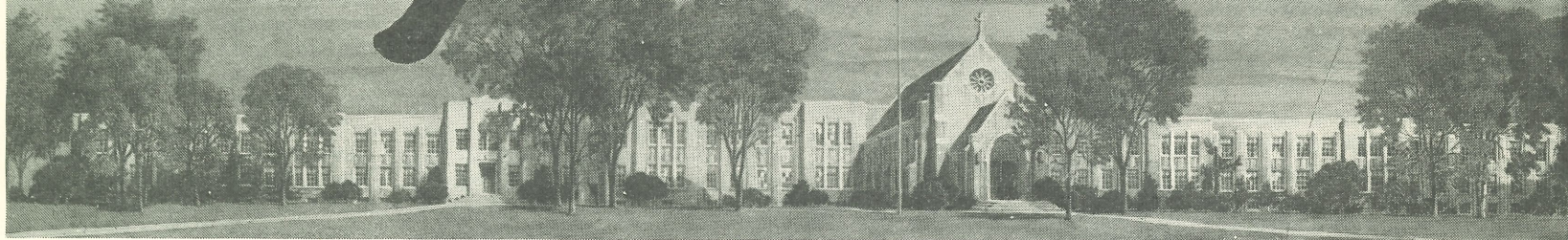


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## Incidentally Yours...

The Lutheran School for the Deaf began its 85th school year with a full enrollment. - - -

Thirteen new pupils and five new teachers joined our happy family - - - We were sorry that we could not accept more of the many applicants whose parents pleaded for an opportunity to send their children to our school. - - -

Other schools having overbid us salarywise took three of our teachers from us this summer right at a time when we felt that our teacher needs were solved. But money talks and tempts. - - -

Miss Marion Lenz of Sebawaing and Miss Joan Kern accepted our teacher training scholarships. Miss Lenz enrolled at Eastern Michigan College and Miss Kern is attending Wayne State University. - - - Miss Dana Jorns of California will begin training at Washington University and Central Institute in 1958 on a scholarship supplied by our school. - - -

Girls interested in these scholarships should write to The Lutheran School for the Deaf, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 34 Mich. - - -

Our boys are very happy with their new counselor, Mr. Pickell, who keeps them interestingly occupied. - - -

From the prints in this issue our readers will see that our new Lena Ritter Memorial Kitchen is well under way. - - - The pictures were taken by our principal, Mr. W. Bellhorn. - - - For the home economics kitchen we already have two volunteer workers who will teach our girls the rudiments of cooking and baking. They are Mrs. Kern and Mrs. Blankstrom - - -

All children from the 3rd grade up with their teachers had a grand day at the Michigan State Fair through the courtesy of the Department of Parks and Recreation and

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## HANDS

Hands, whether pictured or in the flesh, always tell a story. That is possibly due to the fact that of all the parts of our body the hands are undoubtedly used the most. And so there are such undesirable hands as soiled hands, hard hands, bloody hands, sinning hands, closed hands, clenched hands, greedy hands, grasping hands, destructive hands, cruel hands, idle hands, and selfish hands.

In contrast there are such blessed hands as gnarled hands, calloused hands, busy hands, willing hands, applauding hands, adoring hands, holy hands, uplifted hands, folded hands, pleading hands, praying hands, imploring hands, extended hands, open hands, inviting hands, loving hands, pitying hands, helping hands, shielding hands, serving hands, giving hands, healing hands, consoling hands, saving hands and hands that bless.

Hands are most frequently used for taking — receiving the abundant blessings bestowed by God, — the gifts of friends and relatives, — the fruits of our labors. Some people have not learned, by the power of God, to overcome the natural selfishness of their hearts and hands, but are always reaching out to their own advantage. They misuse their hands, therefore, theirs are the closed, selfish, grasping and greedy hands.

Our Lord's hands, while He sojourned in this vale of tears, always were holy, uplifted, comforting, pitying, praying, helping, serving and healing hands.

And the hands of His followers, although at times, calloused, gnarled, and crippled, are always like unto His, namely holy, folded, praying, pleading, loving, comforting, pitying, extended, helping, serving and healing. These are the hands that are loved by all — hands that reach out to the cross in faith for a full measure of grace and are then stretched out in service to God and fellow-men. These are the hands that are moved by a heart desirous of showing appreciation for the boundless grace of God in Christ Jesus.

### Hearken Oh! Christian

Hearken oh! Christian, to Christ's Word,

Lend Him an open ear;  
And as He speaks of His deaf lambs,  
Attentively do hear.

