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"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." Ec. 11:1

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. Ps. 41:1



The Call of the Cross

European medical history tells the story of a certain Hungarian nobleman, who lost his only child, a beautiful daughter, on the eve of her marriage. For two years he remained in a state of dejection from which the best medical specialists were unable to rouse him. Then a friend suggested another way in which to counteract the growing depression. The assistance of Elizabeth Mara, a distinguished court singer was obtained. Without being seen she was to sing to him from Haendel's Messiah, that Christ-exalting masterpiece. At first the man paid no attention at all to the music. But when Elizabeth Mara sang the stirring words: "Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow," while the oratorio pictured Christ in all of His shame and agony, — the count was suddenly gripped by that Savior's love. Tears gathered in his eyes and he wept for the first time since the death of his daughter. Hearing the call of the cross, he found strength to overcome his sorrow.

Listening to the call of that same cross, people have through the centuries found not only the strength to overcome sorrow, but also the power to lead God-pleasing, Christ-like lives, and the ability to extend a loving and helping hand to fellow men in need.

The Lenten season in the Church has traditionally been a time when, out of gratitude for what our Lord has done for us, we deny ourselves to bring a sacrifice of love for the least of His brethren.

Although this season again meant much to each one of us during the past weeks it can continue to mean even more if, heeding the call of the cross, we are moved to share with those who have need of our help in the missions and charities program of the Church.

Charity Thermostat

INCIDENTALLY YOURS

From Christmas to Easter is always a rather long grind for our house-mothers, pupils, and teachers. However, it was broken up by activities such as the Circus, group visitors, parties at and away from school, given by various school and club groups, educational trips and, of course, the important preparation for confirmation and Easter vacation. . . .

Circus Queen

Barbara Gossmann was chosen Queen of the Circus and Linda Baetz and Jane Anderson constituted her court, and as such had the honor of riding at the head of the circus parade in a shining new Pontiac car. . . . The entire school family again enjoyed the circus as guests of the Grosse Pointe Lions Club.

Demonstrations

Faculty members were kept busy at meeting requests from clubs and church organizations, for talks and demonstrations. No less than forty-six such appointments were met from September to December. And by February more than fifty already were booked for the new year. . . .

All pupils were tremendously elated when a new nine-passenger Oldsmobile station wagon was delivered which the Detroit Chapter of the School's Ladies Auxiliary purchased for us. We are most grateful to the good ladies as well as to the Oldsmobile representative who made the purchase of this nice car possible at a price that we could afford. . . .

The confirmation class members enjoyed wearing and having their pictures taken in the new confirmation robes, funds for which were supplied by the Macomb Chapter of our Ladies Auxiliary. . . .

Meeting

The Special Services Committee of Synod's Department of Social Welfare of which Dr. Henry Wind is the Executive Secretary, held its semi-annual meeting in our school on March 15th. Mr. Herman Holste, one of our teachers, is a member of the committee. All members were guests of our school. . . .

Travels

The writer of these lines was privileged to speak to members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society in Winona, Minnesota, and to show the motion picture, "The World of Silence" — He also attended the meeting of the C.L.A. held in St. Louis, and from there he made a short business trip to Houston, Texas, where he was given an opportunity to speak in behalf of the school in Trinity Church of the Klein Community.

Two of our classes with their teachers, Mrs. D. Nutt and Miss Marion Lenz, enjoyed a party at the Osborne Public High School, given by several classes and teachers of that school. . . . All pupils participated in three Valentine parties arranged for them by three girls' clubs.

