

*Incidentally yours . . .*

Easter vacation past—summer vacation knocking at the door. --- Everybody happy and working hard to reach the prescribed curriculum goals, planning an interesting festival program, and getting the youngsters ready for the long-looked-for journey home. — A bee hive is a busy place, and so is your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. ---

The wives of the Director and Principal are very happy these days because their homes were completely redecorated lately.— Of course we men are not a bit sorry that this was done. We, too, enjoy pretty surroundings. ---

Our two men teachers, Messrs. Robert Tegeder and Donald Ravell provided themselves with permanent baby-sitting jobs lately. Both entertained a visit from the stork who left each of them a baby girl. ---

Mr. John Rimmer, our faithful out-door man for eight years, had to leave us on account of his advance age and a serious heart ailment. We are sorry that our association with Mr. Rimmer had to end. And we wish him a pleasant and peaceful twilight of life. ---

To our dear friends of Broadlands, Illinois, who annually send us two cases of eggs, we send our heartfelt thanks. --- You Broadlanders are unique inasmuch as you are the only organization which remembers our many children with eggs for Easter. ---

Our little boys enjoy playing with those wonderful and very practical toys which Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gates of California sent us recently. They sit and build and rebuild for hours at a time. And always something new is the result. A wonderful gift. Mr. and Mrs. Gates. May God bless you for it. ---

Recently we were honored by a visit from Dr. John Salvner, the Executive Secretary of Deaf Missions, and Rev. N. E. Borchardt.

For two hours they sat in our class while we examined our confirmands for confirmation. -- The pupils really acquitted themselves marvelously. — Come again, Venerable Doctor.

The Institute Personnel and Management, appreciating the self-sacrificing services of Deaconess Marie

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## Historian Uhlig, Bernthal Festival Speakers



Rev. N. P. Uhlig

### Festival Features

- 11:30-3:00—DINNER served by the Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf.
- 1:00-2:00—OPEN HOUSE
- 2:00—DEAF CHILDREN'S PROGRAM. Entitled "Journeying through Bookland"
- 3:00—DIVINE SERVICE  
Rev. N. P. Uhlig, Speaker—  
Epiphany Choir
- 4:30—OPEN HOUSE  
Ball Game
- 4:30-7:00—SUPPER served at outdoor pavilion.
- 7:00—VESPER SERVICE  
Rev. H. Bernthal, Speaker  
Redemption Choir  
Refreshments and Lunches at Stands throughout the day.

The visitors to our forthcoming annual festival on June 13th will meet and hear an old and sincere friend of our Institute, the Rev. N. P. Uhlig, who will deliver the festival sermon.

Pastor Uhlig is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Uhlig, a director and teacher of our Institute for approximately thirty years. He grew up on our campus. He knows and is known to hundreds if not thousands of deaf people. He, therefore, is acquainted with much of the early history of our Institute and its wonderful development from a small and rather insignificant institution to what it is now. And, no doubt, in his talk he will bring some of those very interesting historical facts to the attention of his audience.

The Rev. Uhlig is now pastor of a congregation of deaf in Jacksonville, Illinois, where his Church recently built a beautiful chapel and parsonage adjacent to the campus of the Illinois School for the Deaf to accommodate the many deaf people in and around Jacksonville and especially also to better serve many of the deaf children enrolled in the State School for the Deaf.