Let the deaf children come to Me  
Saith He "forbid them not!"  
For verily I say to thee  
They too are dearly bought.

O do not from deaf children hide,  
Salvation rich and free;  
But tell them of My saving grace,  
Let them My glory see.

We pledge Thee, Christ our Lord  
and God

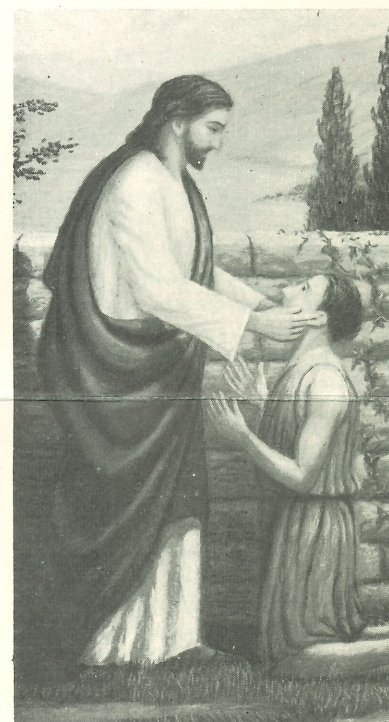
The handicapped to show  
The blessings of Thy saving grace  
While pilgrims here below.

And when these works of love are  
done,

By faith in Thee alone.

Then take these deaf lambs, also us  
To dwell before Thy throne. Amen

Submitted by the Rev. William J.  
Single.



What kind of hands does God want ME to have? — Hands calloused and gnarled in God-pleasing labor and work for our loved ones — hands extended to help fellow beings who are in trouble and distress, — hands ready to reach out in love and mercy to the down-trodden, handicapped and forgotten people who are among "the least of His brethren."

### OUR ONCE-A-YEAR APPEAL

Dear readers, sometime before Thanksgiving you will receive our annual "love letter". Please, do not relegate it to your "circular file". But read it and give it serious thought and consideration. And then respond to it as the Lord has prospered you and as the Spirit moves you.

For your offering our School's management will be highly appreciative; the parents of our many deaf children will be eternally grateful to you for assisting them in bringing their handicapped little ones to Jesus; and our Savior will accept your offering as a token of your love for Him and bless you beyond measure for it.

Last year a goodly per cent of our readers responded to this our annual message sent them in behalf of our less fortunate little ones. And because you are their "LIFELINE" we are confident that this year the same friends will again remember their cause and that many more will help to swell the harvest so that this God-pleasing missionary endeavor may continue to flourish unhindered.

## Incidentally Yours

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**Mr. Shad, a friend of our School.**  
- - -

Our new teachers were installed and inducted into office on September 29th in a special service conducted in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, East Detroit, by the Reverend Erich Peterson. - - - Our school's physicians, Dr. Charles Sharrer, and his staff will immunize our entire school family against the Asiatic Flu.

Many group visits are again scheduled and many speaking and demonstration engagements have been accepted for clubs, church organizations, and church services. Appointments for talks on deaf education and missions can be made by letter or telephone. - - -

The annual Home-Coming chicken dinner prepared and given by our Ladies Auxiliary was greatly enjoyed by our pupils and all staff members. - - - God bless you ladies. - - -

Mrs. Marie Neth of Grosse Pointe surprised all of our 5 to 11 year old girls with very beautiful dresses which she sewed herself. The dress material, ribbons and other accessories for these dresses were the gifts of the Kotae Bridal Ready to Wear Shop, Ellens Bridal Shop, and Mr. Charles Verheyden. - - - One must see these dresses to really appreciate their beauty and the workmanship that went into the making of them.

Our boys and girls are deeply grateful to the members of the Southeast Exchange Club for the fine and durable playroom equipment. These valuable additions will assist greatly to keep our lively and happy youngsters interestingly and constructively active during their leisure hours. - - - Thanks Exchangeites, you are a great and helpful organization.

Through Mrs. Jean Foss we were privileged to receive some fine used school desks from the Detroit Country Day School. - - -

Under supervision of the Counselor our boys will have a great time learning to drive the miniature or toy, but real automobile, given them by Mr. Paul Hurst. - - -

A sample copy of "A Multi-Sensory Approach to Auditory Training," compiled by Robert W. Tegeger and Helen Szajna, is available to the heads of all residential schools for the deaf by addressing a request to The Lutheran School for the Deaf, 6861 E. Nevada Ave, Detroit, 34, Michigan.

