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Dear Readers:

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For
the fast
approaching
joyful Christmas

Day we, in deep grati-
tude, pray that God may
bless and protect you and
your loved ones, and that the
joy which comes from the true
spirit of Christmas may be yours
through all the days of the
coming year.

With
Holiday
Greetings,

The Institute Staff and
all its many Deaf
Boys and Girls

Incidentally Yours. . .

Thanksgiving Day, a day on which to recount one's many blessings of the past year and to bring sincere and heartfelt thanks and praise to Almighty God for His continued mercy and generous benevolence.

Among the Blessings for which we owe unending gratitude are the wonderful health condition of our large family, the generous financial support from our friends which enabled us to operate our costly venture in the black, the fine supply of farm produce and canned fruits and vegetables from the Thumb District, the 185 bags of potatoes from the Belknap-Roger City area, the 130 bushels of McIntosh apples from Mr. Erwin Klenk of Conklin, Michigan, The C. and H. Nielsen Cartage Company which brought all of these blessings to our Institute door, the grocery offerings from our Greater Detroit congregations, our fine household and teaching staffs, the many women volunteer workers who weekly did all our mending, other volunteer workers

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Christmas and You



There is a very personal note in the Christmas message which is frequently missed by many. The birth of Jesus is not simply an interesting fact of history wholly unrelated to your present life . . . but rather it has a direct bearing upon it.

When the angel announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds, the personal importance of His coming was emphasized. He said, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10,11).

Have you ever thought that it was for YOU the Savior was born? Do you realize that when God sent His Son into the world, He sent Him to become YOUR Saviour? Listen to the word of the herald angel, "I bring YOU good tidings of great joy . . . for unto YOU is born . . . a Saviour." Yes . . . it was for YOU that Jesus came.

When at this Christmas season the wonderful birth of Christ is brought again to your mind through Christmas carols, paintings and pictures and through the sacred story itself, will you not consider it was for YOU that He came?

He did not come to be the inspiration of sacred art, nor to be the theme of glad song, much less to be merely a good man and a great teacher . . . Jesus came to be the SAVIOUR, and as such He was born for YOU.

Bound inseparably together are the Saviour's birth and His death. He came to save, and to save He must die . . . die in the sinner's stead, bearing the full penalty of divine wrath for sin. This too, was personal—it was for YOU.

And such a very personal message of God's love and grace demands a personal response. The Saviour who was born was God's GIFT to YOU. And He wants you to receive that gift. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

To receive the gift of God by faith you must believe that Christ actually was born to be YOUR Saviour. You should trust Him because He died for your sins. You should trust Him because He lives, having risen from the dead.

—Selected

So this is now the mark by which we all shall certainly know whether the birth of the Lord Jesus is effective in us: If we take upon ourselves the need of our neighbor.

Luther

WE MUST BUILD

Due to our very large enrollment some of our facilities have become too small, hence inadequate to handle our large number of people. This is especially true of our Dining Room. Around tables originally meant to seat eight pupils we now have to crowd in as many as twelve. Recognizing this intolerable condition our Board of Management, in its October meeting, resolved with the consent of the Association to enlarge the Dining Room by adding to it the area of our present kitchen and then to build and equip a new kitchen with basement cold-rooms for food storage purposes.

It is hoped that this building project might be ready by next September. In the February issue of the Advocate we hope to be able to bring definite information concerning the type and cost of the proposed building.

DEAF CARVER

The following item concerning one of our school's pupils of long ago, together with photographs depicting him at work and many objects of his handiwork appeared in The Milwaukee Journal Sunday Pictorial of October 21, 1956.

"A Spindle Carver in furniture factories all his adult life, William Mueller of Port Washington, has made his craft also a hobby. The seventy year old man has sought no work since the Wisconsin Chair Company closed down, but he has continued his carving of toys and small decorative pieces.

Mr. Mueller was educated in The Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit before coming to Milwaukee, where he spent twenty-eight years. He moved to Port Washington about twenty years ago. One of his chief admirers is his granddaughter, Harriet Hallada.

