

**Incidentally Yours...**

**Vacation. For some it is a time of rest and relaxation. For others it is just a change of activities. For the writer it is the latter. But, be it one or the other, both are beneficial for body, mind, and spirit.**

June brought the School Closing Festival, the hustle and bustle of sending more than a hundred happy and excited boys and girls on their way home for the summer vacation period, then attendance at the Texas, Oklahoma, Central and English District Conventions, the Superintendents' and American Instructors of the Deaf Conventions at Knoxville, Tennessee, and finally the L.L.L. Convention in St. Louis. Our principal, Mr. Walter Bellhorn, also attended the last named meetings. All, including the excursion to Gatlinburg and into the Great Smokies, were interesting, enjoyable and educational...No, our better halves were not with us.

**Now, home again where mountain-high correspondence awaited us, plus the directing of the usual necessary work of decorating and renovating in preparation for the new school year. To this comes this year also the building of a new kitchen.**

Since we had openings for only eleven new pupils, that many parents received the much-hoped-for letter telling them that their son or daughter was accepted for enrollment. All others had to be told that there was no room for their children this year...Writing such letters is always one of our hardest and most disagreeable tasks.

**The pupils who were accepted and will join our happy family in September are:- David Lee Morris, Ohio; Bruce and Alan Buchan, Illinois; Deborah Rae McKenney, Michigan; Susan Ann Holle, Indiana; Danny Lee Shuber, Missouri; Pamela Sue Gustavel, Illinois; Paul**

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**THOUGHTS**

There are days when thoughts of past years race through our minds and we meditate upon the progress and decay, joy and sorrow, successes and failures, seized advantages and missed opportunities.

Thus we also think of the romantic and realistic story of Lutheranism in America. Much has been written of the steady advance of the Gospel. But here we wish to call to mind only the striking contrast between the work of our Church of by-gone years and now. Mission stations have grown into established congregations. One-room schools have given way to imposing structures. Missionaries have yielded to pastors. The seed, sown in fertile soil, has produced an hundredfold.

Yet, throughout the years one work has remained a sort of step-child of the Church. This work has been supported to a degree; it has been officially recognized and indorsed; it, to a degree, has prospered through the love and devotion of the Church's membership; but it has never been advanced with the zeal and enthusiasm which, in our humble opinion, it deserves. The work to which we refer, of course, is the work of CHARITY.

What will be done about it in the future,—what our grand-children will meditate on regarding the history of works of mercy,—whether or not works of charity shall assume the prominence that they had in the life of our Lord,—will be determined largely by our pastors, teachers, and members of our Church who, today, by their attitudes and actions, are writing the Church's history of tomorrow.

Since, according to the Bible, LOVE is the greatest of all virtues, then surely, the need of deeds of LOVE deserves to be given greater consideration and to be elevated to higher prominence in the Church—May our Heavenly Father move all Christians, out of LOVE for our risen Savior, to remember all Works of Charity, including the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf, with their prayers, with their gifts, and in their last wills and testaments. —Adapted.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

As stated in the last issue of the Advocate the name of our agency was officially changed from Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf-Mute Institute or as it was more commonly called the Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf to the LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. Consequently, this new name will appear on all our new literature and correspondence. However, since we have on hand quite a lot of material bearing the old name, we shall continue to use this until the supply has been exhausted.

Concerning legal documents such as last wills and testaments in which our agency was named a beneficiary, no one needs to be perturbed because of the change of names since all such bequests, even though designated under the former name, will be legal and therefore honored by the courts. It is, therefore, not necessary to have the name changed in any of such documents. But we suggest that in any future legal papers of such a nature the new official name, Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, Michigan, be used.

**INHUMAN SILENCE**

**"Ours is not the silence that soothes the weary senses. It is an INHUMAN SILENCE which severs and estranges. It is a silence which isolates, cruelly and completely. Hearing is the deepest, most humanizing philosophical sense man possesses."** —Helen Keller in *Midstream*

**What is My Task?**

LORD, what wilt THOU that I should do? What is my task? This question, leaping from my heart, I kneel to ask. What place of duty can I fill where can I go To lighten, in THY holy name, another's woe?