On Thursday, October 10, our entire School family enjoyed a wonderful outdoor corn and wienie roast. This treat was provided for our youngsters by the North Detroit Kiwanis Club; and what a treat it was. - - - Thanks Kiwanians, you are a bunch of good guys. - - -

On Sunday, September 8th, the

## MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS

**HERMAN HOLSTE**

Herman Holste was born at Lu-dell, Kansas, where he received his elementary schooling in Immanuel



Lutheran School. Upon graduation from High School, he served two years in the U. S. Navy. Having received his honorable discharge, he entered Concordia

Teachers College at Seward, Nebraska, where he was graduated with a B.S. degree in Education. He accepted a call to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, University City, Missouri, where he taught school for four years. Being intensely interested in the field of special education and especially in the teaching of the deaf, Mr. Holste resigned from his teaching position at St. Andrew's to take up post graduate work at Washington University and Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis. Upon graduation and receiving his Master of Science degree in Speech and Hearing, he accepted a call to our school where he now teaches the fourth grade. Mr. Holste's helpmeet is the former Miss Barbara Neinas of East Detroit, Michigan.

**MRS. KENNETH HENSCHEL**

Mrs. Henschel was born in Kitchener Ontario. Her parents, Reverend and Mrs. C. A. Kramer, now live in Muscodia, Wisconsin, where her father is pastor.



Helen attended Concordia College, St. Paul Minnesota, for two years, then continued her education at Washington University in St. Louis, where, upon the completion of a teacher-training course at Central Institute for the Deaf, she received a B.S. degree in Special Education. She is teaching a pregrade class in our school.

Mrs. Henschel's husband, a St. Louis seminarian, is now serving in a U. S. Army unit stationed near Stuttgart, Germany, where he is assistant to a Missouri Synod Chaplain. — Upon his release from the army he will resume his studies at the Seminary and continue his preparation for the holy ministry.

members of Our Savior (deaf) congregation celebrated the 25th wedding anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. N. E. Borchardt with a dinner and suitable gifts. Our Savior congregation worships in our Gloria Dei Clara Elizabeth Knudson Memorial Chapel where all our pupils attend divine services every Sunday.

Being concerned about our pupils

**MRS. BARBARA HOLSTE**

Mrs. Holste is a native Michigander, having been born in Mt. Clemens in 1933. After being graduated from St.



Peters Lutheran School and the East Detroit High School, she attended Concordia Teachers' College in Seward, Nebraska, where she met her husband to whom she was married in 1952. While her husband took graduate work at Washington University and Central Institute for the Deaf to become a teacher in this field of education, she too became interested in the work. And for two years she was active at Central Institute supervising deaf children and observing in the teacher-training classes and in the school's class rooms. The past summer she also attended the primary workshop courses at River Forest. Mrs. Holste is teaching the Nursery or beginners class in our school.

## 1957-58 Calendar

- Sept. 3 - School opens. Teachers Meeting at 8:30 a.m.
- Oct. 4 - Y.M.C.A. Health Program begins.
- Oct. 30 - Hallowe'en Party.
- Nov. 4 - Grant School Gym program begins.
- Nov. 8 - Teachers quarterly Progress Report due.
- Nov. 27 - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. Classes dismissed at NOON.
- Dec. 1 - Classes resume at 8:45 a.m.
- Dec. 20 - Christmas Program 1:00 p.m. Pupils leave with parents.
- Dec. 21 - Pupils leave by Train, Bus or Plane.
- Jan. 5 - Pupils return.
- Jan. 6 - Classes resume at 8:45 a.m.
- Jan. 24 - FIRST Semester ends — Report cards. Progress Report due.
- Jan. 27 - SECOND SEMESTER begins.
- Feb. 13 - Valentine Party - 3:15 p.m.
- Mar. 21 - THIRD Progress Report due.
- Mar. 24 - Grant School Gym Program ends.
- Mar. 28 - EASTER VACATION begins at NOON.
- Mar. 30 - CONFIRMATION
- Apr. 7 - Pupils return.
- Apr. 8 - Classes resume - 8:45 a.m.
- Apr. 25 - Y.M.C.A. Health Program ends.
- May 30 - MEMORIAL DAY - NO CLASSES.
- June 5 - SECOND Semester Report Cards due.
- June 8 - ANNUAL FESTIVAL
- June 9 - Pupils leave by Train, Plane or Bus.
- June 10 - Requisitions and all FINAL REPORTS due.

## LETTER BOX

**KOREAN COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK, TAEQU, KOREA**

Dear Dr. Klein Aug. 31, 1957

I want to express my deep appreciation to your Board of Management for the kind and generous assistance and interest I received from your organization for my graduate studies in America by giving me board and room, and the valuable opportunities of living with your school children. I shall remember that kindness and the lovely children for years to come with the other happy memories of the States.

