

Incidentally yours

The Christmas holidays past, everybody is back on the job for that last long stretch which will end in June. —

With airplanes grounded, cars, busses and trains late on account of heavy snow falls and cold weather, we feared that some of our pupils might not arrive at home in time for Christmas. But, even though our Texas children's plane was grounded from Thursday to Sunday, they and all the rest arrived in time to celebrate Christmas in the midst of their loved ones. —

Thanks to a hard-working Committee consisting of Mr. Robert Tegeder, Mrs. Mildred Murray, Mrs. Florence Oppliger and Miss Priscilla Keup, and the help of all the rest of the teachers, the children's Christmas program was enjoyed by all.

Our children were again generously remembered with gifts of candy, nuts, fruits and many other useful presents. We would like to itemize all gifts and mention the names of all kind donors, but most of our friends do not desire this. Among the many gifts was also a fine Emerson Television set for our boys given by the Beta Gamma Chapter of the Omega Sigma Sorority.

Our sincere and heartfelt gratitude goes out to all individuals and organizations such as Ladies' Aids, Sunday Schools, Parochial Schools, Congregations, Walther Leagues, Church organizations, Sororities, Exchange, Kiwanis, and other service clubs for having been so thoughtful of our deaf children's needs.

The gifts that made our business office especially very happy were those crisp pieces of paper, meaning, of course, checks and folding money, which came from the many friends of our Institute and readers of the Deaf Child's Advocate. From the bottom of our hearts we thank our heavenly Father for giving us these many kind and generous friends. They truly are our lifeline for without them we would soon have to discontinue this work of educating deaf children and bringing them to Christ and salvation.

All our girls were happily surprised when they returned to school and found their large playroom walls painted and the floor covered with beautiful asphalt tile including inlaid
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Mrs. Alfred Johnson (right) past-president of the Ladies' Society congratulating Mrs. Richard Deierlein, the newly elected president.

LADIES HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

The Ladies' Aid Society for the Deaf held its annual fellowship dinner on Sunday evening, Jan. 20th. The program for the occasion was planned by Miss Bertha Koester. Mrs. Dr. Lulu Fackler, first vice-president, served as toastmaster. Mrs. Alfred Johnson, past-president of the Society, congratulated Mrs. Richard Deierlein, the newly elected president and wished her success in her important position.

The highlight of the evening was the inspiring address delivered by Mrs. E. Kurth, wife of the Rev. Erwin Kurth of St. Mark's Church, Detroit. She spoke on "Women and Service," emphasizing the joy and satisfaction experienced in true Christian devotion to causes of charity.

Miss Doris Krist, a graduate of our school, recalled many incidences in which the Ladies' Aid made her years at the school a most enjoyable chapter in her young life. She also voiced her appreciation to the Society for its continued interest in the service of deaf children.

Diane Foster thanked the Ladies' Aid and all Lutherans for maintaining this Christian home-school.

A HYMN FOR THE DEAF

By THOMAS TIPLADY

My life, with silence fenced around,
A garden is where God is found;
And often, in a lonely hour,
I hear His voice and feel His power.
In cloistered calm my spirit dwells,
For in mine ear no tumult swells;
The voice of God alone I hear
And know the peace that casts out fear.

I see the flowers at break of morn
A pathway for God's feet adorn,
And watch the trees in worship bend
As He goes by at daylight's end.
As noble thoughts upon it shine
I watch the human face divine,
And, of my deafness unaware,
A happy fellowship I share.

The door of sound is closed to me,
But there is One Who holds the key;
He comes, as to "The Upper Room,"
And drives away my fear and gloom.
He makes the deaf to hear His voice
And in his presence to rejoice;
And at His table food I share
With all disciples gathered there.



(Standing) Mrs. Erwin Kurth, main speaker at Ladies' Society annual fellowship dinner. (Seated) Mrs. Dr. Lulu Fackler, 1st Vice President and acting toast-master.

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shuffleboard and hop-scotch courts. These very valuable improvements costing \$1,867.00 were a Christmas gift to the Institute from our own Ladies' Aid Society.

