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Incidentally Yours

Springtime — Blossomtime — the time when every tree, bush and twig is trying to put forth the greatest amount of beauty and fragrance. Our campus, too, with its great variety of trees and shrubs is indeed a wonderful sign to behold every spring. The many vari-colored flowering "crabs" seem to attract the greatest attention.

Besides beauty, spring also brings that most welcome school-closing time for which parents and pupils have been waiting so patiently—and perhaps the teachers and housemothers, too.

This year that great day, Sunday, June 14, has double significance, because on it both the school-closing day and the Institute's 80th anniversary will be celebrated with an outdoor divine service. The program for the day as outlined below will be an interesting one. Many friends from far and near are expected to come on that Anniversary Day to celebrate with us and to praise Almighty God for the great spiritual blessings which He showered upon the deaf during the past eighty years at this Christian Institute of learning.

Outstanding festival features will be the presentation of bronze plaques to honor the Rev. Dr. F. A. Hertwig and the Rev. E. T. Bernthal for whom two of our buildings were named "Hertwig Hall" and "Bernthal Hall;" the presentation and dedication of the Minshall Electronic Organ, an offering by the Martin Luther Memorial Foundation for our Gloria Dei Clara Elizabeth Knudsen Chapel; and the graduation exercises of the class of 1953 and the presentation of a permanent outdoor re-enforced concrete stage, the gift of the North Detroit Kiwanis Club.

Anonymous letters—yes, we know how such letters should ordinarily be regarded and treated. But we do get some very fine such letters which we love and welcome and for which we thank both the writer and Almighty God.

Recently we received three letters
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Institute Celebrates Eightieth Year

Praise ye the Lord,—From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

—Psalm 113 V. 1 and 3.

Four score years ago Detroit Lutherans decided to do something special for underprivileged children. The first meeting held on February 17th, 1873, and a number of subsequent meetings resulted in the establishing of the first and, for many years, the only Protestant school for deaf children in America. Pastor G. Speckhard was called to be its superintendent. From two deaf chil-

dren who came with Pastor Speckhard the enrollment grew constantly and by the end of the first year seventeen children had been enrolled. In this manner almighty and merciful God led His Church into a new field of soul-saving work.

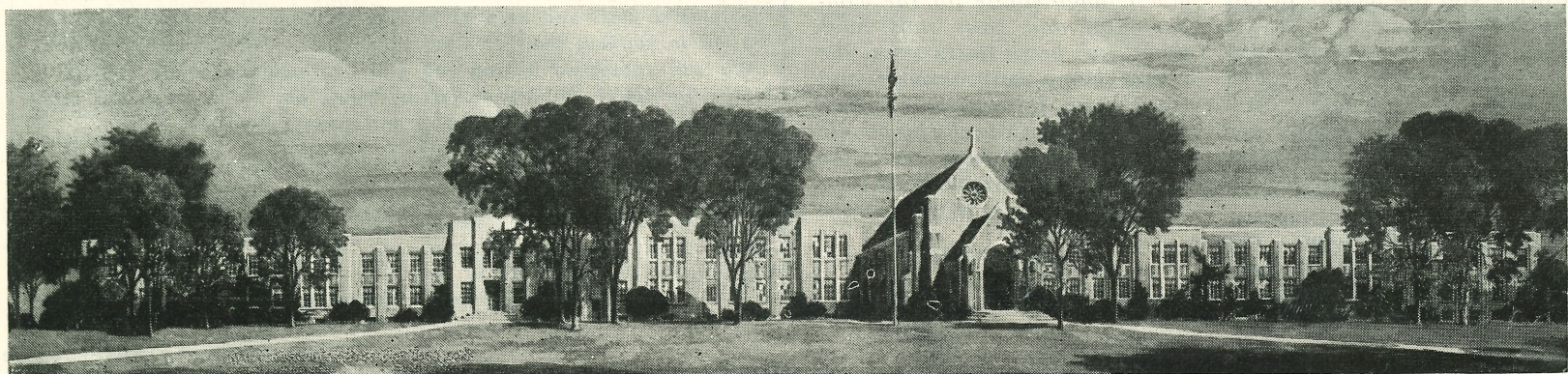
In this, the first charitable institution to serve the Church Synod-wide, children of silence during the past 80 years have received a Christian education and training which molded them into good citizens for this world and for heaven.