So many hearts are torn today, so many weep, So many souls are passing now through waters deep; So many bear their loads alone, without Thy grace; So many have not found in Thee a resting place.

In such a world, with needs so vast, what can I do? Fill Thou my heart with love like Thine, with pity, too. Here are my hands, my feet, my all; lead Thou the way, Where I may do Thy works again, while it is day!

**FORM OF BEQUEST**

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

**Auxiliary Honored**

Our Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf, the oldest and largest Lutheran Women's organization in the Detroit area, was the only Lutheran group among the fifteen Women's organizations receiving Certificates of Honor in the Detroit News Third Annual Club Contest.

The award was based on outstanding services rendered our school in providing a real home for our many deaf children away from home and for many other volunteer services rendered our agency during the past year. Congratulations, Ladies. We are really proud of you.

## Incidentally Yours

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**Martin Ehmler, Missouri; Carl Henry Frels, Wisconsin; John Peter Lehmann, Illinois and David Henry Otto, Wisconsin.**

Two corrections:- In the June issue of the Advocate we stated that Roberta Clawson, one of our former pupils, was graduated from Burrough's Business School. We should have stated that she was graduated from the Selt & Tarrant Business School. And in listing the names of scholarship donors we should have written "Aid Association for Lutherans" instead of Appleton Aid for Lutherans.

At Knoxville, Pastor R. Frerking graciously permitted the writer to talk to his Bible Class, and Dr. Mundt, the Sunday School Superintendent, invited Mr. Bellhorn to speak to the assembled Sunday School. The Knoxville congregation has a very beautiful stone church and a fine parochial school, both located on a specious tract of land. Although it was summer, nevertheless, there were 120 in the Bible Class and but few vacant seats in the church service.

Among the many former pupils who visited us in recent weeks there also was William Ludwig, our seminarian. William is spending the coming year vicaring in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We are real proud of "Billy" because, after just one more year at the Seminary, he will be ready for ordination into the holy ministry. He is the first profoundly deaf person preparing for mission work among the deaf in the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. Concerning his year of vicarage Billy, in a letter to the writer stated: "I am now settled and ready to do the work for our good and gracious Lord."

....Dear reader, only your kind and generous financial support and God's blessings upon the work of the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf made it possible for Billy Ludwig to become an active laborer in the Lord's vineyard. - - -

The final plans for our new kitchen having been approved and bids accepted building operations are now underway. - - -

Lynn Qually, one of our former North Dakota pupils, favored us with a graduation photograph of himself. We, herewith, thank Lynn for the picture and congratulate him upon his graduation from High School. I am sure his parents are proud of their son's educational accomplishments,....Karen Eustice, a sweet young lady and former pupil of ours from Galena, Illinois, visited us recently. She will be a senior in a High School for hearing students this year.

Copies of two letters received from Dr. Richard Silverman, Direc-

tor of Central Institute in St. Louis, written to two teacher-trainee candidates, gives us cause to believe that the two girls will enroll in that school in September. Besides these, we hope to have a trainee in the University of Michigan and one in Wayne-State University. - -

**Concerning our film, Mr. R. E. Nuernberg, Sunday School Superintendent, South Bend, Indiana writes: "Amazingly interesting. May God bless your work of love."—There is no rental charge for this film. Publicity material is also free for the asking. - -**

**Read what Helen Keller has to say about INHUMAN SILENCE, then ponder upon your blessings and lend compassionate aid to the less fortunate. - -**

Our services for talks and demonstrations are always available even to congregations and organizations in distant places. - -

**Parents of our pupils please note that our school's reopening day is Tuesday after Labor Day, September 3rd. - -**

Pastors, Teachers and all readers of the Advocate and your families are invited to visit our school when you come to or pass through Detroit while vacationing. A night's lodging and a good breakfast are always available to you as our guests during the summer months.

## Now HEAR This

by Thornton Zanolli

We were pleased to note that the Hearing Aid Industry Conference, Inc., and the American Hearing Society have joined forces in a public relations effort.

We were pleased to see two groups set aside minor differences and put their efforts together for at least one common aim.

The goal of the public relations effort, an announcement stated, is to "tell the hearing story to more people."

It would do this to encourage those who need hearing aids to purchase them, adjust themselves to the hearing aid and keep the instrument in tip-top condition.