The North Detroit Kiwanis Club which meets in this room weekly appreciated the improvement so much that besides giving us a Christmas gift of \$200.00 it voted the Institute an additional special gift of \$500.00. A sizable Christmas check was also received from the Southeast Exchange Club for handicraft shop equipment. Checks were also received from the North East Detroit and North Detroit Exchange Clubs. These service clubs truly render valuable services to underprivileged children.

Cupid and the Stork are causing us much worry. The latter has already taken two of our staff members and since Christmas several of our teachers are wearing "sparklers" on that certain finger which, of course, always means weddings sooner or later. Two of our young married teachers expect a visit from the stork, and therefore are resigning from their positions. To fill these vacancies was a very serious problem. However, we finally succeeded in filling these positions in the persons of Miss Whitley Murphy of Sherman, Tex., Mrs. Elizabeth Hector of Jacksonville, Illinois, and Miss Rebecca McKeon of Mt. Vernon, New York.

The teacher shortage in special education is appalling. Teaching the deaf being one of the most interesting phases of special education as well as one which offers a real challenge to the teacher, we cannot understand why more girls and men do not enter this field.

To any one interested in taking up training to become a teacher of the deaf and who has or soon will complete four years of college work, we can make an attractive offer whereby such training will not cost her a single penny.

A friend of our Institute presented three new individual Maico hearing aids to us for Christmas. This will make it possible for three more of our children to receive special auditory training.

Our Ladies' Aid Society's annual fellowship dinner was an enjoyable affair. The outstanding feature of a very fine program was a most interesting talk on "Women's Work in the Home and in the Church" by Mrs. Erwin Kurth, wife of Pastor Erwin Kurth of St. Mark's Church, Detroit. Diane Foster, a pupil of our

school, and Miss Doris Krist, a graduate of our school, the Detroit Lutheran High School, and a business college, also spoke. Diane spoke concerning the benefits our school offers to deaf children. Doris stressed the importance of sound elementary and secondary education and Christian training for all deaf children in order that they, in spite of their handicap, might be prepared to step out into the business world and there take their places side by side with their hearing brethren, assuming equal responsibilities with them. She especially also thanked the Ladies' Society and the school for having made it possible for her to obtain her early education in such pleasant environment under capable teachers. Since her graduation from business college, Doris has been employed in the bookkeeping department of the Blue Cross Hospital Service.

GOD BLESS YOU

To all our many friends who so generously remembered our Institute and its many deaf children during the recent holiday season financially and otherwise we wish to convey our heartfelt thanks. Without the Lord's blessing manifested in the loyal support from congregations, schools, Ladies' Aid Societies, Walther Leagues, Young Peoples' and other organizations as well as the many kind readers of our Deaf Child's Advocate the work of bringing deaf children to Christ their Savior at your Institute would have to be discontinued. And so for all your kindnesses we use the words from "Warp's Christmas Messenger" and say to you,

GOD BLESS YOU

Dear Friends of Ours, there is no way . . .
In which we could address you . . .
With more sincerity of heart . . .
Than just to say . . .
God bless you.

Our words could wish that all your
cares . . .

Would be a little lighter . . .
And we could send you greeting
cards . . .

To make your hours brighter

But we are sure no other thought . . .
Or message would impress you . . .

As lovingly or lastingly . . .
As asking God to bless you . . .

And so we say, God bless you friends . . .
In every good endeavor . . .

And may His guiding grace be
yours . . .

Forever and forever.

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HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS GIVEN TO PARENTS

In the University of Illinois course for parents of pre-school deaf and hard of hearing children, Dr. Jean Utley presented an excellent series of "Do's" and "Don'ts" for parents. We felt their importance to the extent that we are passing them along to our readers with the hope that parents and relatives of such children might benefit.

