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Incidentally yours

Old Man Winter having departed, beautiful Springtime is with us again. And really to see Spring's beauty at its best you should come and feast your eyes on our many crabapple trees when they are in full bloom. Five hundred of these ornamental trees were given us by the Greening Nursery of Monroe, Mich., in 1940. They are now mature and, when in bloom, they are a most beautiful sight.

On Sunday, March 30, was Confirmation Day for a class of twelve of our deaf children — a happy day for both pupils and parents. A picture and an account of it will appear in the June issue of the Advocate.

Recently two household vacancies were filled, one by Miss Arnela Keller of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and the other by Miss Mary Cincurak who is a displaced person from Yugoslavia. Having had some nurses' training in her homeland and also in Austria, Miss Cincurak is in charge of our boys hospital wards. Besides her mother tongue she speaks German and English.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary voted to replace all wornout mattresses with new innerspring mattresses, and to supply more play equipment, throw-rugs, and an electric sewing machine. The latter will be used by the good ladies' committees who come every Wednesday to do our darning, mending, and patching. — This is the time of year when the number of garments which need repairing runs into the hundreds every week. You see, it's going to the end of the school year when the clothes which the children brought in September are wearing out very rapidly.

Our ladies also replaced two davenports, two lounging chairs with ottomans and a floor lamp in our boys' residence. — April 22nd the Ladies' Auxiliary will hold a bazaar with Smorgasbord at noon and dinner in the evening. On this day friends are given an opportunity to help the Ladies' Auxiliary replenish its treasury. Since our good women supply home comforts and everything else to make our Institute a real and pleasant home for our many deaf children, and since it also provides indigent children with necessary clothing and school supplies, there is indeed a

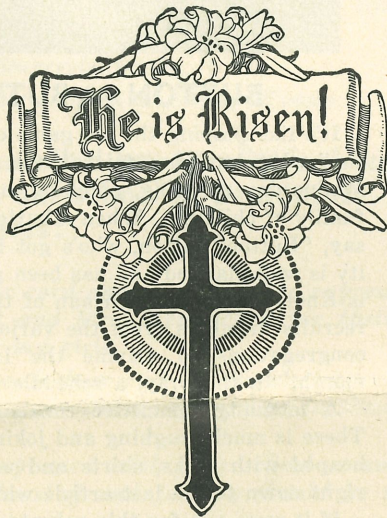
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HE LIVES, HE LIVES WHO ONCE WAS DEAD

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, He was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all He was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. . . .

Now if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead: But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ: Whom He raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain: ye are yet in

your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

But now IS Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. —1 Cor. 15:3-8 and 12-23

ANNUAL FESTIVAL

The school's traditional annual festival will be celebrated on Sunday, June 8th. Plans for the occasion are being crystalized by a large committee consisting of 10 men from each member congregation under the direction of manager Elmer Engel, a member of the Institute's Board of Directors.

Meals will again be prepared and served by our ever active Ladies' Aid Society for the Deaf.

Faculty members and pupils of the school are planning a one hour children's program which will be an outstanding feature of the day's festivities. For our pupils, it's the big day of the school-year.

These various groups spend many hours arranging the innumerable details of the program so that our many friends and visi-

tors may enjoy every moment of the day's activities.

Plan to attend. Meet old friends and make new acquaintances at the Festival on Sunday, June 8th. We'll be looking for you!

The Birdhouse Contest

Building birdhouses proved to be a very interesting project for our older girls to take part in during some of the recent Friday afternoons at the St. Clair Recreation Center. With the willing help of staff members and others at the Center, each of the fourteen girls in the fifth to eighth grades completed her wren house, feeding shelf, or nesting shelf. These were entered in the Birdhouse Contest and were exhibited, along with the many other entrees from all over the city, at the Detroit Travel and Sports Show at the Fairgrounds, March 15 to 23.

By taking part in the Birdhouse Contest, our girls received complimentary tickets to the Travel and Sports Show. They attended the event in the afternoon of Saturday, March 15, being transported by Mr. Bellhorn and Mrs. Jennings. The girls said that they enjoyed attending the show and also seeing their birdhouses displayed, although none of our girls won a prize for her work.

