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It is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven, that one of these little ones should perish. Matt. 18, 14.

Then the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped . . . and the tongue of the dumb sing . . . They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Isaiah 35.

THOUGHTS

"HE BROUGHT HIM TO JESUS"

To Lyman Beecher, the great congregationalist preacher of the last century, someone once put the question: "What do you believe to be the greatest thing a human being can do?" Without hesitation the great preacher replied: "The greatest thing — is that one human being brings another to Jesus Christ, the Savior."

Such an instance is found in the first chapter of the Gospel of St. John where it is said of Andrew "He brought him to Jesus." This man, Andrew, was a very common, ordinary, every-day person. Yet this very ordinary man became a personal winner of souls for Jesus. That means something for you and me. It means that you and I can be personal soul winners, too.

Now the person whom Andrew brought to Jesus was none other than his brother, Simon Peter. Surely if Andrew had never done anything else in the kingdom except to lead his brother to the Lord, his life would have been much worth while. Think of what his testimony meant for the salvation of others. — Who knows too what may be the final benefits of our efforts to win an individual soul.

These things should occupy our attention right now because we have one of the most glorious opportunities of the year during the Lenten season to do personal mission work. During this time many things lead the individual to focus his attention on the crucified Savior.

There are still a few weeks left in Lent. Real Easter joy will come to you, — not by the clothes that you buy or the styles that you set, — not through the rejoicing of children in chocolate bunnies and candied eggs, — not through the beauties of reawakening nature — *but by standing humbly and penitently before the Cross of Christ, taking Him into your arms by faith as your Savior, and offering Him to someone else who knows Him not. Where persons are beyond your immediate reach, such as the many deaf in our Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf, your contributions for this charity will assist in bringing these handicapped little ones to Jesus.* — Charity Thermostat.

BEQUESTS

A genuine love for their Savior and a sincere desire to assist in the work of bringing the saving Gospel to children doomed to a world of silence due to the handicap of deafness, again prompted several friends of the cause of deaf children to remember our agency in their Last Wills and Testaments.

Mr. Malcomson of the writer's home community in Texas, besides having made several other bequests to the local congregation of which he was a member and to several near relatives, left the bulk of his estate to the Lutheran Orphanage in New Orleans, Louisiana, Concordia College in Austin, Texas, and the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit to be shared equally.

The sainted Henry H. Moehling of Chicago, Illinois, also substantially remembered our cause in his testament. And recently, Mrs. Emma Miller of Florida established a Trust Fund for our School which will be paid us after her death.

For these bequests as well as the Trust Fund we are most grateful and we thank our heavenly Father for having moved these saints to be real Samaritans to our many deaf children.

The monies so bequeathed to our agency including this and any other Trust Funds are not intended to be used up "from hand to mouth." On the contrary, they are intended to produce income which, in turn, is to be used to provide scholarships for the Christian education of indigent deaf children. In this manner saints who are already enjoying the bliss of heaven in the presence of the Savior are still active in the work of "reaching out and preaching, and teaching" the Gospel of Salvation to the least of the Lord's brethren, DEAF CHILDREN.

May our heavenly Father move ever more of His children to designate some of their worldly goods in their last wills and testaments for the educational and spiritual rehabilitation of deaf children in the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf. By doing so they

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INCIDENTALLY... Yours

The joyful Christmas vacation period with all its excitement being in the past, our many deaf pupils are now looking forward to Palm Sunday and Easter. — All children enjoyed being at home for the holiday, except little Scott Griswold from Idaho. His parents decided that the distance was too far and the travel conditions too crowded for him to make the long trip. We agreed, and then found a home for the little lad with the Reverend and Mrs. Arnold Twenhafel where he spent two happy weeks.

Mrs. Klein and I spent an enjoyable Christmas in and near Houston, Texas, my home community. We took four of our Texas pupils with us as far as Houston where they were met by their parents. David Nauman was met by a relative who placed him on a train for McAllen, Texas, where his father is in charge of a Spanish congregation.

Getting the two boys, David Naumann and "Scooter" John Lee, seated on the train from St. Louis to Houston was quite a feat due to the overcrowded train. But we finally got one seated with a kindhearted negro and his three little children in one car and the other in another car with a good natured Texan who made room for him. For the two girls we had secured reservations. In the morning we gathered the whole flock into our compartment where the children spent the time playing games until we reached our destination at noon. On the way back we managed to have the whole group traveling together.

