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*But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. Jb. 23.10.*

*For our light affliction which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. 2 Cor. 4, 17.*

## THOUGHTS

### DOES IT PAY?

The headline of this column is "THOUGHTS". It is possible that some of our readers may, from time to time, think and wonder if their offerings to their Lord's work at the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf really "pay off"; if the services for which they make their contributions actually result in the desired blessings to the needy and handicapped for whom they are intended.

To allay such thoughts and misgivings, we can give our many friends and supporters the assurance that their offerings and sacrifices to this agency of mercy and missions have brought immeasurable spiritual and educational blessings to many hundreds, yes, thousands, of God's Children of Silence during the past eighty-six years.

And God willing and with the constant loyal support of His Christ-loving disciples, this agency will continue to serve and bring the Bread of Life to the deaf for many years to come.

As tangible proof of this School's blessed accomplishments, it gives us pleasure to bring to our many readers the following thought-provoking letter from Rev. William Ludwig, a graduate of our school, as well as news items concerning several of our other former pupils.

Springfield, Ill.

Dear Dr. Klein:

Now that I am at the threshold of graduation from the Seminary and entrance into the all-important holy ministry, a letter of appreciation to the Lutheran School for the Deaf is by no means out of order. Only the Lord knows the great contributions this school has made toward my early physical, moral, and spiritual growth and training. One important contribution of the School was the planting of faith in Christ as my Savior into my heart and nurturing it over the years of elementary religious training in Christian environment. Another significant contribution was the early and thorough instruction in Bible stories and Christian doctrines which provided me with the necessary foundation for the deeper and more advanced theological studies. Therefore, my gratitude toward the Lord for sending me to the Lutheran school is justified.

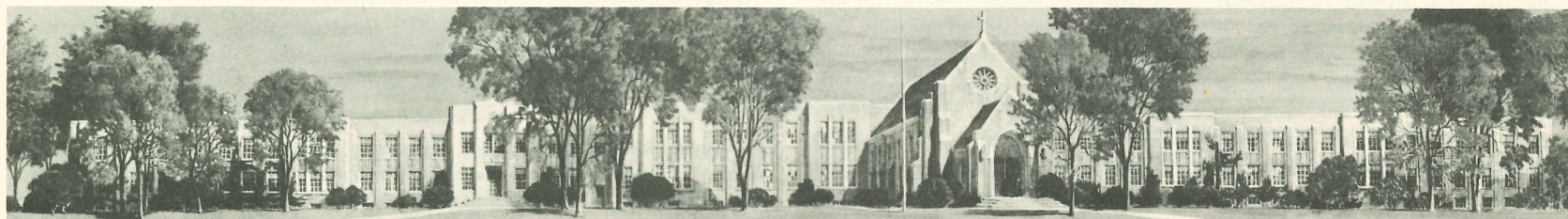
Permit me to share with you the thoughts that my feelings concerning this should be conveyed to your deaf children. The deaf people cannot deny that they desire the recovery of hearing. I for one have many times craved the important sense of which God saw fit to deprive me. There were times when I asked myself: "Why did God make me this way? and why did not He give me the gift of hearing as He has given it to so many other people?" The answer was supplied by our Lord, Jesus Christ, to the question of His disciples: "Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" It is "that the works of God might be made manifest in Him." John 9:3. Such words of our Savior had a direct bearing upon the destiny of my life. Now the loss of hearing, which appeared to be a cross placed upon me by God, turns out to be a glorious blessing. Many members of the Ludwig family have dedicated themselves to serve the Lord in His vineyard and are active in it. Should the cross of deafness stop one member of this family from teaching and witnessing Christ and Him crucified? It need not be so. There are many deaf persons who are a part of the term: "all nations", whom Christ commanded His disciples to teach, and who also need to be saved from their sins. If God had not given me the cross that is mine, would I have considered entering the holy ministry, specifically in the field of the Deaf? Could this deaf man be prepared for this highest calling in life? By his own intelligence and efforts, he could not. But by the added measure of grace from God, I have passed all the theological courses that the Seminary provides in preparing the students for the holy ministry. To erase any doubt that God needs me to serve Him as His minister, He moved the Board of Assignment to grant me the call jointly from the congregation of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Columbus, Ohio, and from our Synod's Board of Missions to the Deaf. Furthermore, upon graduation, my call into the ministry among the deaf in the Lutheran Church becomes official. Yes, God gave me my specific cross for the sole purpose, that through it: "the works of God are made manifest". The evident works of the Lord only make me humble (My prayers are that I shall always remain so.) and teach me to depend upon Him even more. May the Lord's works become more manifest by the spiritual and numerical growth of the silent members in His Kingdom. Once again, I want to thank you and all your faculty and staff. May all your labors be blessed by the Lord that more and more children, possessing a similar cross as I have, may under God's guidance and your influence become able witnesses of the Gospel to the glory of our Lord and Savior.

