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Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind. Lev. 19:14.

But refuse profane and old wives fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness. . . . Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. I Tim. 4:7, 8.

THOUGHTS

POWER TO LOVE

On the cross on Calvary's Hill we see an immeasurable fountain of renewing love. — Anyone can love the loveable. We are drawn to the gracious, the nobly endowed. But how many of us can be kind to the warped and ugly. Let a man prove false; let his temper flare, let him take advantage of us and immediately we "freeze" into an attitude of hatred and loathing.

We think of the wards of charities. It isn't their fault. — but —. Various thoughts come to our mind. And we ask: Why can't parents take care of and provide for their own flesh and blood? Why can't sons and daughters provide for their aged parents? Why not let the State take care of all the handicapped such as the blind, the deaf, and others? Why should I contribute to the support of a special school for deaf children?

For answers to these questions let us turn to the Cross where we see an inexhaustible fountain of love. Here we see that despite our ugliness of heart and sin He, our Lord and Savior, died for us. Out of love for us He gave His life that we may live. He bore the burden of our sins for us. And all that He asks of us now is that we manifest our gratitude and love to Him by lending a helping hand to the downtrodden, the lonely, and the forgotten, to be a "Simon of Cyrene" helping to bear the cross that is too heavy for them to bear alone. And, if we but turn to the Cross the springs of love will start flowing and we will be increasingly mindful of the needs of "the least of His brethren."

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.

INCIDENTALLY *Yours*

Engaged - Married

Word has reached us that Roberta Clawson, now employed by the Detroit Edison Company, is engaged to be married and that Monica Gable of Ft. Wayne was married to M. L. Laughlin. . . .

Talks - Demonstrations

During the past two months talks and demonstrations were given before no less than eighteen service clubs, church organizations and University and school classes. And no less than twenty group visitors were entertained. We are now ready to schedule such visits for next fall. . . .

Camping

Our boys' club enjoyed a weekend camping trip. And all children were taken to the Zoo for a basket picnic by Guardian Men's Club. For Easter eggs and favors, dolls, candy, cookies received from friends, Girl Scout Troops, and other organizations, we are most grateful. . . .

Martha Services

The school's Ladies Auxiliary held a successful Spring Fair together with Smorgasbord at noon and steak dinner in the evening. On April 7 this organization celebrated its 85th Anniversary with divine service. . . .

Reunions

The class of 1909 of Concordia Teachers College now at River Forest will hold its 50th anniversary reunion within our walls June 23 and 24. — We extend an invitation to other class reunions be they graduates of River Forest or any of our other Concordias. We think that Detroit is a wonderful city and that our school affords ideal accommodations for such reunions. . . .

Invitation

We invite all pastors, teachers, and other friends of our school and their families, when on vacation and traveling through Detroit to spend a night with us. We will give you a night's lodging and a breakfast and then send you away happy and relaxed. . . .

Teacher-Trainees

We are happy to state that because of our item "Wanted: Teacher-trainees" in our February issue, we received no less than ten inquiries from students. We sincerely hope that some of them will accept our scholarship offer and take training to become teachers of the deaf.

DEAF IN SMALL COMMUNITIES

"It is always interesting to read about the work being done by our missionaries of the deaf (Feb. 24, 1959, Witness, pp. 14, 15). We are thankful to God that there are such dedicated men to serve in this field. Most of these men are located in the metropolitan areas. But what about the deaf in smaller communities? Perhaps our experience will serve to inspire others to do something about the deaf in their areas.

Last fall Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Taylor moved into our community. Both are Lutheran, and both are totally deaf. Our closest deaf worker is in Denver. Mr. Taylor is instructor in physical education at the Utah State School for the Deaf in Ogden. Mrs. Taylor (nee Nancy Coston) is a graduate of our Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, Michigan, and is a hospital laboratory technician. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are graduates of Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C.

