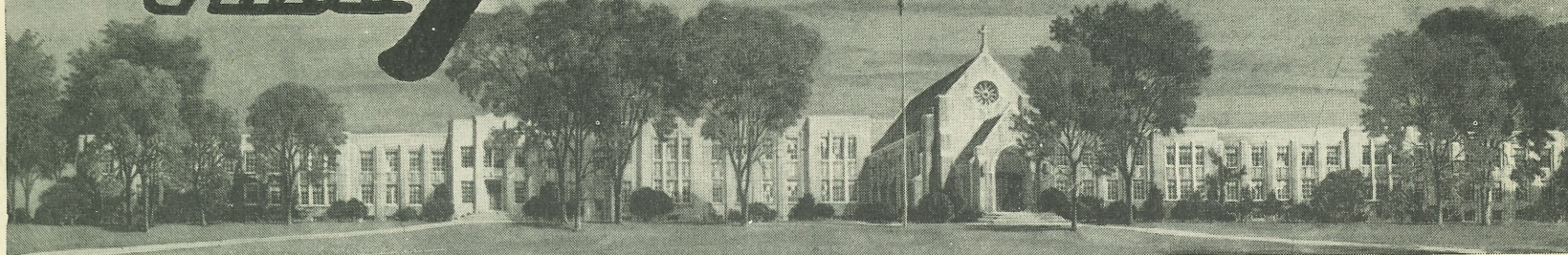


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Incidentally Yours. . .

The Institute's 1956-1957 school term opened on Tuesday, September 4, with a full staff and a record enrollment.

From a list of over fifty applicants we could accept for enrollment only twenty-four new pupils, 6 boys and 18 girls. That brings our total pupil population to 117, the largest in the history of the School. Twenty-four new pupils are more than the total enrollment we had in 1934.

Some of the new pupils come from such faraway places as Los Angeles, California, Houston, Texas, Pierre, North Dakota and Picayune, Mississippi.

Three of the earlier models of our Warren Trainear units were reconditioned and brought up to standard as was our Audiometer.

For lawn-trimming purposes a Reo rotary lawnmower was purchased and for hedge and shrub trimming an electric clipper was acquired.

Cupboards and drawers required in Principal W. Bellhorn's office and the girls residence were built by the Geo. W. Auch Construction Company. New steel lockers, necessary for our larger enrollment, were ordered from the M. A. Ellmann Company.

The Five-Year Club of the Blue Cross-Blue Shield organizations presented a 21" G. E. Television unit to our Institute.

Our Savior (deaf) congregation contributed the sum of \$400.00 toward the \$940.00 cost of rebuilding the approach to our chapel entrance.

Two teachers, Miss Helen Szajna and Mr. Tegeder, also attended the Teacher Workshop held at the Flint State School for the Deaf in August. There they presented the auditory training course which they developed for our school.

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What You Don't HEAR About HEARING AIDS

Now that they've been made so light and inconspicuous, hearing aids are being advertised and sold as never before. People with only a moderate hearing loss, who up to now refused to consider a hearing aid, are attracted by models described as having "no wires, no cords"; aids "you can't see at all" (in the photographs); aids worn as eyeglasses, tie clips, clips for the hair, headbands, necklace pendants. In all there are over 100 models, at prices that range from \$50.00 to \$500, most of them available on the installment plan and many of them of real help to the hard of hearing.

Unfortunately, the full truth about hearing aids today is that while they themselves are good, the sales practices that have grown up around them are less so. A great many people are sold the wrong aid for their particular problem; others are sold an expensive aid when a cheaper one would do them just as much good. It is not unknown for a person whose hearing loss is caused by something as minor as wax in the ears or as major as a tumor of the acoustic nerve to be sold a hearing aid instead of having his trouble diagnosed. Hearing aids also are sold to persons who cannot possibly be helped by them.

The difficulty is that the average customer is urged to buy his hearing aid on a salesman's say-so instead of first seeing either his own physician or an ear doctor (otologist) or both. Actually, a suspected hearing loss may be caused not by a defect in the ear but by trouble elsewhere in the body, such as a respiratory infection, a vitamin deficiency, or a psychosomatic condition. When the trouble is in the ear itself, it can sometimes be corrected by surgical or medical means. And even when a hearing aid is definitely needed, the safest place to find out which aid is best is not a dealer's salesroom but a recognized audiology clinic or hearing-evaluation center, like those run by hospitals, college and university speech departments, and the League for the Hard of Hearing.

Such centers do not sell hearing aids and have no commercial motives. They charge a small fee for their services or none at all. They are equipped with the most advanced testing equipment and with virtually every known model of hearing aid—whereas a dealer demonstrates only his own brand of aid. And the interpreting of tests is done by a salesman. Only when you are armed with the information given you at such a center is it safe for you to go out and buy a hearing aid.

