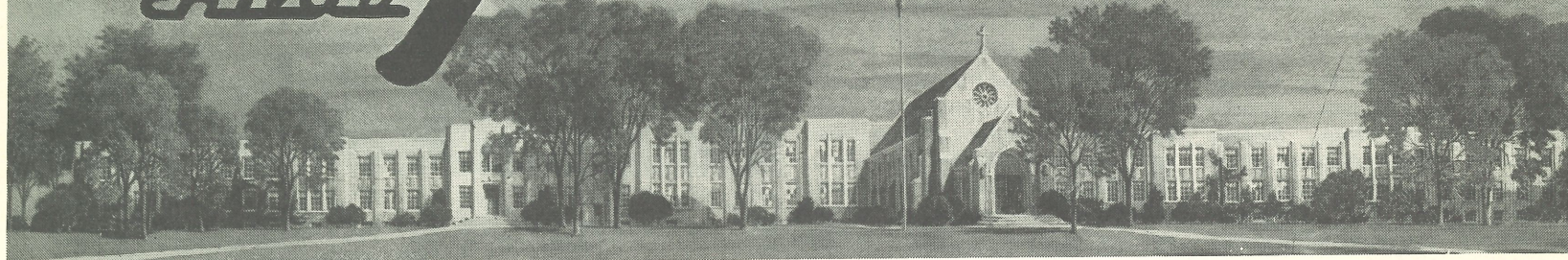


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## Incidentally Yours...

Holy week and the week following were filled with activities for the writer—he and his spouse traveled by train to Houston, Texas—visited relatives—spoke to Houston Lutheran High School students and to Trinity Bible class at Klein, Texas—looked after some of the Institute's business interests—sent Mrs. Klein home alone by train—was taken by auto to Austin, Texas, to attend the Texas District convention—by plane to Enid, Oklahoma, to attend the Oklahoma District convention—again by train to St. Louis to attend the Social Welfare Special Services Committee meeting—thence by train back to Detroit and to work.

Applied to the Committee on Call Assignment for two candidates to accept our scholarship offers to train to become teachers of the deaf—received none.

As a result of our student recruitment work, Miss Joan Kern, Wayne State University and Miss Lenz of Sebawaing, a student at Northern Michigan College, have decided to take up work to become teachers of the deaf—thirty-five other future teacher-prospects are still on our lists. From some of these we have already the assurance that they will enter this field of specialized education.

The writer and principal Walter Bellhorn will attend the Executive's Convention at Knoxville, Tennessee in June. They and several of our other teachers will also attend the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf which will be held in Knoxville immediately after the Executives convention.

Full and partial scholarships for indigent pupils were received from the Detroit Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf, \$2,000.00; the Michigan Lutheran Women's Mis-

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## Institute Celebrates Eighty-Fourth Anniversary

### POWER FOR POSITIVE LIVING

A dozen or more years ago, under the stress of war, it was foxhole religion; today's counterpart, popularized by the "positive-thinking" advocates, is the attempt to make the Christian faith a "road-to-success religion," a safe port in the storm of modern tensions. Many have come to think of religion only in terms of happier living, solving problems, reaching goals, and gaining success.

To be sure, the Christian faith does have the answers to so many of our modern "headaches"—from delinquency, broken homes, class and racial friction, all the way down to edgy dispositions, selfishness, and sickening worries. No question about it, "Godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life" (1 Tim. 4:8). Just about every student of human affairs, from politician to sociologist, will agree.

We need to remember, however, that the Christian faith is much more than something handy to have around to ease the tensions and to level off the rough spots in our lives. No, the Christian faith IS our life. It is the dominant, all-absorbing reason of our existence.

We love God, not for what we can get out of Him, but for what He is to us, our gracious Father for Jesus' sake. We love Jesus, not because His teachings are valuable for health, happiness, and success, but because He loved us and gave Himself for us. It is our "Positive Thinking" to Christ, our Savior, rather than our positive thinking about His teaching, that enriches every aspect of our lives. For to have stood beneath His Cross and have seen that "love so amazing, so divine," demands our all.

We love God too for what we can do for Him. "Christ liveth in me" in all of our relations to our fellow men. From our lives others are to see what a beautiful and blessed thing it is to be a child of God. From our gifts for the work of the kingdom others will gain the same wonderful privilege that is ours—to live for Him and work for Him. —And we live and work for Him when as good stewards we share our worldly goods in order to save people, both physically and spiritually, for the Kingdom of Grace here and the Kingdom of Glory that is to come. —Adapted from the Charity Thermostat.

