



Easter in Silence

When Easter bells ring out the joy
And gladness of the day,
When choirs join in the angel song
And children sing their lay,
I hear no sound of bell or voice;
In silence breaks my day,
But on the face of everyone
I see such ecstasy.

My eyes behold the rare delight
That streams from every face,
The sun bursts forth in brilliant
glow
And brightens every place.
Within my "WORLD OF SILENCE"
comes

A searching for the "Why?"
What makes this day a special one
And stirs the earth and sky?

I know the joy of Christmas Day,
It tells of Jesus' birth;
When in His love the Lord reached
down

To sinners on this earth.
But could there be a birthday too,
Perhaps on Easter Day?
Oh yes, new life for you and me,
When the stone was rolled away.
He is risen, Hallelujah!

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THEY WERE THERE

JUDAS—who lived with the Lord on earth but with Satan in eternity—who never recognized his great opportunity but saw only the chances for personal gain.

PETER—impulsive giant—one minute walking the waves with Jesus, another sinking and crying for help—fighting for the Lord in one garden, denying Him in another—until, sanctified by grace, he becomes the "rock man".

JOHN—loving and faithful—a dreamer with his feet on the ground—rough and rugged, yet having a tender touch—singularly drawn to the cross for one last look.

CAIAPHAS—who, more than Pilate, Judas, the mob, or the soldiers, was actually responsible for the crucifixion of our Lord—highpriestly executioner!

SIMON THE CROSS BEARER—who has been praised through nineteen centuries of Christian history for doing something he was forced to do—but who probably would have done it anyway.

THE CENTURION—who accepted Christ as his own amidst blasphemous ridicule and became one of two "outsiders" to receive the commendation of our Lord from the cross.

PILATE—insignificant official, catapulted to world-wide infamy through weakness, as the opportunity for greatness yielded to expediency.

THE THIEF—whose mistakes and tears are our own and whose words on the cross sum up everything we can say to our God.

THEY WERE THERE—and we saw them again as we made our annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem—to Gethsemane—to Calvary—to the scenes of the crucifixion—and His glorious resurrection.

AS WE WENT THERE—may we have come to realize that their weaknesses are our faults, but that their strength can also be our power through the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world.

HAVING STOOD AT CALVARY—may we have been blessed with sincere repentance and a strong faith—a faith which shows itself in fervent love for Him who first loved us, and in devoted service to His cause of saving sinners.

Charity Thermostat By W. C. Koester

Jubilarians

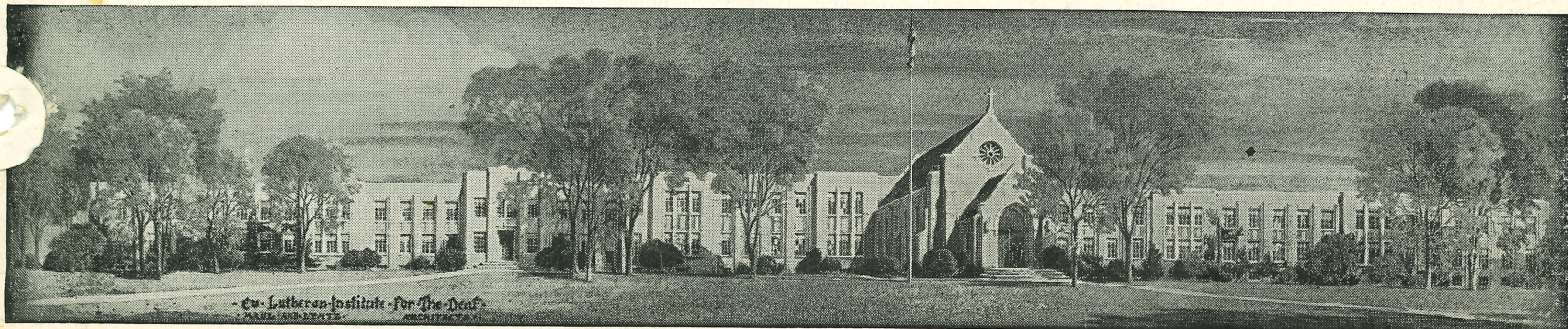
On Sunday, May 15, the Institute will celebrate the anniversaries of two faithful faculty members in a special Vesper service to be held at 5:00 p.m. in the Church of the Epiphany of which the Rev. E. T. Bernthal is the pastor.

