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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

How much does it mean to you that Jesus sacrificed heaven and came to earth and humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, for you? Do you say: "That suffering and death means everything to me — I am deeply grateful to Jesus for what He has done for me?"

If that is your sincere conviction you will certainly want to give evidence of it in many ways. Self-evidently you will desire to heed His words: "Go ye unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature", by a wholehearted support of your local congregation, and the district and world wide mission program of our Church.

If you really love Jesus, you will, however, also give attention to the many other directives He gave His followers. He told them to do good and to communicate unto the poor. He assured them that pure religion and undefiled is to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction. He informed His hearers when He preached that they were to receive the little children in His name, with the assurance that as they received them, they also received Him. In His Word He tells us to bear one another's burdens and not to curse the deaf.

As we think of Him in this post Easter season and how He loved people, particularly poor afflicted and handicapped people, may we think too, of what He would have us do; as we make our regular contributions for the alleviation of the suffering handicapped and needy.

We realize that due to the present economic situation people cannot contribute as freely and liberally as they would like. And that, no doubt, is also the reason why this year, to date, FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY less readers have responded to our annual appeal than responded to our previous appeal. This amounted to a reduced income of \$8,540.00 for operational purposes. We earnestly hope and pray that as employment conditions improve and incomes return to normalcy the cause of "the least of the Lord's brethren" will also again be remembered more generously by our readers.

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 \$..... and/or the following described real estate and/or stocks and bonds.

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

COMPETITIVE SPORTS

The children at Lutheran School for the Deaf engage in competitive sports of all types, — football, basketball, volleyball, track and baseball. The boys have a thorough program in which they compete with children from various Lutheran day schools of the area. This not only gives them training and familiarity with the sports their hearing peers have but it also is one more opportunity to integrate with the hearing world, — for which they must be equipped. Their deafness is a handicap in some sports because of the incidental sounds they miss — the crack of a bat, the starting gun in track, a referee's whistle, the call from a team mate, etc. But sports are a wonderful means whereby to learn how, despite their handicap, not only to play games without such signals and clues, but also to get along in all life and activities without too many so-called crutches.

Receiving education through one's eyes alone demands close attention and concentration throughout the day. Therefore, it is even more essential for the deaf that they be given activities out of school for relaxation and a change of pace. This can well be accomplished through sports and physical exercises. The latter are also valuable for body building and physical fitness for the teaching and practice of obedience to the rules of games and the respect for officials and the decisions they make.

Through the years we have had good teams and not so good teams, winning years and losing years. But to quote an oft repeated maxim "it's not whether you win or lose but how you play the game" that counts. Sportsmanship and fair play can be talked about and explained in the classroom, but there is only one place to really learn it, and that is on the playing field. We may say that sportsmanship is Christian conduct in athletics. At any rate, a person's Christian character definitely shows both when losing or winning a game and especially when the game is a close one. And so by applying Christian training of the children to athletics we can hope that they will be better able to make the transfer to other life situations after they have left our school.

Exchange Club Presents Britannica

The boys and girls of the Lutheran School for the Deaf as well as its entire teaching staff extend sincere
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Yours

The health condition of our pupils has been remarkably good. However, some of our teaching and household staff members had the "flu" . . .

Mr. Rudolph Weiss, our fireman and maintenance man, because of advanced age, desires to be relieved of the boiler work but continue to do maintenance and yard work. To fill the boiler-room vacancy we are looking for a man who is not only a fireman, but one who is also a mechanic, hence able to make simple electrical, plumbing, and carpenter repairs. . .

Mrs. Emily Lietke, nee Born, who has been a teacher in our school twenty-four years, has decided to retire at the close of this school year. . .

Since we already have one teacher vacancy we shall need two teachers to fill vacancies next September. For one of the vacancies we have engaged Miss Joan Kern for whom we provided a scholarship and who will have completed her special training for our work at Wayne State University in June. For the other vacancy we are still looking for a teacher. . .

To provide for future teachers we applied to Synod's Placement Committee for two students to whom we will offer scholarships to take special training to become teachers in our school. . .

On Palm Sunday eleven of our pupils were confirmed in our Chapel. Parents and friends of the confirmands came to be present at this unique and sacred service. They were our school's guests for the dinner given the confirmands. . .

Our Ladies Auxiliary again, as always, gave the confirmands the usual confirmation gifts consisting of a Red Letter Bible, a prayer book, and a beautiful Augsburg confirmation certificate. . .

We hope that the readers like the "new look" of The Deaf Child's Advocate which is now being published in Detroit. . .

