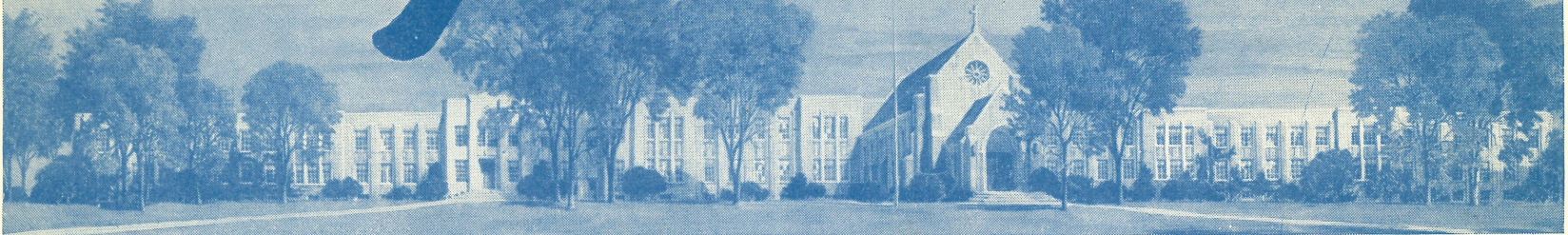


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Since that wondrous night of long ago, when an angel of the Lord appeared to the startled shepherds tending their flocks, — and said, "Fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy," — Christians have paid homage to Christ, the Son of God, on His natal day.

And so, again, as this festive day approaches, let us all pray and give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His great gift, His only begotten Son who became poor that we might be rich, who died that we might live.

And in our devotions this Christmas, let us thank Him for His blessings upon our great country. And let us manifest our gratitude to our Redeemer by bringing Him an offering of love for the "Least of His Brethren."



A Merry and Blessed
Christmas for all
Advocate Readers is
the wish from all our
many Deaf Children
and Staff Members.

LOSING THE STAR

In the Holy Land there is a place known as the Well of the Magi. According to tradition, the Wise Men stopped at that well on their way to Bethlehem. The story is that they had lost the star which was to lead them to the New-born King. This is how it happened.

They had started out with high hopes following the star which was to guide them to the Christ-child. Their thoughts were quite exalted as they began the journey. They were thinking of what the KING was to bring to men and how they might help Him in that task. Then as the days passed and the camels moved slowly along, their thoughts became less pleasant. They began to think of what the King would bring to them — what honors would be theirs because they had followed Him from the very beginning. Pretty soon they began to quarrel about the honors which would come to them individually. Finally as night fell, they lifted their angry, jealous eyes to the skies. The star was gone.

There was nothing for them to do but go on with the hope that the star might reappear. They had time to think as they journeyed along. Then it was that they came to the Well of the Magi. The well was dry. Gathered around it were travelers, desert travelers without water. Fortunately the Wise Men still had some water with them so they brought out their bags and poured the contents into the shallow well that the others might drink also. Then it was that while they looked down into the well, they saw there the reflection of the star.

When they forgot about themselves and began thinking of others, they again found the star and followed it joyfully to Bethlehem. In the measure in which we forget ourselves and think instead of others — especially those who are served through our missions and charities programs — in that measure will we come close to our Lord and follow His star to greater heights of love, devotion, and service.

— CHARITY THERMOSTAT —

CHRISTMAS IN IRELAND

On Christmas evening the Irish people light candles to place in every window of their homes. They want the light of the candles to shine out on the street as an invitation to anyone who has no home, or feels sad and lonely, to come into the house and be happy with other people. An extra cup and a saucer and plate are always put on the table for anyone who enters the house and is hungry. When it is time to blow out the candles, only the girls named Mary can blow them out. There are always many girls in Ireland named Mary, after the Mother of Jesus.

No one can really be Merry at Christmas time if out of love and gratitude for His Saviour there is not in his heart that feeling of wanting to do something nice for such as are not as fortunate as he is.

Incidentally Yours...