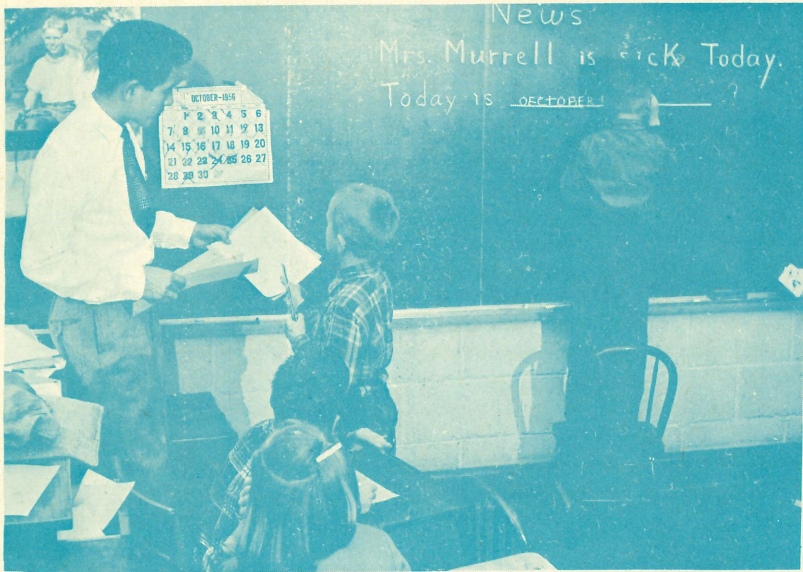
In his small basement workshop, packed with hand and power tools, Mueller is constantly keeping busy and alert. Recently he carved his most complicated piece of work. It consists of a model of the Milwaukee County Stadium and the familiar figures of Braves players.

For her birthday October 29, his granddaughter, Harriet, had a choice of a great variety of carvings such as cats, dogs, wild ducks, pheasants, fish, dolls, toy soldiers, etc. One of Mueller's special pieces is a miniature Liberty Bell."

School records show that William Albert Mueller was enrolled in The Lutheran School for the Deaf on August 22, 1896 from Antigo, Wisconsin when he was ten years old.

FORM OF BEQUEST TO OUR INSTITUTE

I give, devise and bequeath to the Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf-Mute Institute, located in the city of Detroit, Michigan, the sum of



THIS YEAR we are very fortunate in having Mr. Kisu Rhee in our school. After his graduation from the University of Tokyo, he came to America to study methods of teaching the blind and the deaf. Having studied at Boston University, the University of Chicago and Gallaudet College, he is presently studying at Wayne-State University and making his home on our campus. A fully qualified teacher of handicapped children, Mr. Rhee renders our school a service by substitute teaching. After completing his studies, he will return to his home in Korea where his father operates a school for handicapped children. He will then establish a class for training teachers of handicapped children.

Blessed Resolution

Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Michigan District
Monroe, Mich.

Dear Dr. Klein:

It is my happy privilege to officially inform you that the following resolution was adopted at the sixth biennial convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Michigan District, held at Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Joseph, Michigan, June 14th last:

"Whereas, the Lord Jesus Christ commands: 'Suffer the little children to come unto me,' which also includes those souls in the world of silence, and Whereas, the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf has been established for the purpose of teaching the way of salvation to these souls, and

Whereas, of necessity the full cost of providing a Christ-centered, specialized education for their child is high and beyond the means of many parents, therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that \$2,000.00 be appropriated to The Lutheran Institute for the Deaf for a Scholarship Fund."

I further wish to advise that our Executive Board will meet quarterly, at which time you will receive our check for your percentage of the mites distributed.

May the blessings of Our Heavenly Father rest upon you as you continue the wonderful work at the Institute for Deaf.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Harold J. Rammler,
President

OUR REPLY

Detroit, Mich.

Dear Members of the Missionary League:

Permit me, herewith, to express to your organization the heartfelt and sincere expressions of thanks and appreciation of the members of our Board of Management as well as that of our entire staff for having voted a \$2,000.00 scholarship for an indigent deaf child enrolled in our Institute for the Deaf. With this subsidy you are assisting in a missionary endeavor which our Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, began. A Blessed Resolution.

It was He, Who indicated to us that, in order to bring the Saving Gospel to the deaf, special and extraordinary efforts would be required. He did this when He took the deaf youth aside from the multitude and performed certain physical acts before He spoke that miracle word "Ephphatha" which restored hearing and speech to the young man. Whereas, for most all other miracles He just spoke the Word.

Having followed Christ's example, your organization will surely be blessed by Him beyond all expectations.

Very gratefully yours,

J. A. Klein, Executive Director.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

It is our fond hope that the Women's Missionary Leagues of every District may follow this laudable example of the Michigan District League and so provide at least one scholarship for a deaf child enrolled in our Lutheran Institute from their respective districts.

Incidentally Yours . . .