This was the stated aim of the effort.

One matter we would like to point out, however.

These fine goals are part of the objectives of this Society. And many times we felt we fought almost alone to see them accomplished, to see that dealers earned the public confidence that our membership, holding to the standards of the SHAA, has earned.

And so we commend these groups for their joint effort—but mainly we commend them for overcoming minor differences to achieve a common goal.

If such a spirit could spread throughout the industry, this constructive approach, this agreeing on

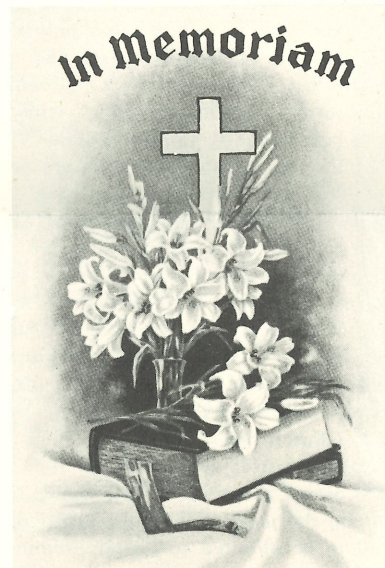
a positive action, would be a wonderful thing.

Yes, it would be a wonderful thing, if all of the different factions could lift their eyes from their own problems and not, as sometimes happens, act like mean dogs with one bone.

It would be wonderful if they could look ahead at the goal of sincerely attempting to educate the public, with the idea of seeing that the public was sincerely and fairly served.

We are sure if this could happen on some magical day, no one in the industry in any capacity would suffer, the public would be happier, and the industry would become bigger and better than ever.

As we said, the two groups are to be commended, and the Society—standing on its record of established ethical standards and established standards of training and competence of its members from coast to coast—has long been recognizing this type of program in the industry. We stand ready to move with you toward these goals!



## A Laudable Practice

Friends in ever greater numbers are remembering our Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, Michigan, with gifts in memory of loved ones fallen asleep in the Lord. Such offerings are becoming ever more important for the continuance of this missionary endeavor since through them the Gospel is brought to the Children of Silence committed to our charge.

As other avenues of income fail, we are compelled more and more to look to Memorial and Legacy contributions as a source of revenue. Such gifts can be likened unto a seed of mercy that dies not but grows and bears eternal fruit in the lives of the deaf children enrolled in the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit....Our beautiful Memorial folders are supplied free, in any number, upon request.

## LETTER BOX

Monroe, Michigan

Dear Dr. Klein:

Just a note to tell you how much we appreciated your remarks at our annual Mission Festival. This was the first time our people ever had occasion to be brought so close to this blessed work, and the film in the evening supplemented your information in a most interesting manner.

Please accept the thanks from the congregation for your inspiration.

Sincerely,  
Reverend L. K. Zank

Detroit, Michigan

Dear Dr. Klein:

The Women's Committee has asked me to try to express to you our sincere gratitude to your agency and to the Auxiliary for their hospitality to our Board yesterday. The luncheon was, of course, delicious, and everyone enjoyed it.

Most important of all to us, however, was the opportunity to visit and learn about your school. It is inspiring to witness the adjustment of the children to the special tools and techniques required and to share the satisfaction of the teachers in their accomplishments. This experience is especially valued by the Women's Committee, one of whose chief aims is interpretation to the community of the needs and services of our health and welfare agencies.

Again, our heartiest thanks,  
Very sincerely yours,  
Carola McEachren,  
Corresponding Sec'y.

Henry Ford Hospital  
Detroit 2, Mich.

Division of Otolaryngology  
Section of Speech and Audiology

Dear Dr. Klein:

The day I spent in the Lutheran School for the Deaf was a very happy experience for me. It is always a great pleasure for a teacher of the deaf to observe a well organized functioning program, which your school certainly is. I was particularly impressed with the speech and language being achieved by your youngsters and by the emphasis placed on auditory training.

Wishing you continued success in your fine work and thanking you for your courtesy in showing me your school, I remain

Yours sincerely,  
Mary Rose Costello, Ph.D.

