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*"But to do good and to communicate, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." He. 13:16.*

*"Men are rich only as they give. He who gives great service gets great returns."—Elbert Hubbard*

## THOUGHTS

### DOLLARS BECOME PARTICULARIZED

Rev. Herbert Kohn, Chairman of the Board of the Lutheran Charities Fund expressed it this way: — "The dollars which are joined in the interest of efficiency and economy while passing through the treasuries of the congregation, the District, and the Charities Fund, again become particularized and recapture their identity as they go out — to keep a little boy and girl in the Detroit Lutheran School For The Deaf where they can actually learn to speak so that they, too, can join us in speaking the praises of our common Savior — to meet the salary of a deaconess at Bethesda so that she is there to press a soothing hand on the fevered brow of a child in the midst of a seizure — or pay the very nominal monthly board in a foster home for one of the hundreds of forsaken and forgotten children served by our Child Welfare Association. Your dollars serve people." — Yes, your dollars become particularized and recapture their identity as they go out to serve the Master by serving "the least of His brethren."

### SCHOLARSHIP OFFER

The Lutheran School for the Deaf offers a two-year tuition scholarship to girls having completed two full years of college work toward a B.S. degree; and a similar one to post-graduate students towards a M.S. degree in special education.

Persons interested should contact J. A. Klein, Executive Director, 6861 E. Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Mich.

### "EPHPHATHA"

The painting "Ephphatha" is by Richard R. Cammerer, Jr., professor at Valparaiso Lutheran University. It was unveiled in the Gloria Dei Clara Elizabeth Knudsen Chapel of The Detroit Lutheran School For The Deaf by Dr. J. A. Klein, Executive Director, and Rev. Wm. F. Reinking, Director of Deaf Missions, at the occasion of the Ephphatha Conference, July 19-22. It was presented to the Board of Deaf Missions by the missionaries and the school executives to be hung in the Luther Building at 210 North Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri. Following is the artist's explanation of the painting: —

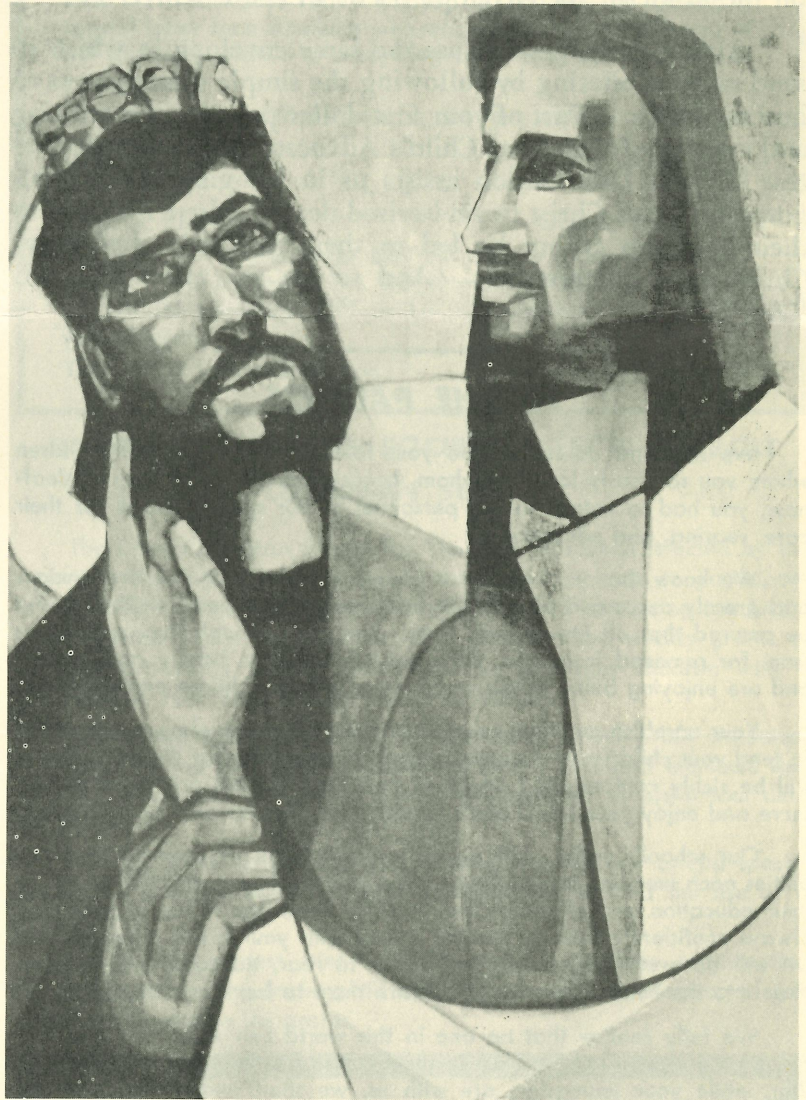
*"I have been thinking long about 'Ephphatha' and the words can only be anti-climactic to the painting (I hope).*