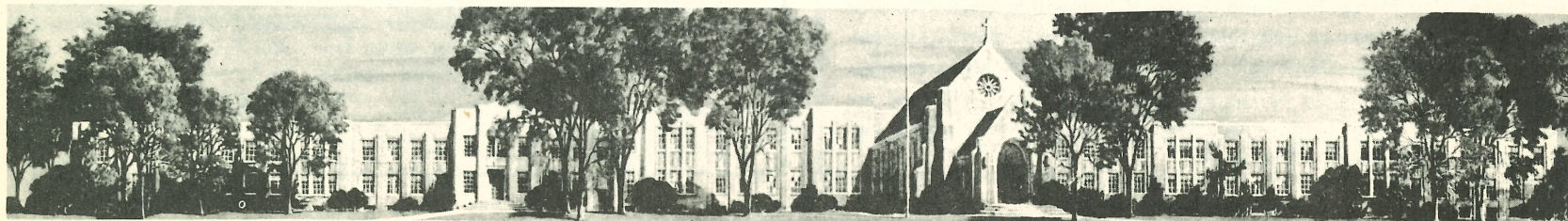
Forty pupils were the guests of Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church's Father-Son-Daughter banquet. . . .

The production of a new motion picture of our school and its activities is moving along nicely. The picture should be ready for scheduling by September. . . .

Cars

There is quite an array of employees' autos parked on the school's parking lot. They range from the vintage of 1937 to 1960. Among them are Fords, Chevrolets, Pontiacs, Oldsmobile, Anglia, Mercury, Triumph, Falcon, Plymouth, Buick, Dodge and the latest is a Valiant. The most conspicuous of all is the school's 1949 green Chevrolet Carryall which goes by the unique name of "Sugarfoot". It, no doubt, got this name from its "sweet purring" motor. Since we have the new station wagon, "Sugarfoot" has been relegated to trash hauling. . . .

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Film

Our very interesting film, "The World of Silence" is still in great demand. Requests for it have recently also reached us from Australia, and Ghana, Africa. . . .

A letter from a teacher of the deaf in Quezon City, Philippines, asks for a supervisory position in our school while he attends special classes at Wayne State University next year.

Words we appreciate: — "The progress Bobby made during the short time he has been with you is just unbelievable. It is like a miracle to us. He just about talked our heads off while he was home for the two-weeks vacation."—Mrs. Lenderman, Columbus, Georgia. . . .

"Please place the following names on your free mailing list for the Advocate. These people have seen my copies and are deeply interested."—Mrs. A. T. Southart. . . .

"I can hardly wait till September, when I shall have the pleasure of joining your teaching staff."—Joan Daily, one of our CID teacher trainees. . . .

CONVERSATIONAL LANGUAGE

The ability to carry on a conversation is just as important for deaf children as it is for anyone else, feels Miss Grace Mannen, long-time teacher of the deaf, who is now on the staff of the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, and who authored a book titled, "Conversational Language". It is a guide in proper conversation for deaf youngsters.

At home, on the street, on the bus, in the dormitory — in fact, anywhere he may find himself — a deaf child should be equipped with a knowledge of the niceties of conversation that will help to make him at ease socially.

The kind of conversational usage that is picked up readily by hearing children must be conscientiously learned by deaf children through diligent practice, says Miss Mannen. "A person without the ability to carry on a conversation is like a room without furnishing," she states.

How to introduce people; what to say when you are introduced; what a person on the street might say if he is asking directions or seeking information; what to say when you want to sympathize with a friend who has had misfortune; how to ask a girl for a date — all these and many other examples of the language used in everyday conversation, Miss Mannen has included in a book she has written specially for deaf children to use as a guide in improving their conversation.

"Conversational Language" is being published by the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, 1537 - 35th St., N. W., Washington 7, D. C.

"Their Works Do Follow Them"

It is most comforting to know that many Christians, before they leave this vale of tears, remember to leave some of their worldly accumulations to assist in the building of Christ's Kingdom. One such child of God was also Mr. R. A. Malcomson of Cypress and Tomball, Texas. He, being especially interested in Christian education, and primarily for the less fortunate and handicapped, after having made bequests to relatives and his church, left the bulk of his estate to Concordia College, Austin, Texas, the Lutheran Orphanage in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the Detroit Lutheran School For The Deaf in equal sums.

