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Incidentally Yours...

The holiday vacation period being a thing of the past, and teachers and household personnel having had a breathing spell in which to relax and gather new strength and energy, everybody is back in harness and straining at the traces pulling for that next distant milepost of the school year, which is Holy Week. - - - The above language is that of one who grew up in the wide open spaces of the great state of Texas where, in his childhood, he made many long and slow trips in a covered wagon. And the older he grows the more do the memories of experiences of those long past days flash across his mind's eye. - - -

Our Children's Christmas program and service, held in our chapel, was declared as having been one of the finest. Credit for it belongs to the teachers who prepared it and especially to the committee consisting of Miss Helen Szajna and Mrs. Agnes Hanz who arranged it. - - -

The three children who, on account of the great distances or for lack of funds could not spend Christmas at home, enjoyed the holidays in homes of friends of the school here in Detroit. Stephen Harrison of Vancouver, British Columbia, was taken into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carey. His brother, Robert (Bobbie), spent most of the time with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Howard and the last several days with the Carey's where they celebrated his birthday. - - - Joyce Wolter of Nebraska was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerold Theuerkorn of Grosse Pointe to New Year's Day. The rest of the vacation days she spent with teachers Mr. and Mrs. Herman Holste of East Detroit.

Two of our former pupils, Dean Hoffmann and Bruce Beckner, now seniors in the High School Department of the Nebraska School for the Deaf in Omaha, surprised their

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NOW IS THE TIME

Five Chicagoans were asked the following question: "If good qualities could be given by hypodermic needle, what kind of shot would you recommend for most people?"

One answered, "A shot of gratitude." Another said, "A shot of understanding." The fourth said, "A shot of dependability." While the fifth said, "A shot of the proper sense of timing. There is a time for everything. Anything in its proper time is inoffensive. What a well ordered world this would be if everyone knew what to do and when to do it!"

All the answers are worthy of thought and consideration; but the last is specially good.

God's Word has much to say about proper timing in regard to the most important thing in life. "Remember NOW thy Creator in the days of thy youth" - "Come NOW and let us reason together" - "Behold NOW is the day of salvation" - "TODAY if ye will hear His voice, harden not your heart."

Proper timing is important too if Kingdom work is to prosper. During the past several months practically every controlling board in the missions and charities program of our church has been forced to transfer accounts, use up reserves or borrow money in order to keep going. They did this in the confident hope that contributions would "catch up" by the end of the year.

The "catching up" season in gifts for the Synodical budget as well as for charitable endeavors has traditionally been the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Toward the end of 1957 exceptional efforts had to be put forth in order to keep faith with those charged with Synod's work and the care of the lonely aged, and forsaken and handicapped children. We sincerely hope that all Synodical needs were fully met through such concerted efforts. As for the needs of our own agency, The Lutheran School for the Deaf, we are confident that if our readers, at their convenience, will send us their personal contributions and speak a good word for our cause whenever and wherever opportunity presents itself our budgetary needs, too, will be met.

- Adapted from the Charity Thermostat



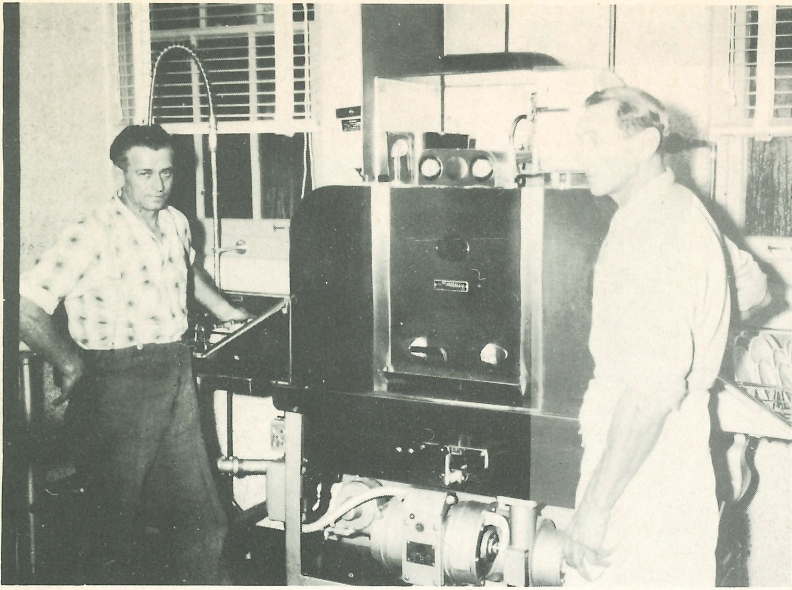
MRS. JOHN LOOSE, President of the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf, and Mrs. Geo. Mehl register our guests as they arrive for the "Open House" held on January 12th.