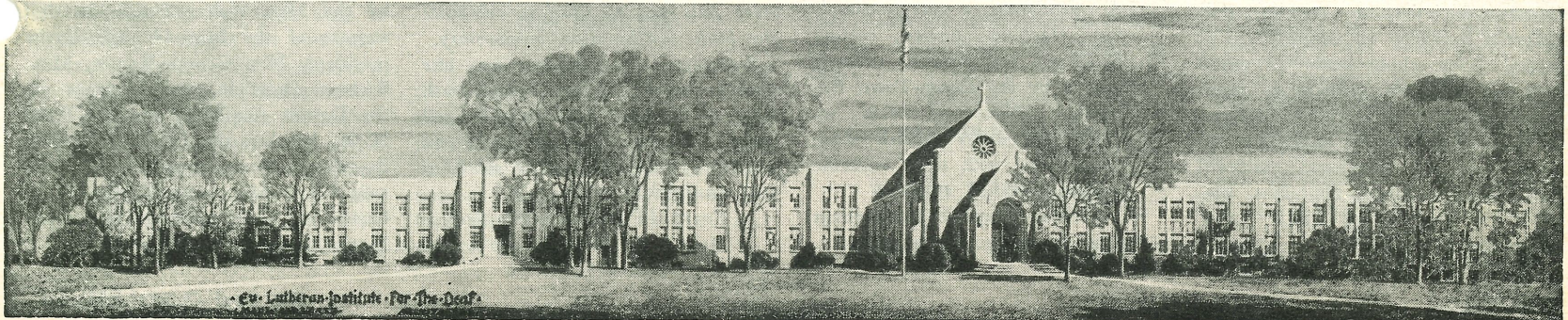
Since Mrs. Uhlig has been an invalid for many years, hence confined to a wheelchair and the bed, it will be impossible for her to accompany her husband to Detroit and take part in our celebration. But in spirit she will be with us.

The festival Vesper Service will be in the very capable hands of the Rev. Harold Bernthal, pastor of Re-



Rev. Harold Bernthal

demption Lutheran Church. Pastor Bernthal formerly was the Associate Pastor with the Rev. E. Buchheimer of Our Savior Lutheran Church. All who are familiar with Pastor Bernthal know that our Vesper Service, beautified by Redemption Church's Choir directed by organist Clein, will be a real treat.



Lutheran Institute for the Deaf



MRS. EDITH PANKOW, Mrs. August Abendroth, and Mrs. Martha Buelow reminiscing at the occasion of the Ladies Auxiliary fellowship dinner. Mrs. Buelow is one of the oldest members of the society.

## Ladies Auxiliary Anniversary

On April 6 with an impressive matin service in beautiful Trinity Lutheran Church the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf observed its 80th anniversary of service to underprivileged children. The Rev. Gilbert Otte, pastor of Trinity Church in which the Auxiliary was organized eighty years ago conducted the service and preached the anniversary sermon. The ladies of Trinity provided a sumptuous anniversary luncheon for the occasion. A mammoth birthday cake adorned with the figure "80" was baked and decorated by Mrs. J. Krist, the mother of a former pupil.

Members present who have been affiliated with the Auxiliary for many long years were Mrs. Charles Daske, Mrs. Wm. Storm, Helene Felshaw, and Mrs. Fred Lennox.

Many of the older members who could not be present on account of advanced age and ill health were: Mrs. Wm. Bielow whose picture appears in this issue, Mrs. Martha Prieb, Mrs. Julia Beck, Mrs. Emma Doherty, Mrs. Ida Klawunder, Mrs. Otto Rast, Mrs. A. L. Regener, Mrs. Lena Schmidt, Mrs. Minnie Tertering, and others.

The Lord truly blessed the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf when He gave it two loyal and devoted Ladies Auxiliaries, the Detroit and Macomb County Societies, to render the "Martha Services" so necessary in a special home-school such as ours. And we are most grateful to Him Who moves these Christian women to give so much of themselves in order that less privileged children may enjoy a more abundant life physically and especially also spiritually.

## SERVICE CLUBS

SERVICE, a word that appeals especially to those who are the beneficiaries of service rendered gratis to a worthy and deserving cause.

In recent months, several of the International Service clubs have given our Institute substantial support in one form or another. At this writing we are especially grateful to the Northeast Detroit, the Northwest Detroit, and the North Detroit Kiwanis Clubs, the Grosse Pointe Lions Club, the Downtown, the Southeast, the Northeast, and the North Detroit Exchange Clubs, and the New Center Club. All these organizations have from time to time made substantial contributions to our cause.

