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"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves." Rom. 15, 1.

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." Mt. 6, 20.

THOUGHTS

I Come First

America and Americans are all too ready to say: "I come first." We want everything for ourselves. This is admittedly the motto of many people. They have not learned by the power of God to overcome the natural selfishness of their hearts, but seek in all things their own advantage and refuse to share with others. Their main objective is to take care of their own needs.

The Lord has a different idea. He says: "I Come First." There have been Christians, too, who agreed with Him. Of the Macedonians we read: "They FIRST gave their own selves to the Lord." II Cor. 8, 5. Such is still the fundamental prerequisite of a God-pleasing life. They, who in sincere appreciation of the boundless grace of God in Christ Jesus joyfully dedicate and consecrate their whole being to God, will naturally abound in every kind and manner of God-pleasing works.

That is what we all should do. We are bought with a price and therefore belong to the Lord. Since we belong to Him, it is evident that we should willingly give our entire selves to Him, live for Him, love Him, worship and serve Him. "Christ died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them and rose again." That is the greatest need of the Church today — happy consecration of every member's own self to the service of Him, who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and give His life a ransom for many.

We are all familiar with the story of the Good Samaritan. Some of the characters in that story acted thus: — The robbers looked upon a man who had something they wanted and said; "What he has is ours we are going to take it." This is the philosophy of thieves, seekers of special privileges, and all who think that the world owes them a

living. — The priest and the Levite passed by and thought in these terms: "What I have is mine and I am going to keep it." This is the philosophy of all selfish souls. — But the Samaritan came by saying in his heart: "What I have is God's and I am going to share it."

We are not told the ultimate end of these different characters. Doubtless the robbers were apprehended. The priest and the Levite became the slaves of their own selfishness. They probably died of stomach ulcers and likely few people attended their respective funerals. The Samaritan alone of the three really lived — because he gave — himself — and his money. —*Charity Thermostat.*

APHASIC CHILDREN RECEIVE ATTENTION

Deaf children sometimes have problems in more than one area. Occasionally some of them have severe additional handicaps. One of these, where the disorder is particularly in the area of learning language, speech, and lip reading, is called "APHASIA." This disorder is similar to that suffered by adult victims of a stroke. There is difficulty in understanding spoken or written language, resulting in difficulty to express themselves. They may know what they want to say, but upon attempting to voice it, no sound at all or another sound or word may come out instead. Some of these children may have normal hearing, but there is lack of understanding. Since they have been unable to understand sounds, they no longer react to them, therefore they seem to be deaf. And it is necessary that they be taught to understand what they hear.

These aphasic children with average and above-average intelligence do not learn satisfactorily when taught by conventional methods used for the deaf. Being aware of these special problems, our Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Michigan, has begun to place pupils with such difficulties into special classes where the teaching method is aimed at their individual handicaps.

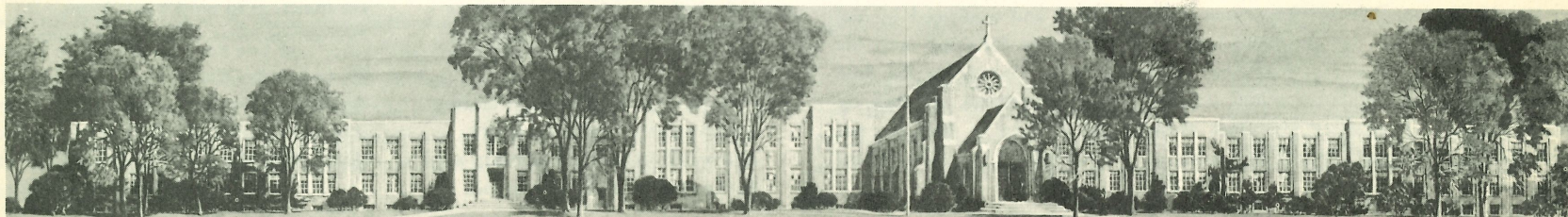
TO OUR SUPPORTERS

We thank God the Giver of all good gifts for all blessings and especially for the best of all gifts, His Only Begotten Son. But we are also most grateful to all the many friends of our school who again responded or will yet respond to our ONE annual appeal. Offerings came from individuals, congregations, church organizations, Ladies Aids, and schools. Whether they came in our red "Business Reply" or in regular mailing envelopes, they were most welcome and appreciated since they truly were the visible and tangible evidence that our Christians are true "SIMONS OF CYRENE" who are ever ready to assist at bearing the burdens of less fortunate brethren. In the name of Jesus, our true Cross Bearer, we THANK you.