Blessings Through Wills

On the third of January of this year, The Board of Management of the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf accepted from the George W. Auch Construction Company the completed and furnished new kitchen and enlarged dining room structure. This capital expansion program included a 40 x 70 one story brick building with full basement. The building consists of a large refrigerated potato, apple and vegetable storage room as well as other storage rooms in the basement, and on the first floor a fully equipped modern kitchen, a walk-in refrigerator, a separate electric home-economics kitchen for the purpose of teaching our deaf girls the rudiments of cooking, a renovated and enlarged dining room with the necessary additional tables and chairs. A sign constructed of masonry with the school's name on it was also erected on the front lawn facing Nevada Avenue.

The Board felt extremely happy that for this rather expensive but necessary project, costing just a little less than \$100,000.00, it did not have to institute a money raising campaign to obtain the necessary funds. It owes this great blessing entirely to friends of our school, already sainted, who remembered the needs of this Christian home-school for deaf children in their last wills and testaments.

Mr. Alex Kryminski of Dearborn, Michigan, in his last will, provided the funds for the sign on the front lawn. The entire new kitchen structure and all modern appliances in it will be dedicated as a memorial to Mrs. Linda Ritter, a native of Houston, Texas, whose last will designations have to date netted the school the sum of \$88,000.00, sufficient to pay for this fine improvement.



MR. A. WELLISCH and MR. R. WENGLER have taken over the dishwashing task in the new kitchen.

Kitchen Equipment

The equipment for the new kitchen includes the following: - - - a complete electric domestic science kitchen, in a separate room, which will be used solely to teach our deaf girls the rudiments of cooking, two stainless steel refrigerators, a dish washer, a battery of ranges including a deep fryer, a dough mixer and potato masher, a gas-electric toaster, a meat slicer, an electrically cooled milk and water dispenser, a vegetable slicer, a blender, a potato peeler, a food warmer, a bake oven, a garbridder, a baker's table, a vegetable table, two work tables, and a walkin refrigerator, a pot tray, plus a food pantry and utility closet. The basement contains a large room with shelving for food storage, a compressor room and a refrigerated potato, apple and vegetable storage room.

The builders of this modern structure was the George W. Auch Construction Company of Detroit.

For the domestic science kitchen we are indebted to sainted Mr. Carl Rueger of Detroit who remembered the School with a sum in excess of \$3,000.00 The enlarged dining-room will be dedicated to the memory of Miss Lillian Sturm of Maribel, Wisconsin, who willed the School approximately \$5,000.00.

It was solely due to these legacies that the management was enabled to enter upon such an extensive and costly but necessary building program and to complete it without incurring a heavy debt.

This again demonstrates that last wills and testaments can be and are just an extension of Christian stewardship. For if the deceased friends of our school had not remembered the cause of the deaf child with some of their worldly goods before their departure to the celestial realms, we could not now properly care for the many handicapped little ones enrolled with us. We, therefore, owe thanks

to God for having moved the hearts of His, now eternally blessed, believers to include the cause of our handicapped children in their last wills and testaments. And we dedicate these so necessary additions and improvements to the memory of our friends in heaven who provided the funds for their purchase and erection. Truly "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14, 13.