The celebrants are our principal, Mr. Walter Bellhorn, and our eighth grade teacher, Mrs. Emily Lietke.

Mr. Bellhorn, a River Forest graduate, having been called to the Institute in 1930 will be privileged to look back on 25 years of blessed and successful teaching and administration activities. And Mrs. Lietke, who is an alumnus of the Wisconsin State Teachers College and who came to us as an experienced teacher in 1935, will have completed twenty successive years of expert teaching in our school in June. Both workers have assisted us greatly in bringing our school up to the standing it now enjoys in the field of special education.

The public is cordially invited to attend this special Church service in which our gratitude to God will be voiced for having supplied the Institute with these consecrated and capable workers and also to demonstrate to them our feelings of appreciation for their long and faithful services.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Epiphany will serve a buffet luncheon to all attending this celebration immediately after the close of the service. Mr. Bellhorn and his family are active members of Epiphany.



Incidentally Yours. . .

In spite of measles and mumps epidemics all around us, the Lord continues to bless our children with good health. —Some of our teachers, however, were under the weather from time to time. One of them, Miss Jeanine Owen, recently had to have a tonsilectomy from which she had a successful recovery.

Visitors' Comment:-

"Dear Sir, Highland Park, Mich.

The members of our Club enjoyed the tour of your home and school. It was wonderful to see all you accomplish with the children. It was an education in understanding the problems of the deaf to many of us. You are doing a wonderful work giving these children a chance in life.

Thank you again for your kindness to us.

Sincerely, Ruth Polk, Corr. Sec'y.
Women's Progressive Club

Copies of our very interesting all-color sound film will again be available for free bookings after April 20. Comments: "Impressive—Clear narration" —Rev. F. W. Grotham. —"Excellent—Advertise it in the L. W. M. L. paper" —Mrs. Russell Crosby. "Enlightening—Touched the hearts of all." —Mrs. Richard Keb. —"Even the smallest children were held to attention." —Mr. Wilmer Hornbostel. "Good — Among the best." —Mr. Eugene Pogatz. --

Circus and Flower Show treats were greatly enjoyed by our pupils. Our thanks go to the Grosse Pointe Lions Club for the Circus and to Mr. Charles Schad of the Department of Recreation and the East Detroit Exchange Club for the tickets to the flower show. --

As a guest we recently attended a meeting of the Southeast Detroit Exchange Club and there received a check in the generous amount of \$100.00. It was this Club from which we received the first offering for the equipment of our very fine manual arts shop. --

We are very proud of our basketball champions who ended the season without losing a single league game. --

One of our former deaf pupils, Barbara Brauer of Evanston, Illinois, who will be graduated from public High School in June will enter Oberlin College next September. — Good luck and best wishes, Barbara. --

We understand that William Ludwig, also one of our former pupils and a graduate of Gallaudet College, is making fine progress in his studies at our Concordia Seminary in Springfield where he is preparing for the holy ministry. --

During the past school year our

To The Parents of Former Pupils

Dear Friends,

Since its founding eighty two years ago, it has been the policy of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf to accept all deaf children regardless of whether or not the parents were able to pay the entire fee, a partial fee, or no fee at all. And it is the Institute's earnest desire to continue this policy in spite of the fact that the board and tuition costs for a child have risen to \$2,000.00 per year.

Since only a few parents of the children enrolled in your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf can afford to pay the entire cost, and since all of the other pupils' parents are able to pay but a fraction of what it costs us to educate and rehabilitate their children, it is becoming ever more difficult to supply the full and partial scholarships so necessary to afford deaf children an opportunity for a Christian education in our school.

We, therefore, come to you, the parents of our former pupils, with an earnest plea asking you for an ANNUAL contribution to be applied towards a scholarship for one of our pupils. We believe that having experienced "the open door" policy of our Institute for your own child, you will be willing to send us an annual offering for a specific scholarship so that other parents may reap similar blessings for their handicapped little ones.

All monies received from parents of former pupils will be credited towards scholarships for a little girl from Nebraska whose parents are confined in T. B. Sanitariums from which they may never return, a lad from Texas, or a little girl from Indiana who is the daughter of a displaced family, whose father died last Christmas, and whose mother now is the sole provider for a family of five children.