Materials, including all picture slides required of our agency, for the joint presentation of the activities of the Council of Lutheran Agencies at the occasion of the San Francisco Convention of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod were prepared and forwarded to be assembled. . .

An informative folder, prepared and printed, is now available for free distribution.

Desiring to increase the circulation of The Advocate, we ask that our readers send us the names and addresses of friends who might be interested in receiving this publication free.

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ADVICE TO PARENTS

June marks the closing of the school term. To children in residential schools for the deaf this is a very exciting time. It is a time when several thousand deaf children will trek to their homes from the residential schools where they spend a large portion of the formative years of their lives.

The homecoming is a joyous occasion. However, the joy soon simmers down under the pressures and tensions of the adjustments that must be made. Both the family and the child have serious adjustment problems to make at each homecoming.

The older the child grows the more complicated the problems become. He must cope with varied adjustments within his close family circle, the broader family unit, and the community in which his family resides.

In the school the deaf child experiences a reasonable degree of security because all situations are geared to meet his special needs, hence, it has become his most natural environment. The school staff is composed of persons trained to recognize his requirements and problems and to cope with them in an adequate manner. Frustrations for the child are, therefore, minimized in this environment where he is not a minority factor as he is in his home and in the home community.

Communication skills are the major barriers the deaf child and his associates must overcome to make a successful integration. Parents are urged to treat their deaf Tom the same as they treat their hearing Dick and Harry. Allowances should be made for his language difficulties which arise. He should be given the advantage of good light on the speaker's face and distinct speech patterns to read. One should accept no more gestures from him and permit no more facial grimaces than are accepted from other members of the family.

Parents should acquaint themselves with the child's level of achievement. After teachers and housemothers have advised parents in this area, the parents should accept nothing less than their child's best.

When at home the child is constantly sizing and judging his parents and other members of the family. He will make the most of their weaknesses in respect to ordered discipline. However, no one enjoys a totally unstructured environment particularly not a deaf child who depends much upon patterns to guide him in his understanding and interpreting of situations. His comprehensions of situations controls, to a great degree, his behavior. If you question his understanding of what has been said to him have him repeat your statement. Because the deaf are prone to say "Yes" to what is said to them, one should always verify any seemingly misunderstood statements.

The deaf child is a growing, moral being, with a conscience and a strong desire to please. Help him to achieve acceptable behavior and you will have made his acceptance in the community pleasant for him, for your family, your friends and neighbors.

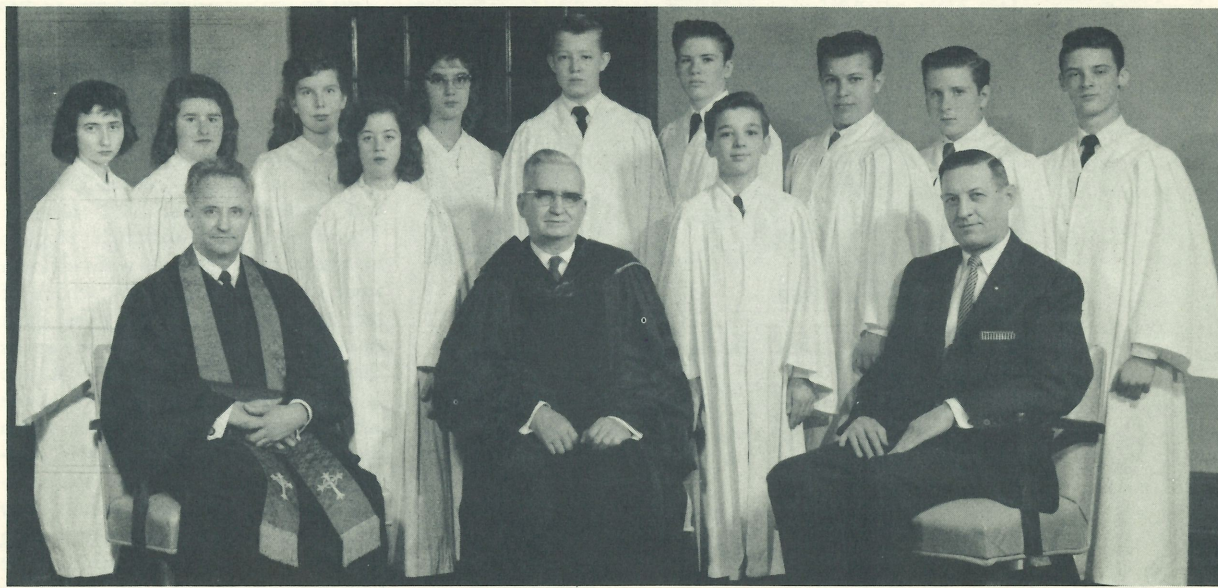


Photo by Windhorst

The 1959 Class of Confirmands. Standing L. to R. Betty Lou Schwartz, Utica, Michigan; Georgia Ernster, Montana; Jernette Ann Cherry, San Antonio, Texas; Charlotte Ann Daily, San Antonio, Texas; Yvonne Hunt, Akron, Ohio; Romeo Baker, Indiana; William Hoffmeyer, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Dennis Hall, Toledo, Ohio; Raymond Gay, Chicago, Illinois; Joseph Greer, Maumee, Ohio; David Peters, Chicago, Illinois.