Now that our own wished for craft room is slowly taking form, it is our hope that in the very near future we will be able to employ a full-time crafts teacher. We then anticipate a report that prizes have been won.

Festival June 8th

Incidentally yours cont.

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need for replenishing the Society coffers from time to time.

Asphalt tile was laid in the boys' basement playroom and the chapel basement. Walls and ceilings in these rooms were also painted colorfully.

On April 1st the Detroit Ladies' Auxiliary held its annual anniversary service in our Chapel. This was followed by a noon luncheon and the regular monthly meeting. The Rev. Forrest Friese, the spiritual advisor of the Auxiliary, was the anniversary speaker.

Our Macomb Ladies' Auxiliary held its bimonthly meeting on March 11 at which time it was our privilege to address the assembly. This organization also bends every effort towards promoting the work of your Institute and providing for the physical and spiritual well-being of our deaf children. — May God bless them and all others who so willingly extend a helping hand to these little ones.

Recently we attended another regular meeting of the Council of Lutheran Agencies in Chicago. This Council was organized at the request of Synod. The Synodical periodicals soon will bring interesting and welcome information to their readers concerning this organization.

Our children are not only being taught the Bible doctrines, but they are also led to practice their religion in word and deed. To this end they are being encouraged to support such laudable causes as the Red Cross, March of Dimes, Community Chest, and the various appeals for funds coming from our Lutheran Church, most important of which was The Conquest for Christ. After explaining to them the importance of giving to the needy and especially for the building of the Kingdom out of love for their Savior, they were more than willing to forego store days and give liberally of their comparatively meager weekly spending allowances.

We are seriously thinking of organizing an Alumni Association. Any and all former pupils of our school, no matter how young or old they may be, are asked to write and tell us whether they are interested in such an organization.

A Parent-Teachers Association is also in our planning. Since most of our parents live at quite a distance from the school, this venture may not be a simple one. Nevertheless, we believe it can be effected, especially with such as live within a reasonable distance from Detroit.

Our good friends from Broadlands,

Ill., remembered us again with three crates of fresh eggs. Every year at about this time these dear people afford our children this treat. We wish that other groups might follow the Broadland's friends' example so that our large family might enjoy fresh eggs more often. — Many and sincere thanks go to you, good people of Broadlands.

The blood of all our children was typed recently. All pupils will soon receive their so-called dog tags on which their type of blood will be notated. In the event a child should ever require a blood transfusion, no time need be lost in typing his or her blood.

Our Junior Forester and Garden Clubs will soon be active preparing and planting a garden, pruning and transplanting shrubs and hedges.

Spotty's, our riding pony's, long vacation will soon be at an end because, as soon as the weather permits, she will be kept busy giving rides to our many youngsters. What a pleasure this affords young children you can well imagine.

Through Mr. Al Raish, a member of the North Detroit Kiwanis Club, our entire family was entertained with most interesting African big game hunting motion pictures titled *Karambi*. On a later date Mr. Raish arranged for an accomplished magician to provide a pleasurable evening for our group.

Arrangements for our annual school-closing festival which will be held on Sunday, June 8, were begun in a committee meeting held on Friday, March 28. Mr. Elmer Engel is the festival manager again. We hope that many of our Advocate Readers will find it convenient to celebrate with us on that day.

The inflow of those pink envelopes has dwindled to a mere trickle. We hope that it will not dry up completely like the river beds in Western Texas because, to carry on this costly mission endeavor, our treasury requires constant replenishing.

Thanks to fathers without sons three groups of our boys had the privilege of being adopted sons at Father and Son banquets held at St. Paul's, St. Mark's, and Christ Churches. All enjoyed these treats immensely.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Sunday School pupils with their Pastor,

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



BUTTON — BUTTON — BUTTON

It's like playing the old game of "Button button who's got the button" when our good friends, the mending ladies, spend all day every Wednesday mending, patching, and sewing on buttons for our large family of children. When a button is missing they are often heard to say, "Button, button, who's got the button." This Wednesday activity is well planned and has been going on for many years. Mrs. Lou- is Knorr, mending chairman of the Ladies' Aid Society for the Deaf, recruits members from the various ladies' aids of the many Detroit congregations to assume the Institute's mending chores for one month. In this way, a schedule for the year is arranged.