COMPASSION

Compassion is a healing word
It has the gentle sound
Of summer rain on leaves, wind stirred,
Above the fertile ground.

It sheds a soft compelling glow
Where understanding thrives,
Outreaching every word we know
In touching broken lives.

And he who makes this word to live,
Through action on his part,
Shall learn that God delights to give
The warm, impulsive heart.

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF DEAF CHILDREN

The members of the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf, founded in 1868, have arranged for periodic distribution of packets of reprints for parents of deaf children. It is the desire of the Conference members to help the parents become more acutely aware of the educational aspects of deafness and the potentialities of their children whose hearing is impaired.

The 1957 packet, containing six reprints, is now being distributed. These packets sell for \$1.00. Orders should be sent to The Editor, AMERICAN ANNALS OF THE DEAF, Gallaudet College, Washington 2, D. C.

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old Alma Mater with the gift of a beautiful large framed painting of Christ healing the deaf youth, titled "Ephpatha". Dean is the artist who painted the picture and Bruce the artisan who supplied the frame for it. Many thanks, boys. The picture now hangs in our school's reception room. - - -

We here again express our sincere thanks to friends and readers for having remembered our deaf children and their cause with gifts of toys, garments, bedding, cookies, fruits, candies, groceries and especially also for your offerings of money which is always so very necessary for this costly but blessed missionary endeavor. - - -

On Sunday, January 12, the school's Ladies Auxiliary conducted a so-called "Open House" with a free buffet luncheon for all visitors. All friends of the school were invited to come and see the sound-conditioned class rooms, see the teachers teach deaf children to speak and read lips, see the enlarged dining room, and especially see the new kitchen with all its modern appliances. The day was perfect, and 328 visitors registered their names in the guest book. - - -

Our big boys and girls claim that the best thing about the new kitchen and its equipment is the fact that they no longer have to help with the washing of the dishes. - - -

Recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Dailey and their daughter Joan, of Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Dailey, who is a Sophomore at Kent College, will enroll at Washington University and Central Institute for the Deaf, St. Louis, Missouri, next September where she will train to become a teacher for the deaf in our school - - - Mrs. Owen Kern, Mrs. Blankstrom and Mrs. Warren Reich will be the instructors in our girls' domestic science department. The girls will be taught rudiments of needle work, pastry baking, and cooking. - - -

A complimentary copy of a report compiled by the writer on the basis of replies received to a questionnaire was sent to all heads of schools for the deaf and other interested parties. - - -

Schools for the deaf who, as yet, have not received their free copy of "A Multi-Sensory Approach to

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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.

LETTER BOX

Dear Dr. Klein: Omaha, Nebraska
Bruce and I are getting along fine here at school in Omaha.

We think of you all so often that we finally decided to send you a picture for the school as a gift. We think that you will be really surprised when you receive it. The picture, titled "EPHPHATHA," was painted by me and the framing of it was done by Bruce.

We wish to tell you that we are so happy that we learned the Word of God in the Lutheran School. Because of our deafness, our parents considered how we might learn and know about Jesus, our Savior. And they finally decided to send us to the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Michigan. And now we want to thank you and all the teachers and housemothers a thousand times for keeping us happy and teaching us about God. We pray daily to God to help us keep our faith in Jesus, to help us grow stronger in faith, and to keep us in His care until we are taken to live with Him in beautiful paradise.

We shall never forget your kindness. And that's why we want to give the Lutheran School the picture I painted as a gift and a token of our deep appreciation. We pray that God may help your deaf children at the Lutheran School to learn many good things.

God bless you all,

Sincerely,

Bruce Becker, Dean Hofman

CHRISTIAN MISSION FOR DEAF AFRICANS

My Dear Prayer Helpers:

Liberia, Africa

Greetings from the not-too-dark continent! Yes, it is not so dark in the places I have visited so far. Here in Liberia, I found the people very friendly and cooperative. And there is much evidence of material prosperity and social developments. But, alas, it seems that the Church has not been quite so progressive spiritually! However, my survey in regards to the work for the deaf in Liberia has yielded some encouraging results. — The day after I arrived in Monrovia, my eyes caught the headlines of an old newspaper. It was about three boys, one of them "deaf and mute," who were imprisoned in a room by some fishermen. The deaf boy escaped and, through "signs and gesticulations," informed police, who freed the boys and arrested the fishermen. The police suspected they were going to sacrifice the boys in order to boost their fishing luck.