*As I consider the miracles of Christ, how He raised people from the dead, healed them, and fed them, I can only conclude that the afflictions of God's children are blessings, as well as are the cures for these afflictions.*

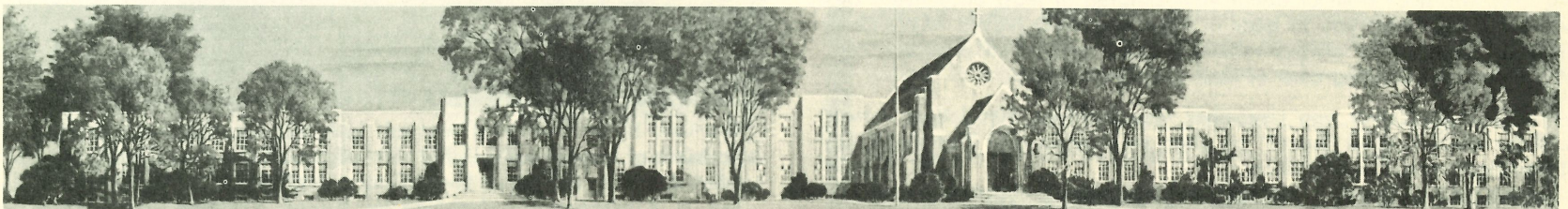
*The deaf man was blessed with deafness, and his cure, by the Son of God, made him twice blessed. The painting concerns itself with both blessings. The subject's place in time was at the point of the second blessing, and so we concern ourselves immediately with the miracle's physical appearance. Yet the most significant aspect is not the touching of the ear with Christ's left hand, but the blessing with His right hand.*

*As far as I am concerned, there would be no biblical account and no miracle and no painting if this man had not first been blessed with deafness.*

*I hope this explains my feelings and that the painting will prove spiritually stimulating."*



"EPHPHATHA" By Richard R. Cammerer, Jr.







Delegates to the annual meeting gathered in front of the Gloria Dei Clara Elizabeth Knudsen Chapel.

### PLEASE READ IT

Because of the need for economy as to expenditures and labor, we again feel compelled to call our readers' attention to the manner in which our ONCE-A-YEAR APPEAL LETTER will reach you this year. As previously stated it will reach you in a combination envelope, the letter being printed on the inside of the envelope itself. PLEASE READ IT.

After having read it, use the same envelope in which to send us your offering by following the simple directions as to how to seal it. — Part of your first dollar pays for the printing and mailing of *The Deaf Child's Advocate* and the letter. The rest of your contribution assists us in bringing the healing gospel of Jesus Christ to sin-bruised deaf children who due to their handicap cannot be led to their Savior in their local Christian school system. — And so we say again PLEASE READ IT.

### TO THE PARENTS

We can and do appreciate your feeling concerning your children whom you so dearly love but whom, because of their handicap of deafness, you had to entrust to the personnel of our special school for their care, rearing, and education.

We know that you miss your youngsters and that you are anxious and greatly concerned about their happiness and general wellbeing. But be assured that all is well with them. And even though they are, for a time, far removed from you, they, nevertheless, are happy and content and are enjoying being in the company of all the children enrolled here.

Your unselfish personal sacrifice which you made when you decided to send your children to a special school, so necessary for their education, will be richly compensated when, in time, you will be privileged to observe and enjoy your loved one's educational development and progress.