### What We Wish to Do for You

1. Send you our interesting film "The World Of Silence" rent free (40 minutes)
  2. Give a talk on deaf mission work and/or the education of the deaf at mission festivals or other assemblies.
  3. Demonstrate before church organizations the teaching of the deaf with pupils from our school.
  4. Send you a supply of informative folders and Memorials for your tract-rack or for free distribution.
  5. Send you our color slides with typed comments for a short program.
  6. Have your church societies as our guests and a tour of our building and the class-rooms.
- Make your wants known to us and we will attempt to comply.



Rev. Edwin Pieplow

As has happened on eighty-three previous years so again this year the campus of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf will be crowded with thousands of friends and well-wishers to celebrate the 84th annual school closing festival. Here in an afternoon divine service they will again be reminded of the words of the Psalmist: "Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised." The Reverend Edwin Pieplow, pastor of Iroquois Ave., Christ Lutheran church and one of Detroit's dynamic pulpit speakers, will preach an inspiring sermon on the topic "The Church and Human Need in its Larger Setting," based on Ezekiel 36,27. — Christ Church choir directed by the organist and choirmaster, Mr. William Fox, will assist in beautifying this important festival service.

Other features on the day's program will be the dinner at noon and the evening luncheon served by the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf; a colorful pageant by the

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sionary League (over a two year period) \$2,000.00; Appleton Aid for Lutherans, \$500.00. The Macomb Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf, \$300.00; John W. Smith Old Timers Club \$100.00; and a Teacher-Training Scholarship by the Nareh-tul Club, \$600.00.

**The following saints before leaving this vale of tears remembered the cause of the deaf in their last will and testaments,—Lena Ritter, Charles Middlestadt, Carl Best, Henry Bente, Rose Strieter, Eleanor Kern, Martha Staschke, Richard Jahnke, Augusta Bany, Ludwig Palmreuter, Meta Mulzet, Mary Schmidt and Clara Bringman. — "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: . . . and their works do follow them." Rev. 15,13**

Nine-year-old Pamela Rathbun of Detroit is in business for the Lord. She makes potholders which she sells, sending the entire proceeds to our Institute for the education of a deaf child. To date her efforts resulted in the fine sum of \$9.00. — What an example in Christian Stewardship!

**Many groups and individuals again visited our school during the past months. Among the individuals were Deaconess Esther Barnhard, Missionary in Japan, Miss Brigitta Coprias from Sweden and Mr. Totoki-Akira from Japan. The Reverend Kisu Rhee who lived with us this year while attending Wayne-State University will return to Korea in June. —Group visits are now being booked for the next school year.**

The writer and Mr. Bellhorn, our principal, were kept busy publicizing the Institute's work with talks and pupil demonstrations.

## Change of Name

In the Annual meeting of our Association the changing of our agency's corporate name from The Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf-Mute Institute to Lutheran School for the Deaf will receive serious consideration. The reason for it is to shorten the present long and cumbersome name and also to eliminate the word "Mute" which is obsolete when applied to the deaf.

### FORM OF BEQUEST TO OUR INSTITUTE

I give, devise and bequeath to the Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf-Mute Institute, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, and located in the city of Detroit, the sum of . . . . . dollars and the receipt of the Treasurer of said corporation shall be a sufficient discharge of my executor for same.

## Institute Celebrates

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deaf pupils of the school; the Holy Cross and Peace Elementary Lutheran School Band under the direction of Mr. William Mobley; and the Detroit Police Band, directed by Lt. Fred Mitman. A softball game by the champion teams of the Lutheran League will entertain all ball game lovers after the Service.

The doors of the Institute will be open to the visitors and refreshments will be served throughout the day. It is the earnest desire of the Board of Management that many friends from far and near attend this unique and inspiring affair.

Mr. Elmer Engel, member of the Board, and his committee have put forth great efforts to make this one of the school's outstanding celebrations.

## TO OUR PARENTS

Dear Parents:

Vacation days are here and with them come those happy hours of being together again with your child. We hope that you will find growth and improvement in his lipreading, speech and language. We are as anxious as you are to continue this growth, and feel that with interest and effort on your part it will do so during these summer months while he is with you. Speech and language are the foundation of his whole educational program and therefore very important to him.