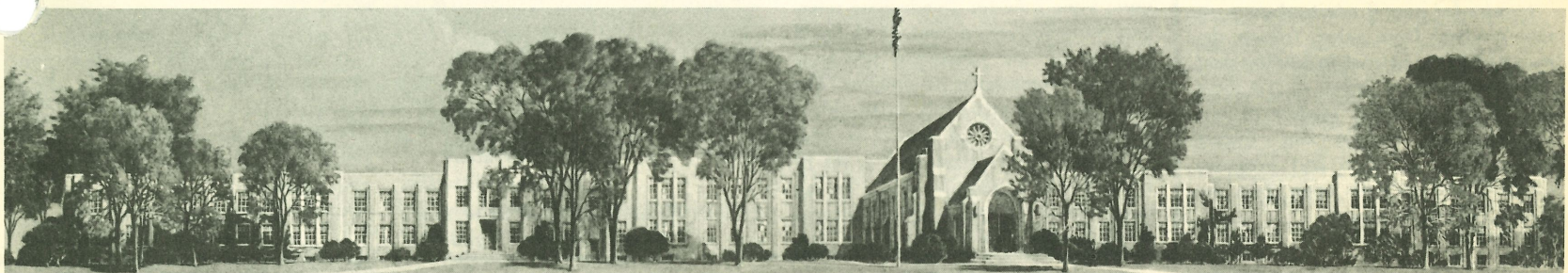
While in Texas, we also made an inspection trip to the properties in which our school has a part interest as a result of the Linda Ritter and Malcomson legacies. We hope that eventually the income from these bequests will amount to a scholarship for one of our Texas pupils. What a marvelous blessing these departed saints have left for the Christian education of handicapped deaf children.

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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.



VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK



MRS. CARL WITT, a member of our School's Ladies Auxiliary, was selected "Volunteer of the Week" by the Detroit United Foundation Central Volunteer Bureau. This honor is bestowed annually upon the person who has done outstanding volunteer work for a particular agency. A beautiful gold pin in the shape of a "V" is awarded the worker as a permanent remembrance.

Mrs. Witt is one of many consecrated and faithful volunteers who, as members of our Ladies Auxiliary, devote much of their talent and spare time to assisting us in the School's important work of rehabilitating deaf children educationally and spiritually.

We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Witt and all volunteer workers for the services they render so unselfishly. And we thank the Central Volunteer Bureau for encouraging such volunteer work by recognizing it in such an appropriate manner.

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will earn the everlasting praise of Jesus our Savior and of the Children of Silence who then with angelic voices will thank and laud them forevermore for having been so thoughtful of their needs.

In response to our appeal for pupil scholarships a devout Christian of Utica, Michigan, whose name we are not permitted to divulge, brought us a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 to pay for the board and tuition of one of our pupils for one year. Another Scholarship in the same amount was received from Messrs. Jens and William Ketelsen of Iowa, the uncles of one of our former pupils, Curtis Ketelsen, who is now a successful Linotype operator.

Monies for partial scholarships were also received from other friends desirous of being helpful in leading deaf children to eternal bliss. — To these and to all the other readers of our Advocate we express our sincere thanks for their kind and generous offerings and we wish upon them the Lord's richest blessings.

THE REVERSED VERSION

A missionary candidate was engaged as a salesman in his home land before leaving for the foreign mission field. He called at a farm home and was met at the door by an elderly lady. "May I sell you a Bible, madam?" he asked.

"My! Bless you!" she replied, "We have more Bibles now in this home than we use. We have the Old Testament Bible, the New Testament Bible, the Holy Bible and besides we have the Reversed Version Bible also."

"True," thought the missionary, "it is this last mentioned Bible that is evidently read by most Christians. The Reversed Version! When the Word says, 'Go!' they all with one accord stay at home. When it says, 'Give!' and Send! the Gospel to all the world — they all seem to think it says, 'Enough to do at home!'"

—Alliance Tidings.

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 1958 packet, containing three reprints, is now being distributed. These packets sell for fifty cents. Orders should be sent to The Editor, AMERICAN ANNALS OF THE DEAF, Gallaudet College, Washington 2, D. C.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Klein:

I haven't time now for a letter because my three children keep me very busy. But I do want to tell you of the passing to her heavenly home of Wilma LeMaire, nee Pollmacher. She died in Chicago where she also received Christian burial. Diabetes and a heart condition were the cause of her death.

Wilma was one of my dearest friends while we were attending your Lutheran School for the Deaf. And I thought that you might want this item for the Advocate.

Sincerely,
Christel Erdman Grill.

