

Incidentally yours . . .

School opening days—busy days—preparing to welcome all former pupils and teachers—and to receive many new pupils and teachers. Some of the new pupils will come from as far as North Dakota, West Virginia and Texas. One of our new teachers, Miss J. Owen, will come from St. Louis, Mo., and another, Mr. Charles Finnett, is coming from London, England.—Why go so far afield for teachers? Because there are so few who possess the required training for this specialized work.—

Wedding bells rang on June 26th for Norma Burns, who, on that day, became Mrs. Jesse Daniel. Norma was a former pupil and lately an employee of our Institute. Since Norma has no father anymore, her mother asked the writer to give the bride into marriage. The wedding ceremony was conducted in the Institute's beautiful chapel by Rev. N. E. Borchardt. The wedding service was followed by a reception held in the social room of the chapel attended by approximately sixty guests.

All staff members are enjoying shorter or longer vacation periods. One of our teachers, Miss Elenor Powell is on a trip around the world.—What a privilege and what a treat!! Last year she toured Europe. —

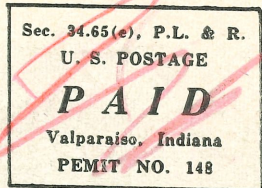
Our anonymous friend from Janesville, Wisconsin, again remembered our Institute with a generous cash offering. We are most grateful for the gift, and our Lord who knows this kind brother or sister will in due season bestow His richest rewards. —

Our thanks also go to a good anonymous friend in Chicago who sent us a supply of pretty handkerchiefs. —

Our arts and crafts room, with its machines and work-tables is beginning to look like a real workshop. The latest items of equipment for this room are two valuable work-tables equipped with vises and storage drawers which were purchased for us by the Northwest and North Detroit Kiwanis Clubs respectively.—

Another vocational shop item which we received, is a complete printing press with all sorts of type, paper cutter, etc. which Mr. and

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HEART of CHARITY

Do we really know what Christ meant when He preached His Gospel of Charity? Is it an act of charity to throw a dime to a beggar just to get rid of him? Or is it charity to give money to hospitals and poorhouses when our intention is only to win the praise of men? These questions are not foolish, but are surely worth thinking about. They show the way the modern man thinks; then too they show that the modern man has forgotten God, and charity without God is of little value, or rather not charity at all, for true charity helps the neighbor for God's sake, seeing in the neighbor, the image of God.

Real charity, the charity of Christ, is not another name for "giving to the poor". Real charity is "living for the poor", it is love. And love, we know, supposes sacrifice. When we love another, we are willing to do anything for him; we say, no sacrifice is too great to make for such a one. Here we have joined the three important words: charity, love and sacrifice. So hereafter when we speak of charity, it is not going to mean for us, the throwing of a few cents to a beggar to keep him away, because that only means "giving"; whereas sacrifice means "living to help others". Oh, anyone can "give" yet his heart may be as black as night and his soul eaten away and corrupted with sin. But not anyone can "live" the charitable life, unless he be united in spirit to the spirit of Christ. To "live" the life of charity

means "giving with a good will", "giving even though it is a sacrifice", giving with the spirit of Christ, Who is Love.

Would you have an example of Charity? Then study the Gospel story of the life of Christ; it is a life "lived" for others." Charity brought God down from a beautiful Heaven and laid Him in the lap of a desolate earth; it tore off His Heavenly Beauty and put on Him human flesh. It was charity which healed the sick and gave sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf, and raised the dead; which drove away people's bitter tears; which forced a God-Man to take up a heavy cross and die for the sins of all mankind. There is your example - - -

We learn the lesson of charity only when we learn to see in each human being the image of God. We then give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, we comfort those in distress, because we know that whenever we do these things, we are doing them for God Himself. We have this wonderful example of charity in Christ. But an example must be imitated—that must be our life—the imitation of Christ. That will mean forgetting self and helping others; it will mean a smile with every gift; it will mean "no giving without a good will": it will mean not mere giving, but giving in Christ's Name out of love for Him and living with a heart of charity - -

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SOUND FILM REVISED

Following the suggestions of many of our friends who viewed our 16 MM all-color sound film titled, "The World of Silence" to add more scenes in which our deaf children use their voices to speak, we had the picture revised by an expert.

