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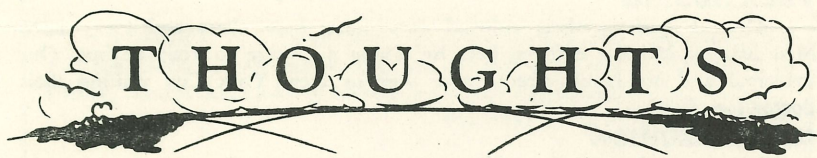
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## THINK ON THESE

*"One man gives freely yet grows all the richer: Another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want."*

*"He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly: And he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully:— For God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9, 6, 7.*



## The 1961 Annual Meeting of Delegates President's Introductory Remarks

Dear Brethren in Christ:

Mindful that God requires faithfulness of His stewards, your Board of Management, your School Board, and your Administration herewith submit their reports to you on their activities during the 88th year at our Lutheran School for the Deaf in Michigan.

Our Heavenly Father has graciously granted us another banner year of preaching and teaching the Forgiveness of Sins in the Name of Jesus Christ to the large family of our brethren in the WORLD OF SILENCE. He signally blessed the devotion of His chosen leaders as well as the increasing number of supporters from far and near with further progress, an exceptional health record, peace and harmony in the quarter-million dollar operation of this our beloved Christian CHARITY. Indeed, "the Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

To all of our fellow-Lutherans (our pastors and teachers in particular) to our many many friends of the deaf, especially our many professional and other volunteers, we say our sincere "Thank You" in Jesus' Name.

Permit us to quote MARTIN LUTHER on Gal. 5, 14 in 1519. "Love as it is by nature seeks a pleasant and quiet life. In fact, as the poet says, it values friendships according to their usefulness, seeking its own interests and intent only on receiving good. But charity (caritas-love in Christ) is a strong love. In the midst of calamities it perseveres, gives evidence of its friendship by the SERVICES IT RENDERS, seeks the interest of OTHERS, is intent on GIVING, not on receiving. In fact, real charity dispenses good and receives evil."—Rev. H. R. Wacker, President.

## Gleanings from the Annual Reports

All meetings necessary to expedite the business of the school were held by both your Board of Management and Board of Education . . . Blessed by the Lord, the school could continue to conduct its highly specialized work in a high degree of efficiency . . .

### Cost:

Since the school can expect to receive only about 1/7, or \$40,000.00, of its annual total financial needs from the parents in the form of fees, the balance of \$260,000.00 must be obtained through freewill offerings . . .

The School's publicity work consists of one appeal letter per year, a quarterly periodical "The Deaf Child's Advocate," a motion picture, "The World of Silence," memorial folders, other informational pamphlets, speakers and demonstrations with children for all manner of programs and services and entertaining group visitors . . .

### Equipment Acquisitions:

Fifteen class rooms now have new teacher desks and chairs, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Ellman . . .

Mrs. E. Mast of Utica supplied one class room with new tables, desks and chairs . . .

The office acquired three new noiseless typewriters and one IBM electric stencil cutting typewriter. The latter was a donation by The Detroit Crisis Club . . .

The school's heating system was converted from coal heat to gas . . . One additional hot water heater was installed . . . An open space in the boy's dorm basement was enclosed for storage purposes . . .

An additional loud speaker was obtained for the Minchall chapel organ . . . Stained Glass windows were installed in the chapel . . .

Old and dead trees were removed and the grounds were improved with new plantings . . . Inside and outside painting was done by our two efficient maintenance men . . . Mr. Max Handler and others supplied additional playground equipment . . .

### Financial Needs:

From 1961 the school's budget requirements will be considerably higher due to the salary and fringe benefit adjustments which the Board felt compelled to make. The latter includes the payment of the Health Insurance premiums for all employees . . .

### Confirmation:

A class of twelve boys and girls having completed their studies were confirmed . . .

### Former Pupils Successful:

One of our former pupils is now an ordained Lutheran pastor serving a congregation of deaf people in Columbus, Ohio, and there also instructs the Lutheran children enrolled in the State School for the Deaf . . . Two former pupils having been graduated from High School will enter Gallaudet college, Washington, D. C. Two others were elected to attend the Deaf Olympics held at Helsinki, Finland . . . Others of our former pupils are teachers, athletic coaches, hospital technicians, office machine operators, typists, printers, linotype operators, factory workers, etc., etc. This is definite proof that Christian education alone can habilitate a deaf child both spiritually and economically . . .

