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THINK ON THESE

"Where YOUR Treasure is there will your heart be also."

Luke 12:34

How great is YOUR treasure in heaven? God has given us an inestimable Treasure, forgiveness through His Son. Would you share your treasures on earth so that others may have the same Treasure in heaven?

Memorial Windows

Sunday, April 23, proved to be another Red Letter Day in the annals of the Lutheran School for the Deaf; and a memorable one in the history of Detroit Lutheranism. From all parts of the City, the State and beyond the State loyal friends of the deaf and their school made their way to this historic school at 6861 Nevada Avenue there to attend a festival service in which sixteen beautiful stained glass memorial windows in the school's chapel were dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of sainted loved ones and in gratitude to benefactors.

Dr. Paul Maier, student pastor at Western Michigan University delivered the dedication sermon. Officiants were Dr. E. T. Bernthal, Rev. Gilbert Otte, Rev. H. R. Wacker and Rev. N. E. Borchardt. Pastor Borchardt interpreted the service for the deaf. The Detroit Choralaires rendered the anthems directed by Mr. Gerald J. List and Mr. Donald A. Busarow was the organist.

Twenty years ago Dr. Maier's father, Dr. Walter A. Maier, the sainted famed Lutheran Hour speaker, preached at the dedication of the Gloria Dei Clara Elizabeth Knudsen Chapel, the gift of the sainted General William S. Knudsen.

The donors of the memorial windows which are by the Willet Stained Glass Studios of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, are the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Heyne, Mr. and Mrs. William Hofman and relatives of McCook, Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. Werner Knack, Mrs. Walter Maul, Mrs. John Pankow, Mrs. Johanna Reindel, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Willet of Philadelphia, Mrs. Carl Witt and friends of the Detroit Fire Department, Anna E. Schug of Milwaukee, Detroit Lutheran Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf, the Ephphatha Chapter of the Lutheran Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf and the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary. The Martin Luther Memorial Auxiliary is the donor of the Minshall organ. Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert T. Otte presented the Altar Cross and Eucharistic Lights. Christian and United States flags are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bohn. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Leonard and friends gave the three-dimensional illuminated picture: "The Head of Christ" by Salman, and Mr. Harry Howell donated the three hand-made crosses. To all donors the School is profoundly grateful. Their gifts will assist us greatly in the religious instruction and training of our many deaf children who enter this beautiful sanctuary for their daily morning devotional exercises. There the many colorful windows, which so vividly depict the important Bible stories will impress upon their hearts and minds the love of their Savior, Jesus Christ.

*You Are Cordially Invited
To Attend
THE SCHOOL'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL
Sunday -- June 11*

CONFIRMATION

On Palm Sunday a class of twelve deaf children attained that goal which the school's founding fathers set down nearly a century ago for all its pupils. They renewed their baptismal vow and were received into communicant church membership in a very impressive service attended by a capacity audience.

The members of the class have achieved an excellent understanding of the fundamental doctrines of the Bible and we are confident that with the Holy Spirit's guidance they will remain in the saving faith and be loyal members of the Lutheran church.

The parents of these children repeatedly expressed their deep gratitude to the school and to you, its loyal supporters for having provided this Christian school for their deaf children.

The following letter aptly expresses the feelings of gratitude of all the parents whose children were confirmed on Palm Sunday:

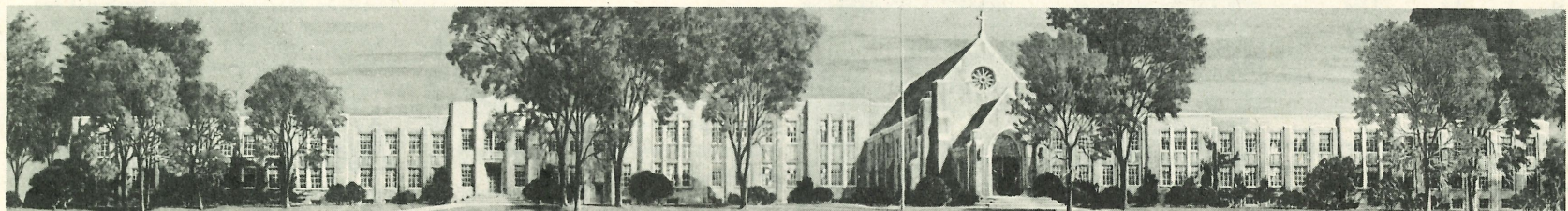
Dear Dr. Klein: Joe and I want to thank you for a day we will never forget — Sheri's confirmation. The chapel service was most impressive and very touching. Many thoughts passed my mind as I watched Sheri throughout the