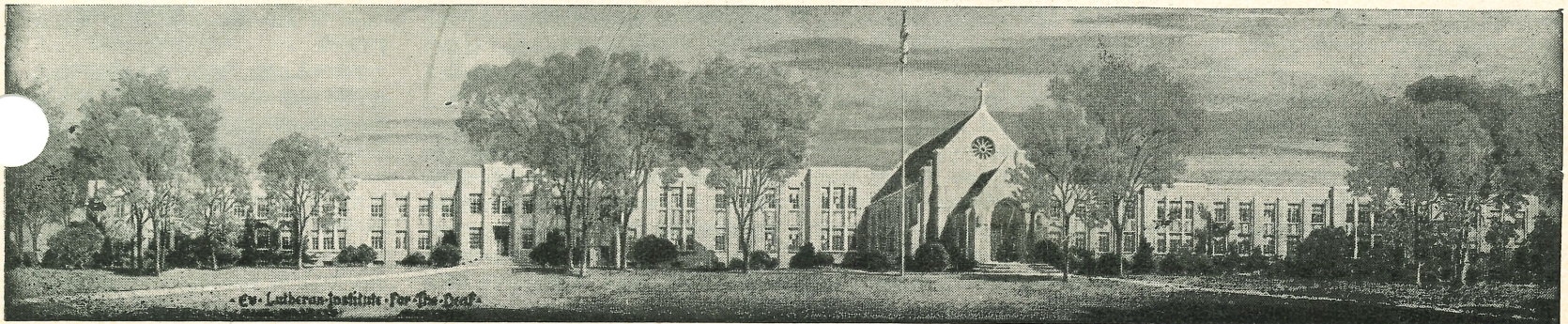
The revised film embodies the interesting feature desired by our friends, plus such others which tend to bring the picture up to date as to methods and teaching aids employed. The picture will be available for bookings by about the first of October.

Congregations and organizations who saw and were thrilled by the first "World of Silence" will want to book this improved film. We are confident that all, even though they may have seen the first production, will want to see the second improved picture.

Since we expect a heavy demand for this new film, we have arranged to acquire a number of copies of it so as not to disappoint anyone wishing to book it. Nevertheless, we urge you to send your request for the picture just as much in advance of your selected showing date as possible in order to be sure of obtaining the film for your selected date.

Of course, there is no rental charge for the use of the film. However, since the purpose of producing it was to create added interest in this highly specialized and extremely costly but God pleasing re-rehabilitation and mission endeavor, and,

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Incidentally yours --

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Mrs. Carl Schultz dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of their sainted parents and brother Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reinhold and Harold.

We were happy to hear from some of our vacationing pupils. Among those who remembered us are Barbara Gossmann, Joseph Greer, Nancy Pfannes, Sandra Clack, Janice Dautenhahn, Bruce Becker and others. —

The Institute was happy to be host to many Synodical Conference Convention delegates. —Among the many vacation guests also were Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Sommer, Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Torgler of St. Louis, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. B. Woltman from Houston, Texas.

Practically all group-visitors dates for the fall season have been taken. At this writing there is but one date open in October, and several in November. First come, first served.

As in previous years so also this year, there were some changes in our Institute's personnel. Cupid and the stork seem to have conspired against us. Again and again they are the cause of some of our efficient help leaving us. —

Renovations and changes—Our boys will appreciate their colorfully redecorated rooms, as well as the asphalt tile floor in their basement playroom and the additional equipment in their workshop. — Changes—Mr. Bellhorn's office was moved into the library, the two typists now occupy the director's former office right next to the bookkeepers room, and the director moved into the new office which was beautifully remodeled this summer. —

Conventions—Mr. Bellhorn, our principal, and Mrs. Agnes Hance, one of our teachers, brought back glowing reports from the convention of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for The Deaf held in St. Louis. The writer and Mr. Bellhorn attended the Michigan District Convention at St. Joseph, Mich., where we were permitted to give a report on the Institute and its work. The writer also attended the International Convention of the L.L.L. held in Detroit where he was given an opportunity to present the needs of the Institute to the delegates.

A further story concerning our Institute was told the L.L.L. delegates visually through the means of a beautiful display or exhibit set-up in the Ivory Room of the Statler Hotel by our teachers, Messrs. Robert Tegeder and Donald Ravell.

Opportunity was given the writer to publicize the Institute over station WJLB.



HAROLD, our gardener, working hard to provide some fresh vegetables for our large family.