The National Exchange Club
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Dr. Klein:

You, undoubtedly, have yearned for quite some time for an adequate reference work for your school which could be used by the youngsters whenever unusual information is sought. The National Exchange Club, as an aid to making your wish a reality is providing your institution with a set of Encyclopedia Britannica with the cooperation of the publisher at Chicago, Illinois during the observance of Na-

Russian Deaf Scientist "Father of Space Flight"

The Russian Communists have made some absurd claims to inventions which have long been ascribed to men in other countries. However, according to several authorities, Russia did produce the "Father of Space Flight." He was Konstantin Tsiolkovsky, born September 17, 1857, who lost his hearing at the age of ten as the result of an attack of scarlet fever.

In his own words, "Deafness and involuntary withdrawal from society only extended my self-help." He went as far in school as was possible in the village where he lived, near St. Petersburg, and then further educated himself by reading all the books available. By the time he was fifteen he had learned much of the world of mathematics and physics, and his uneducated but intelligent father sent him to Moscow to continue his studies. There he began to dream of space travel.

The young Tsiolkovsky turned to teaching and found a position in the town of Kaluga, where a monument to his memory now stands. To save time for his nightly studies and experiments, he bicycled to and from his classroom; to save money for scientific equipment, he sometimes had only black bread for his family. He worked on plans for airplanes and dirigibles, and was the builder of Russia's first wind tunnel.



tional Crime Prevention Week, February 8-14, as a public service.

Mr. George B. Wells, President, The Exchange Club of New Center - Detroit, 907 Fisher Building, will represent The National Exchange Club in making the presentation of the Enclopaedia during National Crime Prevention Week or at such time as is convenient.

A few deserving institutions such as yours are being given this special recognition this year. The National Exchange Club is well aware that the library is one of the last places to receive attention when money is spent, and under these circumstances seeks to be helpful to institutions for young people. We are presuming upon your cooperation toward making successful this altruistic service of this great organization of Exchange Clubs in your community. — Offering to you, and through you to the youngsters in your care, the felicitations of The National Exchange Club during the current year, with a genuine expression of happiness for each.

Sincerely yours,
Harold M. Harter,
National Secretary.

Editor's Note: Words fail us to properly express our feelings of gratitude

Articles by and about Tsiolkovsky began to appear in scientific journals, and the Russian Academy of Science made occasional grants of money for his experiments. His first known contribution to the then unborn science of astronautics was in 1898. He never saw a rocket fired; his work was theoretical. He designed a spaceship with liquid hydrogen as the propellant, sealed cabin, and oxygen tanks.

In 1913 he prophesied: "Mankind will not stay on earth forever but, in the pursuit of the world and space, will . . . penetrate beyond the limits of the atmosphere and then will conquer all the space around the sun."

Scientific honors were showered upon this deaf space pioneer in the late '20s, but he bitterly complained that people talked, but did nothing about his theories. Said he, "The earth is a cradle of the mind, but one cannot live forever in a cradle."

Konstantin Tsiolkovsky died in 1935, at the age of 81, just a few weeks before Robert Goddard, American space pioneer, launched the first liquid-propelled rocket. This marked the true beginning of the space age, but most Americans ridiculed Goddard as a charlatan. Twenty-three years have brought a better understanding of the possibilities of space travel dreamed of by Goddard and the deaf Tsiolkovsky.

—Exchange.

to The National Exchange Club and especially also to Mr. Harter and The Exchange Club of New Center - Detroit for having selected our Lutheran School for the Deaf as the recipient of the aforementioned very valuable and most useful gift. May the Exchange Club continue to grow and prosper for the benefit of the many less fortunates and underprivileged.

JAK

Rock Island, Ill.

Dear Friends:

The film "World of Silence," shown at our Ladies Society meeting today, was well received and an inspiration for all.

Enclosed find a check from our Society in appreciation. I hope that in the future we can remember you again, since we now realize that the wonderful work you are doing with the deaf requires great financial assistance.

I also hope that a great number of our members will remember your cause with memorial wreaths, as I certainly will.

With the kindest thoughts and a prayer that God will continue to bless your school.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. A. F. Lindorfer

EQUIPMENT WE NEED

From time to time we are asked what we need especially for our school and household. Such requests come from Day Schools, Sunday Schools, Walther League Societies, Ladies Auxiliaries and from individual friends of our cause and who desire to collect or bring an offering for one or the other of such specific projects.

Naturally, in a special school such as ours, the needs are constant and manifold. And we are, therefore, always glad and ready to submit a list of items from which the respective inquirers may make a choice. And since we usually can buy at a discount and do not have to pay sales tax, we prefer that the money for the chosen project be sent to us so that we may make the purchase.