Seated: Rev. N. E. Borchardt, Dr. J. A. Klein, Walter J. Bellhorn.

Jernette Cherry and Charlotte Daily only reaffirmed their confirmation vows because they were confirmed by their local pastor and attended our school primarily for a refresher course in religion and for further secular education.

✠ FORMER PUPILS CALLED TO ETERNAL HOME ✠

In our February issue of the Advocate we published a letter from Mrs. Christel Erdman Grill in which she told us that Wilma Pollmacher LeMare, her dear friend and a former pupil of our school, had died. In this issue it is our sad lot to report that word has reached us that Christel, who wrote the letter and who attended Wilma's funeral, also passed away in Baltimore, Maryland, leaving a husband and three young children.

Christel was confirmed and graduated from our school in 1935. She later attended Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C., where she was graduated as a teacher with a B.A. degree. After her graduation she joined our school's teaching staff for one year. She then returned to Washington, D. C. where she was employed until she married Mr. Grill and lived in Baltimore.

Word also reached us that Arthur Scheiman of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, a former pupil of our school was called to his eternal reward. Arthur was confirmed and graduated from our school in 1921. After High School he became a master baker and also was

a lifelong member of the Ft. Wayne Lutheran deaf congregation. He was not married.

A letter from Mrs. Leland informed us that the father of Robert Leland, a former pupil of our school died in Kent, Ohio.

To the bereaved relatives of these departed saints we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy and pray for them a blessed reunion in heaven.



Jernette Ann Cherry, our 1959 Circus Queen.



The Orthodontist showing officers of the Exchange Club how he had corrected the alignment of Jane Anderson's teeth.

PRESENTS BRITANNICA

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and heartfelt thanks to the gentlemen of the New Center Detroit Exchange Club. Through the thoughtfulness of this Club our school is the recipient of a beautiful complete set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, the gift of the National Exchange Club.

Books like friends become more valued the longer one knows them. Learning to use the Encyclopaedia will be an interesting task and a most useful skill when mastered. The deaf, due to their vocabulary and language handicap, find it necessary to turn to books as a source for much of their desired information. And when such need arises they, like everyone else, turn to a familiar reference. The National Exchange Club through the New Center Exchange Club has made it possible for the Encyclopaedia Britannica to become such a reference book for our boys and girls.

The complete Encyclopaedia Britannica consists of twenty-four volumes, beautifully bound in red and green cloth, two large volumes of the Britannica World Language Dictionary bound in brown leather, and one large Encyclopaedia Britannica Atlas. The approximate value of this fine gift is in excess of \$400.00. The boys and girls and the educational staff are truly appreciative of this wonderful teaching and reference aid.

The New Center Detroit Exchange Club has also, in other ways, been most helpful to our school. It engaged the services of an orthodontist to realign the deformed teeth of one of our girls, and it provided special eye care for one of the school's staff members. For all their kind and thoughtful deeds the School and its Board of Management are most grateful to the members of the New Center Detroit Exchange Club.

DID YOU KNOW?

That the Lutheran Church is the largest Protestant church in the world?

That eighty million (80,000,000) of the two hundred million (200,000,000) Protestants in the world are Lutherans?

That there are Lutherans in almost every country in the world?

That there are seven million five hundred thousand (7,500,000) Lutherans in the United States?

That the Lutheran Church has more full-time ministers to the Deaf than any other Protestant church?

That of the three private Protestant Schools for the Deaf in the United States two are of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

That in June of this year a totally deaf, former pupil of the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf, William Ludwig, will be ordained as the first Lutheran DEAF missionary.



Playing Musical Chairs at a party given our pupils by teachers and their classes at the Osborne High School.

TO PASTORS

You will soon be ordering your envelope set for 1960.

Concordia Publishing House or any other concern will gladly number and insert our envelopes in your packets without cost to you. Simply include instructions with your order. If a supply house other than Concordia is used, tell us how many envelopes are desired and where to send them.