Our school's entire staff is well aware of the tremendous responsibilities each member assumed when you entrusted your children to us for their education and physical care. And we want you to be at ease and always confidently believe that all is well with your loved ones because we will do everything within our power to rear, educate, and develop them into the kind of persons you desire them to be when they grow up.

We fully realize that no one in this world can ever fully take the place of a Mother and a Dad in the hearts of children. But be assured that, while your youngsters are with us, we shall endeavor to do our utmost to be as much of a Mother and Dad to them as that is possible under the circumstances.

You will hear from or about your children at least once every two weeks. But we want you to bear in mind that "NO NEWS ALWAYS IS GOOD NEWS", also always remember that your loved ones are constantly in the protecting care of their Guardian Angels.

We suggest that you remember your children with letters, cards, and the much desired "boxes" as often as possible and that you come to see them at your convenience.

J. A. Klein, Executive Director

### GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY ADDISON 1910

Twelve members of the 1910 graduating class and wives met June 29, 30 and July 1, 1960 in the modern Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf for a memorable reunion. A class of thirty-six received diplomas in Chicago's Thomas Orchestra Hall. Information was received from nine members, eleven members have entered the Church Triumphant, and no information was received concerning four members.

The class is especially appreciative of its six members who have completed fifty years in the teaching ministry: S. C. Brauer, O. Kolb, M. Grefe, A. Neumann, R. W. Meier, and E. F. Wilkening.

The meeting place was ideal. Dr. J. A. Klein, Superintendent, was a genial host. He and his efficient staff made all present feel at home. Thanks to them for a beautiful welcome display. A tour through all the buildings was interesting, especially the class rooms with their modern equipment. — A bus tour of sections of Detroit, a tasty lunch served by the ladies of St. Thomas and St. Peters Church, an enjoyable hour in the home of our wonderful host, R. W. Meier, and the banquet, preceded the climax of our reunion, namely the evening hours of vespers and individual relating of experiences of the past fifty years, with R. W. Meier as M.C.

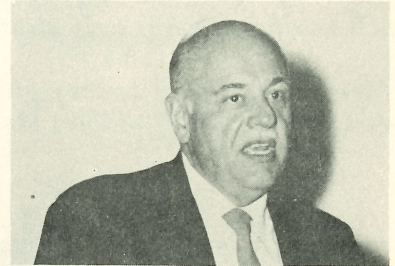
Two Detroit teachers: O. Doroh and H. Richert were present to partake of the enjoyment of the occasion. Congratulatory messages were received from Dr. F. Schmitt, the Detroit Teachers' Conference, the River Forest Faculty and others. A clipping from a fifty year old newspaper was read which reported the details of our graduation exercises.

Absent members were: A. Braun, T. J. Doepke, M. H. Grefe, M. Klausmeier, R. J. Mathwick, O. Mueller, A. C. Neumann, O. Roschke and R. C. Walz.

Alfred H. Amelung

### New Pupils Welcomed

We were privileged to welcome into our happy family John Bell, age 4, and Gerald Schneider, age 3, from Ontario, Canada; Venus Ashens, age 4, David Mills, age 5, David Atchison, age 6, and Charles Dickhaut, age 8, from Illinois; Terri Jean Kuss, age 5, and Mary Ellen Fuchs, age 4, from Indiana; Cathy Diane Ruchotzke, age 3, from Iowa; Robert Hatterick, age 6, from Kentucky; and Ann Louise Lutz, age 4, Raymond Short, age 5, Joanne Haddad, age 10, and Susan Steinke, age 12, from Michigan.