The Institute's early days were

filled with problems—want, anxiety, gloom and almost despair, but the Lord showed the way. He blessed it with faithful workers and supporters until it finally developed into the fine home-school for the deaf that it is today. And He has shown us countless examples of splendid fruits of our endeavors in the Christian lives and activities of its graduates in their contact with the world and in their service to the Church.

On Sunday, June 14th, thousands of friends of the Institute will gather on the school's campus to give praise and thanks to God for His manifold blessings during these past 80 years. Jubilee highlights of the day will be the anniversary sermon by the Rev. E. H. Bertermann, Wausau, Wis., and the Vesper service conducted by the Rev. Walter Rehmus of St. Stephens Church, Detroit. A highpoint in the history of the Institute's physical growth was the replacement in 1939 of the old three-story red brick building by modern fireproof buildings. We ask you, dear reader, that you be with us on this memorable day, if not in person, then in spirit with your prayers.

To Give is To Live!



—Photo by Windhorst

Incidentally Yours

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without signatures. One came from Beloit, Wisconsin and another from Forest Park, Illinois. These both contained generous cash sums of money. The third also came from Illinois. It contained a cashier's check in the amount of \$800.00. Among many other nice things this donor wrote as follows: "Will you accept this check, \$700.00 to be used for a group train-ear unit and \$100.00 for one boy's and one girl's bicycle? The offering is in memory of another trusting soul who found peace in the Lord, Jesus Christ, and who is now asleep in Jesus." — Dear Anonymous Friends, we appreciate your generous gifts and especially do we appreciate the motive which prompted you to be so thoughtful of the needs of the least of our Lord's brethren. He will be your rich reward.—We pray that the Lord may give the deaf child more such friends.

Another generous gift in the amount of \$400.00 was received from our own Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary. The organization designated its gift to be a partial scholarship for one of our many indigent children. May God richly bless our dear ladies.

New acquisitions and repairs: Besides the new electronic organ for our chapel, we acquired a new Maytag automatic washer for the use of our personnel, and a large asphalt court for outdoor basketball practice, volleyball, roller skating, tricycling, bicycling, etc. The youngsters really enjoy this spot. All exterior woodwork of the Institute as well as the interior of the chapel received a much-needed coat of paint. All playground apparatus was painted by the boys.

Two new teachers will join our staff next September. One is Mr. Donald Ravell, a River Forest student who trained in the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf to become a teacher of special education. The other is Mrs. Isabel Karus, who is coming back to us after having taught in the Michigan State School for the Deaf and the Perkins Institute for the Blind and Deaf-Blind in Massachusetts. We welcome both into our large family.

In this issue of the Advocate we bring you the picture of our 1953 confirmation class. We are confident that these young people will give a good account of themselves in their home communities both economically and spiritually. We wish them the Lord's richest blessings.

We are proud to report that two of our former pupils, William Ludwig and Richard Tuccinardi expect to be graduated from Gallaudet

College next year and that two others, Gayle Knospe and Richard Nicolai, intend to enter college in September.

Recent group visitors were the Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Lutheran Women's Missionary League who came two-bus-loads strong, Mt. Zion Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Detroit, Van Zile School, Christ Memorial Lutheran Ladies' Aid, and Our Savior Girls Club.

Talks and demonstrations were given at the Yale Business Men's Club, Yale, Mich., Zion Lutheran Women's Club, Fern-dale, the Optomist Club, Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, the Women's University Club, Pontiac, Calvary Ladies' Aid, Lincoln Park, Rotarians, New Baltimore, Rev. Fluegge's Church, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and Trinity Lutheran Mothers Club, Jackson, Mich.

Arbor Day ceremonies consisted of the planting of two shade trees, a Ginkgo and a Honey Locust. Mr. Bellhorn, our principal, spoke on the origin of Arbor Day and Sandra Clack recited the poem "Trees," by Joyce Kilmer. The two trees planted were donated by Detroit's Department of Parks and Recreation. The Ginkgo tree might have become extinct had not the Lamas of Tibet propagated it after it had disappeared from the rest of the earth.

Kite day an exciting day. All our kite-makers together with many others including the judges appointed by the Detroit Department of Recreation gathered on Belle Isle on Saturday, May 9th, for the annual kite contest. Richard Heckel, one of our pupils, received first prize and several others got honorable mention.

The new Bell & Howell combination sound projector recently acquired will make the showing of our film away from home much easier.

The ice cream party given our pupils by Our Savior Girls Club was greatly enjoyed by all. Thanks! and come again.

Sharon's mother writes from Chicago:

"It was wonderful to have Sharon for Easter. I can never give enough praise for the wonders you and your staff have done for her. Each time she comes home her manners and speech are improved so much more. At the Church the people always tell us how well she speaks orally.—May God bless you all."