Encyclopaedia Britannica, a gift to our School by the New Center Exchange Club. L. to R. Dr. J. A. Klein; Barbara Gossman, Columbus, Indiana; Yvonne Hunt, Akron, Ohio; Jane Anderson, St. Ann, Illinois; Mr. Joseph Dolan of the Exchange Club.

INCIDENTALLY... Yours

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Send us as many names as possible, and we will place them on our free mailing list. . .

Mr. Paul Peetsch and Mr. Kennedy continue their activities in our well-equipped shop as volunteer teachers of woodcraft. Our boys eagerly await their coming every Saturday. . . Mr. H. Holste, one of our teachers teaches leathercraft. . .

The missionary importance of our school was again emphasized when five of our little deaf pupils, who were enrolled with us last September, were brought to their Savior through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. . .

Forty-five of our youngsters were feasted and entertained by The Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church Men's Club at the occasion of a Father-Son-Daughter Banquet. . . In May, Guardian Lutheran Men's Club will take our entire School family to the Zoo for a basket picnic. . .

Tickets to the Flower Show for all pupils were supplied by Mr. Shad. . .

Mt. Calvary Y. P. S. and several classes of Osborn High School provided enjoyable parties for groups of our pupils. . .

Volunteer workers mean much to us since the valuable services they render is done gratis. Stuffing envelopes, addressing mail, posting receipts, supervising children, serving visiting groups, teaching woodcraft, cooking and sewing, etc., are some of the activities at which they lend a helping hand. . . Mrs. Shad and Mrs. Cook are our volunteer cooking teachers and Mrs. Walter Haller assists at the addressing machine. . .

Our Detroit Ladies Auxiliary celebrated its 85th Anniversary in a Chapel Service at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 7th. A luncheon and the regular monthly meeting followed the service. . . The Ladies' annual Spring Fair will be held on Tuesday, April 21st, with a smorgasbord at NOON and dinner in the evening. . .

Group visitors are scheduled for every Wednesday until June. And many speaking and demonstrating engagements have been accepted for weeks ahead. . .

the LETTERBOX

Grosse Pointe Kiwanis Club
Dear Dr. Klein:

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Grosse Pointe Kiwanis Club to extend to you and to Mrs. Hance our most sincere thanks for a very inspiring and educational program delivered to our club this past Tuesday evening. If you could only have heard the comments made by the members of our club, you would know how well received this program was. We also want to thank the children that were here with Mrs. Hance. They were just wonderful.

Please accept the enclosed check to help keep up the wonderful work that is being carried on by you and your staff.

Very truly yours,
Conrad A. Naegel,
Vice-President

Osborn High School
Detroit 5, Mich.

Dear Dr. Klein,
Faculty and Children:

Our Child Care Class at Osborn wishes to thank you for the interesting visit to your school last semester. We are indeed grateful for the opportunity to visit your classes and to observe the marvelous accomplishment you are making with the children who cannot hear.

We are also grateful to you for the pleasure you gave us in being able to give a party for a few of your children.

"I was certainly overjoyed at long last to have the privilege of seeing the marvelous Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit. I congratulate you upon a wonderful piece of work in the upbuilding of our Saviour's Kingdom."—Dr. Eugene Bertermann, Ph.D. . .

Our film, "The World of Silence" was televised by WXIX-TV, Milwaukee on March 8th. And we have a report that it was well received. The School's Board of Management is seriously considering the production of a new film, one which can also be adapted for televising. . .

Our two Kindergarten rooms require new furniture as well as sound proof floor covering. The approximate cost of this equipment is \$600.00 per room. Gifts from readers for this much needed improvement would be greatly appreciated. All gifts to our school are deductible for income tax purposes. . .

If you have read the list of required items as it was published in the February issue of the Advocate, you may remember that we also should be thinking of a new liquid duplicator and another typewriter. . .

The Immanuel Ladies Auxiliary of Broadlands, Illinois, who for years have sent us two cases of eggs for Easter, have again remembered our large family with such a gift. Mrs. John Gramzow of Richmond, Mich-

It was so good of you to bring them over, since transportation is such a problem. We hope that the children will enjoy the enclosed snap shots taken at the party.

Very truly yours,
Mary B. Todd, Teacher

Mondovia, Wis.

Dear Dr. Klein:

I must write a line to you once to let you know how much we think of your school. When we were first married we lived in Detroit and often came to see your school as we knew Gayle Knospe who went to school there. Later our first child was born handicapped. And at the age of ten spent two years steady in a hospital. I was glad that I could at least talk to her. I thought of the deaf children then more than ever and realized how much they needed a school and especially one that taught them about their Savior, which was something their parents couldn't do.