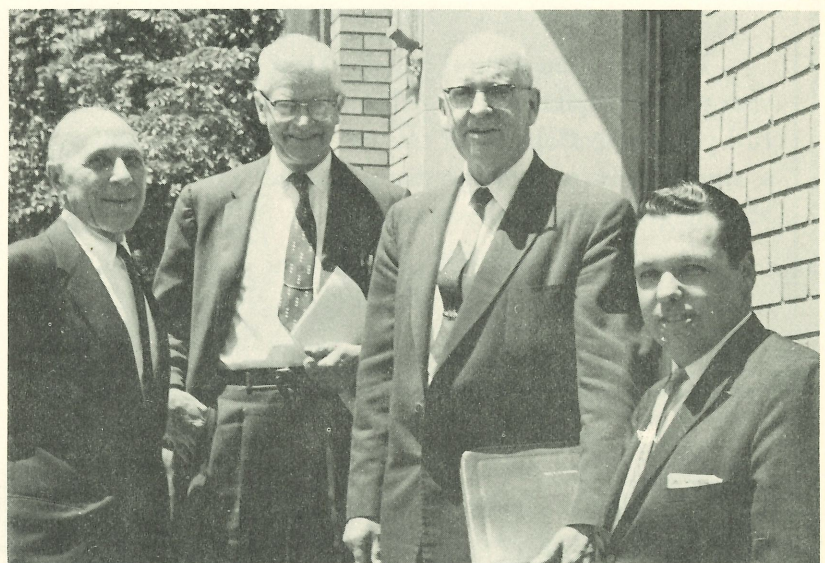
Dr. Powrie V. Doctor, Professor at Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., delivered a paper at the Ephphatha Conference on "Proper Interpretation".

### COLLEGE FOR DEAF

Gallaudet College, the world's only college for the deaf, began its 97th academic year in September with new students from all parts of the U. S. and many foreign countries. Placement tests, medical examinations, audiological tests, counseling, many social events as well as course registration for undergraduates and graduates always precede the formal opening of the college.

President Dr. Leonard M. Elstad stated that the college would have its largest enrollment in its history, including undergraduates and graduates. Last year Gallaudet had students enrolled from the Philippines, China, Korea, Sweden, and Viet Nam.

Three new buildings were ready for use when the college opened last year. They are the Hearing and Speech Center, a student union building, and a men's dormitory. A total of seven new buildings have been erected on the Gallaudet campus since 1955 and more are under construction at this time.



The Rev. H. A. Loeber of Messiah Luth. Church discusses important decisions of the annual meeting with officers of the Board of Management. L. to R. Mr. Fred Auch, Financial officer, Rev. H. A. Loeber, Rev. H. R. Wacker, President and Mr. Roland Wilkening, Secy.





Dr. J. A. Klein and Dr. E. T. Bernthal, member of Synod's Board of Directors, confer on the subject of proposed stained art glass memorial windows for the school's Chapel.

## Where Philosophers Erred

Several hundred years before the Christian era the Greek philosopher Aristotle said: "The deaf are incapable of education."

The Roman poet Lucretius shortly before the coming of Christ stated that no art can ever attain to the point of instructing the deaf, and no wisdom can ever teach them.

At the beginning of the fifth century the great Church Father St. Augustine made the following assertion: "Those who are born deaf are forever barred from exercising the Christian faith for they cannot hear nor read the Word and faith cometh by hearing." — What a cruel and hard saying! —

However, the Prophet Isaiah by divine inspiration says in his book in chapter 29, verse 18: "In that day the deaf shall hear the Words of the Book."

Dr. Martin Luther, when he was asked whether in his opinion salvation was also intended for the deaf, reasoned thus: The fact that Jesus had compassion on the deaf youth and gave him hearing and speech was an indication to us that the deaf, too, were included in God's plan of salvation. He further stated that he expected that sooner or later someone would succeed in evolving a method by which the deaf could and would be taught and so be brought to the knowledge of their Savior.

We thank God that Luther's reasoning was correct. However, not until the 18th century did his prediction materialize. It was then that almost simultaneously two men of the Church, one a Lutheran pastor in Germany, the Rev. Samuel Heinecke, and the other a Catholic priest in France, Abbe de l'Epee, each evolved methods by which they succeeded in teaching deaf children.

Pastor Heinecke developed the so-called oral and Abbe de l'Epee the Manual or Sign method. By one or the other or by the combination of both deaf throughout the world are now being successfully and adequately educated in special schools by specially trained and qualified teachers. — Thus the prophesy of Isaiah was fulfilled and the deaf now, too, "Hear the Words of the Book."

## HELPING YOUR DEAF CHILD

"Helping Your Deaf Child Grow Up" is the title of a series of articles written by Arthur B. Simon for the VOLTA REVIEW.

"There are all kinds of problems, major and minor, that occur in anybody's life," Mr. Simon writes. "The sooner he learns how to meet them, the more mature he becomes. And maturity is what the deaf person needs most in facing and understanding this complex world of ours."