What about the companies who boast in ads of their own "highly trained" personnel for testing hearing and for training customers to use their aids properly? The truth is that "highly trained" usually means given a course of a few weeks' duration, which does not qualify a salesman to prescribe a hearing aid reliably or to teach a buyer to use it to the best advantage. No matter how well intentioned a salesman may be, it is still his business to sell. He may even honestly believe that the model in his line that seems to help a customer most is the best, although actually another model of another brand would do a better job. The public has little if any protection against uninformed salesmen because no license or similar qualification of any kind is required of someone setting himself up to sell hearing aids. And though a few companies pay lip service to the idea of seeing your doctor before you buy a hearing aid, many dealers will sell you one over the counter if they think they can.

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† Farewell Tribute to the Sainted Louis Knorr †

"The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord." In behalf of the Association of our Institute for the



Deaf and its Board of Management I extend sincere condolence to the bereaved relatives and friends, especially to the beloved sister and home-maker,

of our sainted Board member, Mr. L. C. Knorr.

For 52 years Louis Knorr served on the Governing Board of our School for the Deaf with most faithful distinction. His interest in and devotion to the cause of the Deaf was consistently proven. For the handicapped lambs of the Great Shepherd, in Mr. Knorr's opinion, only the best of everything was good enough.

His colleagues on the Board knew him as a humble Christian, patient, dependable, and eager to do the Lord's will in all things. He was highly respected and his wise, capable and timely counsel was always gratefully received. Our Lord's words: "A man in whom there is no guile" particularly characterized him. He well earned the accolade: "In Christ a true friend of the deaf." May his extraordinary example of untiring love and service ever inspire us all to serve the Lord of the underprivileged with gladness.

Farewell, dear sainted brother in Christ! "Well done: thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord." AMEN

Rev. H. R. Wacker



OUR TWO NEW TEACHERS, Deaconess Ada Mundinger on the left and Miss Patricia McComb seem to be comparing (pleasing) notes.

Welcome New Teachers

It is with a feeling of pride that we here present our two new teachers, Deaconess Ada Mundinger and Miss Patricia McComb.

Deaconess Mundinger, our Preparatory Class teacher, was born in Canada and spent the first eighteen years of her life there. She comes to us with four years of assorted teaching experience. While a resident of North Dakota she spent two years at Jamestown College, after which she taught two years in public school. She followed this experience with two years of work at Valparaiso University, graduating in 1954 as a Deaconess. The following two years Deaconess Mundinger spent at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the University of Pittsburgh where she received her specialized training while teaching and gained a Master of Education degree in 1956. She presently resides in East Detroit.

Miss Patricia McComb, a native of Indiana, teaches our Kindergarten class. After majoring in Speech Correction at the University of Indiana where she received her A. B. degree in 1951, she taught four and one half years as a speech and hearing therapist in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Miss McComb has matriculated at Wayne-State University in Detroit where she expects to receive her M.S. degree in the not too distant future. She is currently residing in Grosse Pointe Park.

We invite our readers and friends to join with us in wishing the Lord's blessings upon these dedicated teachers so that their work at our school may be highly beneficial to our children and satisfying to them.

World of Silence
is available
Order Now!

Rev. C. Nietzsche Elected To School Board

We welcome the Rev. Carl E. Nietzsche, pastor of Emmaus Church, Detroit to our Institute's Board of Education.

Rev. Nietzsche is a graduate of Concordia College, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Ferris Institute, Concordia Seminary, Western State Teachers College, and has received the Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. He also holds a Life Certificate in Education.

Rev. Nietzsche was a member of the original Board of the Detroit Lutheran High School and at the present time he is a member of the Lutheran Book Store Committee.



OUR NEW PUPILS for the school year 1956-57 are: L to R Front row: Ranier Koeger, Mich., Valerie French, Mich., Connie Shook, Mich., Winnie Goss, Mississippi, Cynthia Antaya, Mich., Lynn Dybdahl, Mich., Diana Schmidt, S. Dakota, Laurie Marzetti, Mich., Bonnie Boman, Illinois, Jackie Noble, Mich., Second row: Gerald Schwarz, Ill., Georgia Bell, Iowa, Marla McCray, Iowa, David Ainscough, Ill., Barbara Boyer, Mich., John Lee, Texas, Janice Dienst, California, Third row: Judy Tower, Mich., Joan Gustafsen, Ill., James Johnson, Mich., Arlene Bicker, Ohio, Roger Lindstrom, Mich., Karen Carr, Missouri, Yvonne Hunt, Ohio.

Volta's Lending Library

One of the Volta Bureau's most valuable services for parents is the Clara Block Lending Library. Through this library parents of deaf children may borrow books not available in most communities.

