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REV. E. KURTH IS FESTIVAL SPEAKER

Praise and Thanks to the Almighty God for 79 years of blessings to the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf will be the theme of the Festival Service. The Rev. Ervin Kurth, St. Marks Lutheran Church, Detroit, will serve as main speaker for this service on Sunday, June 8, at 3:00 at the Institute. The Rev. N. E. Borchardt will serve as interpreter for the Deaf.

Music for the Festival Service will be furnished by the Detroit Bach Choir under the baton of Mr. C. Munzel. The choir will sing two selections. The Rev. G. M. Krach will address the graduating class. Director John A. Klein will present the diplomas.



Rev. E. Kurth

Incidentally yours

This is an age of meetings, conferences, institutes, and conventions. One is constantly being reminded not to forget this or that meeting or convention. Many of these we feel in duty bound to attend. Others we attend because to do so is more or less a moral obligation. We, however, have often wondered if the good that is derived or accomplished by such attendance is really worth the expenditure of time and money that these get-togethers cost. But until this wave subsides, I suppose we shall continue to be "conventioners." The last convention the writer attended was the one held in Little Rock, Arkansas, by the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf. This is one convention which we consider worthwhile to attend, because many weighty problems pertaining to the education of the deaf are discussed and in some instances solved.

The Little Rock convention was truly such a meeting and all who were present profited greatly from the papers that were read and discussed during those four busy days as well as from the social contacts that were renewed.

Back from the convention we found a desk loaded sky-high with correspondence. As soon as this work was dispatched with the help

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Fine Festival Program Planned

June 8th will mark the day our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf will again celebrate its annual festival.

The Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf will serve TWO complete meals. A real special dinner will be served at noon in our basement dining room. This year our Ladies will also serve a very fine evening meal in the same dining room. The prices will be very reasonable for these meals as well as for all refreshments served on the grounds. The real purpose of our festival is to gain and hold friends, not merely to make money.

Highlighting the day's activities will be an all-pupil program. The pageant under the direction of Miss Emily Born, with faculty assistance, is entitled, "Songs of America." The nine groups depicted will be Indians, Pilgrims, Swedish, English, Chinese, Irish, Dutch, Polish and German.

The narration will describe early America and explain why people came here.

Two specials planned for this year include a softball game between two outstanding girl teams and music furnished by the Police Department Jr. Band.

Rev. E. Schildt — Vesper Speaker

A fitting climax to an activity packed Festival day, June 8, will be the traditional Vesper Service in the Institute's beautiful grove. The Rev. E. Schildt, Pastor of East Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Detroit, and Vice President of the Institute's Board of Directors, will conduct the Vesper Service.

It is always a most appropriate closing of the day's festivities. As the sun sinks low in the western skies, the call to worship is sounded to which all respond.



Rev. E. Schildt

Festival Features

- 11:30 - 2:30 DINNER served by the Ladies' Auxiliary for the deaf.
- 1:00 - 2:30 OPEN HOUSE
- 1:00 Mass Balloon Ascension
- 2:15 CHILDREN'S PROGRAM. Entitled "Song of America."
- 3:15 DIVINE SERVICE
Rev. E. Kurth, Speaker
- 4:30 - 6:30 SUPPER served by the Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf.
- 4:30 Second BALLOON ASCENSION
- 4:30 GIRLS' BALL GAME
- 7:00 VESPER SERVICE
Rev. E. Schildt, Speaker
Refreshments and Lunches at stands throughout the day.

Annual Meeting

On Wednesday, June 11, the all-day meeting of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf Association will be held at the Institute.

Pastors and delegates of all member congregations are expected to attend this important meeting at which vital reports will be presented and future plans discussed. An important phase of the meeting will be the election of officers to the Board of Management and School Board.

The deaf child's ADVOCATE

:- Plan To Attend JUNE 8 :-

Incidentally yours cont.

of our efficient office staff, it was time to attend another meeting. This time it was an important meeting in Chicago of The Council of Lutheran Agencies. We sincerely hope that this organization will eventually assist our pastors and congregations greatly in the proper and equitable allocation of funds for the various charitable endeavors.

Our children's three collections for the Conquest for Christ appeal amounted to \$39.60. Since this money came from the youngsters' meager spending allowances, and since it meant foregoing the great pleasure of three so-called "store days," their's was, indeed, a "widow's mite" gift.