The Confirmation Class — Standing L. to R.: Darryl Felde, Ill., Robert Gates, Ohio, Roy Ainscough, Ill., Thomas Sturgess, Mich., Arlene Bicker, Ohio, Kenlyn Hoppenstedt, Ill., Sheri Painter, Mich., Patricia Ford, Ga., Carol Schwerman, Minn., and Linda Palmer, Ind. Seated L. to R.: The Rev. N. E. Borchardt, David Weston, Mich., Principal Walter Bellhorn, Claude Beeman, Texas and Exec. Dir. Dr. J. A. Klein.

service such as the day, eleven years ago, when we first left Sheri in your care, Christmas programs in which your students portrayed the birth of Christ, programs, I feel, not easily surpassed by hearing children, the hours of training and teaching on the part of your staff which resulted in the day we once felt very remote and quite impossible, and now Sheri's confirmation and with her understanding of its importance. While I watched the children take their first communion, my personal prayer was that they would never stray from their place at the altar.

We are also most grateful to the Ladies Auxiliary for the gifts of the Bible, prayer book, and confirmation certificate, gifts, I pray, Sheri will always use faithfully. When I heard Sheri read from her prayer book Palm Sunday night, I could not help but shed tears of happiness and thankfulness. It is very difficult for us to express what we really feel. I only hope that you realize to some extent how grateful we are. Sincerely,
Katherine Painter



School Closing Time

June 11, the annual school closing festival — how fast the year has passed! — Children are happy because they go home to loved ones. — Teachers are happy because of the wonderful rest period which vacation affords. — Those of us who remain on the job despite having to work enjoy the perfect quiet after almost ten months of children noises — yes even in a school of deaf children there is noise — and we love it because we love children.

Successful Year

The 88th school year of this House of Blessings was indeed again a most blessed one in all respects. One of the many real blessings was the fact that we were privileged to confirm twelve more deaf young people and send them out to join the hundreds, yea thousands of other deaf Christians as true pillars of the church and rehabilitated citizens of their country, capable of fending for themselves and being examples to others.

Hearing Aids to China

Responding to Rev. Wm. Reinking, Executive Director of the Board of Missions to the Deaf, our school forwarded an accumulation of used hearing aids to him to be reconditioned and sent to deaf brethren in Hong Kong. . . .

On the occasion of the dedication of our Chapel memorial windows congratulatory letters were received from John B. Swainson, governor of Michigan, Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Schroeder, Chicago, Dr. Walter Koch, Denver, Stahl Butler, Exec. Dir., Better Hearing Association, Dr. Mary E. Blair, Spec. Ed. Consultant, Lansing; Dr. Alfred Fuerbringer, Pres. Concordia Seminary; Hon. Louis C. Miriani, Mayor, City of Detroit; Dr. John W. Behnken, Pres. Luth. Church Mo.-Synod; Dr. Hugo Kleiner, Pres. Eng. Dist., New York; Dr. Clarence Hilberry, Pres. Wayne State U., Detroit; Dr. Eugene Berterman, Exec. Dir. Mo. Synod Foundation; Dr. A. Bruce Graham, Speech and Audiology, Ford Hospital; Dr. Paul Friedrich, Exec. Dir., Lutheran Laymen's League; Mr. Walter C. Laidlaw, Pres. United Foundation, Detroit; Dr. Geo. W. Wittmer, V. P. Luth. Church-Mo. Synod; Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Meyer, Coordinator, Luth. Church Mo. Synod; Dr. Martin L. Koehneke, Pres. Concordia College, River Forest, Ill.; Dr. S. Richard Silverman, Exec. Dir. Central Institute for Deaf, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. Walter G. Gerken, Exec. Dir. Luth. Deaconess Assn.; Rev. Edwin Roehrs, Atonement Church, Dearborn; Mr. Wm. Fenske, Memb. B. of Dir. Luth. Church Mo.-Synod; Rev. Donald Larson, St. Andrew-Redeemer, Detroit; Rev. Howard Schoenfeld, New Jersey; Mrs. Wm. Hoppe, Pres. L.W.M.L., St. Louis.