I had a pleasant journey back home. I arrived here in Korea on July 28th and was reunited with my family. I cannot find words to express my over-flowing great joy of this reunion but words of thanks go to God for his rich blessings upon our family.

By the end of this year I shall be in charge of the Taegu School for the Blind and Deaf. But at the present time I am preparing to teach Teacher Training Students at the Korean College of Social Work. You may be interested to know that the Taegu School became a part of the college so that our training students can now take their actual practice teaching right here on the same campus and so can also be of great assistance to the Taegu School. No, we have Elementary school, High School and College, all owned and operated by our family. All together four hundred students and fifty-six staff members are on the campus. The college is the only place in Korea where teachers are trained to teach exceptional children.

Please give my best wishes to your children and teachers when you see them next week.

Sincerely yours,  
Kisu Rhee

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Kisu Rhee, the grand nephew of the President of Korea is an ordained minister of the Christian Church of Korea. And the schools which he and his family operate are Christian schools. - When will our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod send its first missionary to the deaf in heathen lands?

Dear Dr. Klein: Havana, Ill.

We showed your film at our society meeting Friday evening. The members enjoyed it very much. Our pastor, the Rev. J. H. Beiderwieden, enjoyed it so much that he is planning to get it for the Family Night of the entire congregation. We thank you for loaning it to us. It was very educational.

Yours truly,  
Alma Pfeiffer

## FORM OF BEQUEST

I give devise and bequeath to the Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, Michigan, a duly incorporated charity, the sum of \$.....

## New Supervisor

Herbert Leon Pickell, Jr.

Mr. Pickell was born in Plainfield, New Jersey. For his elementary and High School education he attended schools in New Jersey and the Kendall Green School in Washington D. C. For his higher education he went to Gallaudet College where he earned

a B. S. degree in Business Administration.

Mr. Pickell is our Boys' Counselor. His reason for accepting this position, he stated, as follows: "My first love is the deaf people themselves whom I desire to help. That is why I chose to work for the Lutheran School for the Deaf. I feel that not enough consideration is being given to educated deaf women and men in the various schools for the deaf."

Mr. Pickell has good speech and is an excellent lipreader. His major interests are woodworking, and activities in N.A.D. and Gallaudet College Alumni Association.

While at college he held various offices. Among these were Treasurer and President of the Athletic Association, Business Manager of the Tower Clock (Yearbook Staff) and many others.

Honors awarded him were, "Who's Who among Students," the Olaf Hanson Award, and the Kappa Gamma Key Award.

**Our beautiful Memorial Wreath folders are always available free and postpaid.**



**OUR NEW PUPILS** for the school year 1957-58 are L. to R. front row: Susan Holle, Indiana; Sanremi LaRue, Ohio; Lynn Duckwall, Michigan; Carl Frels, Wisconsin; Deborah McKinney, Michigan; Pamela Gustavel, Illinois; Danny Schuber, Mo. Back row: Paul Ehmler, Mo.; David Otto, Wis.; David Peters, Ill.; Rodney Philips, Mich.; Robert Wilkinson, Mich.; David Morris, Ohio.

## A COMPOSITION

The upper grades of the Lutheran School of Woodburn, Indiana, were asked to write on "The Lutheran School for the Deaf." The following is what seventh grade, Joan Fritzer, wrote:

"The Lutheran School for the Deaf is located in Detroit, Michigan. It is a member of the Synodically approved Council of Lutheran Agencies. It was founded in 1873. The present director is Dr. J. A. Klein and the principal is Mr. Walter Bellhorn.

This is a boarding school for deaf children from all parts of the U. S. and Canada. The method of instruction is by speech and lip reading. All manner of electronic and other teaching aids are employed to teach these children speech. The old method was by the sign language. The grades of the children are from Kindergarten to Eighth Grade. The teachers must be specially trained and have to have patience and love in their hearts. The children learn to be independent and self-reliant Christians. They also help with the work at the school. The classes of the children have to be very small, from 4 to 8 pupils in one class. The school's aim is to lead the children to Jesus and to prepare them for an adult life on earth.

The school has all new buildings surrounded by spacious grounds. The children compete with schools for hearing children in all athletic games such as football, baseball and basketball. They also have a Spring Festival every year which is attended by thousands of Lutherans in the Detroit area.

This school indeed deserves our help. Therefore we should support it to the best of our ability." -- Joan Fritzer.