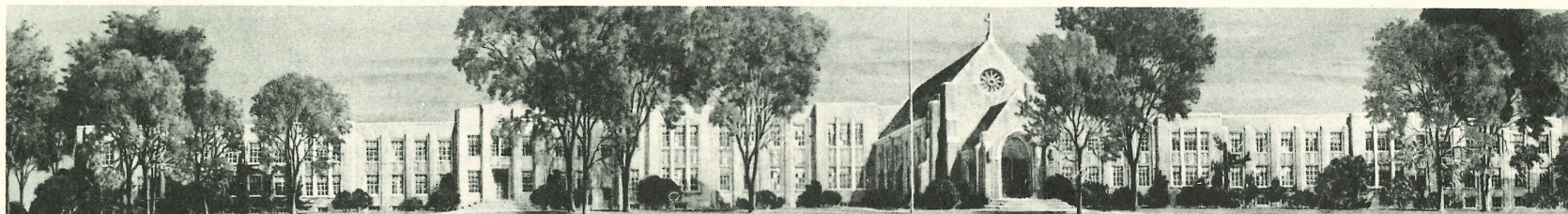
### Staff:

The entire school staff consisted of forty-two people. Of these fifteen were on the teaching force . . . Faithful volunteers also gave us valuable service, thus saving the school considerable salary expenses . . .

### School Recognized:

The school having a strong and capable faculty, enjoys an enviable reputation in the field of special education. Members of its teaching staff have repeatedly been invited by special conferences and conventions to deliver educational papers, take part in panel discussions, and give teaching demonstrations . . .

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Dr. J. A. Klein accepting a generous gift check for the school from Mr. H. Duncan, Secy. of the Northeast Detroit Lions Club. The Club specified that the funds be used to purchase an opaque and a film strip projector.

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## Gleanings

### Need For Teachers:

The school's constant problem is a need for adequately trained teachers . . . To assure a constant supply of teachers to fill vacancies as they occur due to retirements, marriages, and other causes, the school offers two-year tuition scholarships to girls who have completed two years of work in a liberal arts college. At present it has four scholarship recipients at Washington University . . .

### Enrollment:

The school always operates at capacity. It has pupils enrolled from all parts of the United States and Canada, including far off British Columbia, California, Montana, Idaho, Texas, Georgia, Virginia and points between . . .

### Aphasics:

The school conducts one class for aphasics. If qualified teachers and facilities were available it could fill many such classes with the numerous applicants clamoring for admittance each year.

## FOUR TWOS

TWO of our former pupils were competitors in the so-called Deaf Olympics held in Helsinki, Finland, in July. Janice Logan, an all-around athlete, took part in the 200-meter dash, the javelin throw, and the broad jump . . . Donald Morris was entered as High Diver.

TWO former pupils, Janice Logan and EuDell Halverson, enrolled in Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C. . . . EuDell was graduated from the Detroit Lutheran High School West last June.

TWO Lutheran College students, Carole Crenshaw of Detroit, and Patricia Favalon, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, have accepted our school's scholarship offers and have entered Central Institute - Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. to take training to become teachers in our school.

TWO students now at Washington University, the Misses Elaine Walter of Tomball, Texas, and Judy McFall of Tulsa, Oklahoma, will complete their studies in St. Louis next June, after which they will be ready to join our teaching staff.

### The Deaf Child's Prayer

*There was an hour when the battle went  
Heavy against me, strength was spent,  
Even God's voice I could not hear  
As I fought in the silence, alone and in fear . . .  
Till Somebody Prayed for me.  
Somebody Prayed! Somebody Prayed!  
I rose from the dust there, unafraid.  
A legion of angels encompassed me there,  
Sent by our God through Somebody's Prayer,  
When Somebody Prayed for me.  
Now when one falters, unable to call,  
Bent with the struggle, back to wall,  
Close to surrender, near to despair,  
Lord, send the strength of this MY Prayer,  
As Somebody Prayed for ME!*

—Adapted.

## INCIDENTALLY YOURS

Pleasant vacation days over, school days are here again with a capacity enrollment of happy children from near and far. The farthest points from which our pupils come are Virginia, Texas, California and Alaska . . .

### NEW TEACHERS

Miss Emma Marshall, Mrs. Katharine Settles, and Mr. Gerald Williams joined our teaching staff. Miss Marshall came from the Nebraska State School, Mrs. Settles from the Cincinnati Day School, and Mrs. Vilma Tinsmith came all the way from Hungary . . .

### NEW PUPILS

Sixteen new pupils were accepted for enrollment. We deplore the fact that no less than thirty other applicants could not be accommodated. The new comers hail from as far as Puerto Rico, California and Virginia.

### ANNUAL FESTIVAL

The annual School closing festival held in June was blessed with good weather and a good attendance. The program which included the presenting of special awards to pupils for meritorious accomplishments was well received by the audience . . .

### WEDDING BELLS

Two of our teachers enjoyed hearing wedding bells ringing. They were Miss Joann Kern and Joan Dailey. Mrs. Kern-Uhl will continue teaching in our school. Miss Dailey will teach in Cleveland where she is making her home . . .

### VACATIONING

All our staff members enjoyed vacationing here, there and everywhere. Miss Miriam Mueller enjoyed hers by taking a voyage to visit Europe. Our Principal and his family spent some time in New York City visiting their doctor son, Roy . . .

### CLASS REUNION

Fifteen members of the Addison class of 1911 together with their spouses enjoyed a reunion within our school walls and visiting points of interest in Detroit. We invite other classes for such reunions. Which class will be next? . . .

### BLESSINGS

A large food processing company donated six and a half tons of food (383 cases) to us. And our ever ready and willing Nielsen Cartage Company volunteered to call at the plant for the contribution and delivered it to us . . .