Legacies

We are grateful to Jesus our Savior whose love for His lowly neglected and forgotten brethren handicapped by deafness for having moved some of His followers before they left this vale of tears to designate a portion of their earthly goods for the Christian Education of deaf children in The Lutheran School for the Deaf. Since January of this year we received notices of or final payments from the estates of Anna Schug, Louis Jaschinsky, Dr. John Salvner, Miss Frieda Kroll, Miss Anna M. Linsé, Virgil W. Pruitt, Anna D. Ahrens, the Moehling estate and the Ahlgrim legacy! Having thus remembered the cause of the "least of His brethren" their joy in heaven in His presence is surely beyond imagination.

Bowling

Our boys and girls are grateful to the proprietors of the Nortown and Mt. Elliot Bowling Alleys for the free bowling which they weekly are permitted to enjoy in their establishments.

What a Pet!

About three months ago the Detroit Golf Club delivered a twenty-five pound live white pig to our door. This animal which is a real pet has now grown to quite a size and the time will soon come when it will have to go the way of all good pigs.

More Research at Gallaudet

A new research project to study how deafness affects the pattern of everyday living in the metropolitan area of Washington, D. C., and, in turn, to determine how this pattern is related to vocational and social adjustment will be undertaken this year by Gallaudet College. The project is being subsidized by a grant to the college by the United States Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The specific purpose of the study is to report on the number and vital statistics of deaf persons in the area; family composition and structure; occupations; population movement; relations between the deaf and the hearing; social participation and interest in community affairs; and needs for counseling and other vocational rehabilitation services.

Hearing Center Program

Three members of our school's faculty were program participants at the Detroit Hearing Center Parents' Institute held in February. Miss Joan Kern served on the planning and program committee. Mr. Herman Holste lectured on the educational problems of Aphasic children, and Miss Grace Mannen demonstrated the use of various Auditory training techniques with several of her pupils. More than 600 parents, teachers, and professional personnel in related fields of the education of the deaf and the hard-of-hearing from Michigan and Canada attended the sessions.

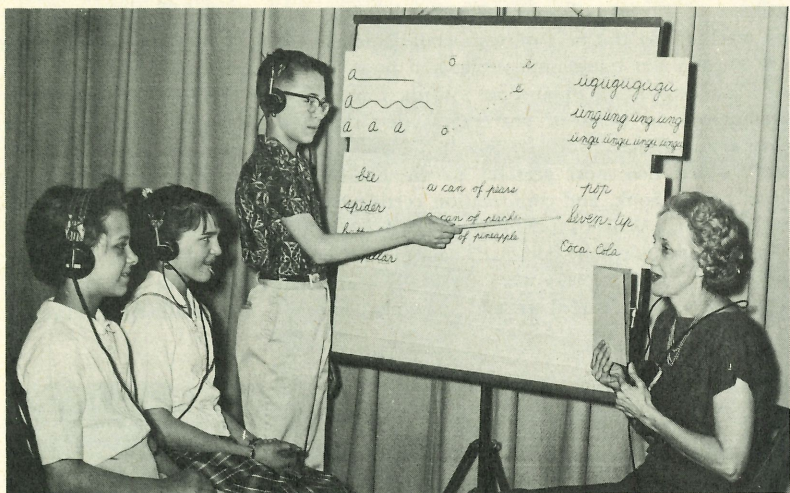
The Institute program emphasized the need for understanding of the educational and behavioral problems of deaf and aphasic children with which parents must frequently cope.



Principal Walter Bellhorn and faculty member Grace Mannen discussing the papers which they delivered at the C.E.C. Convention.

DEAFNESS and MORTALITY

The current National Health Survey indicates that there are about 5,800,000 people in the U. S. with some degree of hearing impairment. Of these nearly 110,000 are reported to be totally deaf. Hearing difficulties are more common in males than in females. Forty out of every 1,000 males have a hearing impairment, a rate one-third higher than that for females. The higher prevalence among males reflects their more frequent involvement in accidents and their greater exposure to prolonged intense noise in industry. One-fifth of hearing impairments among males result from injury, whereas among females only about one twenty-fifth. The relative frequency of hearing impairments rises with age. From 8 per 1,000 persons at age under 25 years, the rate rises to nearly 130 per 1,000 at ages over 75 years. More than two-fifths of the people with impaired hearing are 65 years of age or over which age group constitutes one-twelfth of the total population. It also is a problem at younger ages as impaired hearing affects over a half million of the persons under 25 years and nearly one million in the age group 25-44 years. Marked impairment of hearing or deafness apparently do not affect adversely mortality. In a long-term follow-up study of persons with such defects found upon examination for life insurance, the mortality experienced was no higher than that for persons insured at standard premiums. This may reflect the fact that people with such impairments probably live more sheltered lives than the average person. Only in cases involving mutism was the mortality increased, nearly 1-1/3 times as high as the average for standard risks.—From the *Insurance Index*.