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.

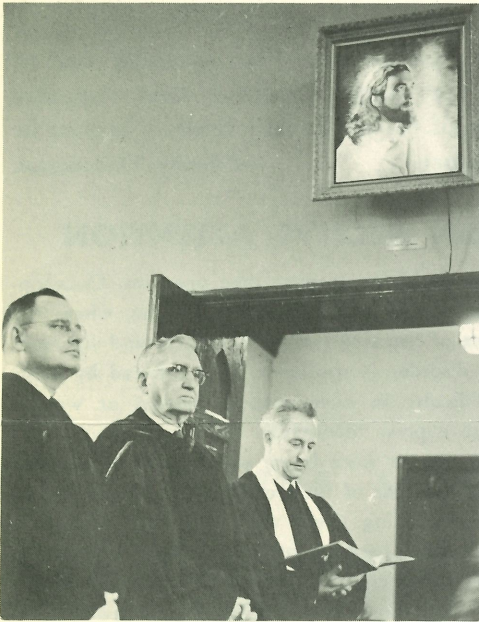
The receipt of the Treasurer or Executive Director of said corporation shall be sufficient discharge to my executor for same.



MEMORIAL DEDICATED

A three-dimensional illuminated "Head of Christ" by Sallman was unveiled and dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of Miss Judith Leonard in the regular December 27th, 10:00 o'clock Sunday morning service held in our School's Gloria Dei Clara Elizabeth Knudsen Memorial Chapel.

Miss Judith Leonard, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Leonard, was a consecrated Christian who had resolved to take up training to become a teacher in our school. Here she had hoped to educate deaf children and to



Left to right:

REV. ARTHUR PARKIN,
DR. J. A. KLEIN,
REV. N. E. BORCHARDT.

bring them to the knowledge of their Savior. However, God's ways are not our ways. And before Judy could realize her life's ambition, the Lord saw fit to call her to His Heavenly Home.

Because of their daughter's special interest in the Christian education of deaf children, Judith's parents and friends resolved to present two copies of this beautiful painting to our School. One to be hung in our chapel. Here it is to be a constant reminder to our many deaf pupils and to everyone attending services that we should have a "desire to see Jesus" in all eternity.

Because Miss Leonard was especially fond of little children the other copy, being somewhat smaller but also three-dimensional and illuminated, was hung in our little girls living room.

We are confident that these beautiful pictures of our Lord and Savior will have a continued wholesome effect upon our pupils and personnel. And we are most grateful to the donors for having dedicated them to our school.

The dedicatory services were in charge of the Rev. N. E. Borchardt, Pastor of Our Savior (deaf) congregation. The act of unveiling was performed by Dr. J. A. Klein.

LEGACIES

We most gratefully report the receipt of legacies from the estates of Mrs. Clara Bringmann, Mrs. Clara Lipp, Michael Meuthe, Alvenia Witt, Christina Benkie and Arthur Scheimann. Monies so received, if not otherwise designated, are all used to provide Christian education and care for indigent deaf children.

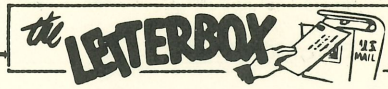
We are most grateful for these bequests as we also are for the two family flat in Detroit which Mr. Reinhold Goerke recently deeded to our school.

The sum left by Mrs. Christina Benkie was designated as a memorial for the furnishing of one of the class rooms.

A United States Savings Bond purchased in the name of our school was found among the personal effects after the death of Mr. Arthur Scheimann in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Arthur Scheimann was graduated and confirmed in our school many years ago. He became a baker which trade he followed until his going home to his Savior. As a member of the Lutheran Church for the deaf in Fort Wayne, Arthur always was a true and faithful Christian. As such he again and again remembered his Alma Mater with offerings of love so that other deaf children might also be brought to the knowledge of their Savior at this school, even as he was.