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. A. Anderson

Class Room Work

As an inducement to strive for higher goals in classroom achievement, pupils' written work is chosen from time to time to appear in the Advocate. The following composition was written by twelve year old Kenneth Toerpe, a fifth grader from Chicago, Ill., in which he demonstrates his ability to use original language.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

Christopher Columbus was born in Italy in 1446. He was a poor sailor. He liked to travel all over the world on a ship. He sailed across the Atlantic Ocean with many ships.

He wanted to find a new route to India by sailing his ship toward the west. He believed that the earth was round, but the other people didn't believe that the earth was round. They thought that the earth was flat. Columbus was an excellent map-maker.

He asked many people who had wealth to give him money to buy ships and food. They refused to help him because they thought that he was crazy. They called him "The Crazy Explorer."

So he asked Queen Isabella to help him and give him money to buy ships and food. At last Queen Isabella decided to help him. She gave him money to buy ships and food.

He bought three ships. They were the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. He bought some food, too.

He set sail on August 3, 1492. He sailed and sailed. The wea-

ther was good, but the crew started to worry about being so far from land. They wanted Columbus to turn back. He refused. They sailed for 72 days.

At last they found land on October 12, 1492. Columbus thought that he was in India, but it was a new world, America. He named the people Indians. He left some of his men in America. He took some Indians, some birds, some potato plants and some tobacco plants back to Spain with him on his ship from the new world. He didn't find any gold or riches and no cities.

Columbus was received with honors by the people. They gave him much money, beautiful clothes, parties and many kinds of ships. The people thought that they were going to find gold, riches and beautiful cities in the new world.

They found no beautiful cities, no gold and no riches. They were very cruel to him.

He died in 1506, poor and alone. We remember him because he discovered America on October 12, 1492.

—KENNETH TOERPE

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.

Canvass For Deaf Children

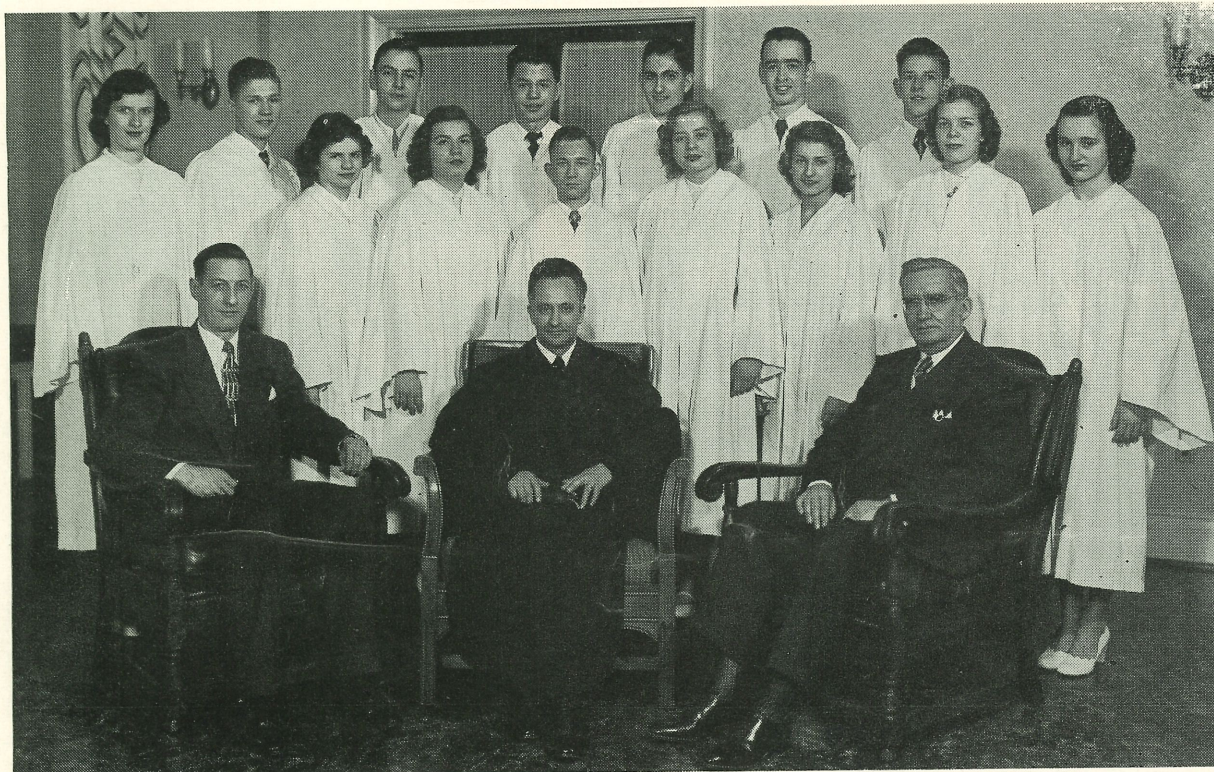
The Lutheran Institute for the Deaf is being maintained for the purpose of providing a Christian education and training for deaf and hard of hearing children. In spite of the fact that the education of deaf children is the most expensive of all child education, the doors of your Institute are open to all such handicapped children regardless of whether or not the parents are able to pay the entire board and tuition fees. This is made possible only through the voluntary contributions from Christian organizations and friends of handicapped children.