## DEAFNESS COULDN'T STOP JUDY FROM GETTING HER HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Pert and proud Judy Johnson sat enwrapped in her soundless world and watched intently for the movement of the lips which called her name.

The lips moved.

But no sound emerged for Judy as the name was announced for the attractive girl to walk forth from the group of 55 Lutheran High School graduates to receive her diploma.

For Judy and for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson of 1835 Cortland, Houston, Texas, the diploma signified the fulfillment of a challenge that loomed as an impossibility 15 years ago.

Judy was born deaf but not without spunk.

"She was always determined to finish high school" said her mother. "It was the big thing for her. It was hard, but she wanted to graduate just as her four sisters did."

A loud noise and a shouted word failed to get a response from Judy when she sat as a chubby two-year-old child on the floor of the family kitchen. It was then Mrs. Johnson learned her daughter was deaf.

Those first years were the toughest for Judy when she went to Fannin Elementary School at the age of six. For the deaf child, approximately three years are required to prepare them for the first grade.

"But we never knew from one year to the next whether they would have an instructor or classes at Fannin" said Mrs. Johnson.

Somehow — through sheer grit and determination — Judy was graduated from The Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit. When she returned to Houston she was ready for high school.

Lutheran High School was ideal because of the small size of the classes. There Judy sat in the front of the class and watched intently every movement of the instructors' lips.

"A Good Lip reader at the best can pick up 65 per cent of what is said by a person", explained Mrs. Johnson. "And Judy is considered one of the best."

A student in each class would always make sure Judy correctly got the assignment instruction each day.

Judy, with this help, became an excellent student at Lutheran High School, where there are no special facilities for a deaf child. She was good in civics. She had no great trouble with algebra.

Her life is normal and the challenge to battle through the unfortunate barrier of communication has added tremendous meaning to her



**DEACONESS Miss Marie Twenhafel, Dr. J. A. Klein and Miss Amilie Knorr, admiring the beautiful roses in our rose garden, the gift of Miss Knorr's sated brother, Louis Knorr, who for fifty-five years also was a member of our Board of Management.**

## DETROIT AREA FRIENDS REMEMBER POUND DAY

### What is A Memorial Offering?

It is a contribution given for a charitable purpose in fond memory of a departed friend or loved one. The Detroit Lutheran School For The Deaf offers to supply its friends with Memorial folders which, besides providing a space for the name of the departed one to be honored and the donor, also brings to the bereaved family a sympathetic message of condolence.

These folders can be obtained free of charge in any number from your pastor or by writing to:

THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
FOR THE DEAF,  
6861 E. NEVADA AVE.,  
DETROIT 34, MICH.

life and the life of her parents. She likes movies and television. She reads a lot.

"Now she wants to go to business school," said her mother. "And when she comes out of business school, she'll get a job. She's got a lot of determination."

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The foregoing article about Judy Johnson, one of our school's graduates, appeared in one of the daily papers of Houston, Texas.

Newly revised film:  
**World of Silence**  
all color  
and in sound  
is available.  
**Order Now!**

Mrs. Isabel Karus, Miss Frances Seiz, Miss Ruth Wood, Mrs. Kenneth Henschel, Mrs. Ralph Wunderlich.

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# Present Dining Room --- Overcrowded



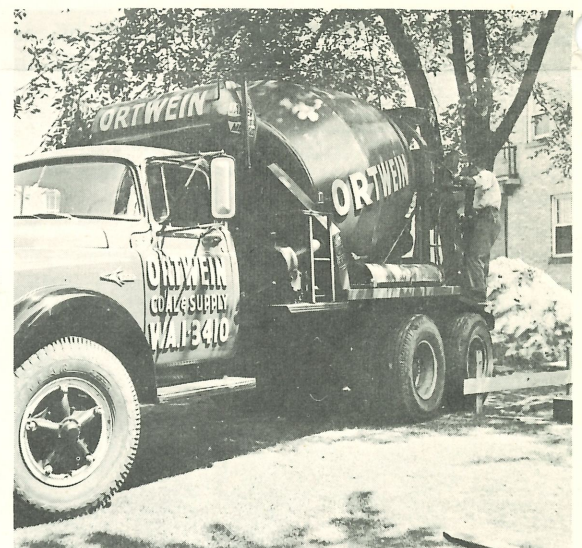
## New Kitchen Makes Way For More Dining Space



DR. KLEIN and the Construction Supt. for the Geo. Auch Co., going over the "blue prints" before operations get under way.



HERE COMES Ortwein and the footings are poured.



IF ALL GOES WELL, the job ought to be completed by Christmas.



DR. KLEIN laying the first concrete block for the new kitchen walls.