Mr. Simon, who was born deaf, writes from the wealth of the experiences gained from growing up in a family where his grandmother and parents gave him the love and security that helped him to overcome the social handicaps imposed by his deafness. Mr. Simon is a graduate of Leland Stanford University.

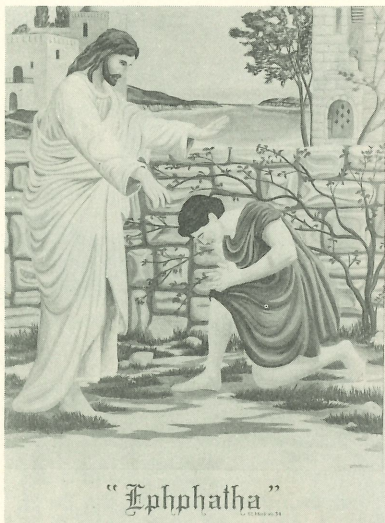
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## ENTERED INTO GLORY

Dean Hofman of Indianola, Nebraska, one of our very brilliant former students and devout Christian was called to his eternal home on July 21st. Dean, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hofman, was born March 12th, 1938. Being deaf his Christian parents enrolled him in our school at the early age of four. Here he proved to be a diligent, talented and ambitious pupil, and a wholesome leader of his fellow students. After his confirmation and graduation Dean attended the High School department of the Nebraska School For The Deaf in Omaha where he was an honor student. Being talented in art, he became a commercial artist which profession he followed after his graduation from the Omaha School.

In appreciation of the Christian education he obtained in the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf, Dean painted and presented to our school the "Ephphatha" picture here portrayed.

His parents, sister, brother, many friends and we here at the school who mourn Dean's passing, look forward to that happy reunion with him in heaven before the throne of the Redeemer whom he so dearly loved.



"Ephphatha" picture painted and presented to the school by Dean Hofman, a former pupil.



Dear Dr. Klein:

Hollywood, Calif.

I am returning to you the print of your film "The World of Silence." We have completed shooting our picture for "THIS IS THE LIFE," and everyone seems very happy with it.

Please accept my thanks for your kindness and cooperation in connection with this film.

Cordially yours,

Herbert Moulton

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Dear Brother:

Lowden, Iowa

Kindly permit a brief word of thanks for permitting Cathy Ruchotzke to enroll in your school this fall. I feel confident, that her parents, the Leroy Ruchotzkes, will be taking the necessary steps soon to complete her enrollment.

We do want you to know that we personally welcome any suggestion, as to how we can be of assistance in the matter of Cathy's education. Her anticipated enrollment is quite commonly known already, and past contacts of your school and fine work have created a very fine reserve of good will. We shall follow Cathy's development with interest.

Fraternally,

Theo. J. Eickelberg (Pastor)

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Dear John:

Detroit, Mich.

Thanks again for giving our Class of 1910 the privilege to hold our 50th Class reunion at The Lutheran School for the Deaf . . . The boys really enjoyed it. You will be getting a special letter from Amelung who was appointed to write you of our gratitude relative to everything concerning our reception at your school.

Also, want to thank you for the fine letter you wrote for my 50th.

Yours,

R. W. Meier

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Dear Dr. Klein:

Ghana, West Africa

This will acknowledge with our sincere thanks the receipt of your letter as well as the film, the "World of Silence," which we are "to have and hold until it is worn out!" Again, thank you so much.

Yours in His Love and Service,

Andrew Foster

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## AMERICAN HEARING SOCIETY SELECTS DETROIT LUTHERAN SCHOOL

The Detroit Lutheran School For The Deaf has been selected by the American Hearing Society as one of the eligible schools to participate in the "Zenith Gift of Hearing Scholarship Contest" now being conducted in the United States and Canada. The contest offers weekly grants of \$500.00 pre-school tuition scholarships to deserving children with a grand prize, Four Year Scholarship of \$2,500.00.

The Detroit Lutheran School For The Deaf, a non-profit organization, was selected because of its qualified faculty and staff members and its wide experience in the educational development of pre-school deaf children.

Through these scholarship grants, deaf children will attend special sessions in auditory training, language development, and the use of a hearing aid.