Anyone belonging to the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf may borrow the books for three weeks for a charge of twenty-five cents per volume to cover mailing costs. Membership in the Association, including a subscription to the Volta Review, is \$5.00 per year. The Volta Bureau serves as Association headquarters. Every issue of the Volta Review contains articles written especially for parents.

Arthur Simon, who was born deaf, established the library in 1951 in memory of his grandmother, Clara Block, in gratitude for her "love and understanding." Although Mrs. Block had no special background for teaching the deaf, she seemed to know instinctively what to do for her deaf grandson. She talked to him, read to him and helped in many ways to give him a feeling of security. Mr. Simon, a graduate of Stanford University, now makes his home in San Francisco. He still recalls his grandmother's help in making the adjustment to a hearing world.

A list of books available through the parents' lending library may be obtained by writing the Volta Bureau, 1537 35th St., N.W., Washington 7, D.C. The list includes books on child training, language study, books written especially for deaf children, studies on hearing and deafness and many others.

THE LETTER BOX

Dear Dr. Klein: Dekalb, Illinois

Kevin enjoyed your nice letter. We read it all to him and showed pictures of you people at the same time. He can recognize your name real well.

We are just having a wonderful summer only it is going by too swiftly. Kevin will have to come back to school all too soon. We regret this only in a selfish way, we know how much you people are doing for him and are very thankful that he can have this opportunity to attend Lutheran. We have almost complete communications between our family and Kevin. We are working with him at every opportunity trying new words and keeping him aware of the new things that he encounters. -----

Our every wish is for your good health and our very best regards to all of our friends at Lutheran.

Sincerely,

Dean Froelich

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The parents of our little Indian, Roger Hall, from North Dakota writes:

Newtown, North Dakota

Dear Dr. Klein:

We were very happy to have Roger home with us again. He seemed very happy to be home again and play with his brothers and sisters.

We marvel at the improvement in his lip reading and speech, also the fine training he has had. Every day it seems he has a new word to say. We can not praise your school enough and the fine work you and your staff are doing.

We certainly plan to send Roger back to school again next fall the Lord willing. I feel so confident in your school. I would worry about him if we had to send him anywhere else.

Thanking you for your wonderful service and kindness to Roger we are

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Mervel Hall

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Dear Dr. Klein: Dallas, Texas

-----By this time, Mrs. Frank and Bobby have arrived in Detroit and Bobby is once again in school. We have really had a fine summer with him and with some additional speech therapy that we were doing here, I believe that he will be making excellent progress. We are very deeply grateful to you and the school for all that you have done for our son. I believe Bobby is well pleased and happy, and is looking forward to another fine year at the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf.

May God continue to bless you in your marvelous work.

Sincerely, Rev. P. B. Frank

Incidentally Yours. . .

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The principals, kindergarten, and primary grade parochial school teachers of Michigan again conducted a three-day Work-Shop within our walls as did the Liturgical Institute last June. One of our guests, the Rev. C. Wismar commented as follows:

"Wonderful! That word sums up both the hospitality extended to the recent Liturgical Institute, as well as the Institute itself. It was a pleasure to meet on your lovely campus. As soon as one reached your splendid institution one sensed that this was a place that was being run efficiently and in orderly fashion. You are doing a splendid work. May the good Lord bless you and your staff."

By request of Dr. John Tenny, Professor and Student Counselor in Special Education at Wayne-State University, Mr. Kitsu Rhee, a University student from Korea, in return for some supervisory work, will receive room and board in our Institute. Mr. Rhee is 30 years old, is a college graduate and a member of Korean Christian Church. His father is the Director of a school for deaf and blind children in Korea.

Our annual letter will reach our readers soon. Since it is but once a year that we appeal for support for this most important missionary endeavor, therefore, we pray that the Lord may open hearts and hands for a generous outpouring.

Principal W. Bellhorn and the writer are constantly filling speaking engagements for the purpose of publicizing our Institute's work and needs. The writer was also invited to present our cause at the Zone meeting of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Central District, in Michigan City, Indiana, also at a meeting in Chicago and at a Mission Festival in Clinton, Iowa. Make your speaker requests known to us as early as possible.

Group visitors in chartered busses from near and far are welcomed every Wednesday.

We were sorry to lose one of our faithful School Board members, the Rev. C. Thalacker, who accepted a call to a Florida pastorate.

Substantial anonymous cash contributions, for which we are most grateful, were received from a friend in Alexandria, Minnesota and a friend in Seymour, Texas. May God richly bless the donors.

Concerning our film, "The World Of Silence" Pastor E. F. Schroeder of Winsted, Minnesota comments: "Very interesting and informative; it aroused discussion. Greater effort should be made to have it shown in every congregation of all Lutheran Synods."