When sending your gift please state that it is to be applied towards a scholarship.

With cordial Christian greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours, J. A. Klein, Executive Director

To date the above letter has brought some gratifying returns. These will assist us greatly in providing assistance to one of our deaf pupils for whom little or no support can be expected from the parents or guardians. It is our sincere hope that the responses to our communication will multiply so that the funds so received annually will provide a scholarship for at least one of our deaf children.

boys from grade three up again enjoyed having memberships to the Y.M.C.A. where they received instructions in swimming, manual arts, gym, and athletics. As in previous years, we are again indebted to the North East Detroit Kiwanis Club for these memberships as well as for the free eye glasses which these generous men provided for our indigent pupils. May they be blessed and may their Club's membership grow.

Plans are in the making for our annual school-closing festival which will be held in the afternoon of Sunday, June 12. A full religious service as well as a children's program is being prepared by our teaching staff and Mr. Elmer Engel, the festival manager.

Our office girls are hard working people. But in spite of the long hours they put in, their work keeps piling up so that for a time we were weeks and weeks behind with it. And so in desperation we pleaded for volunteer workers who would help our girls bring their work up to date. And as a result the Mesdames Wm. Porth, John K. Loose, Robert Steven-ton and Herman Schultz, members of our Detroit Auxiliary heeded our call and as a result our girls are again beginning to see daylight. —

Detroit, Mich.

Remember Our Institute In Your Will

Because in the past friends out of love for their Savior remembered our Institute in their wills by designating definite sums for the Christian education of handicapped little ones they, while still living enjoyed the pleasant satisfaction of knowing that some of their accumulated worldly goods would continue to serve their Redeemer even after their ascent to glory and eternal rest. Such bequests have been of inestimable value to our Institute in that they enabled us to expand this special missionary endeavor thus making it possible to receive greater numbers of deaf children. Eternity alone can and will reveal the wonderful spiritual benefits which handicapped children received because of these bequests.

If when making your will you decide to remember the Institute we suggest that you use the following form:-

I bequeath to the Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, a non-profit Michigan Corporation, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Michigan, the sum of \$.....

Who Is Smart?

I am one smart fellow. I even have a college degree to prove how smart I am. But the debts I have mounted up over the period of years since I received that testimonial of my brilliance put the lie to fact.

There was a special class in my school. We all referred to them as the "dummies" and we had good reason. Yet, each one of that class was happy in his heart, and went about his own way learning a trade. There was Joe who never spent a happier moment than he did behind a linotype keyboard, and Jim enjoyed shaping wood into tables, chairs, mortises and joints until it became a gleaming thing pleasing to the eye. There were others in that class; Herb, the mechanic; Lawrence, the tailor; Howard, the shoe repairman, and Mitchel, (such a pretty name for a dumb boy) the laundryman. Sure, they were not as smart as we. If Miss Miller asked them what an adjective was, they probably didn't know. And maybe they couldn't always tell the difference between a preposition and a pronoun. Neither did they know that X is equal to Y plus Z, nor what the symbol for infinity looked like.

But now that I am older, I wonder who the "dummy" is. Joe is married to a fine girl, has a modern home, a brand new automobile, money in the bank and two fine youngsters.

Jim has his own cabinet shop, and people come from miles around for his work.

When my ancient jalopy becomes

Teachers Needed

WANTED: Girl college graduates are wanted to take a year's free training, all expenses paid, to become teachers of the deaf. This liberal inducement is offered to eligible graduates because the staffs of schools for the deaf are woefully deplete of well-trained teachers. Your Lutheran Institute has need of at least three teachers by September.

In order to induce more Lutheran teacher-graduates to enter this very interesting field of special education, the writer, in the near future, plans to visit Valparaiso University and other teacher-training institutions to present the great need of more workers for this field.

Other volunteers were the women who helped to provide the meals for our group visitors. They were Miss Koester, and the Mesdames Werner Knack, Emily Engel, Wm. Heuer, Paul Finks, Cora Larzalier, Lena Rewoldt, Helen Brocker, Minnie Holland, L. Mandeville, L. C. Knorr, Fred Masch, Louis Masch, J. A. Klein, Aug. Abendroth, Laura Krueger, W. Bellhorn, Gert. Rohlfing and Hilda Flach.

a bit contrary with what the wife terms as "high octanecholic", I make a bee line for Herb, the whiz with a wrench. There isn't a better mechanic in the state.