Eternity alone can and will reveal the tremendous blessings which the monies, left to the Lutheran School for the Deaf by saints who have gone before, have brought to deaf children whom they through their offering lead to Jesus.

God already is blessing them for their deeds of love and children once deaf will praise them in all eternity. — May their example be emulated by ever more of His believers .



Dear Dr. Klein:

Oslo, Norway

After having spent a most wonderful week in the interesting city of Detroit, I wish to thank you for your hospitality during my visit to your School.

It was such a pleasure to see this School with its up-to-date facilities for educating deaf children. Most delightful were also the warm, bright, cheerful color combinations. Every little detail seems to have been carefully planned to make it pleasing to the eye.

In my mind's eye I can still see the enormous food supplies in your commissary. And that these supplies mainly are voluntarily contributed by private people, congregations, and church members makes me feel that your work in this field is appreciated.

As I have been sent from my country (Norway) to the United States of America in order to gain more experience in the method of educating aphasic deaf children, and since I am greatly interested in this kind of work, I certainly was very much impressed to see that your School is also alert to the needs of these children. I do hope that other schools for the deaf in the United States will follow your example.

Again thanking you so much for giving me your time,

Sincerely, Bjorg Herdal

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Dear Sirs:

We very much appreciated using your film, finding it both interesting and informative. We used it as part of the program at our regular monthly P.T.A. meeting. For most of our members, it was their first glimpse of activities at a residential school for the deaf. Opportunities for the education of deaf children here are extremely limited and our little group is attempting to improve the situation by uniting the parents. Presently, we are the only parents' group in the state. Thank you very much for letting us use the film. And since we had only one private showing of the film for our small membership, we may wish to borrow the film again for use before a greatly enlarged audience.

Sincerely yours, James C. Buzzell, Jr.

"A HYMN FOR THE DEAF"

My life, with silence fenced around,
A garden is where God is found;
And often, in a lonely hour,
I hear His voice and feel His power.

In cloistered calm my spirit dwells,
For in mine ear no tumult swells;
The voice of God alone I hear
And know the peace that casts out
fear.

I see the flowers at break of morn
A pathway for God's feet adorn;
And watch the trees in worship bend
As He goes by at daylight's end.

As noble thoughts upon it shine,
I watch the human face divine,
And, of my deafness unaware,
A happy fellowship I share.

The door of sound is closed to me,
But there is One who holds the key,
He comes, as to the Upper Room,
And drives away my fear and gloom.

He makes the deaf to hear His voice
And in His presence to rejoice;
And at His table food I share
With all disciples gathered there.

By Thomas Tiplady

Incidentally Yours

The blessed holiday season was a most joyful one for both pupils and staff members. . . .

All but one of our pupils were privileged to spend Christmas at home in the midst of their loved ones, even those from such far-away places as British Columbia, Montana, Texas, Alabama, Georgia and Virginia. They went by car, train, and plane.

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Little Scott Griswold of Idaho was the only one who could not go home on account of the great traveling costs. But he enjoyed a nice Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lenz of Sebawaing, Michigan, the parents of one of our teachers. . . .

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The children's Christmas Program presented in a full church was again perfect to the minutest detail. This was due to the magnificent work of our entire teaching staff. — Scenes of this beautiful program will appear in sound and color in a new motion picture now in the process of production. . . . The "Tea" served by the Ladies Auxiliary after the program was enjoyed by all visitors.

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All staff members received appropriate gifts from the Ladies Auxiliary and the Board of Management. . . . The pupils received many fine gifts from thoughtful church organizations who again remembered them so kindly and generously so that every child was made happy. — May God richly bless all donors. . . .

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Parties given our pupils by service clubs, Girls organizations and Clubs and the grand entertainment by the Men's Club of Outer Drive Faith Congregation were pre-Christmas enjoyments which our pupils will long remember. . . . Special favors, candies, cookies and fruits as well as special Christmas gifts from Our Savior Men's Club, and sent them by parcel post by various Ladies organizations surprised our children upon their return to school. . . .

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The gift of chairs for two class rooms from the Ladies Guild of the Church of the Epiphany, the cots received for our Nursery class from the Detroit Fellowship, the filmstrip projector from Mr. George Zahn as well as the furnishings provided by the Benkie legacy will be welcomed by both teachers and their classes.