The most recent valuable gifts came from the following groups:-

1. Memberships to the YMCA for a group of our boys from the Northeast Kiwanis Club. --- This was tremendously appreciated.
2. A Manual Training Shop Worktable complete with vises and drawers at a cost of \$265.00 was ordered for us by the Northwest Kiwanis Club. For this donation we are especially indebted to Mr. Hamburg who is in charge of the entire manual arts and crafts department of the Detroit Public School system. --- A splendid addition to our manual arts shop.
3. A Chromovox, a very outstanding teaching device costing \$1,025.00 was recently ordered for us by the Down-Town Exchange Club. --- Wish we could afford to furnish more class rooms with these valuable instruments.

Words cannot express our feelings of gratitude to these organizations.

## Interesting Letters

Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mrs. Zimmerman,

*I just wanted to express my sincere appreciation for your work with my daughter, Kathy. I know it extends to the others in her class.*

*Kathy seemingly has made much progress lately and it was a joy to my mother, father and family to see her again, and accomplishing so much in her own way.*

*If you ever at any time wish my services for any occasion such as a trip to the Zoo with your class, please let me know. Kathy and Craig just revel when we attend the Zoo.*

*I must also express my enjoyment in working with the large boys at school on Saturdays and I am quite certain by September the workshop should be in good operating order—I wish I could do more.*

*In closing I again offer my services at any time as I get such enjoyment from working with the children.*

Sincerely,

George Cruickshank

Grosse Pointe, Mich.

Dear Mr. Bellhorn,

*Our class wishes to thank you for taking us through the school. We liked going through the girls and boys rooms. It was very interesting to see how they kept their things. The movie was very interesting, too. Another thing we enjoyed was going through the class rooms and seeing how deaf children are taught to talk and read lips.*

Miss Blank's 6th Grade,  
Richard School

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Klein,

*Just a few lines to let you know how much we appreciate what your Lutheran School has done for our daughter, La Donne. She has been on the High School A-honor roll at the State School now for the second year. We certainly are proud of her. ---*

*Thanking you again,*

The Herfert Family

Toledo, Ohio

Kind Friends,

*This is a gift from the Confirmation Class of 1898 who meet once a year and give a Thank offering gift for some worthy cause.*

*We were a class of three boys and three girls and all lived to celebrate our 50th confirmation anniversary.*

*Since our recent meeting one member passed to her eternal rest. May God bless this humble gift which we give so willingly and prayerfully to help in the work of your Institution.*

Yours, In The Master's Service  
Mrs. A. C. Bischoff, Sec'y. L

## Fifteen Years Of Martha Services

Fifteen years ago Deaconess Marie Bliefnick accepted a call to minister unto the handicapped children in the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. Never having had any contact with deaf children, she was somewhat reluctant to accept her Master's bidding into this strange field of service. But her sense of duty as well as her desire to serve her Lord compelled her to heed the call. And we are confident that she never regretted it.