Annual Report Statements

In Jesus' Name, brethren, we delegates are met to hear reports of the activities of another school year (81st.), to pass judgment upon them, to select responsible officers, and to give new directions to the Board of Management. May the Lord richly bless all of our deliberations and resolutions. - -

The Board of Directors held regular monthly meetings. - -

Twenty five new pupils were enrolled last September. The total number enrolled was 106. - -

Our staff personnel consisted of Director J. A. Klein, Principal W. J. Bellhorn, 13 teachers, 3 office workers, 3 maintenance men, 2 laundresses, 4 kitchen and dining room employees and 10 house-mothers and assistants. We had a TOTAL of 37 persons on the payroll. - -

Three of our teachers will not return for the school year of '54-'55. We have these vacancies to fill by September. Brethren, a SHORTAGE of teachers for the Field of Special Education continues to be critical.— Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to inspire more talented Lutheran girls to train to become teachers of His and our deaf children. - -

We have secured Mrs. Ruby Murell, Detroit, Michigan, Miss Jeannine Owen of St. Louis, Missouri, and Mr. Charles Finnett, of London, England, to fill our teacher vacancies. - -

A class of ten deaf children were confirmed on Palm Sunday. —Five pupils were baptized. - -

At this writing, we already have on file 26 applications for enrollment. What this picture will be by September is hard to imagine. - -

Mr. Bellhorn, our Principal, visit-

ed schools for the deaf for three days in the St. Louis area. He also attended an important convention of teachers for the deaf. - -

Director Klein attended the Superintendent's convention in Santa Fe in April. —From there he went to Houston, Texas, to make a survey of the potentialities of a tract of land in which The Institute has a one sixth interest willed to us by the sainted Mrs. Ritter of California. - -

To safeguard our children's health our personnel submitted to X-ray chest examinations. - -

The Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation again sponsored a Junior Forester's Club for our 7th & 8th grades and also provided instructors in swimming, gym, and manual arts classes for grades 3 to 8 at the YMCA and The Recreation Center. - -

Our pupils participated in the parochial school athletic program which included such sports as football, basketball and softball. Our basketball court was equipped with regulation backboards, and poles were set for a volley ball net. Our gym arrangement with the Grant School worked out to everybody's satisfaction. Messrs. Tegeder and Ravell had charge of these activities. - -

Mr. L. C. Chaney, an engineer of the U. S. Rubber Company, and Mr. G. Cruickshank of the Michigan-Wisconsin Steel Pipe Company, were our volunteer manual arts teachers. - -

FINANCES: The income for the past year was approximately \$20,000.00 less than the previous year. We feel that this shortage was partially due to the fact that our cause might have been temporarily side-

tracked by our friends in order to give priority to other agencies, some of which were campaigning for Building Funds during the past year. - -

It is our sincere hope that since these special efforts on the part of the aforementioned agencies have been taken care of to a great extent, your Institute will again be given a fair share of your attention and support. Unless this happens, we may eventually have to close our doors to pupils whose parents cannot pay an appreciable larger share of the costs than they NOW do! - -

Pound-Day donations and farm produce gifts reached us from many Metropolitan Detroit congregations as well as from Monroe, Oakland, and Macomb Counties, and from the Michigan Thumb, Belknap and Rogers City areas. The value of these donations amounted to \$6,927.30. These special gifts assisted us tremendously in the proper feeding of our large family. - -

We are very grateful to the Cleveland and Chicago Lutheran Charities Funds which continues to include the needs of The Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in their annual budget on a percentage basis. - -

The Use of our popular MEMORIAL WREATH CARDS added \$9,976.97 to our treasury.

Our Employees are covered by accident insurance policies.

A new 52 passenger Americoach bus was bought for \$3,800.00.

The Northwest Kiwanis Club, and the North Detroit Kiwanis Club each supplied our manual arts shop with a \$250.00 work table.

The Exchange Club of Detroit equipped two schoolrooms with Chromovox units at a cost of \$1,000.00. - -

The North Detroit Kiwanis Club, besides a cash donation, again provided all necessary items of equipment for our boys athletic program. - -

The Northeast Kiwanis Club supplied YMCA memberships for all our boys from the 3rd grade up. - -

The Southeast Exchange Club, the North Detroit Exchange, and the East Detroit Exchange Clubs, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gross also gave us substantial cash donations which were used to purchase workshop equipment. - -

Mr. Mervin Hayes of the Hayes File Company supplied all hand tools for our workshop at a cost of \$300.00. - -

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club again took all our pupils to the Circus, and also paid to have the crossed eyes of two of our pupils corrected. - -

A sidewalk along our north property line was laid at a cost of \$1,823.66. The moving of our fence was done by the city.