Will you please extend to the wonderful teacher, Mrs. Emily Lietke, my sincere regards and deep appreciation for her faithful services to the School for the Deaf and to all the children that came under her care. I agree with you that her retirement is a serious loss to the School. May God provide you a new teacher who possesses the same talents that she has. Also give my greetings to Mr. Walter Bellhorn, Miss Elsie Forsberg, Miss Marie Twenhafel, and the other members of the school family.

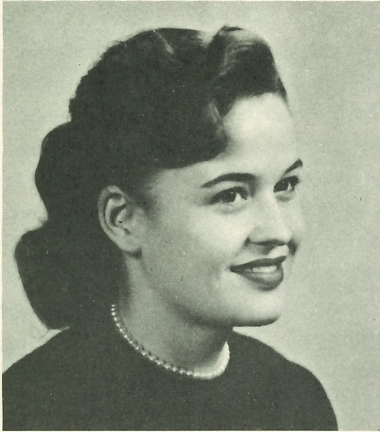
With kind regards from me and my wife,

Yours in Christ,

REVEREND WILLIAM A. LUDWIG



## ADDITIONAL SUCCESS STORIES



BARBARA BRAUER

Barbara Brauer, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brauer of Evanston, Illinois, came to our School at the age of three as a profoundly deaf child. She made such remarkable progress in speech, lipreading, and language that she could complete her last years of elementary education in a public school for hearing children. She then attended the Evanston public High School from which she graduated with high honors.

Having received offers of scholarships from two different colleges, Barbara accepted the one from Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio. There she majored in psychology. And having spent a year in Germany with her parents where her father was an exchange teacher, she learned to speak and lipread German, which language she studied in both High School and College. As a result she speaks, reads, writes, and lipreads German fluently.

She is an ardent sailing or yachting fan. And while at Oberlin she belonged to the Sailing Club.

At present Barbara is touring Europe with her father. Barbara there hopes to find a position with and work for the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. After her return to the States she plans to attend Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C. for a year. And after having received her M.A. degree from that institution of learning, she intends to go to Northwestern University, working for a Master's degree in psychology. She hopes to be a clinical Psychologist working with deaf people.

Barbara is a talented young Christian deaf woman who, on account of her handicap, had to work hard to conquer many difficulties and disappointments. This she did in a fine, mature, and Christian persevering way. She is a real credit to her family, to our School, and especially also to her Church.



SANDRA CLACK

Sandra Clack came to our School as a totally deaf child at the age of three. She was always a good student and as a result she became an expert speaker and lipreader. After her confirmation and graduation from our School, Sandra entered the High School Department of the Michigan School for the Deaf in Flint, Michigan. There she was graduated in June.

Sandra's desires were to become a Lutheran Deaconess and so be able to do mission work among her people, the deaf. However, since her mother, a widow, is the sole provider for the family, her plan may not materialize for lack of the necessary funds required for board and room.

But still hoping and wishing to become a worker in our Lord's vineyard, Sandra is now investigating the possibility of entering the Central Bible Institute at Springfield, Missouri which has a special department for the training of deaf church workers for missions.