Visitors and more visitors. - - - Talks and demonstrations and more talks and demonstrations. - - - We like them all. - - - They are our School's lifeline. Hence, the more the better. - - - So do not hesitate to ask for appointments. - - -

Bobby Frank, Paul Blazek, Joe Greer, Robert Schulze and Romeo Baker enjoyed a rare treat when our boys' supervisor, **Herbert Pickell**, took them in his new Ford for a visit to Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C., during the weekend from Thursday, October 24 to Sunday, October 27. While in Washington the boys spent the night in the college dorm. On the way they slept in motels. What a wonderful experience? - - -

A most welcome gift, in the form of a \$1,000.00 partial scholarship for one of our boys, was received from a foundation in Wisconsin. - - -

Again we can report the receipt of the annual partial scholarship of \$100.00 from The John W. Smith Old Timers Club of Detroit. - - -

Scholarships, legacies and memorial offerings are great blessings for our deaf children. - - -

We will be indebted to the Grosse Pointe Lions Club for the Disposal for our new Home Economics kitchen. - - -

The recent "flu" epidemic, during which ninety-seven children, seven teachers and five housemothers were all down in bed, during the period of only two weeks, gave our staff a real rough time. But, due to God's blessings and the devoted service of the housemothers and physician all recovered rapidly. - - -

Our thanks go to all our Michigan Thumb District and Roger City area friends for having remembered our needs so generously. - - -

Building operations on our new kitchen unit are progressing nicely and

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We Are Thankful

Even though Thanksgiving Day is past, we are still mindful of the many blessings that were ours during the past year. The last but not least of these was the Lord's protecting hand over the ninety-seven pupils, five housemothers, and eight teachers who, all within a period of two weeks, were in bed with the "flu". And so we continue to thank Him for the full recovery of all these people, for the consecrated and selfless services of our housemothers, the doctor, and the volunteers who assisted in caring for the sick.

And we thank Him, also for the blessings of the good weather during the construction of our new unit, we thank Him for the wonderful farm produce and canned food offerings which we were privileged to receive from the Christians of the Michigan Thumb District congregations, for the years supply of fine potatoes which the Rogers City-Belknap area Lutheran churches sent us, for the many volunteer workers who are always willing to assist when the work becomes too heavy, and we thank Him for the many and consistent friends without whose financial offerings this missionary endeavor would have to fold up. The many Memorial offerings given in fond memory of a departed loved one together with the legacies willed to our school by sainted children of God, all make it possible to keep the doors of this Christian School for the Deaf open to all children so afflicted even though the parents are not able to pay a fee.

And so we are always mindful of the words of the Scripture "O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, because His mercy endureth forever." Ps 118:1.

Incidentally Yours

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we hope that by Christmas it will be ready for operation. - - -

The following groups visited our School recently: Ladies Auxiliaries from Napoleon, Ohio, Saline, Huntington Woods, St. Clair Shores, Grosse Pointe Park, Detroit and Saginaw, Michigan; Dashwood, Ontario, Canada. - - -

Numerous engagements for talks and demonstrations were also met. - - -

Our pupils again were treated to the Minstrel show by the Grosse Pointe Optimist Club. The pleasure of seeing the Detroit Pistons play basketball was through the generosity of Councilman V. m. Rogell, -- the Soup Bowl Football tickets were provided by Mr. Dale Burgess and Equipment Mfg. Inc. -- and the East-West Lutheran High School football game tickets came from Mr. Harold Meinke. - - -

Our youngsters were again entertained at a Hallowe'en Party given for them by the South Macomb Junior Chamber of Commerce.



THE NIELSEN TWINS, Henry and Charles

† CHARLES NIELSEN †

On Saturday, October 25th, the Lord suddenly called to his heavenly reward one of His very faithful servants, Charles Nielsen. In the passing of Mr. Nielsen out of this vale of tears, the hosts of heaven rejoiced and welcomed another saint. But we of the Lutheran School for the Deaf mourned and our hearts were heavy. Such were our feelings, not because we were envious of Charles Nielsen's translation into the presence of his beloved Savior and the joys of everlasting bliss, but because through his death our school lost one of its most loyal and ever helpful, friends. For years Mr. Nielsen was a partner in the C and H Nielsen Cartage Company, in fact the twin brothers Charles and Henry organized the company more than fifty years ago when all cartage work was done by horsedrawn vehicles. During all these years, whenever there was any hauling necessary for our school, the C and H Nielsen Cartage Company did it free of charge. And in the fall of every year the two brothers together with their wives followed their large semi-vans to the Lutheran Churches of the Thumb District of Michigan where they called for the ingatherings of farm produce and canned foods for our school. Also every year they made the more than 200 mile trip to the Rogers City-Belknap area where they got our years supply of potatoes which were donated by the Christians of those churches. And last but not least was the trip to the apple country at Conklin in Western Michigan for a vanload of apples which Mr. Klenk donated to our school.