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## EXCERPTS FROM 1957 ANNUAL REPORT

**BRETHREN**, by the grace of God we delegates again meet here at our beloved School for the Deaf to hear reports of the activities of another school-year (the 84th), to pass judgment upon them, to elect responsible officers, and to give prayerful directions to the Board of Management. May the great Lord of the Church continue to graciously bless all our efforts in behalf of the deaf children committed to our charge.

**ENROLLMENT**...Through graduation, confirmation and transferrals thirteen pupils left our school last June. In September twenty-four new pupils were accepted for enrollment. Twelve of these, or exactly one half, came from Michigan, two from Illinois, two from Iowa, two from Missouri, two from Ohio, one from California, one from Minnesota, one from South Dakota and one from Texas, bringing our total enrollment to 117 pupils, an increase of eleven.—The addition of a fourteenth classroom and teacher made it possible to accept so large a number of new pupils. This year ten pupils were confirmed.

**TEACHER VACANCIES**.... Teachers Robert Tegeder, Roy Kaiser, Ada Munding and Patricia McComb having accepted positions in other schools we had four teacher vacancies. To fill these we engaged Mr. Herman Holste, Miss Janet Butchart and Mrs. Helen Kramer Henschel. We hope to have the remaining vacancy filled also by school-opening time.

**TEACHER TRAINING RECRUITMENT**....Your School Board devoted an entire meeting discussing our teacher recruitment program. Dr. Klein, our Director, supplied a complete resumé of what he had done along these lines. The report revealed that a great number of contacts had been made in past years. As a result of these efforts, twenty-five students took training and in the course of time became teachers of the deaf. Nineteen of them at one time or another taught in our school and some are still on our staff. Six chose to teach elsewhere. Some of the latter are now at the Mill Neck School. At the present time, Dr. Klein is still corresponding with thirty-five persons who, within the past two years, indicated an interest in becoming teachers of the deaf. Some of these have just entered High School, others are already enrolled in college. We are confident that quite a number of these prospects will eventually enter training classes to become teachers of the deaf.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**....Our school

continues to offer scholarships to girls who take training to become teachers of the deaf and who obligate themselves to teach in our school for at least two years after graduation at the regular teacher salary.

**NEW ENROLLMENT**....Since ten pupils will leave our school and since there will be at least one transfer, we were able to accept eleven new pupils for enrollment for next September. The Gymnasium arrangement with the Grant Public School, whereby our pupils are permitted to use that school's gymnasium for basketball practice, was again continued. The Northeast and North Detroit Kiwanis Clubs again provided Y.M.C.A. memberships for all our pupils from the third grade up. At the "Y" the pupils are instructed in swimming, gymnastics and health rules.

**HOME OPERATIONS**....Our very faithful Deaconess house-mothers, the Misses Marie Bliefnick and Marie Twenhafel, together with their able assistants, labored many more than the regular hours to give proper care to our many deaf children and to provide a real home for them away from home. Our book-keeping and other clerical work having become so voluminous, it became necessary to employ one extra full time worker and call for volunteer help from time to time to keep from being snowed under with work. Our School's two Ladies Auxiliaries, Detroit and Macomb, again served our cause faithfully and bountifully with funds, materials, and volunteer workers. A greatly appreciated contribution is a \$2,000.00 scholarship for the son of our Lutheran missionary to Mexicans in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas by the Detroit organization and a partial scholarship of \$300.00 by the Macomb group. Since our last Association meeting, the beloved and consecrated senior member of your Board, Mr. Louis Knorr, was called to his eternal rest. To fill the vacancy the Board appointed Mr. Roland Wilkening of Faith Outer Drive congregation who was a nominee and runner-up in the last year's election.

**FINANCES**....We are happy to state that, through the blessings of our Heavenly Father and the loyal support of our many contributors, we were again able to close the fiscal year in the "black". This was partially due to some larger special offerings in the form of legacies, scholarships and economical administration. We are very grateful to all our loyal supporters including The

Chicago Lutheran Charities Fund and the Cleveland United Charities Fund who again included our agency in their respective charity budgets. Memorial Wreath offerings continue to be a fine source of income. And we wish to take this opportunity to encourage greater use of our Memorial Folders.