The following is a list of items for which we have immediate need:

1. One Large Flag\$ 25.00
2. Two movable Blackboards at \$25.00 50.00
3. Tools for the Leather craft class 50.00
4. One Slide Projector 75.00
5. One Tractor Plow 150.00
6. Fifteen Confirmation Gowns at \$12.00 180.00
7. One Typewriter 185.00
8. One Liquid Duplicator .. 200.00
9. Two duplicate copies of our School's film "The World of Silence" at \$112.00 224.00
10. Kindergarten class room furniture 300.00
11. Class room desks and chairs for eight pupils plus eight extra chairs .. 300.00
12. One 16mm sound motion picture projector 350.00
- One Multigraph 600.00
13. Annual Teacher Trainee Scholarships, Two at \$300.00 600.00
15. Annual Pupil Scholarships at \$2,000.00 2,000.00
16. One Station Wagon 2,400.00

We shall be most grateful for any and all contributions which our reader friends may designate for any of the listed items. To create interest in the support for our needs we offer free informative literature as well as our all-color sound motion picture film.

We wish, too, to remind all donors to our cause that all their gifts are deductible for income tax purposes.

Wanted — Teachers

Much to our regret, Mrs. Emily Liedtke, one of the very capable teachers who has been on our staff for twenty-two years, will retire at the close of this school year. And since we, at present, have a shortage of two on our faculty, we are desperately in need of at least three new teachers for next September.

We, therefore, invite qualified teachers to apply for these positions. We have a good salary scale ranging from \$4,400.00 to \$6,000.00 per year. Our class-room equipment is complete and of the best. Working conditions are ideal, and extra-curricular duties at a minimum.

We also invite students who have completed two years of college work towards a degree in education by June of this year to accept our tuition scholarship for training to become teachers of the deaf. Girl students who accept this offer and follow our suggestions can obtain their two last years of college education practically without cost to them. Application for these stipends should be made NOW in order to be accepted into the training class of a specific university. Write to Director J. A. Klein, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Michigan for further information.



The past Ladies Auxiliary president, Mrs. John Loose, (left) showing the newly elected president, Miss Bertha Koester, (right) the organization's canning accomplishments of last summer.

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The anticipation of going to the Circus, planning and making Valentines to give to their best boy and girl friends or parents and teachers on Valentine Day, wondering who will be chosen QUEEN and KING of the Circus, plus the usual winter sports including league basketball, keep our children happily interested and occupied between Christmas and Easter. —

The important day, however, which is uppermost in the minds of a certain group is Palm Sunday. And it is a pleasure to see the eagerness with which these confirmands study their Catechism lessons in order that they might complete the course in time for confirmation day. All strive to make perfect scores on their semi-weekly written tests which most of them succeed in doing. —

Our girls are real proud of their cooking and sewing accomplishments. Two of our teachers, the Misses Miriam Mueller and Marion Lenz teach the sewing class and Miss Joan Shaw of the Edison Company and Miss Helen Szajna, one of our teachers teach cooking. Some of our boys are doing nice work in the craft shop under Mr. Paul Paetsch's directions.

Deaconess Marie Bliefnick is very proud of her hospital first-aid kitchen equipment which includes cupboards, sink, stove and counter. Our Ladies Auxiliary had these conveniences installed at a cost of \$1,076.00.

The Macomb Ephphatha Chapter of our Auxiliary also was most helpful to us in supplying our wants during the past year. In addition to replacing dining-room dishes and cooking utensils, it provided a partial scholarship for one of our indigent pupils and supplied us with a much needed new audiometer, a hearing-testing device which is a necessary equipment in all schools for the deaf. — In its recent annual meeting this fast-growing auxiliary resolved to select one of our school's major needs for its prime project toward which to work this year. — More power to you, good "Marthas" of the Ephphatha Chapter.

A number of Ladies Societies from near and far have also written to ask what they might do for our School in the line of sewing. For such we always have a prepared list ready which, upon such inquiries, is dispatched to them, post haste, because in a household as large as ours there is constant need of such items as towels, bedsheets, pajamas, pillow cases, etc., etc.

CIRCUS DAY, February fifth, was again a gala day for our entire school and staff. All enjoyed the bus ride to the Circus and seeing the many circus animals, actors and actresses perform. But, seemingly, the treats of



The newly organized Deaf Children's Choral Speaking group directed by Miss Grace Mannen, one of our teachers, added considerably to the decor and spirit of our Children's Christmas Program.

candy, Cracker Jack, pop, ice cream, and hot dogs, which the Grosse Pointe Lions Club provided in addition were the things the youngsters enjoyed most of all.