On all such long trips each generally consuming two days, the Nielsen brothers not only donated their own time, trucks and vans, but they also furnished free of charge the gas, oil, drivers, and other necessary manpower, and paid their own and their helpers food and hotel bills.

The C and H Nielsen Cartage Company is now being operated by their sons Carl and Edwin. Both walking in their fathers' footsteps, are worthy successors in the business established by them.

To Charles Nielsen's beloved wife Julia, son Carl, grandchildren Joyce, Carl and Hugh, brothers Henry, Edward and George, and sisters Elizabeth and Mary, we extend our heartfelt sympathy and comfort them with the assurance of a happy and blessed reunion in the presence of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

A Christmas Gift that is Different

Some of our readers have friends or relatives whom they wish to remember at Christmas time. But realizing that these already possess all the comforts of life and also the financial means to purchase anything they may want or desire, they feel that a gift to them, although appreciated would be like "carrying coal to Newcastle" or water to the ocean. And so in order to show their love, high esteem and friendship they send a financial offering to the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf instead of sending the usual Christmas gifts to sch dear friends and relatives. That they have done this in their honor is then indicated to them on a suitable Christmas folder addressed to them.

We admire this Christmas custom. And we are confident that the persons receiving such a Christmas greeting from their loyal friends and relatives heartily approve of it.

Women's Auxiliary

Our fine Women's Auxiliary under the active leadership of its president, Mrs. John K. Loose, has been very active since school reopened. The sumptuous homecoming chicken dinner served by them to our entire family of children plus the many of our professional volunteers was "out of this world." The canning of fruits and vegetables by volunteers under the leadership of Mrs. Karl Euen added some fine supply of wholesome food on our larder shelves. Mrs. Euen also supplies a weekly group of volunteers who see to it that our pupil's garments are always in perfect repair. And Mrs. Emily Engel, chairman of the Property's Committee, with the aid of her volunteers provided new drapes for the large dining room and play room.

The big job which required a large number of volunteers was the inserting and mailing of our annual appeal. If the readers whose hands received our letters are as kindly and sympathetic minded as were the volunteers whose hands prepared them for mailing, then we can be confident that the Lord will bless our efforts with returns which will supply our school's every need.

Our sincere thanks are herewith expressed to the following volunteers whose names we have and also to all others whose name we may have failed to obtain: Mrs. E. Groth, Mrs. L. Walter, Mrs. J. Wehrwain, Mrs. O. Frost, Mrs. H. Zessin, Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Wm. Rominske, Mrs. H. Kling, Mr. and Mrs. C. Witt, Mrs. D. Fischer, Mrs. G. Kinnemann, Mrs. L. Rewaldt, Mrs. E. Marten, Mrs. Karl Euen, Mrs. H. Haller, Mrs. H. Carey, Mrs. W. Measel, Miss D. Schultz, Mrs. O. Kern, Mrs. W. Reich, Mrs. L. Richardson, Mrs. E. Quandt, Mrs. L. Moerman, Mrs. A. Weber, Mrs. A. Braun, Mrs. R. Sprague, Mrs. L. Knorr, Mrs. D. Knorr, Mrs. H. Hasse, Mrs. E. Engel, Miss B. Koester, Mrs. Martha Kroepel, Mrs. W. Semerau, Mrs. M. Robertson, Mrs. M. Mandeville, Mrs. E. Pardounet, Mrs. E. Fogarty, Mrs. M. Stiem, Mrs. J. Loose, Mrs. H. Brischke, Mrs. Wm. Porth, Mrs. A. Klein, Mrs. Walter Rebb, Mrs. C. Melchert, Mrs. A. Brokop, Mrs. L. Fedders, Mrs. K. Trautmann, Mrs. P. Eck, Mrs. J. Wilkins, Mrs. M. Ravarra, Mrs. R. Deierlein, Mrs. E. Pochert, Mrs. M. Lindemann, Mrs. M. Mitchell, Mrs. M. Krus, Mrs. D. Thornton, Mrs. F. Hoyles, Mrs. M. Denzinger, Mrs. L. Stone, Mrs. A. Moehring, Mrs. R. Burger, Mrs. O. Kuhn, Mrs. P. Tomell, Mrs. H. Ruttinger, Mrs. L. Shantz, Mrs. E. Dreyer, Mrs. Elke, Mrs. Tosch, Mrs. Wiesner, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Knack, Mrs. R. Kade, Mrs. Gade, Mrs. Larzaliere, Mrs. Ludwig, Mrs. Flat, Mrs. Dusterhoff, Mrs. Emig, Mrs. Rast, Mrs. J. Klein, Mrs. Peter Billengsly.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