A mending committee consists of from eight to ten volunteers. There is much laughing and joking as they sit around the long tables heaped with socks, shirts and underwear. But all hands are busy right down to the last article which needs attention.

If it were not for this voluntary service, the institute would of necessity be required to employ extra help to keep up with this never ending and tedious job.

It is indeed a labor of love which these good ladies perform and for which we say, "Thank you, kind friends."

Richard Jesse Jr. and Sunday School teachers, approximately 200 strong, visited our Institute on Sunday, March 9. The girls and boys were greatly interested in seeing that deaf children can learn to speak and master the same school subjects as do hearing children. They also learned to appreciate the value of their sense of hearing. — Our doors are always open for group visits.

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.

"The World of Silence"

Our all-color-sound film continues to elicit favorable expressions from those who have had an opportunity to view it. The following are some of such comments:—

"Good, appealing. Excellent promotion material."

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"Good, comforting to know about."

—Rev. Carl Kruse

"Very touching; ably presented."

—A. W. Rueter

"Beautiful, wonderful, enlightening."

—Mrs. Carl Voges

"Very inspirational."

—Rev. Paul Kenyon

"Very, very fine. It taught our people very much."

—Rev. F. Hahn

"Splendid portrayal of life at your school."

—Mr. Wm. Neulieb

You, too, can book a copy, by writing to The Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, 6861 Nevada, Detroit 34, Mich. Open dates after May 1st.

PARENTS ARE GRATEFUL

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a little contribution for the school fund that is given from the heart as a token of appreciation for years of valuable help which you extended our son and us in the past.

You surely deserve a word of praise for the wonderful way the school has progressed and enlarged. It surely is a beautiful place.

Just last week I was talking with our son, Eugene, and I asked him if he didn't wish he were small and going to school again. Tears came to his eyes and he replied, "I would like it if I was back with Mr. Klein and the children at the Lutheran School at Detroit." The memory shall live in his mind forever. Ours also.

He is still working and getting along fine, and you may have heard that he has serious plans for next spring concerning another former student of the Ev. Lutheran Deaf School. She appears to be a fine girl and they surely have our blessings.

Will close for this time and we here in Ft. Wayne wish the school personnel and pupils God's richest blessings.

Sincerely yours,
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Winans

A widowed mother who enrolled her two little three and five year-old girls in our school in September, writes:

Dear Mr. Klein,

I want to thank you for your card and would like to express my appreciation to Mrs. Nutt and Mrs. Neubacker for their notes regarding the welfare of my girls.

My mind is quite at ease about them and I sincerely appreciate the fact that you so fully understand my interest in their development.

The children, I know, are impressed with your school as am I and the warm attitude of the staff and faculty should be a welcome change for them.

Thank you for your interest and believe my sincerity in saying thanks to the Lutheran organizations which make this education and care available to my children.

I also desire to have both children baptized in your chapel as soon as possible.

Very truly yours, Mrs. C. H.

FORMER PUPIL IS GRATEFUL

Dear Mr. Klein,

I am so grateful for the religious training that I received in the Detroit School. It has done me a lot of good and I wish more children who have no religious background could receive the same training I got. But I know it is very difficult to teach deaf children of Jesus and salvation for once they know nothing about God, they think nothing of Him.

Now as Lent begins, I will miss a lot of studying. But the sermons during Lent will be on "The Lord's Prayer" in our church. I continue to remember the words of Jesus, "Can ye not watch with me one hour?" So one hour for a few weeks will not be a great hardship for me, in fact, it will be a privilege.

I will never forget April 15, 1951. It was really the happiest day of my life because it was my Confirmation Day.

I will say once more that I am grateful for the time you spent teaching me the way to salvation. Not only am I grateful, but also my parents.

During my stay in Detroit I remember that from the first day I started calling it my home and did so until I said my last good-by, which, believe me, was very sad.