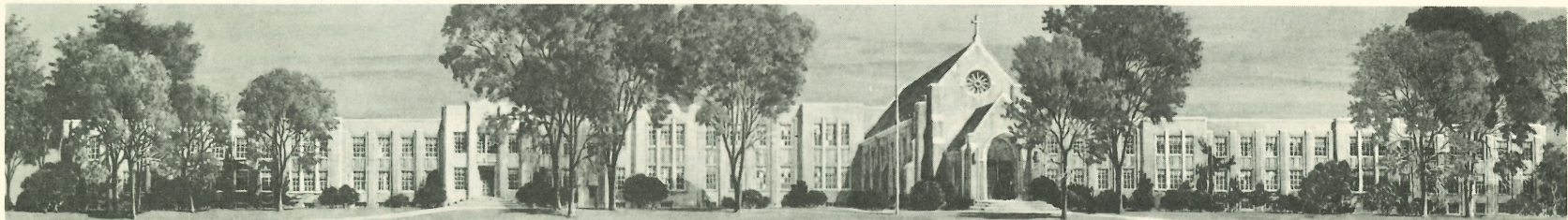
Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are now communicant members of St. Paul's Church in Ogden. When I type my sermon, I make a carbon copy. The ushers hand the copy to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor when they come into church. They follow the order of service in the hymnal and read their copy of the sermon as I preach. The Taylors receive Communion with the rest of the congregation, reading my lips during the distribution.

St. Paul's is very happy to be able to serve this fine Christian couple. The Taylors, too, are very satisfied with this arrangement, and their regular church attendance indicates they enjoy worshipping with our hearing congregation. The effort on our part is so little, and the rewards are so great. We recommend this arrangement to any congregation willing to put forth the effort and to any deaf people unable to attend their own services regularly. Ogden, Utah

Rev. Edgar P. Kaiser"

in Lutheran Witness

Editor's Note: The above is a plan which the editor of this paper has long advocated but which so far only a few pastors and congregations have adopted. We sincerely hope that many more pastors and congregations may soon follow Pastor Kaiser's plan and so become real Christian friends of our Lord's forgotten people.



VACATION

The annual summer vacation period begins on Sunday, June 14, after the festival service. Parents who will attend the service may take their children home immediately after its close.

For all pupils who will have to travel alone by bus, train or plane, we must insist that the transportation tickets be in our hands at least two weeks prior to the date of departure.

We prefer that the parents purchase the ticket and make all necessary reservations. However, where that is not feasible, we ask that we be given four weeks notice and that the necessary funds accompany such notice. We require that much time to secure all reservations and purchase the tickets. Parents, kindly give us your wholehearted cooperation in this matter.

TWO OLD FAVORITES

There have been hundreds of articles written about how difficult it is to teach language to the deaf. Whenever we see such an article, we are reminded of two little poems. They have been making the rounds of school papers for a good many years, but they never fail to interest us.

This poem, dealing with double-meanings of words, we can use to good advantage in the classroom:

Where can a man buy a cap for his knee
Or a key for the lock of his hair?
Can his eyes be called a school
Because there are pupils there?
In the crown of his head what gems are found?
Who travels the bridge on his nose?
Can he use when building the roof of his mouth,
The nails on the ends of his toes?
Can the crook of his elbow be sent to jail?
If so, what did it do?
How can he sharpen his shoulder blades?
I'll be hanged if I know, do you?
Can he sit in the shade of the palm of his hand,
Or beat the drum of his ear?
Can the calves of his leg eat the corn on his toe?
If so, why not grow corn on the ear?

Plurals of words often cause confusion among the deaf, as is illustrated by this amusing verse:

We'll begin with box; the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes.
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese;
Yet the plural of mouse should never be meese.
You may find a lone mouse or a whole nest of mice.
But the plural of house is houses not hice.
If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
The cow in the plural may be called cows or kine;
But a bow, if repeated, is never called bine;
And the plural of vow is vows, never vine.
If I speak of a foot and you show me two feet,
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?
If the singular's this, and the plural is these,
Should the plural of kiss ever be written keese?
Then one may be that, and two would be those,
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose.
And the plural of cat is cats, and not cose.
We speak of a brother and also of brethren
But though we say mother, we never say methren.
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him;
But imagine the feminine, she, shis and shim!
So the English, I think you all will agree,
Is the funniest language you ever did see.