In so large a family it is always more convenient when the administration has the funds out of which it can purchase such Christmas Cheer items which best suits the desires and needs of the individual child. And it is for this reason that we encourage the friends of our School, if possible, to send us their Christmas Cheer gifts in cash for our Christmas Cheer Fund.

However, with the foregoing we do not wish to have it inferred that gifts of all kinds for our children are not wanted or appreciated. And we, therefore present the following list to such who desire sending specific gifts rather than cash.

For girls age 4 to 15.

Toilet articles such as soap, shampoo (in plastic containers) deodorants, talcum powder, facial tissues, tooth paste and tooth brushes, bobby pins, large combs, wave sets, sweaters, hose, bobby socks, lingerie, pajamas, dolls, toys, games of all sorts, crayons and cookies.

For boys age 4 to 15.

Toilet articles for boys, soap, shampoo, deodorants, facial tissues, tooth paste and brushes, large combs, ties, sport and dress shirts, gloves, belts, shoe laces, games of all sorts, good comic books, balls, bats, volley balls and soft balls.

We are confident that many organizations will again remember our leaf children either through our Christmas Cheer Fund or through gifts in kind.

Lest You Forget

We here once more bring to your attention our **ONE** annual appeal letter which by this time is already in your hands.

We are confident that our plea will fall on sympathetic and responsive ears because it is a cry for help from some of the least of Christ's brethren, the **CHILDREN OF SILENCE**.

LETTER BOX

Dear Dr. Klein: Washington, D.C.

Thank you very much for sending us a copy of the book, "A Multi-Sensory Approach to Auditory Training" by Robert W. Tegeder and Helen Szajna. I have glanced through the book and rather liked the approach. Dr. Frisina of our Speech and Hearing Clinic also looked it over and liked it. I am wondering how it is distributed and what it sells for. If it is at all possible I would like to sell it through the ANNALS as we do many books and reprints. We are selling books and reprints now for several groups.

Yours very sincerely,
THE AMERICAN ANNALS OF THE DEAF

Dr. Powrie V. Doctor, Editor

Dear Dr. Klein: Detroit, Mich.

I want you to know that the presentation yesterday by Mr. Walter Bellhorn and the two children, Linda and Joe, was extremely well done and well received by all who saw them. Since their appearance, I have received nothing but compliments, for the small part I performed in arranging for their presence and by means of this not I wish to relay to you some part of the gratitude and appreciation that we all feel. - - -

Thank you for the help you provided by permitting Mr. Bellhorn and the children to be with us, at a time when I know it was inconvenient to the School and you had need for their presence elsewhere.

Sincerely

D. K. Boyles, Chairman
Parke-Davis Employee Committee

Dear Dr. Klein: Chicago, Ill.

Our family's thoughts turn to you, your staff and the wonderful work you are doing for the deaf. Now that our son is receiving his secondary education in another school, we can see your work reflected in Kenneth more and more as time goes on.

His Superintendent of the School for the Deaf informed us last month that Kenneth is one of the best

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give, devise and bequeath to The Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, a corporation duly organized in the State of Michigan, and located at 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit, 34, the sum of \$ dollars.

The receipt of the Treasurer or Executive Director of said corporation shall be sufficient discharge of my executor for same.

behaved students in the school and it has been a pleasure having him with them. Hearing this made both my wife and me very thankful and grateful for his former training. Kenneth teaches a class of deaf children at Sunday School.

..Each year a Certificate of Honor is awarded the outstanding student in classes Freshman through Senior. Kenneth received the Junior certificate. The certificate reads as follows:

Certificate of Honor 1956-1957

The -- School for the Deaf
This certificate is hereby granted to Kenneth Toerpe — Grade Junior — as a mark of honor for having made the greatest improvement in academic work, deportment, and general spirit.