As the Teacher So the School

The teacher is in a very real sense the school. Magnificent buildings, however splendidly equipped do not constitute a school. Fill such buildings with picked children from the community and you still do not have a school. There is no school until the teacher appears and the kind of school that you then have depends upon the kind of teacher who appears. Neatness in dress and person on the part of the teacher, purity in thought and life, honest, painstaking, thoroughness in work, kindness and thoughtfulness for others, firmness and justice in matters of discipline, accuracy in thought and enthusiasm, courage, loyalty to pupils and superiors; these characteristics will reflect themselves in the life and work of her pupils. On the other hand a dissatisfied, grumbling, gossiping, scolding, irritable, disparaging, nagging, disloyal, sort of teacher always has a class of intellectual nondescripts causing her and others trouble, making little or no progress in their studies, and reflecting accurately the personal traits and mental characteristics of the teacher. —

F. D. Boynton in the
Western Pennsylvanian

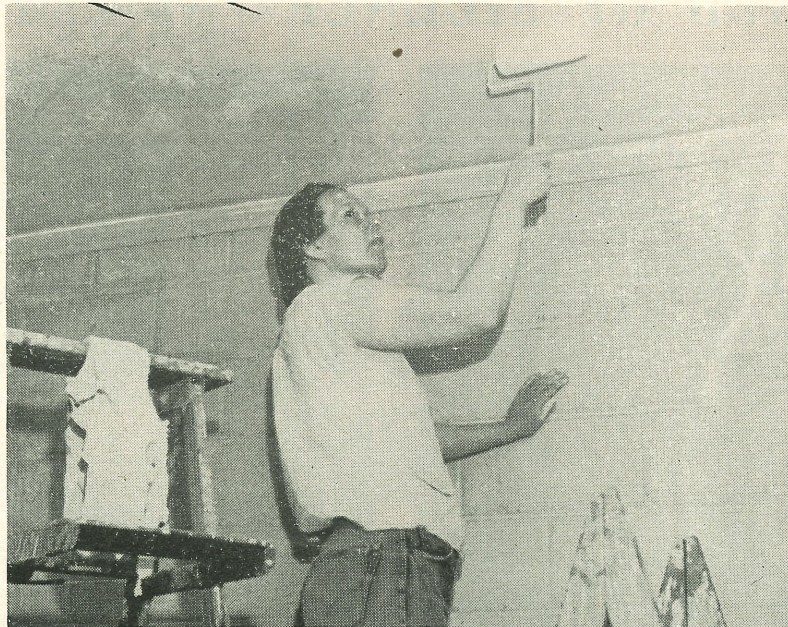
FORM OF BEQUEST TO OUR INSTITUTE

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.

SOUND FILM REVISED

Continued from page one since \$160,000 in freewill offerings are required annually to keep the doors of this mission agency open to all deaf children desiring admission, it is but natural that we will appreciate it if a collection is lifted for the cause of our deaf children at an opportunity convenient to you.

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OUR HOUSEHOLD STAFF, all except the cook, busily engaged at beautifying the children's living quarters—To date they have painted 26 rooms.

Annual Festival Another Success

Blessed by the Lord with beautiful weather and a good attendance, our annual school-closing festival was a huge success. Pastor H. Bernthal and N. P. Uhlig preached inspiring sermons and Epiphany and Redemption choirs under the direction of Messrs. Louis Beer and Herman Clein added beauty to the impressive services by singing appropriate anthems.

In the graduation exercises which followed immediately after the afternoon service, The Rev. Edwin Pieplow, pastor of Iroquois Ave. Christ Lutheran Church, delivered an inspiring message to the graduates. Whereupon our Principal, Mr. Walter Bellhorn, introduced the members of the class, and Director J. A. Klein distributed the diplomas.

The entire service was translated into the sign language by the Rev. N. E. Borchardt for the benefit of the many adult deaf who were present.

SCHOOL REOPENS

The 1954-55 school sessions will resume on Tuesday, September 7th, at which time all teachers, all out of State pupils, and all new pupils will report. All other pupils should report on Wednesday, September 8th. —Unless we are informed otherwise, we shall assume that all last year's pupils will be with us again this year.