DON'T

1. Don't listen to the neighbors and relatives when they say thoughtless things about your child.
2. Don't feel you must apologize for him.
3. Don't be ashamed of him. Let him know you think he is a fine and important person.
4. Don't keep him away from other children because he has no speech and doesn't hear as well as they do. They may be the best teachers.
5. Don't let his handicap worry you too much. He will sense your anxiety and worry, too.
6. Don't forget that Father is an important person in the child's life, too.
7. Don't compare him with his brothers and sisters or with the neighbor's children.
8. Don't blame yourself, but start now to try to help him.
9. Don't let any member of the family "baby" him.
10. Don't be afraid to let him grow up and develop in other ways like any child.
11. Don't talk in single words. He probably understands more than you give him credit for.
12. Don't shout at him. Talk in a natural voice close to his ear. Your voice will be much louder to him than you think.
13. Don't wait on him "hand and foot."
14. Don't exaggerate your lip movements. This makes speech harder to understand.
15. Don't correct every word he uses; accept and encourage his speech.
16. Don't expect his development to be spasmodic. Development is continuous.
17. Don't be his greatest handicap.
18. Don't dream of "treatments" and "cures."
19. Don't waste time and energy bewailing the fact of the loss of hearing.
20. Don't threaten him.
21. Don't be negativistic; try to build on the thing he achieves.
22. Don't display a "dead pan" when you talk to him.

Make him think you are more interested in talking to him than anything else you could do.

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.

DO

1. Do let him know that you have confidence and pride in him.
2. Do let him see that his whole family loves and needs him.
3. Do treat him as if you expected him to speak, and know he understands you when it is obvious that he does.
4. Do make a game of playing with him and let him watch your face when you talk.
5. Do make a game out of playing in front of a mirror so that he can enjoy watching you in imitating facial movements.
6. Do give him a chance to grow up and take some responsibilities.
7. Do read to him and show him pictures.
8. Do talk to him and ask others to do so, too.
9. Do give him a chance to develop his special abilities and interests.
10. Do talk to him in a normal voice and in full sentences.
11. Do expect from him what is socially within his age and mental level.
12. Let him alone the things he can do; this gives him self-confidence.
13. Do help him when you are teaching him to help himself.
14. Do use encouraging, positive and specific directions to elicit desirable conduct.
15. Do stress success.
16. Do cooperate with the doctor, the health examiner, the educational specialist, the teacher and the principal of the school.
17. Do teach him obedience.
18. Do talk to him; talk more and more, not less and less.
19. Do have patience and time and effort.
20. Do explain painstakingly the most vital occurrences of everyday life in the home.
21. No matter how small the residuum, do make use of the remaining hearing which he may possess: It is invaluable in learning language, acquiring speech elements and in regulating the pitch and placement of the voice.
22. Do begin immediately to train his eyes to substitute for his ear, or at least to complement his remnant of hearing.
23. Do face the light always when you are talking to him; light on your back throws shadows on your face and makes lipreading difficult.
24. Do teach him what is his and what is yours.
25. Do keep a daily record of his activities.
26. Do talk into his ear to store up auditory impressions which will some day aid the mastery of speech by oral methods.

PINK ENVELOPES

How we do like to see the postman come and deliver those pink envelopes! And how we love those good and loyal friends who have found it possible to return those envelopes to us. And Jesus loves them even more because the offerings which are transmitted to us in those pink covers are gifts of love to Him, our Lord, who has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren ye have done it unto Me."

The
WORLD OF SILENCE
an all color movie
is still available
Open dates after March 1



Our Girls' Fabulous Doll

The doll and entire wardrobe consisting of complete ice skating, roller skating, skiing, morning, evening, party, swimming, tennis, golfing, majorette, Dutch, cowgirl, play and lounging costumes are the gift of Mrs. Emil Fiema, a friend of our pupils and the Institute. Mrs. Fiema made all costumes herself. The girls enjoy this gift tremendously and see to it that the doll is properly dressed at all times. On Saturdays she wears the bathing costume. The little girls on the picture are Sheri Painter and Judy Clark.

A 1951 GRADUATE WRITES

Dear Mr. Klein,

Thank you very much for your nice letter. I was glad to hear from you last Thursday morning. I hope you will enjoy seeing the children again when they return to school. I am attending high school in Flint.