THE WORLD OF SILENCE

After Mr. Holste, one of our instructors had projected the film titled "The World of Silence" and had given a talk to the pupils of Grace Lutheran School in St. Louis, Missouri, on the method employed to teach the deaf, the class-room teacher asked his pupils to write a report on what they had seen and heard.

All compositions were very well written and we would like to publish them all, but space does not permit. And so we can only bring the one written by Cathy Kummer.

"OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF"

"Yesterday morning Mr. Herman Holste came to our school and showed us a movie on our Lutheran School for the Deaf located in Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Holste was formerly a teacher at our Grace Lutheran School. Now he is a teacher at the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit. He trained for this work at Central Institute for the Deaf here in St. Louis.

The movie he showed was very good. And I am sure every one of us got something worthwhile out of it.

The Lutheran School for deaf children is located in Detroit, Michigan. In this school deaf children enrolled from all parts of the United States and Canada, learn how to read, write, and talk. They also learn about Jesus, our wonderful Savior. Most of these deaf children enter this school from far away places at the age of three and four years. They leave the school after completing the eighth grade and are confirmed. All of them either were born deaf or lost their hearing in infancy. Through all the years of their stay at the school, besides studying hard, they also have much fun even though they cannot hear. In work and play they always "go all out" for they are very eager to learn and to win.

"They are taught to speak and to read lips. To teach them speech the teacher puts one of the child's hands on the side of her face and the other hand on its own face. Then she makes a sound and the child, after it feels the vibration, tries to make the same sound. In this way he learns to speak by seeing and feeling.

"Since the teacher wants to make use of any residual hearing the children may have, all pupils wear ear phones in class. Every morning the pupils attend morning devotions in their beautiful chapel. And every Sunday they have church services and they learn that church is a place of prayer and worship. In school they are taught the story about Jesus and other Bible stories every day. This is a very wonderful thing.

"The School's Ladies Auxiliary helps in many ways. Every week some ladies come to sew on buttons and patch tears and rips on hundreds of children's garments. What work that must be! God bless them!

"I think the movie 'The World of Silence' is simply wonderful. And now, after having seen it, instead of wanting to be a teacher of normal children, I would like to be a teacher of the deaf. I think this would be a wonderful way to show my love for Jesus. I pray God that He might give me the patience and courage to do this wonderful work. We should all pray God to give the teachers who so ably teach these handicapped children the strength, patience and courage it takes to do this difficult but blessed work. . . ."

By Cathy Kummer

LUTHERAN PASTOR HEADS NEW DEPARTMENT

Mr. Edward Foss Wilson donated funds for the establishment of a Department of Religion at Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Wilson, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and a member of the Board of Directors of the College, gave \$6,000 this year to support the new department and will contribute like sums for the next two years.

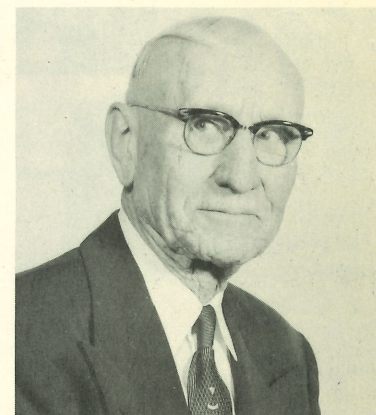
Heading the new department will be the Rev. Eugene R. McVicker, who is leaving the pastorate of the St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thurmont, Md., to take the post. A son of deaf parents, he conducted services for the deaf in Altoona, Pa., from 1955 until recently. Mr. McVicker holds a B.A. from Gettysburg College, a B.D. and an S.T.M. from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg and an M.A. in special education from the Columbia University and the Lexington School for the Deaf. He also attended Gallaudet's orientation programs.

VOLUNTEER-OF-THE-WEEK

Our good friend and benefactor, Mr. Henry Nielsen, was honored by being designated Detroit's Volunteer-of-the-week by the Committee of the Central Volunteer Bureau of the United Community Services of Detroit. In making the presentation of the gold V-shaped Community Service pin to Mr. Nielsen, Mrs. James K. Rawehorne, chairman, said: "It is with the deepest gratitude that we award you, as Volunteer-of-the-Week, the Community Service pin, in recognition of your outstanding contribution as a volunteer for the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

Volunteers are the foundation-stone of all social services and those of you who give so generously of your time and energy are building on a proud tradition. With the cooperation and help of faithful volunteers, agencies throughout the community are extending services which otherwise they could not offer.