The estate was most capably and economically administered by Attorney Howard Klein of Tomball, Texas. The members of our agency's Board of Management here wish to express their heartfelt thanks in appreciation of his services.

The money received from the Malcomson estate as well as legacies recently received from Saints Martha Boelte and Herman Zahrdt will be entirely devoted to the Christian education of deaf children. Thus saints in heaven are continuing to lead souls to Christ and everlasting bliss. May their example, prompted by their love for the Savior, be emulated by many. — "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, — that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." (Rev. 14:13)



Dear Mr. Bellhorn: Milan, Michigan

As you must know, the Milan Woman's Club, through your talk and demonstration, received a magnificent insight into the education of the deaf. I hope that some day we may enlarge our understanding with a visit to your school. The women were so impressed by your talk that they have suggested such a visit in the near future.

My husband (at the Rotary meeting last year) was as interested as I in the work you are doing. So — in addition to thanking you for giving the Club an inspiring program, I am enclosing a personal check. It is a small contribution but I'm hoping it will express our interest and appreciation.

Sincerely, Mrs. E. R. Shirey

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Gentlemen: Decatur, Ill.

Your film titled "The World of Silence" was shown to 202 Sunday School children and 120 Adult Bible Class members of Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

The 322 people who viewed this outstanding film made up one of our largest attendances. This was due to the fact that we had publicized the showing to a great extent for three weeks.

I wish it were possible to write down all the comments that I heard after the movie had been shown. Everyone was most favorably impressed with the colored photography and the presentation. I never realized that so much could be done to help the silent charges of Christ's Kingdom.

We want to thank you for acquainting us with the wonderful work that our Detroit School For the Deaf is doing.

Sincerely, Mrs. J. W. Ahola, Cor. Secy.

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Dear Dr. Klein: Clinton, Michigan

Finally I am writing to you to tell that Sandra likes the school in Springfield very much. And from all the reports I have had, they like her, too, and are very helpful.

The young lady of whom I spoke to you, Miss Maxine Strobridge, is simply wonderful, and so helpful. She tutors Sandy and John, the only other deaf person down there, five nights a week.

We have been so very fortunate, beginning right there at the Lutheran School. You all have always been so helpful to Sandra that we can never forget it. And I know that the early training Sandy received there is what induced her to become a missionary. She hopes to be able to pass on to others the wonderful things she learned about God and Faith and Salvation in the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf.

She has such wonderful faith. And so often she really makes me feel ashamed of myself. I worry about material things, like keeping the bills paid, taking care of my sister, etc. But Sandy tells me not to worry, that God will see that those things are all taken care of. And I know she is right. I do have faith. But I also feel that I should do more. I guess that is why I worry about it.

While Sandra was home for the Holidays, we wanted to come to Detroit to visit with you. But my car was giving me a lot of trouble and finally it broke down completely. And so we didn't get out of Clinton at all.

Sandy came and went by bus. It was such a long ride. She left here on Sunday at 1:40 P.M. and did not arrive in Springfield until 11:30 Monday morning. Now she won't be home again until school is out which is the latter part of May. It seems like a long time. But if we both keep busy, the time will pass quickly.

I was just thinking of Baccalaureate Sunday, up in Flint. Dr. Klein, you would have been so proud of Sandy, hearing her speak in the service. They asked her to come up and speak to the Congregation. I felt so very proud, but humble at the same time. I saw an altogether different side of my daughter that morning. If that is any indication of things to come in the future, I am sure everything will be all right.

Please give greetings to all the people at the school. As you can probably tell from this letter, it is very hard for me to put into words the things that are so very close to my heart. But I know that you will understand. God bless and keep you all.

Sincerely, Florence Clack

NEED FOR TRAINED SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS

The following statements concerning the need for trained professionals appeared in an article in "ASHA", the official periodical of the American Speech and Hearing Association.