A deaf person who has never heard a spoken word in his life is indeed a wonderful person if he manages to acquire a reasonably fluent command of colloquial English.

—The Pelican

THE PRAYER OF THE DEAFENED

God, grant that I may know
So little need of sound
That I may lightly bear
The chain by which I'm bound.

God, will it so to be
That out of silence grim
I may be brought to see
My kinship nearer Him.

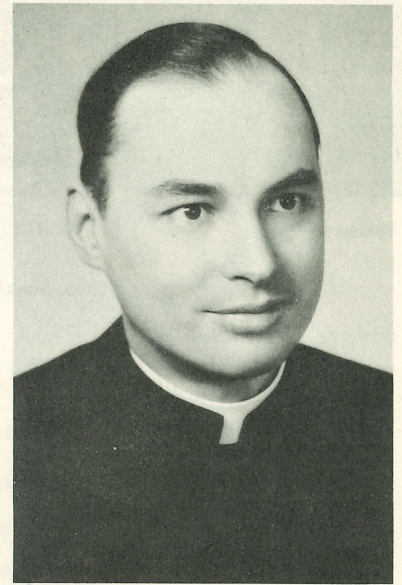
God, since I cannot hear,
Grant You this boon to me —
A vision strong and clear
The way of life to see.

Life, love and beauty, all
Were made to see, to feel.

God, grant that I may call
These mine, and find life real.

Palmetto Leaf, S. C.

FESTIVAL SPEAKER



The Reverend T. A. Daniel of Outer Drive-Faith Lutheran Church, Festival Speaker.

TEACHER TRAINEES ARE SOUGHT

A unique and challenging opportunity is offered to students who want to get a master's degree scot-free and become specialists in a profession that is rewarding both financially and in terms of personal satisfaction. The profession is that of teaching the deaf and hard of hearing. The master's degree is offered at Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C. The cost is nothing except a desire to enter this rapidly expanding field and willingness to give a year's time to study and preparation.

Let us suppose that you have completed your bachelor's degree, can devote another year to study, provided it costs you nothing, and would like an opportunity to become an expert in a field that promises unusual openings all over the United States and in foreign countries. You apply for a graduate fellowship, spend a winter in exciting Washington, D. C., at government expense, and, upon your graduation take your pick of literally hundreds of jobs.

But, you ask, why is a field that is so easy to enter and so rewarding, not overcrowded? The answer is simply that too few people know about it. Deafness is a problem that has been with us all through the years. But, until recently, few people realized that anything could be done to help this handicapped group. Hearing testing through modern electronic devices, and an awakening to the fact that work with the deaf and hard of hearing was not receiving its proper attention in schools, suddenly brought this matter into the focus of attention. As a result, classes for those with hearing impairment have appeared like dandelions in the spring, but the supply of teachers has lagged. This is where you come in.

By joining the training class at Gallaudet College, doing your study and practice teaching in Kendall School, laboratory school of the college, and qualifying for certification with a standard master's degree, you can become a specialist. In addition to board, room and tuition while you study, you will receive a small monthly stipend for personal expenses. Scholarships are available for next year.

STUDENTS VISIT SCHOOLS

As a student at Gallaudet you will not only receive careful training for your work, but will have an opportunity to visit leading schools on the eastern seaboard, enjoy the sights and cultural opportunities of a winter in Washington, D. C., study in the library of Congress and in the best libraries in the world on the education of the deaf, and learn to operate and use the modern equipment which is a part of the education of the deaf and hard of hearing. All this is yours for the asking if you have a college degree and a 4-cent stamp. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, write to

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
GALLAUDET COLLEGE
WASHINGTON 2, D. C.

Full particulars and an application will be sent on request. Why not act NOW?

ANNUAL FESTIVAL

The 86th annual school-closing festival will be held on Sunday, June 14. All friends and supporters of the School are cordially and urgently invited to this interesting and impressive celebration.