Sandra is a fine letter writer. When President Eisenhower was inaugurated for his first term as president she wrote him a letter of congratulation and invited him to visit our School when he came to Detroit. She received a personal reply to her letter from Mrs. Eisenhower together with an autographed photograph of President and Mrs. Eisenhower.

Recently, when Vice President Nixon planned to visit Flint, Michigan, Sandra, without the knowledge of the school authorities, wrote and invited him to come and visit the Flint School for the Deaf. Mr. Nixon accepted the invitation and to the surprise of the staff and all the pupils he visited the school. And he personally invited Sandra and her mother to visit Washington after her graduation, and promised to provide Mr. Hughes as a special escort who will take them on a tour through the White House and the Senate and other important points of interest. Sandra and her mother are planning to accept the Vice President's invitation in August.

## ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING

### EXCERPTS OF REPORTS

#### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY PRESIDENT, H. R. WACKER.

Today we would remember Jesus' promise: "Whoever gives to one of these little ones a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward" (Matt. 10, 42). The meaning is clear: the disciple of Christ is he who shares Christ's spirit.

"Scorn not the slightest word or deed,  
Nor deem it void of power;  
There's fruit in each wind-wafted seed,  
That waits its natal hour.

"A whispered word may touch the heart,  
And call it back to life;  
A look of love bid sin depart,  
And still unholy strife.

"No act falls fruitless; none can tell  
How vast its power may be;  
Nor what results infolded dwell  
Within it silently."

Big things do not necessarily have the most vitality in them. Jesus always had a keen sense of the value of little things — the cup of cold water, the one talent, the widow's mite and the mustard seed did not escape His notice. - - -

#### *School Board Matter*

1. The Board is happy to report that the past school year was a blessed one in matters of the home and school. There always existed excellent harmony, outstanding loyalty, good discipline, fine attainments and able administration. - - -

#### *Confirmation*

2. Eleven children were confirmed on Palm Sunday. One of these hailed from Montana, two from Texas, two from Michigan, three from Illinois and three from Ohio. - - -

#### *Baptisms*

3. This year five children who came from unchurched or non-Lutheran homes were baptized in our chapel. - - -

#### *Enrollment*

4. We expect to have a full teaching staff and a capacity pupil enrollment in the coming year - - - We are happy to report that our teacher turnover is smaller this year than it was for many years - - -

#### *Teachers Retiring*

5. Two of our teachers retired at the close of this school term. Mrs. Mary Korb retires on account of advanced age and a severe hearing loss, and Mrs. Lietke feels the need of laying down her tools for an extended and well deserved rest after twenty-four years of strenuous work in the classroom. - - -

#### *Teacher Training*

6. By offering Scholarships your School Board and Administration continue in their efforts to induce students who have completed two years of college to take training to become teachers in our school.

One such scholarship recipient is now a teacher in our school. Two other girls, one from Ohio and the other from California, are completing their first year of special training at Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis. - - -

#### *Class of Aphasics*

7. Due to the fact that some children, besides being deaf, are also aphasic, hence, present a special education problem, our school organized a special class for such pupils. - - -

#### *Research Conducted by Wayne University*

8. Wayne State University conducted a so-called "Auditory Response" research in which it also included some pupils of our School. A letter received from the University complimented our School as having been most cooperative in this venture. - - -

9. Wayne State University also suggests a cooperative plan whereby students taking training to become teachers of the deaf will do part of their practice teaching in our School under supervision of an instructor whom the University will supply. - - -

### Athletics

10. Mr. Herman Holste, one of our teachers, was again in charge of all of our pupils' athletic activities. The Northeast Detroit Kiwanis Club supplied Y. M. C. A. memberships for all our pupils from the third grade up. This "Y" program provides instructions in swimming, gymnastics, and health education. - - -

### Arts and Crafts

11. During the past year Messrs. Paul Peetsch and Kennedy rendered valuable volunteer services in instructing our boys in woodcraft and the use of tools in our well equipped shop. Mr. Herman Holste had charge of the Leathercraft, the Misses Lenz and Mueller the needlecraft, and Mrs. Chas. Shad of the cooking class. - - -