"Within the total population of handicapped children in the United States the largest group consists of children with speech and hearing problems. By 1960 more than three million children will have speech or hearing that is so seriously impaired that it can and frequently will interfere with their educational, social, and emotional adjustment.

The most recent estimate is that 5% of our 49,800,000 school-age children and at least 1.3% of our 21,019,000 children under five years of age have speech problems. An additional 0.7% of our school-age children and 0.3% of our preschool-age children have handicapping hearing problems. — There are believed to be nearly nine million Americans with speech and hearing problems as of 1960. . . .

To meet the needs of the speech-and-hearing-handicapped children and adults in the United States would require over 32,000 adequately trained speech pathologists and audiologists. . . .

If we set an exceedingly conservative goal of only 20,000 rather than the 32,000 trained people needed 10 years from now, we must train 1,500 per year for each of the next 10 years. . . . This figure of 1,500 clinicians is far from the 400 people currently being trained in the speech and hearing field each year."

Students entering college should give these very interesting professions serious consideration.

Myself

*One day I looked at myself,
At the self Christ can see;
I saw the person I am today
And the one I ought to be.*

*I saw how little I really pray,
How little I really do;
I saw the influence of my life —
How little of it was true.*

*I saw the bundle of faults and fears
I ought to lay on the shelf.
I had given a little bit to God,
But I hadn't given myself.*

*I came from seeing myself,
With my mind made up to be
The sort of a person that Christ can use,
With a heart He may always see.—Anon.*



Mr. Harry Gee, President of the Grosse Pointe Lions Club, crowning one of our pupils, Barbara Gossman of Columbus, Indiana, the Circus Queen.

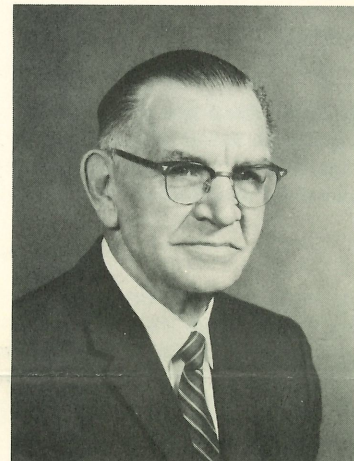


The writer and his nephew, David Klein of Houston, Texas . . . Houston, where it snows but once in a decade or two, welcomed the writer in February with from six to eight inches of snow. No doubt, it wanted to make the visitor from Detroit feel "at home."

AT REST

"Well done thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee a ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matt. 25:21. These words of our Savior greeted the souls of three faithful workers and friends of our school whom the Lord recently called to their heavenly reward.

The saints so blessed are the Rev. Louis Heinecke, for many years pastor of Trinity congregation, Utica, Michigan. Pastor Heinecke was a true friend and supporter of our school having been an active member on the Board of Management as Vice Chairman for consecutive terms.



REVEREND L. G. Heinecke

Dr. Lula Fackler was a humble and faithful member of St. Andrew congregation. Much of her life centered in service to both God and man. Besides being active in her own church in various capacities, she was also interested in the work of the Church at large. Her keenest interest was in our Lutheran School for the Deaf, where she held the office of president of the school's Ladies Auxiliary for a number of terms.



DR. LULU FACKLER

Mrs. Marie Koester Knorr was an active member of the Lutheran Auxiliary for the Deaf for more than fifty years. During this long period she was honored by being elected at different times to practically all the various offices of the organization. As a volunteer worker Mrs. Knorr was always one of the first to respond when special work called for such assistance. Her volunteer services were also recognized by the Detroit Central Volunteer Bureau which organization selected her as a Volunteer of the Week and presented to her the Gold Volunteer Pin in recognition of her unselfish devotion to charity.



MRS. MARIE KNORR

We, the friends, of these departed saints, mourn their passing. However, realizing that already they are enjoying the joys of everlasting bliss, we say, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea; saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours: and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.