Miss Grace Mannen and several of her pupils demonstrating Auditory Training techniques at the Detroit Hearing Center Parents Institute. L. to R.: Donna Hill, Ind., Lynn Dybdahl, Mich., Mark Allen, Ill., and Miss Mannen.

**FACULTY
MEMBERS
CONVENTION
PARTICIPANTS**

The Convention of the International Council for Exceptional Children was held in Detroit, April 3 to 8 where more than 2000 teachers, administrators and clinicians from as far as Europe and the Near East discussed professional standards in the education of all types of handicapped children. Our own School's faculty was well represented on the five day program.

Dr. J. A. Klein, Executive Director was a member of several planning committees. Principal Walter Bellhorn served on two panels and delivered a paper titled, "Opportunities for deaf children through Extra Curricular Activities." Miss Grace Mannen served on a panel and presented a paper titled, "Parents' Part in Enriching the Language of Older Deaf Children."

Our school enjoys a reputation of being one of the better private modern schools for the deaf in America and we deemed it a privilege to share our professional views with the membership of the International Council.

HEARING IS PRICELESS

Even if you think your hearing is excellent, protect it by practicing these simple rules of hearing health:

- Have your hearing tested each year. (Loss of hearing may come almost without warning. The American Hearing Society and its 130 member organizations can provide you with hearing test services.)
- Keep ears clean without using match sticks, metal objects, or harsh materials. (Let only your ear doctor clean your ears.)
- At the first sign of ear pain, or discharge, see your doctor! (Many cases of hearing loss can be prevented if infection is detected early and treated properly.)
- Avoid swimming in uninspected pools or stagnant waters. (Ear infection can start from water remaining in the ear.)
- Avoid violent blowing of the nose or blowing one nostril while closing the other. (This may lead to infection in the middle ear.)

Hearing is a priceless possession. It can be lost with dramatic suddenness. You can also lose it gradually. Even a gradual loss can be serious, if neglected. In most cases, lost hearing cannot be recovered. A serious hearing loss can be a real handicap. It can be just as crippling as any other physical handicap. By protecting good hearing you may avoid a hearing handicap.

Millions of Americans — estimates run as high as 15 million men, women and children — now have impaired hearing. Many of these millions are not fully aware that they have suffered a hearing loss. Don't let neglect make you one of the hearing handicapped!

—American Hearing Society

Congratulations

DR. KLEIN

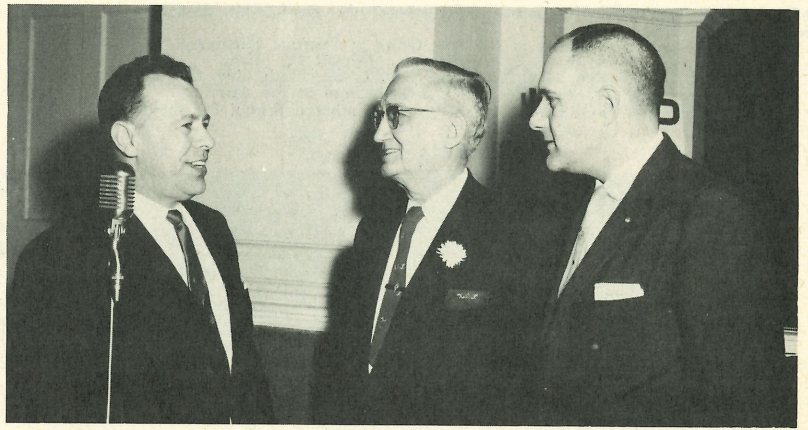
Dr. J. A. Klein, Executive Director of our School, was honored by members and guests of the Lutheran Luncheon Club of Detroit as "Lutheran of the Year" at a testimonial dinner on Wednesday, April 5th at the Harmonie Club. Guests included officials from all phases of business, as well as public officials and laymen from Government and industry and pastors of congregations in the Greater Detroit Area. Among the many speakers was the Rev. H. R. Wacker, chairman of the school's Board of Management who congratulated Dr. Klein on behalf of the Board, the School personnel and the deaf children.

A scroll commemorating the occasion and signed by Mayor Miriani of Detroit and the members of the City Council was presented to Dr. Klein by Councilman Charles Youngblood.