In order that all visitors may come directly from their own church services and so arrive in time to view the colorful program which will be staged by our deaf pupils at 2:00 o'clock, the school's Ladies Auxiliary will serve a full noonday dinner. Lunches and other refreshments will also be available.

The solemn religious service for which a well known pastor will preach the sermon will follow the children's program. Good choir numbers and organ music will assist at beautifying this outdoor church service.

***** BEQUESTS *****

Word has reached us that sainted Mrs. Minnie Bosch of Corning, Missouri, remembered our school for deaf children in her last will and testament to the extent of about \$3,000.00. The proceeds from this legacy will be designated for partial scholarships for deaf children enrolled in our school from Missouri. Such bequests are truly wonderful and most God-pleasing memorials and eternity will reveal the blessing they have wrought — We also were privileged to receive a payment from the Clara Bringman estate. — May our dear Lord move ever more of His saints to "Lay up for themselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. Math. 6:20.

ASK AND YE SHALL RECEIVE

In the February issue of this little paper we published a list of needed items, but for which we did not have designated funds. A number of our readers responded to this appeal. And as a result we now have a new flag, a slide projector, a promise for the requested confirmation gowns, tools for our Leathercraft class, some funds towards the purchase of a sound projector, and our own Ladies Auxiliary has undertaken to gather the necessary funds for the purchase of a new station wagon. For all these fine offerings we are most grateful to all the generous donors. And we wish upon them our Lord's richest blessings.

There are, however, still a number of items which we must have. We had hoped that a good farmer might send us a used single or double tractor plow, just the plow, not the tractor. Not having received one, we are still hoping. Besides the plow, we need: —

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| 1. The two portable blackboards @ \$25.00 | \$ 50.00 |
| 2. A Typewriter | 185.00 |
| 3. A Spirit Duplicator | 200.00 |
| 4. Two Copies of our Film @ \$112.00 | 224.00 |
| 5. Furniture for two class rooms @ \$300.00 | 600.00 |
| 6. One Multigraph | 600.00 |
| 7. Annual Teacher Trainee Scholarship | 300.00 |
| 8. Annual Pupil Scholarships | 100.00 - 2,000.00 |
| 9. Auditory - training sound records | 90.00 |
| 10. Ten Language Masters and cards, each | 370.00 |

Any and all offerings by our readers for these items will be most gratefully received.

THE WORLD OF SILENCE

Following are some comments on our School's very interesting color-sound film: —

"Very enlightening. Should be shown more often".

L. W. M. League, St. Paul, Minn.

"Exceptional and appreciated by all. Running time was forty minutes but one hour's run would not be too long".

Sunday School of St. James, Montague, Mich.

"Excellent! Touching scenes."

Harold Hoffmann, Principal, Paulinna, Iowa

"Remarkable! Wonderful! Never knew of this fine institution. It surprised many that so much can be done for a deaf child educationally."

Mrs. John McMille, Tacoma, Washington



Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich.

Dear Dr. Klein:

My staff has recently been at your school conducting some experimental tests for our research program on Verbal Learning in Children with Reduced Auditory Acuity. We all appreciate your willingness to participate in this program and to permit us to use your children. In addition, my staff reports that it was treated better at your school than any place it has been to date. The members wanted me to give you special thanks for the hospitality extended to them.

I am pleased that you and Mrs. Crawford have become acquainted. I have tried many times to break away to come out and visit you, but it seems like the Clinic just moves from one crisis to the other. Now that our training program for teachers of the deaf is becoming stabilized, I would like very much for the three of us to get together to discuss how we might be of mutual help. Perhaps you would like to suggest a time when you are free.

Sincerely yours,

John H. Gaeth, Ph.D.

Sauk Rapids, Minn.

Dear Dr. Klein:

The Mary-Martha Society of Trinity Lutheran Church, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, wishes to sincerely thank you for the film, "World of Silence", which was shown to us at our regular February meeting.

It was a most interesting and educational film; but especially to some of us who have never been faced with situations such as this, it impressed us very forcefully.