Our older girls and boys greatly enjoyed seeing the Travel and Sportsman show at the State Fair Colliseum where they had some of their own-built bird houses on exhibit. — All but the nursery class enjoyed the annual flower show where they were the guests of the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation. Their next great day will be the Ringling Bros. Circus under the "Great Top." And after that comes the annual festival on Sunday, June 8th, and then home sweet home. — Won't you all try to be with us on that festival day?

Our family of adults has become somewhat smaller since the Misses Emily Born, Elsie Forsberg, and Helen Szajna, three of our very efficient and loyal teachers, decided that they preferred living away from the school. We were sorry to see them leave but also very happy that all three will continue to teach for us.

Recently we had two distinguished visitors, both educators of the deaf in their respective homelands. They were Dr. Asgar Holm from Denmark and Miss Martenen from Finland. Dr. Holm spent one day with us and Miss Martenen three days.

Recent group visits were the Ladies' Auxiliaries from Clawson, Michigan, Wauseon, Ohio, Trinity Circle, Detroit, Trinity L. A., Reese, Michigan, Plymouth Ladies' Auxiliary, Plymouth, Mich., and the Young People's Society of Windsor, Ontario, Canada. The Wauseon group came thirty-five strong in a chartered bus. We welcome such visits because through them our Christians receive a more vivid picture of the fine work their Institute is doing for these handicapped children. — In order further to publicize this

missionary endeavor, we are always ready to send a speaker with our film, "The World of Silence," and several pupils for a demonstration where this may fit into the program of a church organization or any other gathering of people.

The annual meeting of our Institute Association will be held on Wednesday, June 11. All pastors and one lay-delegate of all member-congregations will attend.

Garden - Forestry Club

Our school, in cooperation with the Detroit Dept. of Parks and Recreation, has completed another year of interesting and educational activity within the Garden and Forestry Clubs, the members of which constitute our three upper classes. Mr. Schad, of the Department of Parks and Recreation, has spent many hours instructing our older pupils in the finer points of planning, planting, and tending vegetable and flower gardens.

In forestry our pupils have learned how to transplant shrubs and prune trees. There is a right way and a wrong way to do everything. The benefits of following the right pattern are explained as well as the harm that might result in doing things the wrong way. The Club has learned by actual demonstration that good gardeners and foresters have success because they understand and follow simple yet important rules in their work.

During the year, lessons on soil, seeds, bulbs, planting, transplanting, pruning and simple tree surgery, were part of the club's activities. The program is highly beneficial to the club members and they enjoy every moment of it.

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

Broken Vessels

You have often heard the story
Of the broken vase which lay
In a field of drooping lilies,
Until Christ passed by one day,
And of how the Master filled it
To revive each lily fair,
And how, for having served Him,
It breathed a thankful prayer.

And you have heard how a deaf man
Walked his sad and lonely way,
Living in a voiceless silence
Until Christ passed by one day;
And how Christ said, "Be opened,"
That those who were gathered there
Might learn that all, tho' shut in sin,
May be saved by silent prayer.

'Tis glorious to serve the Master
'Tho He bend us to His will,
Tho' the cup of life be bitter
And, "I am the Lord; be still,"
Tho' some of us must be broken
That thousands may be raised,
And if we are the chosen to suffer,
Yet let His name be praised.

Then why should we forever sigh,
Oh, why should we repine,
That Christ's "Ephpheta"
May not be yours and mine?
Tho' He made but one of us to hear
And then passed by that day,
We have served the Master
In our humble, lowly way.

—Edith Peel Chandler

Gallaudet College for Deaf Only One of Kind in World

An inspiring history lies behind Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C., the world's only college for the deaf.

The college was founded by act of Congress in 1864 as the National Deaf-Mute College. (The enabling act was approved by President Abraham Lincoln.) Its name was later changed to Gallaudet College in honor of the Rev. Thomas H. Gallaudet, the man who, moved by sympathy for a neighbor's deaf child, founded the first American school for the deaf in 1817.

Gallaudet's son, Edward Gallaudet, continued his work after his father died, and the college was founded largely through his efforts.

Today the college has an enrollment of about 250 students — all deaf. Most of its financial support (80 per cent) comes from the federal government. (The president of the United States signs all diplomas.) The other 20 per cent comes from student fees.

There are more than 200 schools for the deaf in the United States, but Gallaudet College is the only one offering advanced and specialized training for those who wish to enter the professions.

Among the subjects taught are physical science, mathematics, education, political science, library science and other liberal arts subjects.

However, because students are at a disadvantage in dealing with hearing people in a hearing world, stress is laid on vocational subjects such as graphic arts, printing, home economics and like studies. Such skills enable students to compete for good jobs and be self-supporting upon graduation.