FORM OF BEQUEST

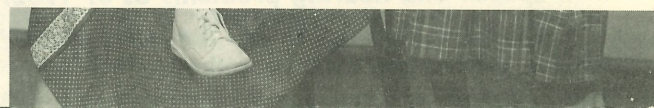
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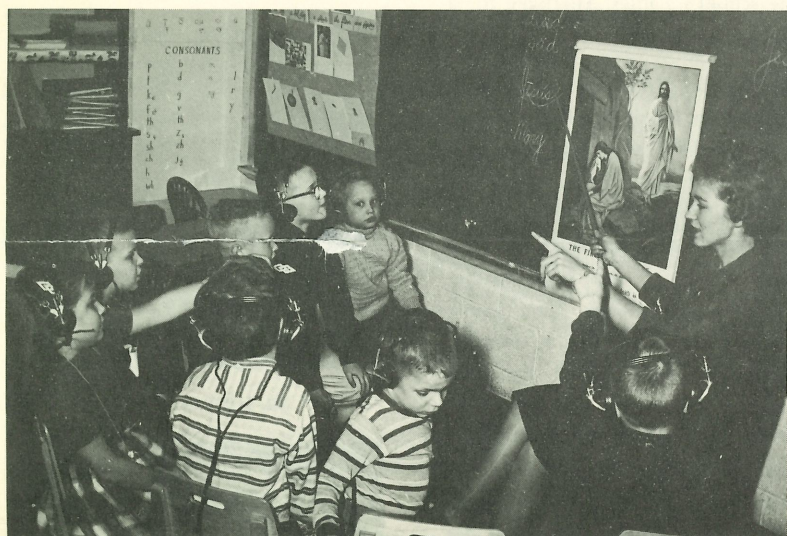
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LEARNING TO SPEAK THROUGH THE SENSES OF SIGHT AND TOUCH



The Easter Story in the Classroom



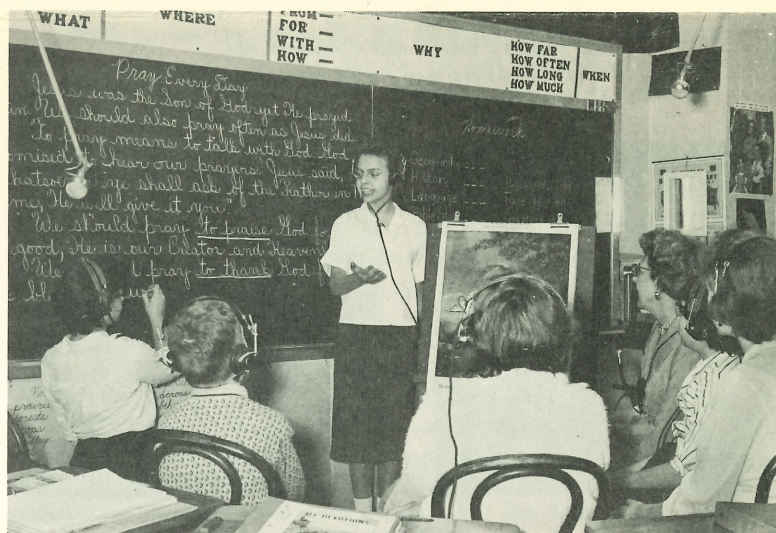
Miss Miriam Mueller's Pre-graders even with their limited vocabulary and language comprehension, learn in simple words that their Savior died and rose again.



Miss Joan Kern uses a film strip and projector in presenting the Easter Story to her fifth grade.



Teaching aids of many types are utilized in creating greater interest in and understanding of the lesson. L. to R.: Miss Elsie Forsberg guides Joyce Wolter, Fremont, Nebr. and David Weston, Wayne, Mich. in reconstructing the scene of "The Last Supper" using miniature statues.



Application of a lesson on Prayer has been made by Miss Helen Szajna. Barbara Gossman, Columbus, Ind., now tells her 7th Grade classmates of the importance of daily prayer. Linda Baetz of Ontario, Canada acts as blackboard recorder.