If parents have not already secured hospitalization insurance for themselves and their children, we suggest that they do that before returning their youngsters to school. When registering their children they should name their insurance company.

Friends Write . . .

Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. Klein:

..It is hard to realize that our "once little girl" can be old enough to accept her own responsibilities as a church member. When she first entered The Lutheran School for the Deaf, Confirmation seemed a long way off.

We shall never cease to be grateful for the privilege of having had you guide — through her religious and academic education. Had I realized when she was small, the full meaning of what was before her, I am afraid my faith might have faltered. But with God everything is possible and He has certainly guided her life and ours perfectly through the years — attended your school.

It is impossible to put into words our deep gratitude and appreciation we feel toward you, your staff, and everyone connected with The Lutheran School for the Deaf, and especially also to all who support your fine Institute. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless you in your wonderful work.

Sincerely, (A Mother)

Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr. Klein:

The members of St. Philip Neri School's Future Teachers Club thank you very much for the privilege of visiting your Institute. As our first field trip it was very informative, helpful and beneficial for our purpose.

It was interesting to know how and why the children begin their ed-

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical and manual arts education for grades three to eight are included in our school's curriculum as a full-time program.

All pupils in these grades receive at least two and one half hours instruction in these subjects weekly. Not having our own gym, these activities are conducted at the YMCA for the boys, and at the Fairview Recreational Center for the girls.

The Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation supplies the equipment and instructors at the Recreation Center. And the Northeast Detroit Kiwanis Club has, for a number of years, given us valuable assistance in order to enable our boys to have and enjoy this important training at the "Y" which also includes swimming instructions.

The skills taught the boys in the manual arts classes are then further developed in our own well-equipped shop where Messrs. Chaney and Cruickshank spend much time instructing our lads.

Such sports as football, basketball, softball are also included in our health program. Our coaches, Messrs. Robert Tegeder and Donald Ravell are in charge of this department.

The objectives set up in this physical education program are the development of poise, coordination, cooperation, leadership, sportsmanship, toleration and fair play in our pupils in order that they might become better prepared for the game of life.

ucation so soon, the distance they travel, and the wonderful benefits they receive with your fine equipment. The extent of the teachers training, their manner of teaching, and their deep interest in their work was exemplary. The furnishings— for health, decoration and enjoyment —were both interesting and very beautiful. May God aid you in continuing this work.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Denryter, Secretary

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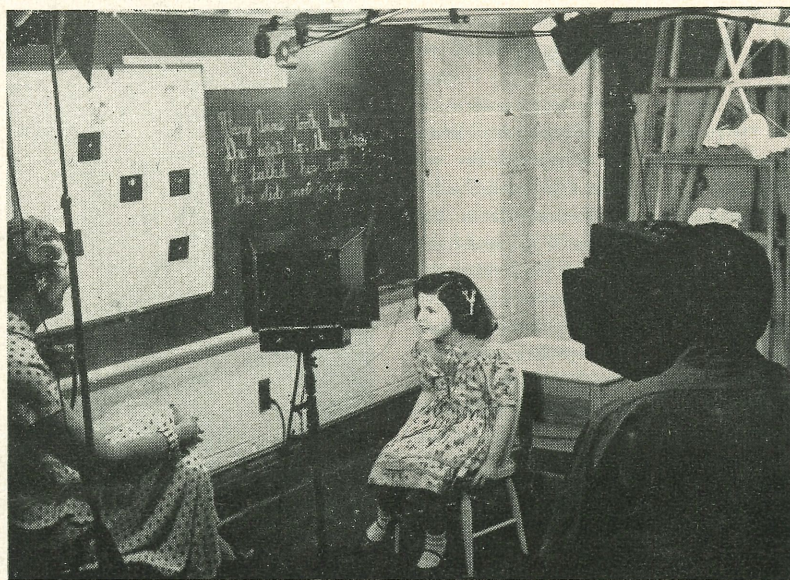
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MR. WM. MURRY shooting a direct sound scene.



MR. W. BELLHORN, our Principal, inspecting the film before mailing.



MR. WM. MURRY of Portafilms, our producer, presenting the completed film to Director Klein.



A SELECT AUDIENCE viewing the revised "World of Silence" which will be ready for bookings after September. —First come, first served.