My child was a patient in Minneapolis at the same time Gayle was working there. There she often came to visit my daughter Gloria.

Enclosed is our gift to your school which we enjoy sending every year at this time. We fully enjoy reading the Advocate and thank you for sending it to us.

Ruth and Ross Van Brunt
and children

igan, also brought us one case of fresh eggs. Mr. Ray Honsinger of Northville, Michigan sent us fifteen bushels of fine handpicked spy apples. May God bless one and all of these generous and thoughtful friends. . .

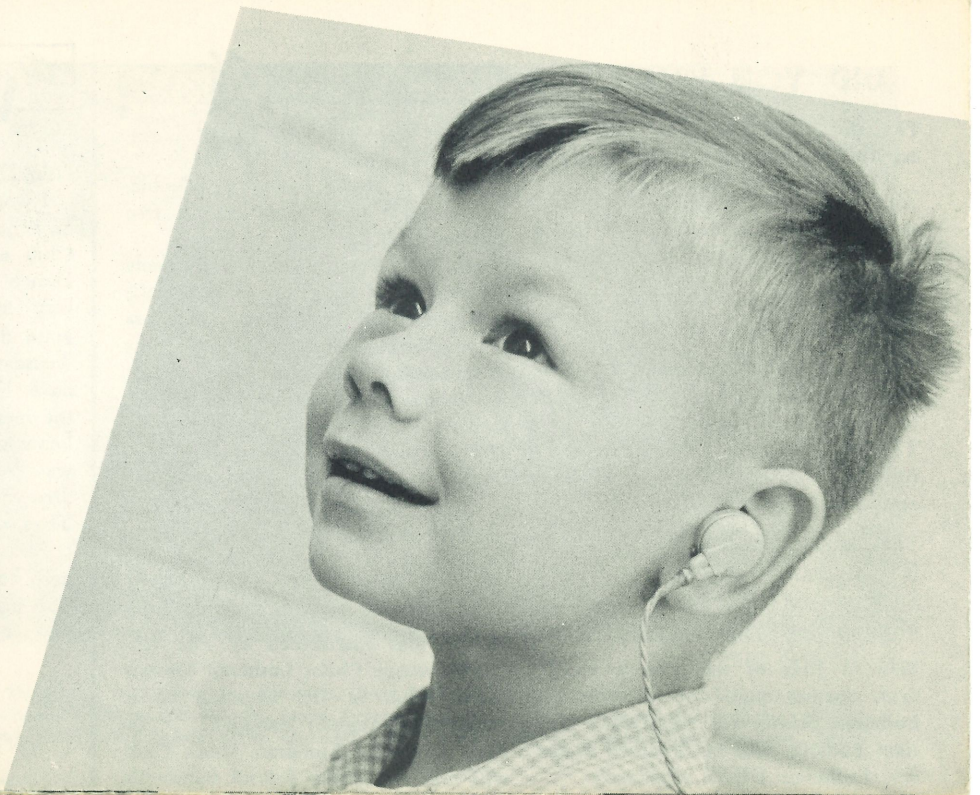
Mr. Kloepel of Utica, Michigan, from whom we received a \$2,000.00 pupil-scholarship, was called to his eternal home. There he will receive the everlasting praise of our Redeemer and the deaf children whom he helped to find their Savior. . .

In June, Sandra Clack, one of our former pupils, will be graduated from the High School Department of the Michigan School for the Deaf. It is her desire to become a Lutheran Deaconess with a view of serving the deaf in social welfare and church work. We have contacted the Superintendent of the Lutheran Deaconess Association, the Reverend A. Krentz, concerning this matter. And we hope that ways and means can be found for Sandra to gratify her ambitions. . .

Comments on our film "The World of Silence": "Wonderful, the best we have seen." — Mrs. Arthur Eggers, Louisville, Ky. . . "Very informative. Made one proud to have such a fine school. All who saw it were favorably impressed. We hope it will bear fruit for more financial support for the school."—George Krueger, Teacher, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota. . .

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The girls soon learn that laying out an apron pattern requires both skill and knowledge. L. to R.: Jane Orr, Mansfield, Ohio; Betty Lou Schwarz, Utica, Michigan; and Teacher Miss Marion Lenz.



The waist band must be made just so to accomplish a neat fit. Pressing, too, comes into play. L. to R.: Teacher Miriam Mueller, Betty Lou Schwarz and Jernette Cherry, San Antonio, Texas.



A few more stitches and Charlotte Daily, San Antonio, Texas, will have her mother's gift completed.



The sewing machine does the job so much faster after you have the "know how." L. to R.: Yvonne Hunt, Akron, Ohio and Miss Lenz.