During Dr. Klein's more than fifty years of affiliation with the Lutheran School for the Deaf, it was completely rebuilt and greatly expanded. Also during these years, Dr. Klein has been most active in his congregation, in church related fields of endeavor and in civic organizations.

Deaf Olympics

Frank R. Turk, instructor in physical education at Gallaudet College, world's only college for the deaf, has been appointed Head Wrestling Coach of the United States Wrestling Team currently preparing for the Ninth International Games for the Deaf. The Games (Deaf Olympics) in which 34 nations will compete, will be held in Helsinki, Finland, August 6-10, 1961. Coach Turk will train an eight-member squad for the Helsinki meet. — We are proud that Janice Logan, a graduate of our school, and an accomplished and outstanding athlete, is also being sent to Helsinki to compete in certain events of the Deaf Olympics.



Dr. J. A. Klein honored as Lutheran of the year by the Lutheran Luncheon Club. L. to R.: Mr. Wallace Bohn, Pres. of Christ Lutheran Church and Master of Ceremonies for the occasion; Dr. Klein and Mr. Geo. Freeman, Pres. of the Luncheon Club.



Excerpts From Letters

"... Think you'll be happy to hear that Barbara was one of ten high school students to earn a spot on the school honor roll. — Thank you again for the foundation you all gave her..."

Mrs. Carl Gossman, Columbus, Ind.

"... From the 36 Ontario District young people who visited your school, we have heard many complimentary remarks on the work at your School for the Deaf. And I am confident that these students now feel a personal interest in it..."

Rev. H. E. Kuhl, Port Colborne, Ontario

"... I am happily married and am the mother of five normal children. I often tell my relatives and friends that I owe much to the Lutheran School because I now would not speak today if I had not been sent to this fine school where they taught me to speak and read lips. That school has done a marvelous job in bringing deaf children to the knowledge of Jesus, their Savior and to learn to speak. I am ever grateful to my sainted parents who brought me to that school as a little child and where I attended until I was confirmed..."

Mrs. Anna Ohrt, Grant Park, Illinois

"... We wish to thank you for the brilliant presentation by Miss Mannen and her class. You have most dedicated teachers. We deeply appreciated all that you and your staff did to help our Parents' Series..."

Ralph R. Rupp, Executive Director, Detroit Hearing Center

"... It was wonderful having other people notice Pat's improvement. She seemed almost like a baby when she went to your school. But now she is a young lady, confirmed and an active member of the church. — We were indeed lucky to get her into your school..."

Mrs. F. Ford, Columbus, Georgia

"... Florence Schachern and I want to thank you for your presentation of the Lutheran School for the Deaf on Thursday and Friday. And I also want to mention what a beautiful job Mrs. Nutt, your teacher, and her class did. It was most inspiring..."

Marie M. Kennedy, Director, United Foundation Recruitment

"... Our meeting today featured your film "The World of Silence" and we can hardly say how deeply it impressed us. — The enclosed check is to help with your work..."

Mt. Calvary Ladies Aid, Milwaukee, Wisc., per Mrs. M. M. Rades

"... Enclosed find a check for the sum of \$ - - - from our 176 school children. This represents money which formerly was spent rather foolishly for valentines. This year it represents our "Hearts for Jesus Offering". We are happy in this manner to express our love for Jesus, as well as for our deaf brethren at the Detroit School..."

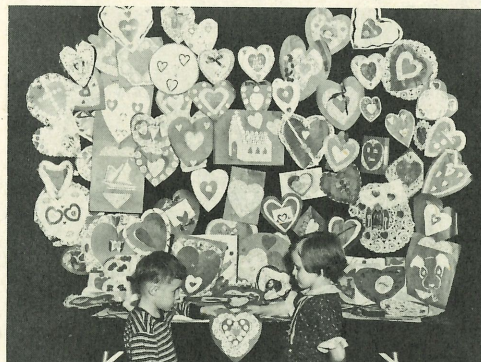
St. James School, Howard Lake, Minn., Walter F. Ferdes, Principal

"... On Valentine's Day our pupils decided to raise a collection for your fine school instead of spending the money for valentines. The enclosed check for \$ - - - is the blessed gift of love from St. John's Lutheran School, Oconomowoc, Wisc., B. J. Luehrs, Principal..."

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.