The weekly contest winners or a special committee representing the American Hearing Society will select the accredited school or schools which are to receive the grants.

### FORM OF BEQUEST

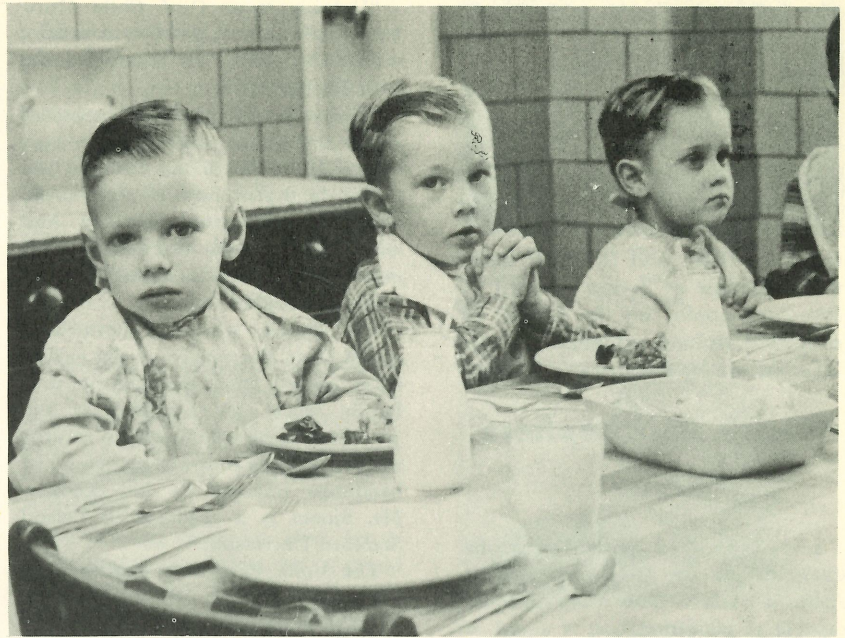
I give, devise and bequeath to THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Michigan, a duly organized and incorporated, non-profit corporation, the sum of \$..... and/or the following described real estate and/or stocks and bonds.

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



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**DETROIT LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF "THE MOTHER OF ALL LUTHERAN DEAF MISSIONS" AGAIN WAS HOST TO MISSIONARIES FOR THE DEAF.**



Ephphatha Conference ministers to the Deaf held their second consecutive annual meeting within our walls July 18th to 22nd.

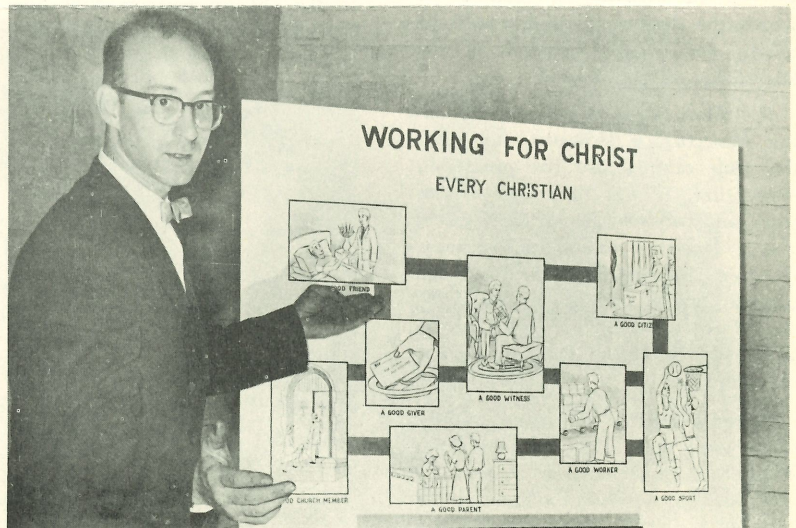
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The Conference again stressed the great importance of early religious education for the deaf child. L. to R. The Rev. Clark Bailey, President, and the Rev. Theo. DeLaney, Secretary of the Conference.



The Executive Secretary of Missions to the Deaf, the Rev. Wm. Reinking greets his predecessor, Dr. John L. Salvner.



The Rev. H. W. Hoemann set forth the value of visual aid materials in bringing Christ to the Deaf.