Because it is the Institute's desire to offer its services to as many deaf children as possible, it appeals to all its Advocate readers and especially to all pastors and teachers to send us the names of parents of deaf and hard of hearing children who might be interested in sending their afflicted little ones to this Christian school. We will appreciate it, and you will be rendering fellow beings a great service if you will do this by filling out the blank below with the name and address of parents and mailing it to us.

Name of Parents

Street

City



THE 1953 CONFIRMATION CLASS—R. to L., Seated: Dir. J. A. Klein, Rev. N. E. Borchardt, Walter Bellhorn, Principal; Standing, 1st row: Monica Gable, Geraldine Smith, Rose Marie Bier, Judith Johnson, Gerald Evers, Eileen Snyder, Estelle Provow, Linda Moore; 2nd row, Sidney Johnston, Robert Stock, Lynn Qualley, Clifford Combs, Clair McLeod, Richard Heckel.
—Photo by Windhorst

Foundation Presents Electronic Organ

Because of lack of interest in its objectives, The Martin Luther Memorial Foundation, a group of women organized for the purpose of providing Lutheran charitable and educational organizations with funds for much-needed equipment, decided to disband. In doing so it voted to appropriate its accumulated funds for the purchase of an electronic organ for the Gloria Dei Clara Elizabeth Knudsen chapel of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf.

This beautiful instrument will be formally presented to the Institute by the former officers of the Foundation, Mrs. J. Brindle, Mrs. E. Edwards, Mrs. J. Klein, Mrs. Ralph Jewell, Mrs. Wm. Demske, Mrs. F. Bradley and Mrs. Anna Gruenwald at the occasion of the 80th Anniversary festival on June 14th, at which time it will be dedicated to the glory of God and the service of Christian worshippers.

The Institute management greatly appreciates this magnificent gift and herewith expresses its heartfelt thanks to the donors for having been so thoughtful of our Institute's needs.

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

Festival Speakers



Rev. E. Bertermann Rev. W. Rehmus
Pastor E. H. Bertermann, of Wausau, Wisconsin, will be the guest speaker of the 80th Anniversary service of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 14.

Pastor Bertermann is recognized as an outstanding preacher. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Northern Wisconsin District for twenty-six years, Vice-President of the District for six years and editor of the District periodical for twenty-five years. He organized the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in his District. He is the father of Dr. E. R. Bertermann, manager of the International Lutheran Hour.

The Rev. Walter Rehmus, who will conduct the Vesper service at the occasion of the Institute's 80th Anniversary service, is well known in Detroit where he has been the pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church since 1940. He has been actively connected with the Detroit Lutheran Center and the Lutheran Old Folks Home in Monroe. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Glen Eden Cemetery.

Mrs. Eisenhower Writes Letter To Sandra Clack

Sandra Clack, one of our pupils, is the proud possessor of a letter from Mrs. Eisenhower.

It happened this way. Some time ago, as a school project the children were invited to write a letter to a prominent person, and Sandra chose to write one to President Eisenhower congratulating him on his election, and expressing the wish that if he and Mrs. Eisenhower returned to visit in Detroit, they would visit Sandra's school. She also expressed a desire for his photograph.

The other day along came an answer—a personal letter signed by Mrs. Eisenhower and inclosed with it was an autographed picture. The letter read as follows: "Dear Sandra,

It was nice of you to write to the President and me as you did recently, and I am happy to send you the photograph you requested.

I don't know when we will be coming to Detroit again, and I doubt that we will have much time when we do so I can't promise that we will be able to pay your school a visit. It is nice of you to invite us, however.