It so happens that my waistline is expanding, and all of my suits are down at Lawrence's shop. Lawrence can fix a hole or turn out a suit fit for a king.

Like Adlai, the former presidential candidate, I, too, must have my shoes half soled, and Howard's Shoe Repair is the place to go for a neat job.

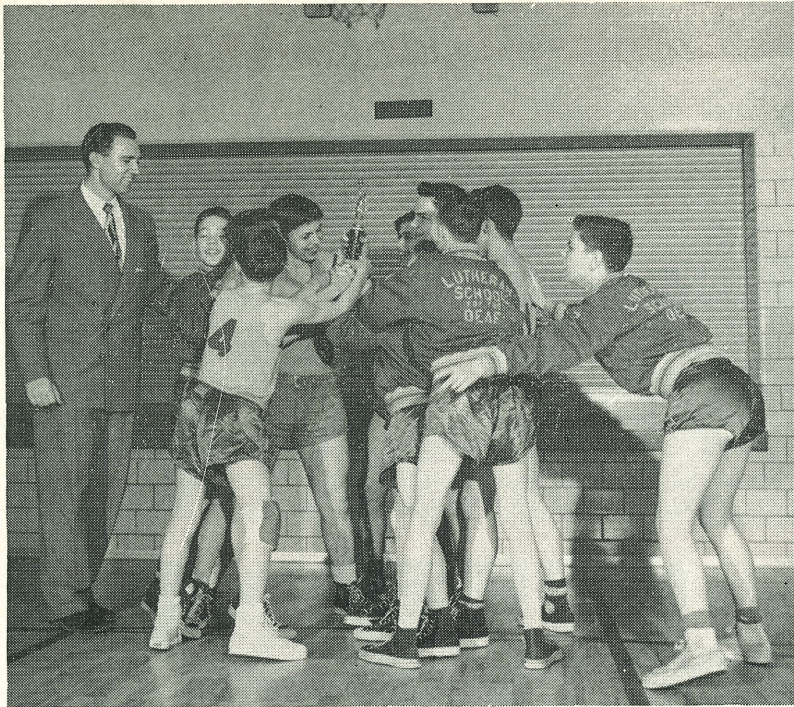
The better half is visiting her mother for a month and she leaves explicit instructions to send the laundry to the Sunshine Laundry and Dry Cleaning because, "they do your shirts up so nicely". Mitchell is part owner of the establishment.

Now you can see where all my debts come from.

I'm one smart fellow, I am. I even have a college degree to prove it. Oh, yeah?

The vocational department of any school for the deaf or any hearing school, for that matter, is just as important as its academic department. Aptitudes and special skills must be developed and evolved. A boy who possesses all the prerequisite aptitudes for a printer should not be placed in the bakery. We know of a man who went through one of our nation's largest universities, who, by his brilliance and hard mental labors, came away with all the academic honors a college man can win plus offers of good jobs. Yet the man is a sheet metal worker today, and, by his own admission, happier than he would be in one of the jobs offered him at his graduation. All of this comes under the increasingly important field of vocational guidance or counseling.

For the simple reason that we do not all have the same capacities, abilities and skills, a well organized vocational department with the required physical assets and the teachers to make a vigorously functioning member of the school is a must in any educational plant. All of us can not make college a post-graduate career, and for those of us who can not, on the job training is an invaluable foundation for the future. How many fewer deaf peddlers would there be today if all our schools for the deaf had had energetic vocational programs a decade ago? What the boy learns today, the man will know tomorrow. Those skills developed today mean money in the bank tomorrow, and not another panhandler accosting us with a plea for our tender sympathies. It would be unimaginable to see Joe or Herb or Lawrence or Howard or Mitchell peddling. They are all highly respected members of their chosen communities. They are examples of what an ideally operating school can accomplish —The Messenger.



WE'RE CHAMPS! —as reflected on faces of: L. to R. Coach R. Tegeder, J. Katzel, III., H. Blankenship, Ky. (hidden), G. Larson, O. (No. 4), K. Toerpe, III., C. Renkin, III., H. Snyder, O., G. Blumerick, Mich. (back to camera), L. Kronk, Mich. and C. Hassel, Mich.