Signed

Teacher
Supervising Teacher
Asst. Superintendent
Superintendent

Wishing you, your staff and school further blessings,

Respectfully Yours,
Russell Toerpe

Dear Dr. Klein: New Hudson, Mich.

The Ladies Aid of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of South Lyon wish to thank you for the wonderful hospitality you showed our group when we visited you. We were happy to be able to give something toward the wonderful work you are doing.

God's richest blessings on you and your staff for the wonderful service your school renders deaf children.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. R. Janes, Sec.

THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks go to the following optometrists who graciously performed the annual eye examinations of our pupils: **Drs. H. A. Bunge, R. T. Hugo, Richard Muse, R. D. Sobeiski, J. V. Dueweke, C. W. Johannes, J. A. Park, Mrs. Marge Orthner.**

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

My School Room

Dear God, today my school room is opened wide
And my pupils, born of silence, are grouped inside:
Their childish faith looks up to me for help, and I,
Can do no more than smile at them and try,
To work and play with them, to set their souls afire
To lead and push them on, 'till they desire
To conquer lessons, then later-one face life
Glad and eager, unafraid of wordly strife.
And Father, I know and feel that they
Make much, think much of things I do and say,

So ask for words and deeds, born fine and true.
'Tis hard to work with them, when the song of the bird
Falls on their ears unheeded and unheard;
It is for me to try to keep alive
That glorious laughter found in the eyes!
Dear Jesus, today my school room door is open wide!
And I feel that you are with us there — inside!

—W. T. Griffing,
In The Florida Herald

DETROIT AREA FRIENDS REMEMBER POUND DAY

"Pennies From Heaven"

This was literally true the other day when our annual cigar box donation arrived by the hands of an undertaker accompanied by the sister of our generous and consistent donor Mr. Wm. Kroll. This gentleman and his two maiden sisters have for years remembered our cause with groceries, clothes and the cigar-box "small change" donation. This year, after having fulfilled a life-long dream of seeing Yellowstone Park, he succumbed to a heart attack there and was laid to rest in Gethsemene Cemetery, Detroit to await Resurrection Day.

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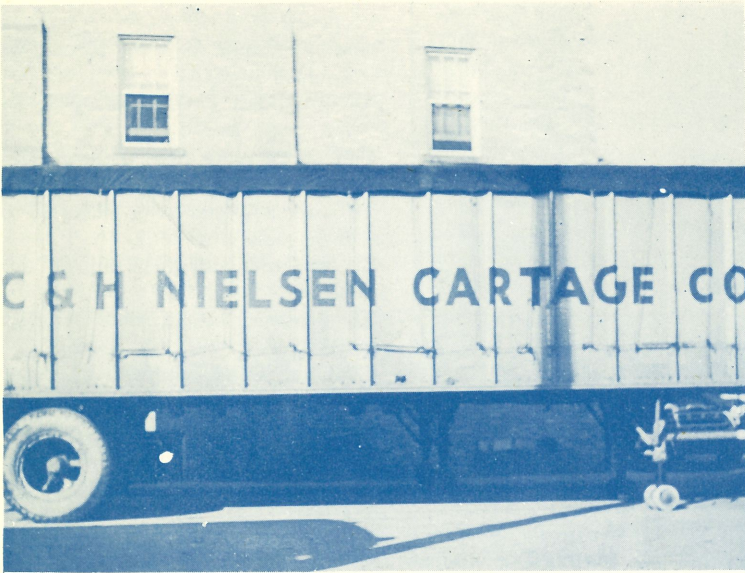
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PUPILS PREPARE to portray the birthday of Jesus in their annual Christmas program to be held on December 20th.

Autumn Activities



THE NIELSEN Semi arrives - - -



AND FROM within come bags, boxes and barrels of fruits and vegetables donated by our farm district congregations.



FALL AND FOOTBALL go together. Coach Herman Holste whips his team into shape.



VISITORS ARE always welcome - Dashwood, Ontario Ladies charter a bus to see first hand how the deaf child is taught.



THOUSANDS OF Annual Appeal letters were addressed, assembled, sealed and sorted for mailing by members of our ever active Ladies Auxiliary. Mrs. Engel and Company doing the bundling.



PRINCIPAL WALTER BELLHORN weighs and stacks the filled mail bags as the last operation before our Once A Year Appeal wings its way to your home.