heartfelt gratitude of our many deaf youngsters.

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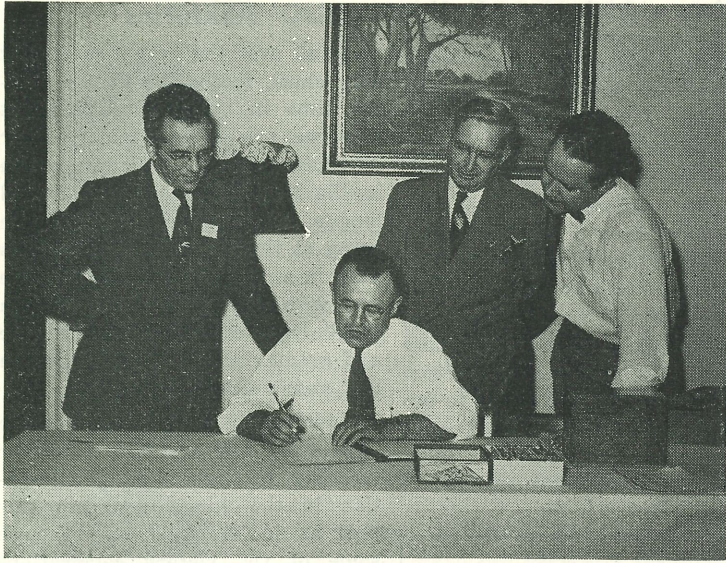
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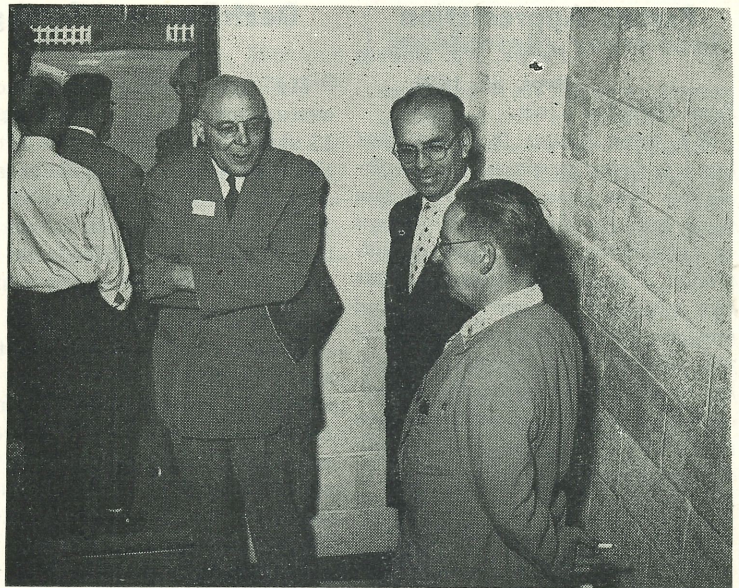
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Mr. Louis Knorr and Richard Heckel, one of our pupils, planting roses. Mr. Knorr who has been a member of our Board of Management for over fifty years is an insurance man by profession and a floriculturist by hobby.



Our boys planting a Yew hedge under the direction of Mr. Charles Shad of the Detroit Dept. of Parks and Recreation.

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John Rimner and Edward Nikolai, two of our maintenance men, sorting tomatoes for canning.



Geraldine Smith, one of our girls from Memphis, Tenn., enjoying lunch in front of the campfire.