Miss Janet Butchart, a fourth year student in the Department of

Hearing Aids

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There are other misleading aspects of many hearing-aid ads. They say "no buttons," "no cords," "no wires." They neglect to add that in every type of aid except the rare bone-conduction type there must be something leading from the instrument into the ear, and this "something" is generally a plastic tube. The ads may show head-on photographs of a man wearing a hearing aid and imply that the aid cannot be seen; actually it is clearly visible from the side and back. Some unprincipled dealers advertise ridiculously low prices as "bait," and then high-pressure the customer into buying an expensive instrument.

A hearing aid doesn't necessarily have to be expensive to be good. One brand (Zenith) has aids at \$50, \$85, \$115, \$125, \$135, \$142.50, and \$150. In another brand (Sonotone) all models are in the \$259 to \$295 price range. All of these may be good instruments for certain users. Perhaps 40 per cent of people with a hearing loss will receive all the help they need or can get from a low-priced aid. The rest need some particular feature of a more expensive instrument. Unfortunately, some of the higher-priced aids cost more not because of any additional benefit they give, but because of such luxury features as, for example a solid-gold attachment on the case. Occasionally the price includes the cost of maintaining showrooms and such follow-up services as keeping after customers to make sure they are learning how to use their aids efficiently. In all the new hearing aids, batteries must be replaced regularly at a cost of 10c to 70c per week, varying with the individual model. Repair service is usually covered by company guarantees for the first year after purchase. Thereafter repairs may run from \$15 to \$50 or more per year. Used hearing aids have virtually no trade-in value except where a dealer chooses to allow something, taking the cost out of his own profit, just to make a sale.

Despite what some of the ads say, no aid can restore hearing completely. Also, every hearing aid requires a period of adjustment to its use; and for this, a specialist at a hearing-evaluation center, or someone recommended by a center, will give as much if not more help than a dealer's salesman.

The truth about hearing aids is

Special Education at Wayne-State University and a member of Redemption Lutheran Church, by direction of the University's student counselor is doing her practice teaching in our school. It is our hope and desire that Miss Butchart, after her graduation next June as a teacher of the deaf, join our teaching staff next September.



OUR STUDENT TEACHER, Miss Janet Butchart of Wayne State U. who is doing her observing and practice teaching under Deaconess Mundinger is here observed as she tries a hand at "command giving."

not, of course, all bad. Most of the new aids are wonderful. They are based on the newly perfected transistor, an electronic device that replaces the bulkier vacuum tube as a power supply. They are vastly more convenient to use. Their small size has been a blessing for children and for adults sensitive about their appearance. Because they do not have to be concealed in the clothing, they also eliminate "clothing rub," an annoying feature of many older aids. And they are cheaper to operate.

Of all the new aids, the most novel and seemingly least conspicuous is the eyeglasses aid. In this type the mechanism is built directly into or clipped onto the temples of ordinary-looking eyeglass frames; in some models your own frames can be used. Prices range from \$135 to \$305. For those with hearing problems in both ears, glasses with units in both sides are available, a great help in localizing and selecting sound from background noises and a tremendous advantage over having to wear two separate conventional aids.

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The League for the Hard of Hearing is a branch of the American Hearing Society, a nationwide, non-profit social-service agency certified by the social-service laws of the various states in which it operates. Write to the Society at 1800 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., for a list of the local offices of the League and for a Directory of Specialized Hearing Services. Or write to George A. Kopp, Secretary-Treasurer of the American Speech and Hearing Association (a nationwide professional association of audiologists), Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan, for a list of hearing-evaluation centers and of people the Association deems qualified to do testing and hearing rehabilitation.

A Way to Express Condolence

When a friend or dear relative is taken from this life, we are moved to express condolence—Memorial Wreathes or Mindekrantz cards or folders are time-honored means of doing this.

For the above purpose our Institute offers to send free, upon request a supply of beautiful symbolic folders which also bear a sympathetic message of condolence together with prestamped envelopes in which to send your memorial offering to us. — Make your act of condolence for a loved one a Living Memorial enshrined in a little deaf child.

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KINDERGARTEN—The preparation for formal education. Here children learn by playing together. Pupils in this year's kindergarten class are Bonnie Boman, Danny Christy, Valerie Franch, Winnie Goss, Robert Harrison, Ranier Koeger, Dennis Kozak, Jackie Noble. Our kindergarten teacher is Miss Patricia McComb.



THROUGH THE WISE GUIDANCE of the teacher, the informal atmosphere of the kindergarten provides a transition between home and school.

FOR MANY hearing handicapped children kindergarten provides the first experiences of sound—the voice of the teacher, the roar of an airplane, the rhythm of music.



IN KINDERGARTEN the child is also introduced to speech work, lip reading, and sense training—the matching of colors, objects, shapes, forms, and written vocabulary.



OF ALL LEARNING which takes place during the year in kindergarten, socialization is probably one of the most important. By learning to live together now, these children will be better citizens tomorrow.