Wishing you God's richest blessings as you continue in your work, I am,

Sincerely yours, Grace Meilander

A Problem Turned Into a Pleasure

The seventh and eighth grades were guests at a Japanese Tea Party and Exhibit which was given by the sixth grade as a terminating activity of its study of Japan.

Although geography is a very interesting subject to our children, it is at the same time a difficult one. The texts available are written for hearing children. They do not explain concepts neither do they show relationships, causes and effects simply enough for the deaf to understand. This is so important in developing a foundation and technique in the study of other peoples and lands.

Because of this difficulty the teacher created a unit of twenty lessons entitled Land, Location, Climate, Farming, Natural Resources, Manufacturing, Products, Trade, etc., with the following considerations:—

1. Only those language principles which the children had already been taught were used in the construction of the lessons.
2. Definitions and drills were given for all new words.
3. Each topic was defined and written to show its advantages, and influence on other related topics.
4. Study papers were prepared for each lesson. "Why" questions were employed most frequently.
5. Every lesson was followed by a test.

This method of consistent and repeated development proved to be so effective and was so greatly enjoyed by the pupils that before the unit was completed the children asked if they could select one of the remaining topics, read about it and present it as a report to the class. They were so pleased to see their own reports typed and copies made for the entire class.

When the unit was completed, the children planned some creative activities. They chose to illustrate the story of rice in the form of a mural. Eight lessons were summarized graphically in four artistic posters showing natural resources, manufacturing centers, exports and imports and the Japan Current.

A comparison of the ways in which the Japanese and Americans differ and the ways in which they are alike showed a surprisingly mature appreciation of our blessings.

Greetings in Japanese "Ohyo" (Good Day), "Odenasi" (Be pleas-

ed to make your honorable entrance) and polite bows greeted the shoeless guests arriving for the party. A pretty fish kite was the object of considerable curiosity. The sixth graders inform us that when a baby boy is born to a Japanese family, the father announces this event by placing a fish kite on a pole above the roof.

—Helen Szajna

HITTING THE HOOP

Our basketball team has just completed participation in the annual Detroit Lutheran High School invitational tournament for Lutheran elementary schools. Sixteen teams were entered from south and east Michigan plus a Toledo entry. Our team exhibited drive and determination which carried them through the first three rounds successfully only to meet that same insurmountable stone wall, Bethany, which twice previously this year terminated their bid for the top spot. Bethany again proved itself superior, but it was not a down cast group of boys that cheerfully accepted a tall handsome second place trophy to add to its fast growing collection.

We recognize sports as a valuable medium through which our pupils gain a better understanding of the hearing world. It is a channel through which the deaf child's character is broadened and he is taught the concept of "give and take" on equal terms with his hearing fellow man. This inter-competition with schools for the hearing makes these hearing opponents more tolerant of the deaf because it gives them an opportunity to better understand the handicapped and their problems.