I secured the deaf boy's name and address from the police. Later a Canadian missionary and I looked up Boeboe. ("Bobo") He had gone strolling in the city. However neigh-

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bors brought us a little deaf girl also named Boeboe, though not related, who lived near by. She is bright-eyed and about seven years old. But owing to the lack of hearing or schooling, my attempts to communicate with her were nil. When the neighbors observed my efforts to converse with her, they asked the missionary whether I was boeboe. Thereupon, I learned that "boeboe" refers to someone who cannot hear or talk.
..Pray that God will provide us with needed workers to bring the large number of "Boeboes" in Africa out of their enshrouded darkness and the grips of the devil to spiritual enlightenment and the glorious salvation of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours for Africa's Deaf,
Andrew J. Foster

EMBASSY OF GHANA

Dear Dr. Klein: Washington 8.
D.C.

Please accept my thanks for your letter of October 1958.

I have discovered that Mr. Foster is a deaf negro who graduated from Gallaudet College in Washington about five years ago and that he is now a missionary to the deaf in West Africa. I enclose a copy of a letter from him giving the names of his committee.

I should be grateful for your continued inquiries.

Yours sincerely,

W.A.R. Walker, Education Attache

Dear Dr. Klein: Warren, Mich.

I have been intending to write to you for some time. And today I decided to tell you how I feel about the wonderful years I spent at the Institute. With the fine school, the help of the teachers and especially the teaching of the Bible which will go through life with me, I am able to take my place in a hearing world and I am getting along fine. . . . The first job I obtained as a Calculator Operator, was through the help of the Detroit Business Institute, from which I was graduated. I was laid off at the Chrysler Plant due to the cut back in production. Then I decided that it was almost impossible to obtain a job because of my handicap. For a long period of time I was unemployed. Then I took a job as a factory worker and again I was laid off.

The first day I applied for a job at the Brichly Dairy in May 1956, Mr. Brichly was amazed when he read the application and saw that I had attended a school for the deaf. He was amazed at the way I could carry on a conversation. He gave me a chance when no one else would. I proved my ability as a comtometer operator and as a result I am still employed there.

Impelled By Love

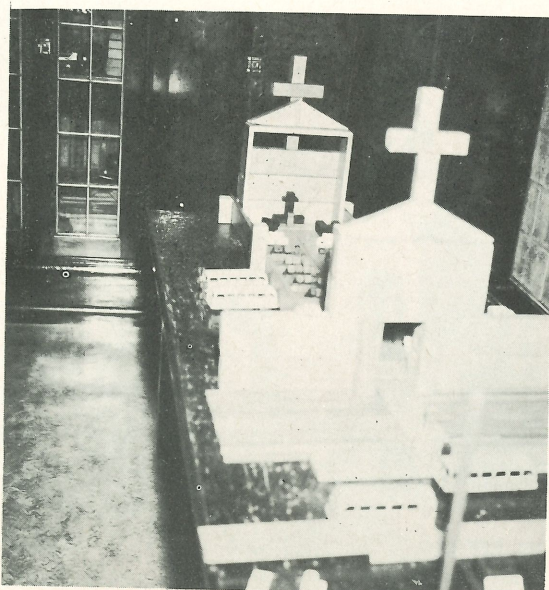
Teachers of the deaf, and house-mothers and supervisors caring for such children are often complimented for their patience and love for their work. Teaching and caring for deaf children is truly extremely hard work which requires much patience. However, these people will tell you that they do not love hard work and long hours any more than do other people. But they love to serve children and especially handicapped children. And they do this out of love for Christ Who sacrificed His lifeblood that His followers might have everlasting bliss.