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who assisted with the preparation for mailing of our Appeal Letter and gave other office assistance, volunteers who assisted at supervising our children, groups who arranged and provided periodic parties for our pupils, took them to the circus, baseball, basketball, football games and other places of entertainment, Service Clubs which gave financial assistance toward the purchase of much needed school room equipment, Y.M.C.A. memberships and provided eye glasses for a number of our pupils, Ladies Aids and Sunday Schools who sent us food, Christmas gifts, quilts, towels, bedding and other household necessities, The medical doctors who were at our beck and call whenever we required their services, The dentist who for 21 years has spent every Thursday ministering to our many pupils without ever charging for his services. The optometrists who gratuitously examine all our pupils eyes and provide glasses for those who need them. Our own two wonderful Ladies Auxiliaries, one which provides all necessary kitchen and dining room equipment and dishes plus a scholarship fund for indigent pupils, the other which supplied us with household needs, a station wagon, Christmas gifts for all our pupils, and a \$2,000.00 scholarship for a missionary's deaf son. Our own fine Board of Management and School Board and Committees for their magnificent and understanding cooperation and untiring devotion to the cause of the deaf child. The many prayers that ascended to the Throne above for our Institute's many friends and supporters, for the handicapped little ones in our care and also for us personally at the time when we had to submit to several serious eye operations. Legacies which the saints, whom the Master has already called to their eternal reward, bequeathed to the Institute in order that its blessed work might continue without hindrance after their departure from this vale of tears. (We wish to state here that such legacy monies will be utilized for the payment of the proposed kitchen unit.)

For all these supporters and well-wishers we first of all offer thanks and praise to our heavenly Father from Whom all good gifts come, but next to Him our hearts are filled with a sense of deep gratitude to all our friends mentioned as well as to the many whose number is too great to receive individual mention here. May God bless each and every one beyond measure and grant them a very joyful holiday season.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THE LETTER BOX

Vancouver 14, British Columbia

Dear Dr. Klein:

I do not know where to start to tell you about the wonderful progress we feel both our boys made during just nine months in your school.

Stephen especially so, I shall start with him. His attitude toward discipline was so different from a year ago. I can truthfully say at bed time, and that was on amusing side. When I would approach him between nine and nine thirty that it was time to go to bed he would show me the little four and five year olds (who had had a couple of hours sleep in the afternoon) who were still up. I never did manage to get over that hurdle.

We saw such a wonderful improvement in his speech and the new words that he picked up so quickly. He called me "mother" whenever he wanted me. Our friends and neighbors all remarked at the change in him.

He seems very interested in swimming. At what age do the children at school have swimming?

Both the boys are anxious to join in the activities of the other children and both get along well with their playmates now.

That is where we saw the most improvement in Bobby. He was not aggressive as he was last summer. I do feel he will make progress in his school work this year. He is certainly not backward—just full of mischief.

There were very few times when he would sit with me and review his lip reading book. We had such a remarkable summer, the boys just wanted to be at the beach. In the evenings the other children would come and out they would go to play. They had constant companionship with hearing children.

I think the nicest thing of all about the end of our summer together was the fact that they were both so happy to be returning to school. At the airport in Seattle they took Mr. Steiners hand and left us smiling and waving goodbye. It is wonderful for us to know how happy they are with you.

One afternoon in June a few days before the boys arrived home I had a visit from Rev. Beyer, a Lutheran minister for the Deaf from Seattle. It was very kind of him to call on me and he said he would do so again.

I have had several letters from Mrs. Carey. How wonderful they have been to our boys.

I was glad to read in the Advocate that you recovered from your eye operation successfully.

Very sincerely yours
Helen Harrison

The Deaf Child's Advocate

WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU

1. We can supply you with a most interesting all-color sound film rent free.

2. We can supply you with informative folders for free distribution.

3. We can arrange to give lectures in your church or before church organizations on the work of educating deaf children and on deaf missions at no charge except for transportation.

4. We can arrange to give live demonstrations, with pupils from our school, of the method used in teaching speech and lip-reading to deaf children in your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf.

5. We can supply noon-day dinners for visiting groups up to fifty, take them on a tour through our buildings and into our class rooms where they can see first-hand the blessed work they are supporting with their gifts.

We have already had many such groups visit our Institute; some coming from as far as South Bend and Fort Wayne, Indiana, Toledo, Cleveland and Napoleon, Ohio.

Make your wants and desires known to us and we shall attempt to satisfy them.

Our Once-a-Year Appeal

By this time all our readers have received our annual appeal letter. We like to call this once-a-year message "Our Annual Love Letter" to our friends, because the cause for which it pleads financial support can only receive an open heart and hand from such as are so moved out of love for the Savior Who gave ALL to save us.