—The Iowa Hawkeye



Mr. C. Schad pointing out seeds that do well in light soils to Bruce Becker and Bobby Grumm

The World of Silence

is an All color
Sound Movie

Requiring 35 min.
Running Time

There are open dates
after June 1.



Confirmation Class of 1952 — Standing left to right: Joyce Hart, Larry Hamer, Donald Webster, Robert Leland, Nelson Finks, Curtis Ketelsen, Gordon Goebel, Herman Spencer, David Bromberg, Roberta Clawson. Seated—left to right: Rev. N. E. Borchardt, Diane Foster, LaDonne Herfert, Dir. J. A. Klein

—Photo by Windhorst

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. Agnes Bornhoeft, Mrs. Herman Triebe, Sr., Chicago, Emma Fierke, Dundee, Prof. H. Gaertner, Forest Park, Mrs. W. Trapp, Oak Park, Miss Lizzie Harnache, San Jose, Illinois; Mrs. Christ Goeglein, Mrs. John C. Trier, Ft. Wayne, Mrs. Hugo A. Pischke, South Bend, Indiana; Anna Mueller, Bay City, Mr. Lewis Hess, Ceresco, Mrs. Fred Schade, Dearborn, Mr. John L. Schmidt, Deerfield, Frieda Ernst, Dr. Paul Fackler, Mr. Robert Hase, Mrs. Emma Jentsch, Mr. Louis Kade, Mr. Wm. Kohn, the Rev. O. E. Marohn, Mrs. Mary Priehs, Mr. Paul Quandt, Mrs. Emma Radzom, Mrs. Anna Rienecke, Mr. Wm. Treichel, Detroit, Mr. Jacob Radke, DeWitt, Mrs. Charles Habermehl, Farmington, Alma Gugel, Mr. Elmer Zehnder, Frankenmuth, Mrs. Henry Maul, Grosse Pointe Park, Mr. Paul Droege, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mr. Erich Brade, Kinde, Mr. Geo. Kohler, Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schwark, Sr., Lenox, Mr. Al. Diener, Mt. Clemens, Mr. Alfred Wagner, Pigeon, Mr. Peter Bierlein, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Elbers, Reese, Anna Greffe, Saginaw, Mrs. Henry Ruff, St. Clair, Mr. George Brassow, Saline, Michigan; Mr. Wm. Broderious, Hector, Mr. John Nietzsche, North Branch, Minnesota; Mr. Henry Rahe, Mrs. Wm. J. Taylor, Cleveland, Mrs. Anna Stark, Elyria, Mrs. Carl Scheiderer, Marysville, Ohio; Mr. Immanuel Rudi, San Antonio, Texas; Mr. Arnold Roesler, Dale, Mr. Christ Tech, New London, Prof. A. Schaller, Thiensville, Dr. S. E. Barton, Wausau, Wisconsin.

LaDonne Herfert Takes School Spelling Honors

Although she found herself the lone deaf girl in a group of thirty three hearing children at a district spelling bee sponsored by the Detroit News, LaDonne Herfert exhibited some of that stuff of which deaf are made and acquitted herself admirably.

Depending entirely upon her ability to read lips LaDonne successfully competed with her hearing fellows until only seventeen remained when she was finally spelled down on the word "compass." LaDonne had previously won the school spelling championship with Roberta Clawson runner-up.

946 Schools for the Deaf in the Entire World

In the entire world there are 946 schools for the deaf, 549 of which are in Europe. North America has 223 schools, South America 23, Africa 10, Asia 131, and Australia 12. For the 200,000 deaf children of India there are only three schools and only 60 schools for the 60,000 deaf in Japan.

—The Rushmore Beacon

THOSE PINK ENVELOPES

If you still have one of those pink envelopes lying around, you will make our treasurer happy by dropping it into the mail box with a little of that "folding green" which is so necessary for him to meet the evermounting operating cost.

Confirmation Vows are Spoken

On Sunday, March 30, twelve of our pupils spoke their Confirmation vows in our beautiful Gloria Dei Elizabeth Knudsen Chapel. Beside the deaf congregation, many relatives and friends of the class were present. Pastor N. E. Borchardt of Our Savior Lutheran Church delivered an inspiring address on the significance of the confirmation vow and performed the act of confirmation.