**PUBLICITY**....Throughout the year our principal, Mr. Walter Bellhorn and Dr. Klein, were kept busy giving talks and demonstrations before service clubs, church groups, Ladies Aids, Missionary League meetings, Father and Son and Mother and Daughter banquets and many other occasions. Our film, "The World Of Silence", was shown to many of such groups. Besides that, all nine copies of the picture have been in circulation most of the time.

The Deaf Child's Advocate, our Institute's bimonthly periodical continues to bring our cause to the attention of God's children. During the first two weeks in August, the Reverend A. E. Kettner from Synod's Headquarters in St. Louis will conduct a two week's laymen's workshop within the walls of our Institute.

### "HERR UNBEKANNT WAR WIEDER DA."

Mr. "Anonymous" again favored our Lutheran School for the Deaf with a very kind and generous cash offering which he sent us through Dr. Andrew Zeile, President of the Michigan District in an envelope postmarked at Lansing, Michigan. We do not know this consistent and generous supporter of our work. But our heavenly Father who knows all things also knows this disciple of our Savior and He will reward him most bountifully. And the deaf will bless him in eternity.

### Hearing Training

The Lutheran School for the Deaf is happy to report that never before in its long history have its many pupils had the benefit of daily classroom auditory training. Fourteen multiple amplifying units now permit all of our children to wear dual earphones during the entire school day. True, they do not hear like you and I, but continual sound and impulse patterns tend to improve their speech qualities and stimulate their auditory residue. The results have been found very gratifying.

The auditory equipment for this important phase of deaf education is costly, but necessary.

## A Graduate Supervisor

Feeling the need for a male college graduate supervisor for our teen-age boys, one who is also to act as assistant to the athletic coach and Boys Club leader, we tendered a contract to Mr. Herman Leon Pickell, of Chester, New Jersey, a recent graduate of Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C.

We met and interviewed Mr. Pickell at the American Instructors of the Deaf Convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, and were highly impressed by him and his philosophy pertaining to the education and training of the deaf. And we are of the opinion that his joining our staff will be a definite asset to our school and its entire program.

## Let's Wake Up

How long, oh how long will otherwise intelligent people seek to find casual factors of mental and emotional maladjustment in children to a complete neglect of the squinting of eye defects and the "huhs" of bad hearing?

Except in conferences of teachers and workers for the deaf or near deaf, one seldom hears the "tools for learning" mentioned. Long, scholarly case histories are discussed as to why Johnnie or Mary doesn't quite fit. Grandma didn't have a very good childhood and the neighborhood where Johnnie or Mary lived is sub-standard. Outside of the usual clinches about heredity and environment, sprinkled with a number of 75-cent words found only in psychology and its kindred studies, little is mentioned and less discussed about the portion of the child's life surrounded by his epidermis.

The basic fact that by neglecting the end results of bad eyes and bad ears the adults in charge of the situation are only aggravating the resulting maladjustment, simply doesn't click. And as a result the conferences get nowhere.

To the trained ear of the Audiologist—recurrent mention of this or that symptom tells a story in capitol letters: **HAVE YOU CONSIDERED HEARING?** Yes, but....., Yes, but!!! His sense of communication may be all fouled up and you say, "Yes, but?" What more do you need to know for a starter? He can't hear good. Yet, you test his learning potentials with a test intended for good ears, and wind up branding him sub-normal.

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# What Does the Future Hold?



What does the future hold for six-year-old Bobby Harrison? Bobby was born deaf. Like most young hearing-handicapped children, he had no language or speech when first enrolled in school. He did not know that he had a name or that objects and actions have names. Language-wise, he was blank. Now, at the Lutheran School for the Deaf, with the loving help of a Christian teacher in a modern, well-equipped school, Bobby is developing a language which he will be able to use for communicating with others. He is also learning to speak by imitating his teacher's mouth movements, the vibration of her voice and the sounds which are amplified by a modern electronic hearing aid. We have no way of knowing now what Bobby will be doing after he has completed his education, but during the next few years in school he will have the opportunity to study those subjects which will enable him to become a self-supporting member of our society, but even more important, a child of God's kingdom. You, too, can help to habilitate handicapped children with your gifts to the LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, Detroit, Mich.