Enclosed is our check representing the free will offering taken up at the showing. We will pray for the continuance of this work. — God bless you all.

Mrs. Leonard Skuza, Secy.

Lathrup Village, Mich.

Dear Mr. Bellhorn:

This has been one of the most pleasant trips from Cleveland to Detroit that we have ever taken. My name is Mrs. Wm. F. Miller. I have 4 children who are all traveling with me, and we have had four delightful children from your school across the aisle from us during this trip. We have written notes, learned about lipreading, and become terribly fond of your children in this short span of time.

It is amazing how their handicap — instead of being an affliction — appears in their little hearts and faces to be a blessing. Their sense of humor is terrific. All in all — it has been a wonderful experience for me and my family — and as I have told my children so many times, "The Lord moves in mysterious ways His Wonders to perform." I do believe this short friendship will make better people of my little people, and I just can't tell you what it has meant to me.

We are members of Westminster Church. As I told Arlene — "We are Presbyterians" and when she looked puzzled, I said: "we are all Christians". Much easier to understand, I am sure.

Let me say again — it has been a great pleasure to meet Arlene, Earl, Bob and Larry, and we do hope our friendship will not end at the end of this trip. We all have each other's addresses and birthdays and have had so much fun exchanging same.

May the Lord bless you and your fellow workers abundantly. Only those who truly do for others get the most out of life.

Yours in the Christian spirit.

Mrs. Wm. F. Miller

ADVOCATE READERS

Our little free periodical, "The Deaf Child's Advocate", comes to you bi-monthly. Its purpose is first of all to keep you informed concerning the seriousness of deaf children's handicap, their need of special education in a special school, and then to solicit your Christian interest and support for this so vital and blessed rehabilitation and missionary endeavor.

In order that you may receive prompt delivery of the Advocate we ask that you check your address as it appears on this paper. And if there are any inaccuracies as to house and zone number, or if you receive more than one copy, kindly send us the necessary corrections.

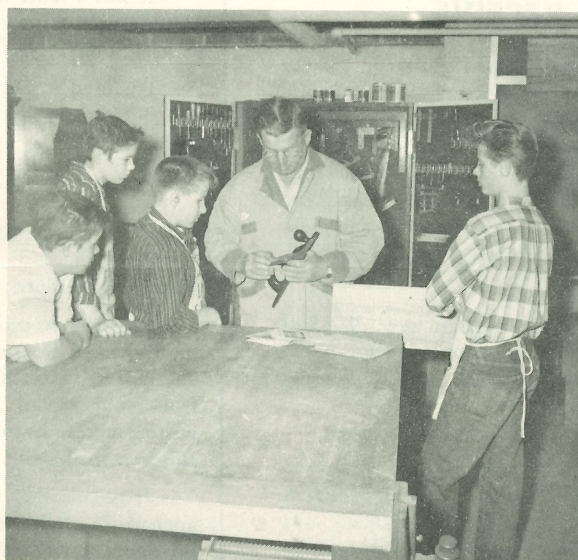
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CREATIVE ACTIVITIES DURING LEISURE HOURS



Busy Hands — Beautifully painted pieces of art are the result of this extra curricular activity. L. to R.: Mrs. Helen Sumner, Instructor, Robert Gates, Ohio, David Ahlness, Minnesota.



Wood Work — Saturday morning is shop time for our older boys under the supervision of Mr. Paul Peetsch.



Leather Craft — Who wouldn't enjoy owning a pair of hand made moccasins? L. to R.: Gerald Schwarz, Illinois, Mr. Herman Holste, Instructor, David Weston, Michigan.



Interesting Hobby — Fancy Jewelry Boxes made of Popsicle sticks. L. to R.: Deaconess Housemother Marie Bliefnick, Bonnie Taylor, Canada, Nancy Jamison, West Virginia.



Beauties enjoying beauties. Valerie French, Tecumseh, Michigan and Bonnie Boman, Chicago, Illinois, admiring a bed of multi-colored tulips.



Outstanding skill in free hand drawing is a special talent of Raymond Gay and David Peters, both of Chicago, Ill.