The Lord promises to bless all who heed the pleas of the needy. He says, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and running over shall men give into your bosom. For with the measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

Information Concerning Hearing Aids

We wish to direct the attention of those of our readers interested in purchasing a hearing aid for themselves or for a child to the Society of Hearing Aid Audiologists, Suite 702, 28 West Adams Ave., Detroit 26, Michigan, where they may, by addressing a letter to Mr. Thornton Zanolli, obtain the names of the certified hearing aid audiologists in their community.

Teacher Scholarship Offer

The Lutheran Institute for the Deaf offers two types of scholarships. One a three hundred dollar annual scholarship to girls having completed two full years of college work toward a B.S. degree; and a six hundred dollar scholarship to girls having a B.S. degree for teaching in Elementary Schools.

Persons interested should contact J. A. Klein, Executive Director, 6861 E. Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Mich.

THANK YOU!

We wish to extend our sincere thanks in the name of the Board of Management and our entire Association to Rev. C. L. Thalacker who faithfully served on our School Board for a number of years, the last as Chairman. The Rev. Thalacker, formerly Pastor of St. Thomas-St. Peter Congregation in Detroit, recently accepted a call to Fort Pierce, Florida necessitating termination of services to our school.

We regret losing his valued counseling and fellowship, but wish him the Lord's richest blessings in his new field of activities.

To fill this vacancy on the School Board, The Rev. G. M. Krach, a former long time chairman of the Board has graciously accepted the appointment. He is pastor of Christ Church in Washington Heights. Our entire staff joyfully welcomes him back into our midst.

S P O R T S

The curtain has fallen on our football season which was not only the most successful in the school's history but probably the most enjoyed by our boys due to phenomenally warm weather which prevailed in Detroit this fall. The boys were not kept from a single practice during the entire season due to inclement weather conditions. This, undoubtedly allowed for greater development of skills and contributed to a stronger league in general.

Our football team composed entirely of veterans turned in an undefeated and untied stellar performance in seven league games and one non-league affair. This entitled them to meet the West Side Champions, St. Paul of Farmington, a well balanced team for the Metropolitan Championship. In this last game for five of our first stringers, they were edged by the narrowest of margins 7-6. Much good quick blocking, a trade mark with our boys during the season, was wasted as our ball carriers had difficulty finding the handle of the ball and momentary fumbles were prevalent. The crisp weather and wind made it difficult for the pass receivers who had otherwise enjoyed a fine season. Our boys are, however, very proud of their East Side championship trophy and are now looking forward to a successful basketball season.

An enthusiastic veteran squad is now preparing for basketball league competition. It feels that during the last year nature has provided what it so sorely needed last year, namely height. The boys will compete in the East Side League and in a tournament. We truly feel that only good can evolve from this wholesome competition with their hearing counterparts.



HERE WE LOOK IN on our happy group on Halloween, participating in everyone's favorite activity, refreshments. This, as well as a complete party was given for the second consecutive year by wives of the Macomb County Junior Chamber of Commerce members.

Christmas Cheer Fund

We wish to inform those of our readers who may be inclined to send gifts for our children that The Institute has a so-called Christmas Cheer Fund from which special items are purchased which will benefit all our pupils. Our experience has been that such larger items usually tend to bring much joy and pleasure to larger groups of children and are

useful for long periods of time. We would, therefore, encourage sending us the cash for this Cheer Fund rather than to try and please an individual child with a personal gift.

This is only a suggestion and by no means do we wish to discourage from doing so, those of our friends or organizations who prefer selecting and sending individual presents for our pupils.

World of Silence
is available
Order Now!



OUR EAST SIDE LEAGUE Touch Football Champs for 1956: First Row L. to R. — Jim Katzel, hb, Chicago; Gary Larson, e, Akron, Ohio; Hugh Blankenship, qb, Bowling Green, Ky.; Jim Allen, c, Birmingham, Mich.; Caswell Hassel, e, Dearborn; Don Morris, hb, Birmingham, Mich. Second Row L. to R.—Coach R. Tegeder; Alan Nelson, hb, Ferndale, Mich.; Reed Lee, e, Omaha, Nebr.; Gary Blumerick, qb, Utica, Mich.; Roger Lindstrom, e, and Jim Johnson, c, Ypsilanti, Mich.; and Curtis Coveyou, hb, Jordan, Mich.

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Christmas Season



Once again we study the story of Jesus' birth,



... make displays that remind us of God's wondrous love,



... re-enact those glorious scenes that took place at Bethlehem many years ago,

... give presents to remind each other of God's most precious gift,



... send Christmas greetings to our friends,



and send our Annual Appeal to you that we might continue our work for God's Kingdom.