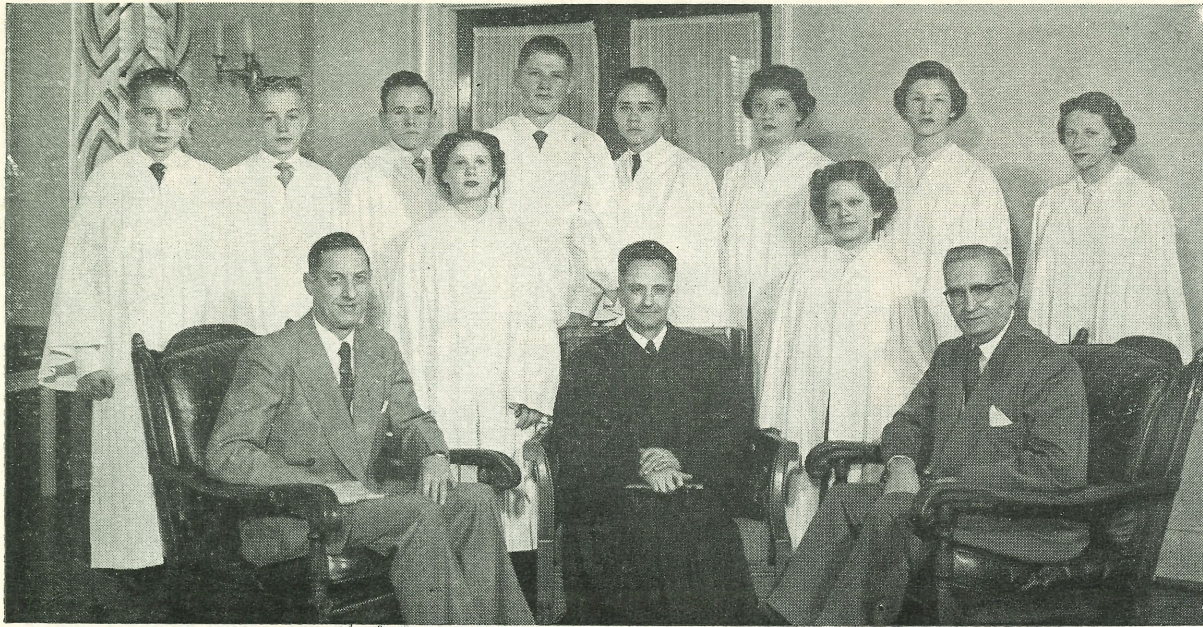
Deaconess Bliefnick has served her Savior most faithfully for the past fifteen long years by being the mothers' substitute for the many little deaf children placed into her charge and by providing for them a real home away from home. Surely, a greater service can no one render a little child. For Jesus said, "Whoso shall receive one of such children in My Name receiveth Me." And His reward to our good Deaconess will be most bountiful for she received not only one but hundreds of His little ones in His name.

The Detroit Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf and the Macomb Ladies Auxiliary, in the



Deaconess Marie Bliefnick

Auxiliary's regular monthly meeting held on April 6 officially recognized Miss Bliefnick's long and faithful service by presenting to her a flowering azalea plant, the gift of the Macomb Auxiliary, a beautiful gardenia corsage and a fine Bulova wrist watch, the gift of the Detroit Auxiliary, and a sizeable check from the Board of Management. The presentation remarks were spoken by the Mrs. Walter Hagen in the absence of the Macomb Auxiliary's president, Mrs. George Remer, Mrs. Richard Deierlein, the president of the Detroit Auxiliary, and the Rev. H. R. Wacker, the President of the Board of Management. —If there ever was a Mary and Martha combined in one person, Deaconess Marie Bliefnick is that person.



**THE 1954 CONFIRMATION CLASS.** Seated L. to R. Walter J. Bellhorn, Principal, Rev. N. E. Borchardt, Missionary to the deaf, J. A. Klein, Director. Standing L. to R. Vincent Lackey, George Scheiderer, Dean Hofman, Lois Brandes, Bruce Becker, Donald Griffin, Antoinette Laro, Sandra Clack, Lorna Schankin, and Karen Eustice.

## CONTRASTS

TEN TO TWELVE YEARS AGO --- sad and sorrowing families --- traveling to Detroit --- little three- and four-year-old tots --- taken from home and loved ones --- brought to a strange place --- into strange surroundings --- strange people --- sobbing --- pleading for an answer with their eyes but without speech --- not understanding why this should be done to them --- parents crying --- wondering why such a burden was placed upon them --- wondering how they will be able to bear to be parted from their so dearly loved handicapped little ones --- wondering if their children will ever be happy in their new surroundings --- wondering if the day will ever come when they will see them be confirmed and graduated --- wondering - wondering - wondering --- and very sad --- But casting all their burdens on Him Who promised to sustain them, they are resigned to the plans and will of their ever-loving Heavenly Father.