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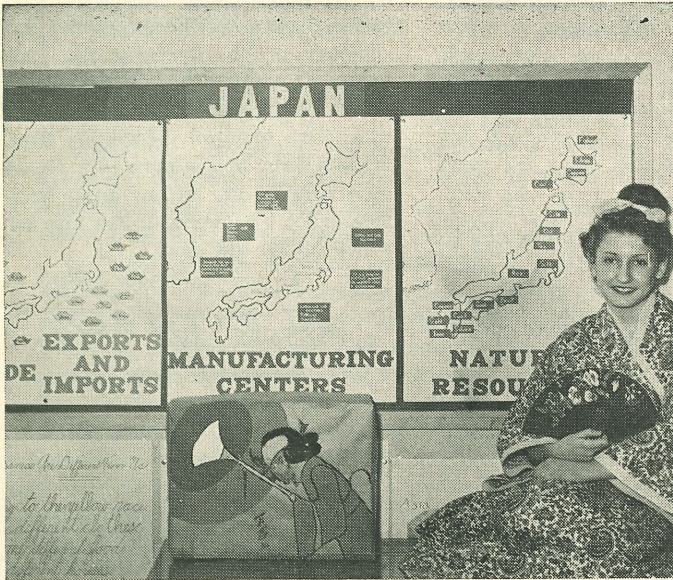
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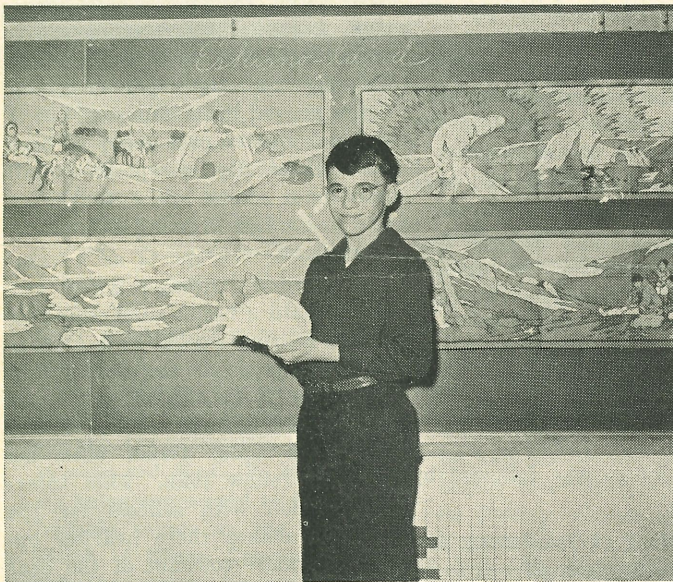
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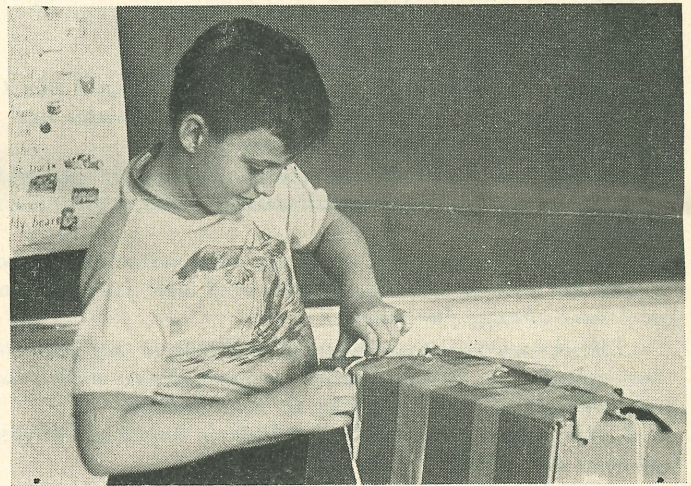
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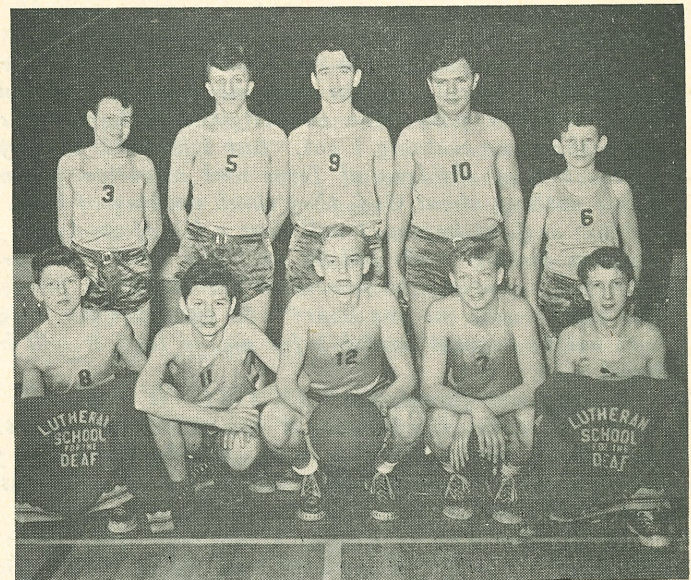
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Chores, Too, Must Be Done.



A Box From Home Is Always Welcome.



Our Basketball Squad. Lower row L. to R.: Sidney Johnson, Clifford Combs, Robert Leland, Nelson Finks, David Hunter. Upper Row L. to R.: Dean Hofman, Donald Webster, Robert Stock, Larry Hamer, and Robert Grumm.