### Home Operations

1. Your Board is happy to report that the affairs of our agency were conducted efficiently and economically by the persons in charge. As a result we once more closed our fiscal year in the black. - - -

### Staff and General Health

2. Our loyal household staff, headed by our two deaconesses, the Misses Marie Bliefnick and Marie Twenhafel, worked diligently and effectively and always in harmony with the management. With but very few exceptions, the health of our School family was exceptionally good. - - -

### Volunteer Workers

3. Our agency's business having become big business, this necessitated calling for volunteer workers. We are most grateful to all these volunteers who so wholeheartedly responded to our many calls for assistance. - - -

### Property Upkeep

4. Due to efficient management our property is in an excellent state of repair. The maintenance men are constantly kept busy painting and repairing wherever and whenever this becomes necessary. Last Summer, besides painting the two residences, the men repaired the entire roof on the girls' dormitory. - - -

### Financial Support

5. Through our annual mail appeal and our Advocate the Lord blessed our efforts so that the flow of contributions for our cause was sufficient for your Board to meet all financial obligations.

Your agency's Legacy-Trust Fund was augmented in some degree in the course of the past year through bequests by saints who now enjoy the bliss of heaven. All legacy monies are considered a sacred trust by your Board, hence are wisely guarded by its financial officers.

Memorial offerings, too, continue to be a good source of income. - - -

### Publicity

6. The annual appeal, The Deaf Child's Advocate and our film, "The World of Silence", our regular publicity efforts, continue to be fruitful. - - -

Very valuable publicity work is also being conducted by several members of our staff who, by talks, live demonstrations, lectures at church organizations, father-son and mother-daughter banquets, mission festivals, P.T.A., and various other meetings, vividly and interestingly bring the cause and needs of our School to the attention of many people. These services continue to be available. - - -

### Services Rendered Our School — Our Two Ladies' Auxiliaries

7. A number of Service Clubs, such as Kiwanis, Exchange, Quota and Lions demonstrated their interest in our agency in donations of various kinds. - - -

Doctors Carl Rueger, Oliver Strong, Charles Sharrer, Albert Huegli, Lester Kreis, Floyd Seyfried, Henry Ulbrich, Alice Palmer, J. Conrad Gemeroy and Dr. Duwecke and Associates again rendered our school much valuable service without cost. - - -

The Fred Sanders Baking Company continues to supply all our bread and pastry needs without cost, and the C. & H. Nielsen Cartage Company did all necessary cartage work for us without charge.

From time to time various church organizations, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, and other groups provided special treats for groups of our children. — To all donors of money, material, time and services we express our heartfelt thanks and pray for them our Lord's richest blessings.

### Election

8. Officers elected were the Rev. H. R. Wacker, Rev. Carl Nietzsche and Messrs. Bernard Schumacher and Herbert Schoenberg.

## PARENTS

Our School reopens on Tuesday, September 8. Michigan pupils may come as late as Wednesday, September 9. But all others should arrive on Tuesday or earlier.

## INCIDENTALLY *Yours*

### Special Gifts

We thank Mrs. Clara Wiebke for the partial scholarship of \$100.00 for one of our pupils and for the \$90.00 for educational records; the Kindergarten class of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Minneapolis for new Bibles so that deaf children, too, may learn to know their Savior; — Nazareth Ev. Lutheran Church of Philadelphia for the necessary funds for leathercraft tools and materials; — Peace Lutheran Sunday School funds for a portable blackboard plus extra cash; — Mr. and Mrs. McNamara for a combination Slide - Swing - Teetertotter for our playground; — Mrs. T. French of Dennis Mfg. Co., for wrapping paper; — Mr. Arthur Michaelis for a complete set of dental instruments; — Dr. Charles Sharrer and the C.B.D.A. for a filmstrip projector; — Mrs. M. Spencer, Mrs. A. Tomell, and the Veterans for flags.