TEN TO TWELVE YEARS LATER --- Happy jubilant families --- again traveling to Detroit --- teen-aged boys and girls --- intelligent --- adjusted --- happy --- self-reliant --- educated --- capable to communicate by speech and lip-reading --- understanding the "why" and "wherefore" in life --- knowing their Savior and the way to everlasting peace --- ready to make public confession of the faith that is within them --- ready for confirmation and active church membership --- ready to go on to higher education --- ready to prepare themselves for an independent happy and useful life in their respective communities. --- Happy parents, sponsors, relatives and friends in the pews seeing and hearing their children speaking

the confirmation vow --- no wondering now, --- but happy in the realization of their fondest hopes --- hearts full of praise and thanksgiving for Him who hath done all things well Who made their deaf children to hear (understand) and their formerly dumb little ones to speak His glorious name.

Dear reader, to bring about the above contrasts was entirely due to your loyal and continuous support of the glorious mission endeavor carried on in your Christian school for deaf children. And He Who so bountifully blesses deaf children in your Lutheran Institute, will also bless you beyond measure for your part in this Kingdom work.

## WINGS

**There are a thousand ways and one  
To wing our gratitude above  
For flower and fruit, for rain and  
sun,  
And all the year's good gifts of  
love.**

**But when I want my thanks to fly  
Most swiftly to the Father's heart,  
I find some child who needs my  
help  
And stalwartly I take his part.**  
—Ethel Verry

## 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.

## The Goal Attained

On Palm Sunday our Gloria Dei Chapel was filled to capacity for a very impressive confirmation service.

Ten new names were added to the large total of our pupils who have knelt at the Lord's altar upon reaching the second milestone in the church life of a Christian.

The members of the class renewed their baptismal vow orally, to live the life of a child of Christ in faith, word, and deed, and to remain true to the Triune God even unto death. The Rev. N. E. Borchardt, pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Deaf, delivered the sermon and performed the act of confirmation.

Following the service, the confirmands, their parents, relatives, friends and members of the Institute staff celebrated this memorable occasion with a confirmation dinner. Mrs. R. Deierlein, President of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf, presented to each confirmand a Red Letter Bible, a prayer book and a beautiful Augsburg Confirmation Certificate, all gifts of the Auxiliary. The class members presented the school with a large picture of Sallmans "Head of Christ" as a remembrance and token of appreciation for all that the Institute did for them over the past years.

We wish these new members of the church God's richest blessings, and pray that they may always heed His admonition to remain faithful unto death in order that they may receive from Him the Crown of Life.

## OUR BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL

WREATH FOLDERS ARE

FREE. WHY NOT ORDER?

## ANNUAL MEETING

On Wednesday, June 9th, the all day meeting of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf Association will be held at the Institute. The opening devotion will be conducted in our Gloria Dei Chapel. Pastors and delegates of all member congregations are urged to attend this important meeting at which interesting and vital reports will be rendered and future plans discussed. An important phase of the day's work will be the election of officers to the Board of Management and School Board. Congregations not yet members of the association are cordially invited to affiliate and so take active part in this glorious humanitarian and mission endeavor.

## Incidentally yours. . .

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Bliefnick, bespeak their gratitude to our Heavenly Father for having given us such a faithful servant. And it is their hope and prayer that our dear Deaconess may experience the Lord's richest blessings for many years of future service in His Kingdom.

**Our pupils are always greatly interested in their manual arts and crafts activities provided for them by the Detroit Department of Recreation. One of their most recent projects was "Kitemaking". And when the Department held its annual regional Kite Contest, our girls, to their great surprise and satisfaction, were awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.**

While the girls were interested in the Kite Contest our Boys' Club with their Athletic Directors, Messrs. Robert Tegeder and Don Ravell, enjoyed a weekend camping trip to Camp Howell at Brighton, Michigan. Our fine school bus loaded down with food, drink, and campfire wood, which in our opinion would have lasted for a month's stay, took them to the camp on Friday and brought them back safely on Sunday.