Mr. Klein, I want to tell you that I was so very glad that you taught me to know Jesus, my Savior. When I was a little girl, I never knew Jesus. But when my parents sent me to the Lutheran School for the Deaf the teachers taught me all about my Savior. They also taught me how to speak, write and read lips. The teachers, housemothers, and all other members and you were wonderful. They were kind, took care of me and helped me in so many ways. They all helped me to be a happy girl. I want to thank them all so very much. And I thank you, Mr. Klein, for teaching me the Word of God. I hope you will continue to teach many deaf children for a long time to know Jesus. Please tell the teachers, housemothers & all that I thank them so much for everything.

Did you receive many letters from children? I hope you enjoyed reading them. I received letters from Rose Marie Biers, Merilou LaFord and Margaret Hopf. Now I am writing to Merilou, Julia, Rosemarie and you.

Your friend,
Joyce Rossow

Circus Happenings

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club again took our entire family to the circus. — A Ladies' Committee prepared a chicken dinner for the Lions for which Mr. Freddie Meyer supplied a huge birthday cake decorated with circus animals commemorating his 50th birthday. — Through Freddie's efforts the three world's most famous clowns performed for our children at the school prior to the circus. — Teachers Murray, Nutt, and Szajna gave brief demonstrations with children. — At the circus our children enjoyed all refreshments free and without limit. — The circus parade was stopped and the loud speaker announced that Diane Foster was presenting a large bouquet of American Beauties to Mr. Geo. Ingram, Pres. of Ingram Iron Works and head of circus activities. Thus Diane became the circus queen for the day and rode in the parade. — The circus committee consisted of Dr. W. Kersten, Messrs. K. Kretzschmar, J. Berns, W. Hoskings, R. Kamishkee, J. Tierney, and W. Ludwig.

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.

John Washo, Hot Springs, Ark.; Rev. Wilfred Luedtke, Duval, Sask., Can.; C. W. Kuethe, Dorsey, Ill.; O. Faster, Ft. Wayne and Mrs. Louise Witte, Indianapolis, Ind.; Rev. Geo. H. Koch, P. em., Garner, Iowa; Rev. Paul J. Roetling, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Carl Binkamm, Coloma, Mathilda Behrendt, P. Droege, Rev. E. C. Fackler, Jacob Koester, Agnes C. Moll, Mrs. Henrietta Oehmke, Edward Riske, Rudolph Weckwert, Detroit, J. Radke, De Witt, Dan Poellet and George Schmandt, Frankenthum, John Skwarek, Grand Haven, Erich Brade, Kinde, Eugene Torsch, Lachine, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Struck, Ludington, Mrs. Lena Morgner, Milford, Carl Keinath, Millington, Mrs. George Jordan, Reese, Fred Rupprecht, Richville, Mrs. Johanna Knuth, St. Joseph, Lorenz Weber, Vassar, Mich.; Ernst Eckardt, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Lena Hildebrand, Brecksville, Carl Kruse, Napoleon, Miss Eva W. Hachett, Parma, Ohio; Harry Schall, Aspinwall, Rev. Ernst F. Brand, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rev. F. M. L. Nitz, Bellingham, Wash.; Rev. Arnold Schultz, Milwaukee, and Rev. Fred Esemann, Racine, Wisconsin.

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

Revelation 13:14.

BE YE BAPTIZED

On Sunday, Jan. 20, six of our little tots were baptized in our chapel by the Rev. N. E. Borchardt. They are Pamela and Susan Hall of Detroit, Judy Ann Moyers of Monroe, Michigan, William Lyon Parker of San Diego, California, Thomas Wayne Sturgess, of Flint, and Linda Denise Walker of Hazel Park, Michigan. Sponsors and witnesses were Miss Ila Mae Wackler, Miss Marie Bliefnick, Mrs. Mathilda Fuhrman, Mr. Wm. Denham, Mr. Herman Fritz, Mr. Walter Reiher, Mr. Walter Schulz, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Livermore and Miss Nellie Moyers.