OUR LADIES AUXILIARIES

Our two Ladies Auxiliaries are very important cogs in our work. Without them our Institute would not be a home-school. Things just would not mesh and comforts and happiness would fly out of the windows.

Recently we were again privileged to be present at our Macomb Auxiliary's annual potluck dinner. And what a meal it was! Leave it to our good Macomb ladies to produce a variety of foods that are a real smorgasbord. No wonder that every year all their husbands attend this annual meeting to a man, even though they must sit through the entire business meeting without being permitted to voice their opinions on matters that are being discussed.

But the members of this Macomb Auxiliary have other talents besides cooking. They are also real Kingdom workers. And because they are that, they have banded themselves together to assist in the work of bringing deaf children to Christ, their Savior. They do this under the fine leadership of their officers, Mrs. George Remer, President, Mrs. Wm. Junke, Vice President, Mrs. Ed. Reackhof, Secretary, Mrs. W. Hagen, Fin. Secretary, and Mrs. Wilber Dopp, Treasurer. Wherever there is a need in the Institute these workers are willing to lend a helping hand. But their special project is to keep our kitchen and dining room equipped and stocked with all necessary dishes and cooking utensils. Our first deep freeze was a gift from this Macomb group as were a number of labor-saving items in the kitchen. Besides their kitchen and dining

room project, the Macomb Auxiliary annually cans fruit and vegetables which later find a place on our pantry shelves there to repose until the time comes when they are consumed by our large family of deaf children. During the month of May these same women come each Wednesday and darn, mend, and patch our youngsters' clothes and hose. And believe me, they could not select a worse month to do this work because near the end of the school year our pupils' garments often are more "hole" than "whole". But these Christian women thrive on labors of love and what they do they regard as a pleasure rather than as drudgery because they do it for the least of the Lord's brethren.

The May meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on the second Tuesday in Rochester, Mich. A summer outdoor picnic meeting is being planned to which the Detroit Auxiliary, the mother organization, will be invited.

We value and appreciate our dear Ladies Auxiliaries beyond measure—and we pray that our dear Lord may continue to bless them and their wonderful self-sacrificing work.

GALLAUDET COLLEGE

As the national College for the deaf, Gallaudet draws its students from all over the United States, and from many foreign countries as well. In its Graduate Department of Education it offers training for prospective teachers and administrators in schools for the deaf. Affiliated with the college is the Kendall School where graduate and undergraduate students in the college may do practice teaching.

Our Mighty Mites Win Championship

Another chapter of basketball has been written and our school is very proud of its championship team for 1955. A squad which last November appeared short in height and short in experience proved to be a quick learning and dogged, determined, scrapping team in March. This determination and desire enabled them time after time to conquer much taller opponents because they never knew the meaning of the word quit.

Our boys this year were of the coachable type, always willing to do what was best for the team regardless of whether or not it meant less personal gain. Included in this overall record of eleven wins in fourteen attempts was a perfect 8-0 record in conference play. This gave them the undisputed championship in the East Side Lutheran School League. The brunt of the scoring was done by Howard Snyder of Ohio, who this year rapidly blossomed into a very fine player, undoubtedly the best ever developed at our school. His season's average was a nineteen point plus. However, to gain the championship much spirited support was contributed by his team mates whose defensive play was commendable. We are deeply appreciative of the efforts of Mr. Don Ravell in developing the talents of our younger boys, thus supplying our team with depth.

The fine showing in basketball was a happy contrast to a mediocre football season, and what is expected to be a disastrous softball season. By winning in one sport and losing in another our pupils receive a real character education since, it is not unusual for our teams to finish on top of the heap in one sport and at the bottom in another, all in the period of one school year.

A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, a hand through which Christ helps.

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**WOW!
MAIL
FROM
HOME!**



LOOK at all the mail that Miss Powell has today. I wonder if there is any for me



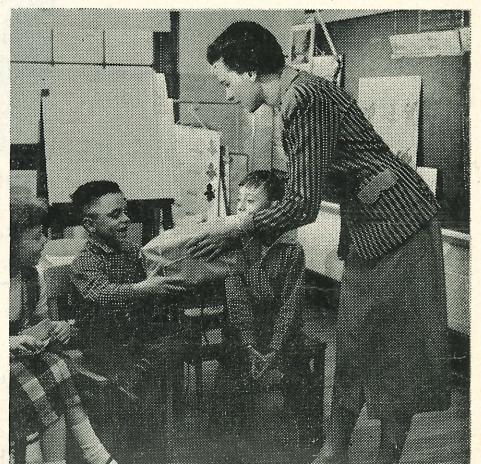
LINDA CERVI, Dennis Hall, Bobby Gates, Kathleen Bednarczyk, David Naumann and Bobby Braun all got letters from home.