The yearbook (samples of classroom material) which he will bring home is designed to acquaint you with your child's progress and his level in speech, language and the other arts and sciences. We would suggest that you plan to have short daily periods of review using the yearbook materials. Would you also at every opportunity encourage your child, as far as he is able, to express himself orally? This may be more time consuming than to accept a gesture or say, "Yes, I know," before he has completed a correct sentence, but it will certainly be of inestimable value to the child. Be ready to help him in his speech and sentence construction and afford him every opportunity also to use that which he already has learned.

We feel confident that if the child is held responsible for speech, lipreading and language during his stay at home, his progress will be continuous. And we are sure that you, who are so vitally interested, will put forth every effort to help your child advance educationally.

Wishing you and yours happy days together, I remain,

Sincerely yours,  
Walter Bellhorn, Principal

## LETTER BOX

Dear Dr. Klein: Omaha, Nebr.

Mrs. Lee and I wish to express our sincere appreciation to you and your staff for the fine care you have given our son Reed Lee in an attempt to rehabilitate him. We are particularly appreciative of the effort that you make to instill a good Christian philosophy into these young people. . . .

Sincerely,  
L.W. Lee, M.D.

Dear Dr. Klein: Utica, Mich.

We send our sincere and heartfelt thanks to you, the staff and teachers who have all done so much for Gary.

When Gary came to you he didn't know he had a name. On Palm Sunday when he and the others spoke their confirmation vows and the Apostle's Creed, it made us stop and realize how very much was done for him at your school. There he learned to speak, to pray, and to get along with others at work and at play.

The class had a wonderful Confirmation Day. And we thank everyone who helped make it so. We will be eternally thankful and ever in your debt.

Sincerely yours,  
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Blumerick

Dear Dr. Klein: Hudson, Mich.

On behalf of the women of Our Saviour Lutheran Church who visited the Institute Wednesday, I wish to thank you and all the others of the Institute for your time and consideration in affording us such a wonderfully interesting and instructive day. We were greatly impressed with the school and the work you are doing. I only wish every member of our group could have been with us. May God continue to bless your work.

Looking forward to the pleasure of visiting the Institute again, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Lloyd Brown

**Our beautiful Memorial Wreath folders are always available upon request, free and post-paid.**

## Our New Kitchen

The planned new kitchen has reached the blueprint stage. As soon as bids are received and the lowest and best of these has been accepted building operations will begin.

Since the cost of this new building and its equipment will eventually be paid out of funds received from the Lena Ritter estate, it has been proposed that, after the completion of this structure, it be dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Lena Ritter, a native of Houston, Texas.



**OUR 1957 CONFIRMATION CLASS: L. to R. (Back row): Karen Mirs, Sumner, Ia.; Sandra Braszko, Utica, Mich.; Carolyn Weygandt, Florissant, Mo.; Karen Dienst, No. Hollywood, Cal.; Caswell Hassell, Dearborn, Michigan; Gary Blumerick, Utica, Mich.; Reed Lee, Omaha, Nebr.; James Katzel, Chicago, Ill. (Front row): Rexalee Shafer, Sawyer, Mich.; Hugh Blankenship, Bowling Green, Ky.; Walter Bellhorn, Principal; Dr. J. A. Klein, Executive Director and N. E. Borchart, Pastor, Our Savior (deaf) Church.**



**BOBBY HARRISON AND DAVID WESTON** trying out a very recent gift to our school by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Frombach. We surely welcome valuable group hearing aids such as this.



**TOUR GUIDE** at Leader Dog Training School explaining to a group of our children what they are about to see.



**BOBBY FRANK** examines closely some of the dog "students." A tour such as this is a wonderful experience for our deaf as they learn of other severe handicaps.

## Spiritual Gains Await Teachers Of Handicapped

An article by Allen Schoenfield which appeared in the Detroit News reflected the views of Michigan educators that rehabilitation of mentally and physically handicapped is opening new and satisfying careers to teachers especially trained for this work. The following are some pertinent excerpts of Mr. Schoenfield's article: Morvin Wirtz, director of special education at Ypsilanti's Horace H. Rackham School, says: "We are looking for career people. We have little to offer the young woman who regards teaching as a pleasant and not unprofitable but brief experience between college and marriage."

At Wayne State University, Prof. Thomas Coleman seems certain that "more students would specialize in this field if they knew more about it."

And Dr. John Lee, chairman of the department of special education and vocational rehabilitation, is convinced that "young people want to do something important. They are idealistic. For those who have a sense of social and spiritual values, this is a satisfying career."

But the fact remains that while Michigan needs, immediately more than 8,000 especially trained teachers, the six institutions of the state offering such work are not certifying more than 150 a year.