In one of Col Roosevelt's eloquent passages he used this language: "Do you love to go out to sea in a row-boat in a gale? No, you go out to save; you hate the storm." A missionary is said to have been asked if he liked his work in Africa. His reply was: "Do I like this work? No. My wife and I do not like dirt. We have reasonably refined sensibilities. We do not like crawling into vile huts through goat stands. But is a man to do nothing for Christ except what he likes? God pity him if not! Liking or disliking has nothing to do with it. We have orders to go and we go. Love constrains us." Herein lies the impelling power that puts forth the fairest and best of men and women to do the work of human rescue.

And human rescue work, educational and spiritual, is the sole aim and purpose of the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf and to this its entire personnel is dedicated. And you, dear reader, are given the opportunity and privilege to assist in this glorious work with your offerings of love. For these the School depends on you.

I am planning to be married to a hearing man in the near future. I feel that I owe my success in life to you and the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. May God Bless you and the wonderful work you are doing..

Your Former Student
Marlene J. Nabor:



MAKE A WILL

"Make A Will" is the title of a folder published by the Lutheran Laymen's League. It is designed for distribution in congregations as part of a congregational Wills Emphasis Program. In it the Christian is urged to make a will as an extension of his Christian stewardship. A quote in the folder states, "The simple fact is that if you do not write a will, the State in which you live will, in effect, write one for you and will distribute your property according to its laws."

In conclusion the folder answers the following questions: Who should make a will? When should I make my will? What legal requirements must I observe? Should I discuss my will with anyone else? What shall I include in my will? Can I change my will? Requests for this folder may be addressed to the Lutheran Laymen's League, 3558 South Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Missouri.

Faculty Attends Institute

Our School's faculty attended the mid-winter institute held in the Racham School, Ypsilanti, Michigan, in December, which was co-sponsored by Eastern Michigan College and Wayne-State University. Although the program was titled "Is It Deafness," the conference concerned itself not only with the child who is deaf, but also with the child whose problems in language may be attributed to other factors.

The Luncheon speaker was Dr. Mildred Groht, Principal, Lexington Avenue School for the Deaf, New York City. The participants for panel discussions and workshop groups were Dr. Mary Blair, Dr. John Gaeth, Dr. John Lee, Dr. Mary McDermott, Mr. Bruce Siders, and Dr. Morvin Wirtz. . . .

News for Parents Of Deaf Children

A special class of membership for parents is now available in the Parents' Section of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf. The Parents' Section will devote its attention to consideration of the special problems of the parents of deaf children, such as promoting the teaching of speech and lip-reading, a better public understanding of the problems of deafness and promotion of a teacher recruitment program. This membership is available for the usual annual dues of \$5.00 (plus 40c foreign postage when this obtains) and includes a subscription to the *Volta Review* and allows voting privileges in both the Parents' Section and the Association itself.

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Auditory Training" by Helen Szajna and Robert Tegeder may obtain a copy by writing to J. A. Klein, Superintendent, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Michigan. Additional copies may be purchased at \$2.50 each. . . .

Our pupils again enjoyed seeing the circus in the State Fair Colosseum. This is an annual treat by the Grosse Pointe Lions Club to which the youngsters look forward with much anticipation. — MANY THANKS, Fellow Lions. . . .

Group visitors during January were, the North Detroit Lions Club, the Kronk-Tireman Health Guild, and the Highland Park Special Ed. teachers. . . . Principal Walter Bellhorn gave a demonstration talk at the Grosse Pointe Methodist Church Ladies Aid meeting, and the writer did the same at the meeting of the Valparaiso University Guild meeting held at Christ the King Lutheran Church. . . .

Copies of our film "The World of Silence" are available without rental charge. . . . Recent comments on the picture were: "Very touching, inspiring, and also very well narrated." . . . "Our Ladies Aid had your film at its last meeting and everyone thoroughly agreed that it is most remarkable what you folks are doing for deaf children." — Mrs. Pearl Brandt, Chairman, Mission Guild.