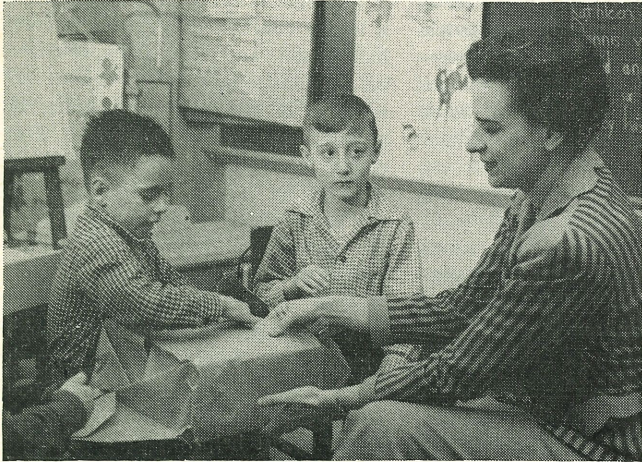
DAVID WESTON didn't get a letter so he's going to look over Kathleen's shoulder if she doesn't mind.



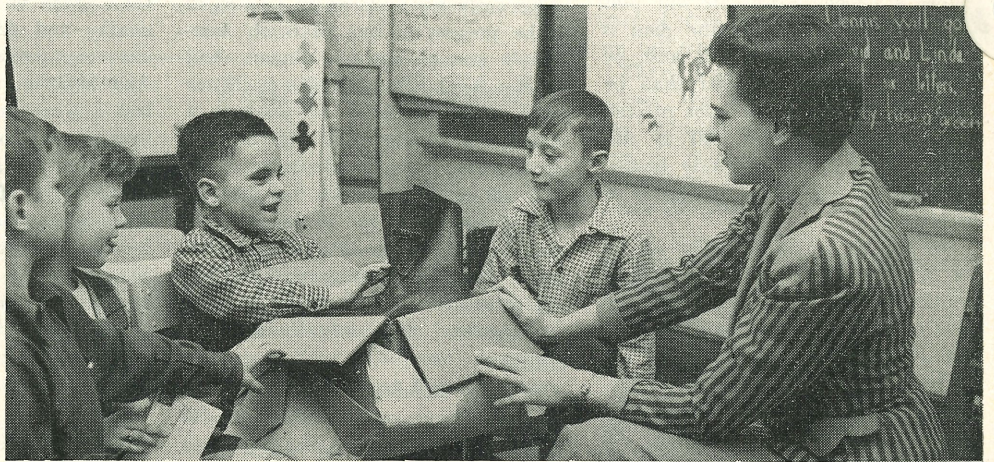
KATHLEEN'S LETTER says that her mother will come on Friday.



DAVID didn't get a letter, but look at that big box!



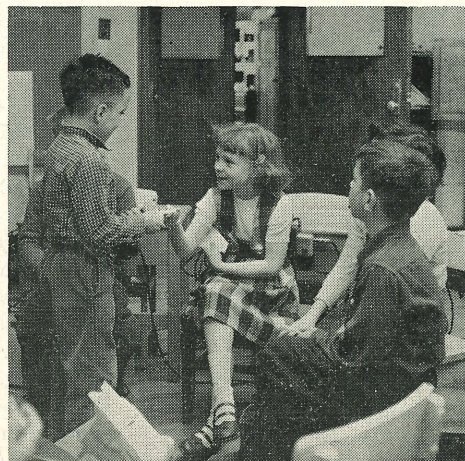
HE CERTAINLY IS ANXIOUS to see what's in the box. Hope there is something good to eat.



NOW LOOK AT THAT—just a pair of boots. I'd be disappointed too if that happened to me.



NOW ISN'T THAT A SURPRISE—mother put a package of candy in each boot. That's much better.



Now we can have a little party.



What a treat!