Jesus says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Faith in Jesus Christ, therefore, is the ticket that admits people to heaven, and that ticket is obtained through baptism.

SPORTS

As usual our boys are again very active in the way of competitive sports. The always very active Detroit (East) Division of the South and East Michigan Lutheran School Athletic Conference of which our school is a member, again presented spirited competition this fall in touch football. Eight teams were entered.

We were extremely fortunate this year having lost only a single boy through graduation. Being able to field a veteran squad in September, the boys stayed right in the race for top honors until the final game. It was a strong Bethany Lutheran School team which finally forced our team to settle for second honors on the strength of a one point victory in the final and deciding game.

Certainly the eight boys in our present confirmation class, who were playing their final football game, were somewhat disappointed with the outcome. However, when they were presented with the sizable second place trophy, the sun again began to shine.

At present we are engaged in an eight game basketball conference schedule plus three non-conference games. Our boys have strong desires to reach just one step higher than they were able to do in football.

Unfortunately our boys must play all basketball games away from home, since our own gym still remains a dream. This deprives our other children of the opportunity of watching them in action. It is indeed a highlight for our family when a home football or baseball game can be viewed on our home field.

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Diane Foster of Indianapolis in a short talk thanked all Lutherans and especially the Ladies' Society for the Deaf for providing such a fine Christian home-school for deaf children. Diane will soon be confirmed and graduated from the 8th grade.



Miss Doris Krist, a graduate of our Institute, the Detroit Lutheran High School, and the Detroit Business College, also spoke at the Ladies' Society's dinner. She, too, lauded the fine work of the Society and thanked the members for all they are doing for deaf children.

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Linda Denise Walker and Susan Hall, two live dolls with a lot of dolls which our people helped to dress for the Good-fellows.



ENJOYING THE COMFORTS OF THE LIVING ROOM



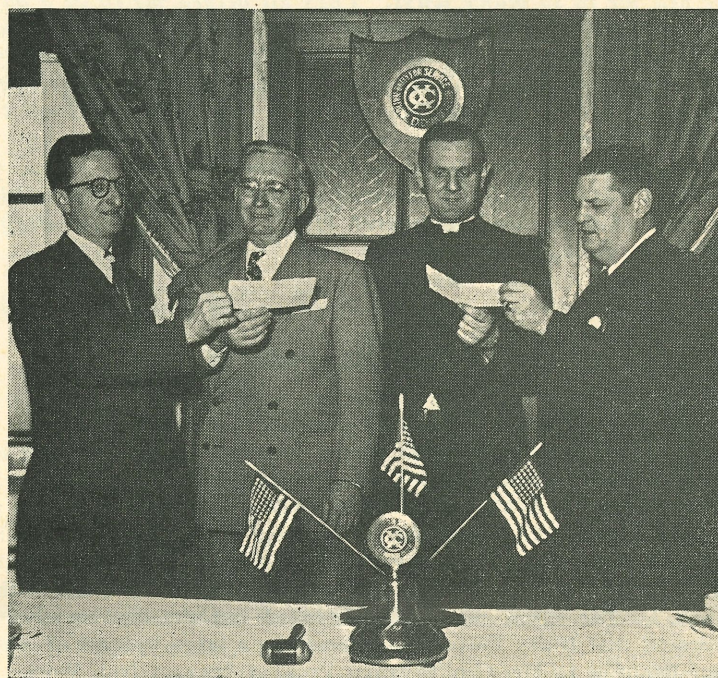
TEACHING THE BEGINNINGS OF READING



Mr. Kessel Green and Mr. Roy Eddy of the North Detroit Kiwanis Club presenting a Christmas check to Director Klein for the Institute.

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Mr. J. Ortwein, immediate past-president of the Exchange Club of Southeast Detroit, Director J. A. Klein, Father Jones of the CYO and Mr. Robert Regner, President of the Exchange Club, at the occasion of presenting Christmas gift checks to Director Klein and Father Jones for their respective institutions.