Three Circus Clowns again brought their acts right to our school where they gave a much appreciated private performance for about forty-five minutes. For this entire treat which has become an annual affair, we owe sincere thanks to the Grosse Pointe Lions Club and especially also to our good friend, Freddie Meier, the florist, who is the Club's Circus committee chairman.

The happiest people at the Circus were, of course, our Circus Queen and King, Jernette Cherry of San Antonio, Texas, and Raymond Gay of Chicago, Illinois, selected by the Lions Club. These two were honored by being driven around the Arena in a new Pontiac convertible at the head of the Circus parade. Jernette wore a beautiful tiara and carried a large bouquet of American Beauty roses. The King wore a golden crown made of paper.

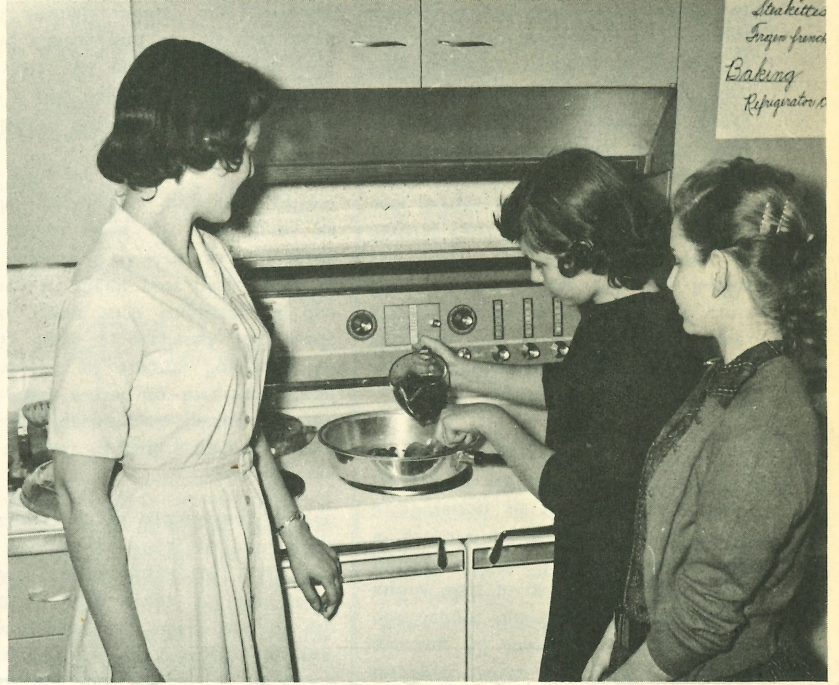
The Council of Lutheran Agencies met in the Detroit Statler-Hilton Hotel on January twenty-ninth and thirtieth. After the Friday morning meeting all members were taken in our School bus for a chicken dinner and a visit to our school. The prime purpose of the Detroit meeting was to prepare the materials for an hour's presentation of the various agencies endeavors on the floor of the San Francisco convention.

During January talks and live demonstrations were made by Mr. W. Bellhorn, Mr. H. Holste, Mrs. Agnes Hance and the writer before Kiwanis Clubs, Lions Clubs, P.T.A.'s, Ladies and other church organizations. — Several Girls Clubs provided Christmas parties for various groups of our pupils. — Several group visitors have already been entertained in the New Year, and more are scheduled. Every Wednesday is group visiting day. Organizations wishing to arrange a bus excursion to Detroit to visit our school should contact us early for open dates.

A HOME ECONOMICS CLASS IN ACTION



Instructor Miss Joan Shaw of the Detroit Edison Company and Miss Helen Szajna, one of our teachers, teaching the names of the various electrical appliances, utensils, cooking and baking processes, and foods, the first step in the art of preparing meals in a modern kitchen. L. to R.: Yvonne Hunt, Ohio; Linda Baetz, Canada; Georgia Ernster, Montana; Charlotte Daily, Texas; and Jernette Cherry, Texas.



L. to R.: Miss Shaw, Georgia Ernster and Charlotte Daily have decided to bake refrigerator cookies.

Miss Joan Shaw of the Detroit Edison Company supervises the mixing of the proper ingredients and proportions by Linda Baetz and Jernette Cherry.



Now for the test. — Class members anxiously await the answer to the big question, "How did we do?" The happy expressions of Joe Greer, Dr. Klein and Bill Hoffmeyer give the awaited answer "Mmm, good."



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