### WE ARE STILL LACKING:

- 1. A Typewriter ..... \$185.00
- 2. A Spirit Duplicator ..... 200.00
- 3. Two Copies of our Film @ \$112.00 ..... 224.00
- 4. Furniture for two class rooms @ \$300.00 ..... 600.00
- 5. One Multigraph ..... 600.00
- 6. Annual Teacher Trainee Scholarship ..... 300.00
- 7. One Language Master and cards ..... 370.00

### Legacies

We are also most grateful to God's saints who remembered the needs of their Lord's Children of Silence in their last wills and testaments. They are Mrs. Clara C. Lipp, Mrs. Emma L. Hagensick, Mrs. Anna Polster, Mrs. Emma Maronn, Mrs. Charlotte Hostmann, Mr. Herman Zahrt, and Mr. Sergie Salesniak.

### Class Reunion

In June we welcomed as our guests the members of Addison Class of 1909 who with their wives celebrated their 50th anniversary within our walls. We extend to other classes the same privilege and accommodations.

The upper grades of St. Paul's elementary school of St. Joseph, Michigan with their teacher and counselors, and the confirmation class of Akron, Ohio, with their pastor, the Reverend Thomas Daniel, were welcome guests of our school in May.

### Convention

Our principal, Mr. Walter Bellhorn, and the writer were privileged to represent our School at Synod's Convention in San Francisco. We are confident that the display of our School's work aroused the interest of many visitors in our School and the service it renders deaf children.

### 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 to my executor for same.

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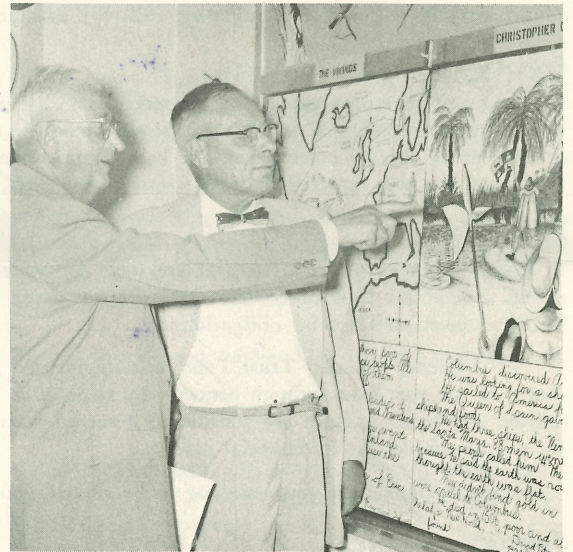
## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION



The Reverend H. R. Wacker, President, addressing the delegates at the School's Annual meeting. Secretary Roland Wilkening.



Reverend Carl Nietzke, Board of Education member, reporting on the School's needs and accomplishments.



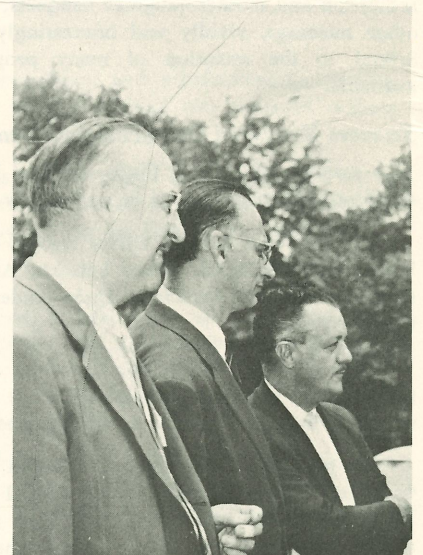
Left to Right: Delegates Kage and the Reverend V. Mueller admiring the student art work in the fifth grade classroom.



Miss Bertha Koester, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, presenting her annual report to the Association.



Delegates Henry Nielsen and Fred Schuh enjoying an interesting conversation with students Barbara Gossman and Jernette Cherry, members of our Sixth Grade.



Left to Right: Reverend G. T. Otte, Reverend E. Essig and Mr. Loring Miller viewing our beautifully landscaped campus.