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ALL ADDRESS CHANGES must be sent to the Lutheran School for the Deaf, 6861 East Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Mich.

Our younger boys were proud of the church they built of blocks on their playroom table. Teachers and housemothers were invited in to admire their handiwork.

A LOOK AT OUR NEW KITCHEN

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THE MILK DISPENSER, coffee urn and water cooler unit located at the dining room entrance saves many steps for Mrs. Dargatz.



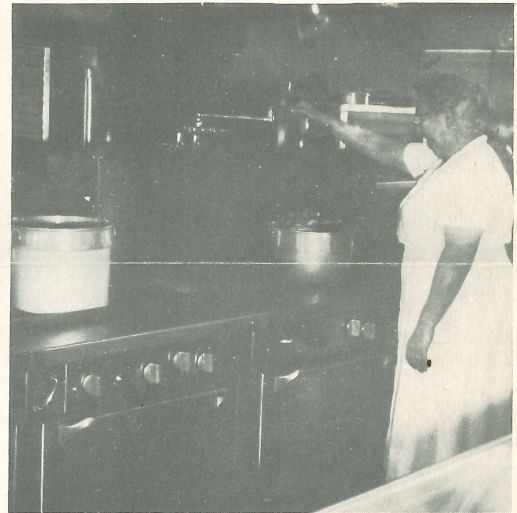
MRS. VERA JEFFERIES' broad smile testifies to the thrill of using a modern vegetable slicer.



ORANGES, grapefruit and other fruits are quickly "blended" by Mrs. Wengler in this modern appliance.



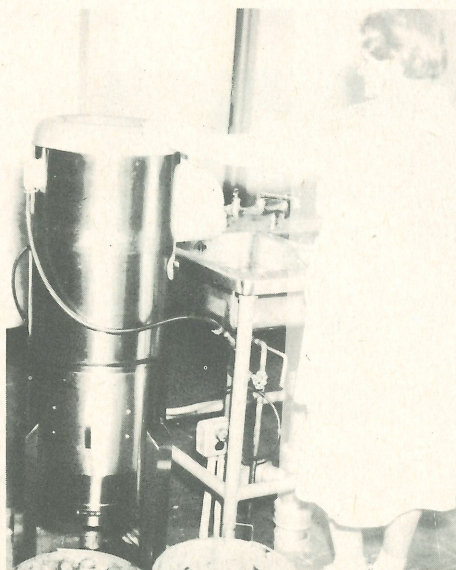
WHO DOESN'T like toast well buttered? Our new gas-electric toaster is a real speed king.



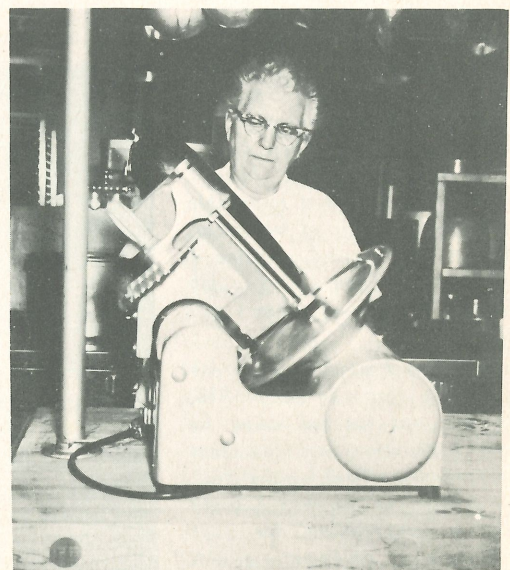
OUR CHIEF COOK, Mrs. Dargatz, demonstrates the handy water faucet directly over her kettles on the stove.



YUM, YUM: The new bake ovens and warm bread go together in any kitchen.



POTATO PEELING is no chore with this mechanical unit. Just press the button.



THURINGER, ham, or bratwurst, this meat slicer does the job quickly and neatly.