Best wishes to you."

Mamie Doud Eisenhower

80th Anniversary Program

- 12:00-2:30—Hot Dinner served by the Institute Ladies' Auxiliary
- 1:00-2:30—Open House — All visitors may tour the buildings
- 3:00—Anniversary Service
Speaker—Rev. Ernest H. Bertermann, Wausau, Wis.
- Choir—Bethany Luth. Ch., Mr. Walter Matthes, directing
- Organist—Walter Matthes
- 3:50—Dedication of New Chapel Organ
Presentation of Plaques
Presentation of the permanent stage by officers of the Kiwanis Club
Graduation Exercises
- 4:00—Championship Softball Game
- 4:00—Band Concert By Detroit Police Band
- 4:00-6:30—Luncheon Served by Ladies' Auxiliary
- 5:00—Balloon Ascension
- 7:00—Vesper Service—Speaker: Rev. Walter Rehmus

Felicitous Parent

Staples, Minn.

Dear Mr. Klein,
... We could hardly believe that the little gentleman who came home to visit was the same four-year-old "wild-Indian" we brought to you only four months earlier. He went to all the Church services with us and was easily the best-behaved youngster in the congregation. We and all our relatives and friends were just amazed at the changes (all for the better) in his behavior and habits—his whole social readjustment.

We were also pleased with David's progress report. While it doesn't show him to be a genius by any means, we are happy that he is doing acceptable work in all categories. . . .

Sincerely,
R. J. Ahlness

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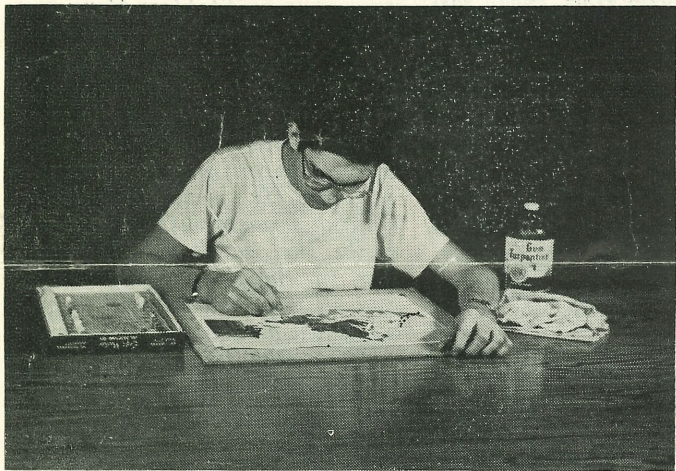
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ARBOR DAY ACTIVITIES depicting the planting of a Ginkgo tree under the direction of the instructor, Mr. Charles Schad, from the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation.

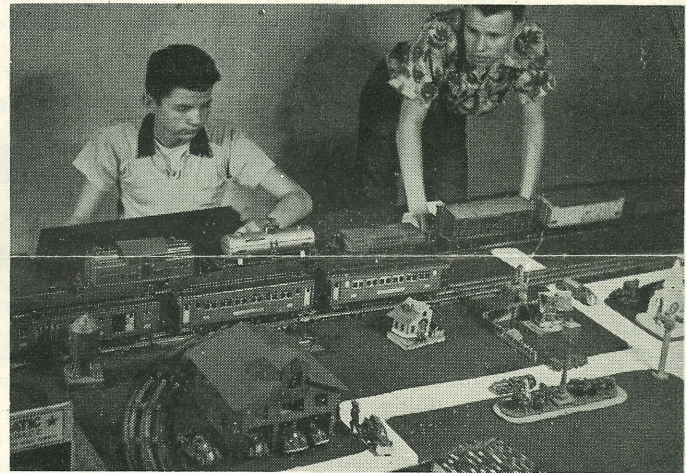


RICHARD HECKEL of Cleveland, Ohio, is our floriculturist. Here we see him weeding his tulip bed.



LYNN QUALLEY, of Fargo, North Dakota, is an enthusiastic painter. With his paint pots and brushes he wiles away many leisure hours.

*Hobbies
for
Pleasure
and
Learning*



CLIFFORD COMBS from California, and Dean Hoffman from Nebraska, are interested in electric trains, the gift to our boys by the North Detroit Kiwanis Club.



*Our best wishes
Minnie David Eisenhauer*



OUR JR. FORESTERS and Gardeners are enjoying Detroit's annual Flower Show with Mr. Charles Schad, their instructor. This phase of their education really opens the pupils eyes to the wonders of God's creation.