Following the service, a dinner was served to the members of the confirmation class and their families, members of the Institute staff and all the pupils of the school. The Ladies' Aid Society for the Deaf presented each confirmand with a Bible and a Prayer book. The class presented a beautiful picture of Christ to the school as a token of appreciation for all that was done for its members during their years at the Institute.

Confirmation and Church membership is the goal of every pupil in our school. Having reached that goal, the 1952 confirmands will not return next fall. Their education will now be continued in the schools of their respective "home" states.

May God keep them in steadfastness of faith and mold into their hearts the hymn of their confirmation, "Let Me Be Thine Forever."

The confirmation class also constitutes the school's graduating class of 1952.

Statement by Dr. Pintner

The following statement by Dr. Rudolph Pintner is significant and carries a great deal of weight due to the fact that Dr. Pintner was one of America's leading psychologists and devoted more time to the study of the psychology of the deaf than any similar ranking authority of our day. Dr. Pintner was co-author of the Paterson Performance Test, and author of several tests along the lines of mentality and achievement. He was widely quoted throughout the educational press.

"The Aim of the education of the deaf should be to make him a well balanced, happy individual and not a pale imitation of a hearing person. Let us aim to produce happy, well-adjusted deaf individuals, each different from the other, each with his own personality."

—The Maryland Bulletin

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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.

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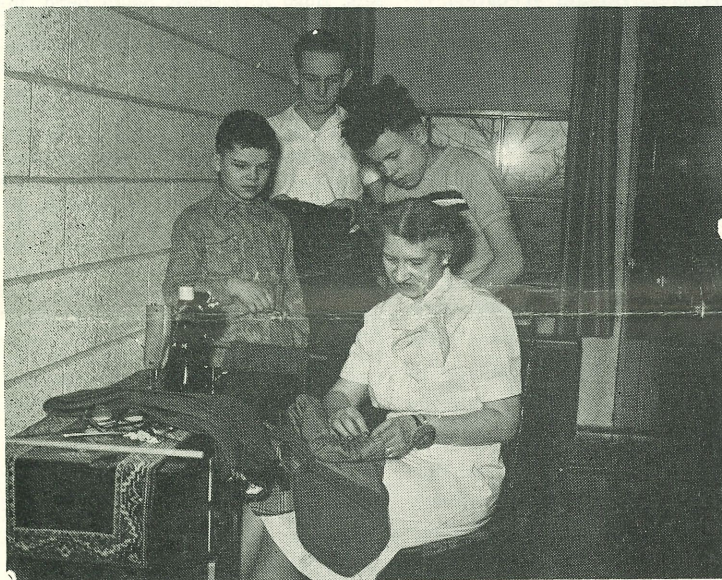
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Deaconess Housemother Marie Bliefnick lining up the little tots for the tooth brush fest



Deaconess Housemother Esther Matz explaining a new game on the playground after school



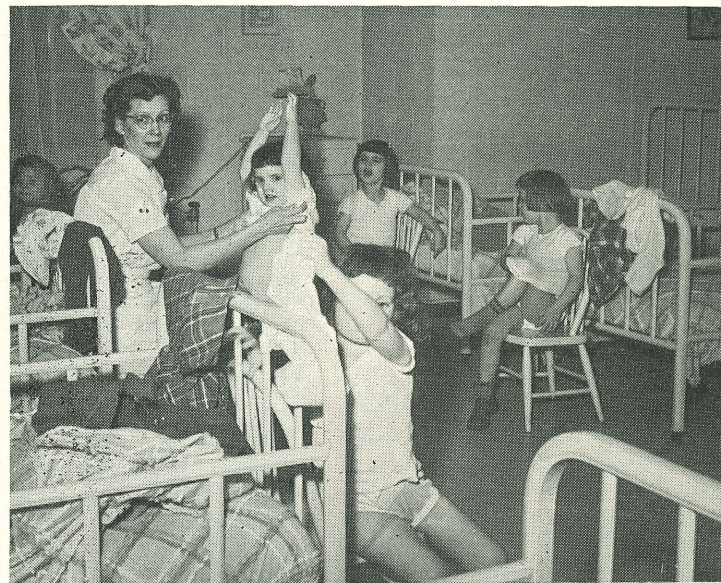
Housemother M. Fuhrman catching a loose button before school time



Playtime is over. Housemother V. Handschin cleaning up her family for supper



Left to right: Mrs. A. Meitz, Mrs. E. Nicolai, Mrs. E. Paschal, Miss D. Estes and Miss V. Handschin, busy as bees in the laundry



After a busy day, Deaconess Housemother Marie Bliefnick tucks the little ones into bed

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