Curriculum counselors report that many prospective students lose interest when informed they can expect little, if any, salary differential.

In those school systems offering a bonus for special teachers, it is rarely more than \$250 a year.

Esther Belcher, counselor in special education Department of Public Instruction, says: "We do not favor such differential. We do not want the teacher of the handicapped to feel she is any different than a teacher of normal children.

"Her rewards are great, but they are not monetary. She works with small classes, sometimes with as few as five children and rarely with more than 15. She can establish a warm personal relationship with her children. She is perpetually challenged to aid in their rehabilitation to a point where they may spend the maximum time with regular classes."

Dr. William C. Morse, University of Michigan professor of educational psychology and director of the Fresh Air Camp, expressed the views of his fellow educators, in summing up the rewards awaiting the special teacher. He cited the scholarships, traineeships and loan funds awaiting

## Former Pupils' Educational Successes

Linda Moore, Larry Kronk, Robert Grumm and Vincent Lackey are being graduated from the High School department of the Michigan School for the Deaf.

Judith Johnson of Houston, Texas, is being graduated from the Lutheran High School in that city.

Monica Gable of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, is being graduated from a Public High School. Monica also has taken the entrance examination to Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C. where she hopes to continue her education next September. Robert Grumm and Vincent Lackey have the same ambition.

Geraldine Smith of Memphis, Tennessee, also was graduated from a Public High School.

Roberta Clawson was graduated from the Ferndale, Michigan Public High School last year, and this year she is completing a training course in the operation of mechanical office equipment at Burroughs Adding Machine Company.

Barbara Brauer, our former pupil and later a graduate from the Evanston, Illinois, Public High School where she received two scholarships, is now completing her second year at Oberlin College in Ohio. There she lives in the so-called "German House," in which all students live who take German as their foreign language subject. After receiving her degree at Oberlin, Barbara intends to go to Gallaudet College for her M.A. degree and then to Northwestern University for her Masters degree in Psychology.

William Ludwig of Denver, Colorado, received his B.A. degree from Gallaudet College, then entered our Springfield Seminary where he is preparing to become a missionary to the deaf. He is now entering upon his one-year of vicarage, after which he will have one more year at the Seminary to prepare for his final graduation and ordination. He will be the first Lutheran DEAF missionary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

students in need who may elect specialization . . . . . "The impression that teaching the handicapped is difficult, exacting and often frustrating is wholly false," Morse said. . . . .

"The major incentive—and reward—for the teacher of special education must be the satisfaction derived from making a contribution to the individual, the family and the community."

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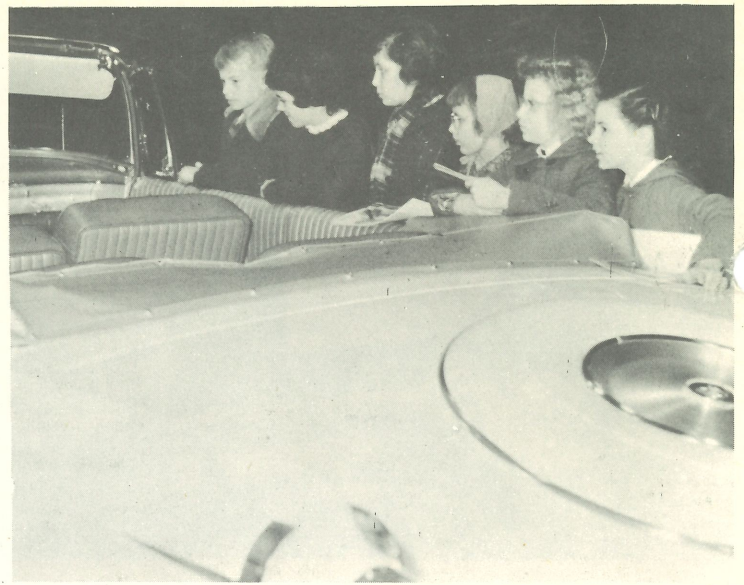
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# FLOWER SHOW



GOING TO SCHOOL can be fun, especially when it involves going on a field trip. Pictured on this page are third graders Paul Blazek, Pamela Hall, Lynda Baetz, Linda Palmer, Sheri Painter and Susan Hall visiting a flower show.

THE LATEST bridal fashions are fascinating for the girls, but it's obvious that Paul isn't interested.



NEW CARS on display attracted attention too.



SUSAN HALL smells the fragrant scent of roses on display.



A LITTLE WEARY after viewing so many beautiful displays of flowers, a big ice cream cone really hits the spot.