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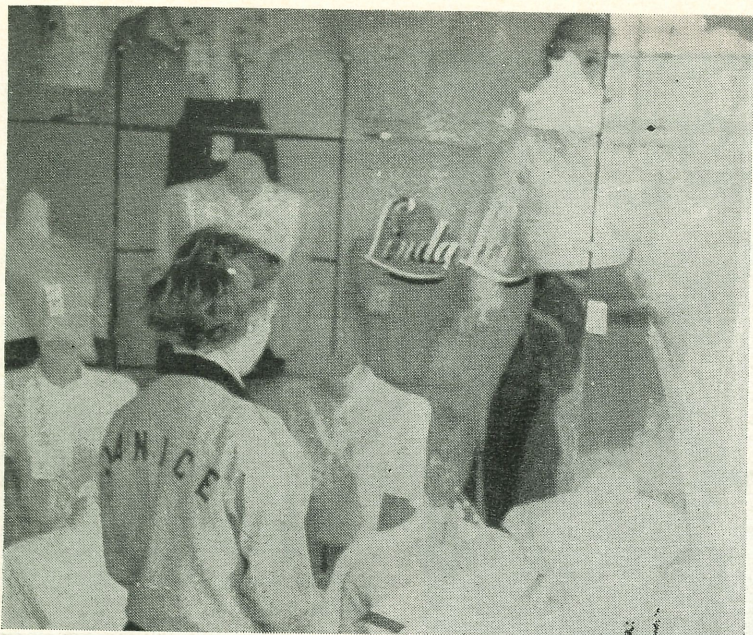
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**WINDOW SHOPPING** is every woman's delight. This includes our deaf girls. Here Janice Logan is admiring a beautiful costume in a neighborhood shop window.



**WISHES AND DESIRES**—aren't they a part of all of us? What wouldn't Donald Morris and George Zein give for a pocketful of money on their weekly shopping day.



**"WER DIE WAHL HAT, hat auch die Qual."** That's what's troubling Bobby Frank, of Dallas, Texas. And the clerk's eyes are saying, "Make up your mind little fellow. I've got other customers to wait on, too."

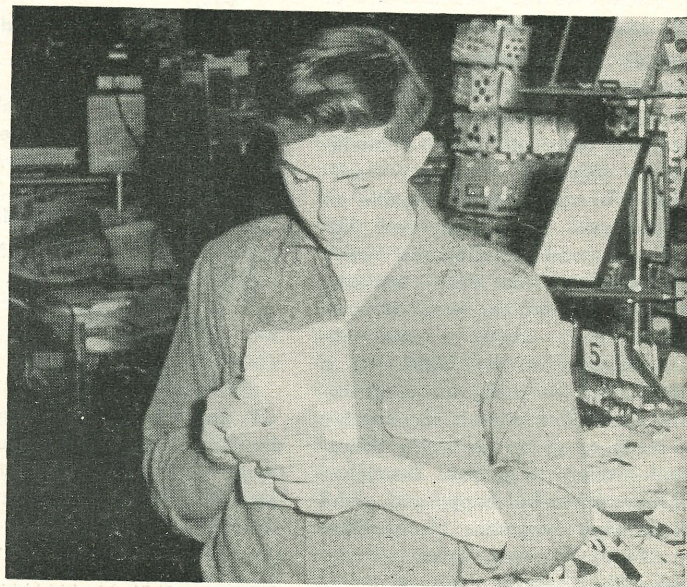


**DEAN HOFMAN** and Howard Snyder buying lamp shades for the lamps they themselves made in their manual crafts class for their mothers.



**CAROLYN WEYGANDT** and Susan DeBaeke ended their shopping tour by embibing refreshing root beer.

There  
is no  
day  
like  
store  
day!



**KENNETH TOERPE** examining his shopping day purchase and wondering if he got "gypped".—We wonder, too.