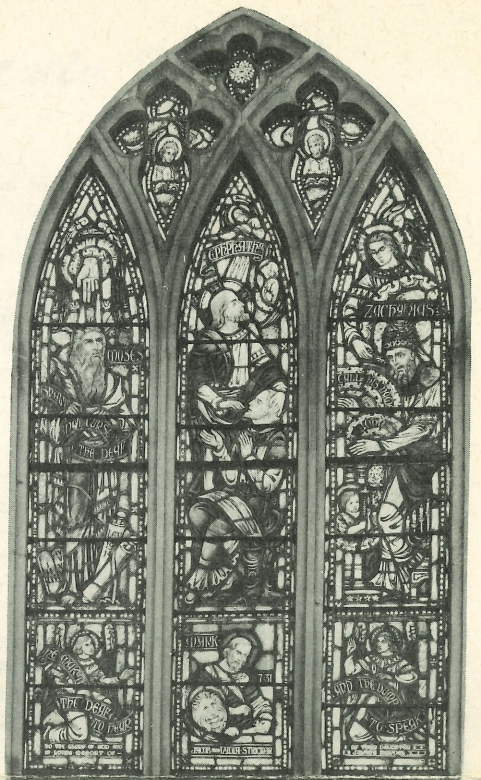


"Hearts for Jesus Offering." The children of Northwest Lutheran School Assn., Milwaukee, Wis., made valentines and enclosed a donation with each one for our school. Total amount \$126.35. Pupils Gerald Snyder and Debbie Richert, both of Canada, are awed by the big multicolored display.

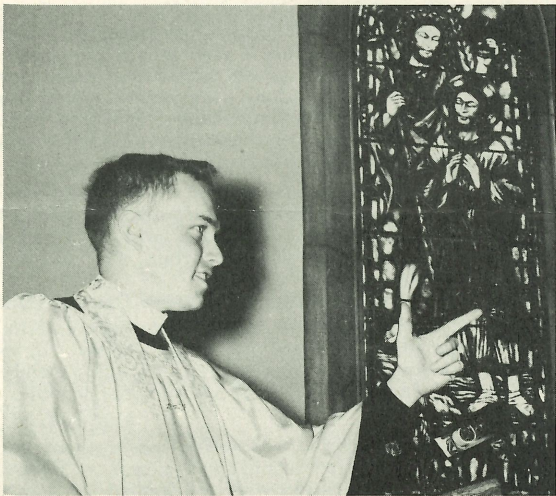
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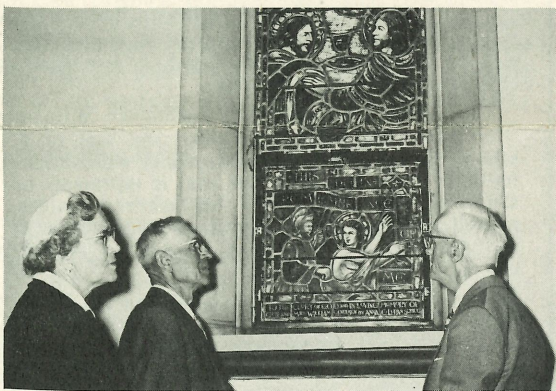
Dedication of Memorial Windows



The Rev. Dr. Paul Maier, son of the sainted Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier, past Lutheran Hour speaker, delivering the dedicatory sermon.



The Nielsen family, long-time benefactors of the School, admiring the beautiful window dedicated in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nielsen. A second window was dedicated in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nielsen. L. to R.: Mr. Henry Nielsen, Mrs. Carl Nielsen, Carl (son of Charles), Mrs. Edwin Nielsen and Edwin.



Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hofmann of Nebraska and Mr. Wm. Schug of Wisconsin traveled to Detroit to attend the ceremonies. The Hofmanns dedicated a window in loving memory of their son, Dean, former pupil of the school, and Mr. Schug dedicated two windows in memory of his wife.



Windows were dedicated in memory of Gen. and Mrs. Wm. S. Knudsen and in honor of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Bernthal. Daughters of the late General and Mrs. Knudsen and Mrs. E. T. Bernthal were honor guests on the memorable occasion. L. to R.: Mrs. Robt. Vanderkloot, Mrs. E. T. Bernthal, Mrs. James Stevenson and Mrs. Paul McKenney.



Miss Mary Beck, president of the Detroit Common Council expressed congratulations to Dr. J. A. Klein and Board member Mr. Bernhard Schumacher.



The Knudsen family was well represented at the dedication service, including sons-in-law and grandsons. L. to R.: Mr. Robert Vanderkloot and sons, the Rev. Dr. E. T. Bernthal, close friend of the Knudsen family, and Mr. Paul McKenney and sons.