As you wear this pin, may it assure you that many people know and appreciate all that you are doing to help make Detroit a better place in which to live."



MR. HENRY NIELSEN

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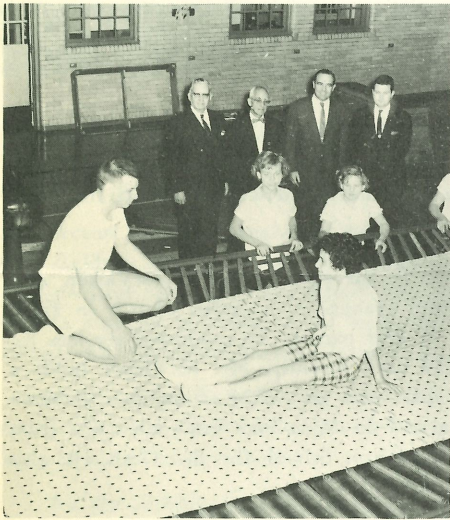
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EARPHONES, EVEN FOR THE SNOWMAN

THE SCHOOL'S HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

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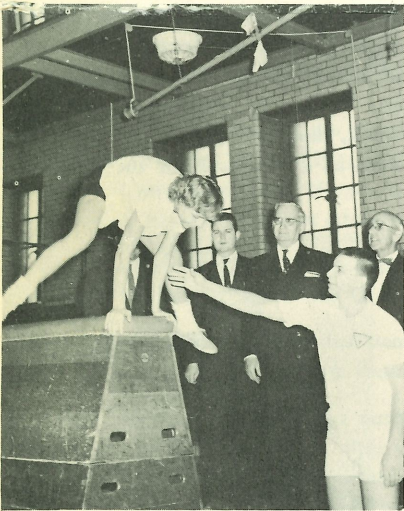


Barbara Gossman of Ohio and Janice Katzel of Illinois observe the proper way of landing on the trampoline as Linda Cervi of Iowa takes instructions.

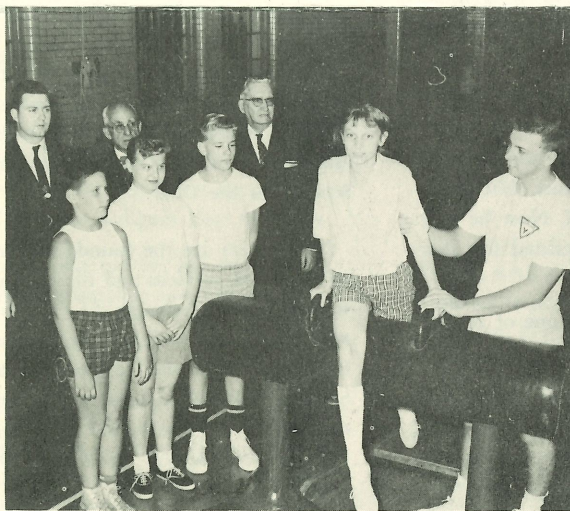
Healthy and active bodies make for alert and receptive minds. The time the children devote keeping physically fit also pays dividends in the classroom. Each week the boys and girls spend three hours at the Y.M.C.A. This is in addition to the hour of supervised play time every day after school. This year's extra curricular activities for the first time includes volleyball for the girls. And it is also their first year in league competition — they won a few games, too!



Left to right: Mr. Jack Paulus, North Detroit Kiwanis; Mr. Earl Ensroth, Northeast Detroit Kiwanis; Dr. J. A. Klein, Executive Director of the Lutheran School for the Deaf; and Mr. Harold L. Cook, YMCA Physical Instructor.



No, she won't fall on her face. Barbara Gossman is about to complete a beautifully executed leap.



Janice Dautenhahn of Michigan shows Steven Harrison of Vancouver, B. C., Jane Orr of Ohio and Paul Blazek of Illinois how to cross the "horse."



It's cold outside but the coats and the hot enthusiasm for volleyball keep the girls comfortably warm.