Flowering plants donated by our florist friend, Freddie Meyer, beautified our campus all Summer . . .

We are deeply appreciative of the very generous cash donations received from the Northeast Lions Club and the Strathmoor Kiwanis Club . . . Legacies from the Anna Mueller, Schrader, and Toenies estates were also most gratefully received . . . A special vote of thanks also went to the Aid Association for Lutherans which organization again awarded a scholarship to one of our indigent pupils . . .

### SPEAKING APPOINTMENTS

Representatives of our school are available for speaking and demonstration purposes at church services or other organization programs. Apply to Dr. J. A. Klein, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Mich.

### OUR OCTOBER MESSAGE

We wish to call our readers' special attention to our annual message which they will receive in October or early November . . . The success stories it will bring are proof positive that the mission dollar spent for rehabilitation of deaf children through a Christian education pays off and comes back an hundred fold.

### LIVING FAIR

Our school has been requested to take a part in the "Living Fair" which will be staged at Detroit's famous Cobo Hall on September 18, at which an audience of more than 10,000 people is expected.

### Deaf Are Successful

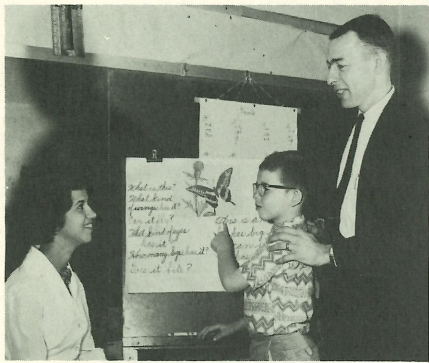
Even a freak accident can cause deafness, as is the case with John Oleszko, a former pupil at the Lutheran School who had the misfortune of losing his hearing by being run over by a bicycle.

Upon entering this school John found there were boys and girls like him — unable to hear — and found there was a different way to understand spoken language besides hearing. He was happy to be here and made many friends with pupils and teachers alike.

Upon graduation, he attended Michigan School for the Deaf, where he completed high school. Besides school books, the school provided training in various trades: woodworking, machine shop, printing, shoe repair, to name a few. John took woodworking, machine shop and printing. He was industrious in learning all three but decided to take printing after graduation. Today he is employed as a linotype operator at The Detroit News having been there for the last sixteen years. During World War II he was a precision grinder in a defense plant. He stresses the value of learning several trades — thus to be the better prepared for different jobs in the event of a layoff from one.

John is married and has two daughters. He and his wife are members of Our Savior (deaf) congregation where he is an officer of the church.





Miss Iria Soares, a teacher of the deaf in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil visited our School for two weeks in May for the purpose of acquainting herself with the teaching methods and aids we use. Print depicts Mr. Herman Holste teaching Gregory Dinsmore, an aphasic.



Eudell Halverson, a graduate of our school and the Detroit Lutheran High School West now enters Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C. to continue her education.



Mrs. Ruth Koch, volunteer assistant in the beginners class, intrigues Cathy Ruchotzke, Iowa, and Larry MacDougall, Michigan, with the form board in sense training.

## the LETTERBOX

### Excerpts from Letters

"... Enclosed is our check for \$——. This amount was collected by our Vacation Bible School pupils. We also showed your film, "The World of Silence," and it made a lot of friends for you in this parish."

Rev. Paul J. Affelt, Brainerd, Minn.

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"... In appreciation for your wonderful hospitality, lodging two nights and feeding us, we, the pupils of Grades 6, 7 and 8 of Christ Lutheran School of St. Joseph, Michigan, herewith, make the donation of \$—— to the Lutheran School for the Deaf to be used where it is most needed..."

The Children of Christ Lutheran School

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"... Please accept our enclosed check for \$——. We feel totally inadequate to express our true feeling for the wonderful work your school is doing.

"The program you put on opened our eyes to a situation most of us had little or no contact with. The children themselves were marvelous..."

W. G. Butler, Chairman, Strathmoor Kiwanis Club

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"... My husband and I are most grateful to all at the school for the love and affection that you all have shown Mary. We will certainly try to bring her up in your faith. We hope that she may remain at the school as long as she needs to."

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Martin, Canada

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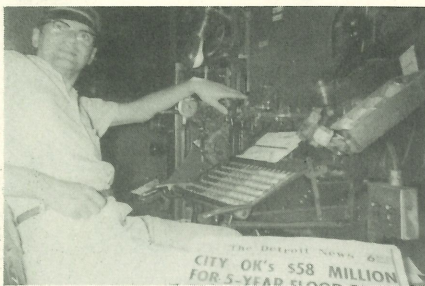
"... Thanks for letting us use your outstanding film, 'The World of Silence.' All who were able to attend thought it was a most wonderful picture."

Mrs. Herman Glick, Havana, Illinois

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"... We wish to thank you for the loan of your fine film... More people should know of your wonderful work with deaf children."

Mrs. A. J. Baca, Cleveland, Ohio



John Oleszko — former pupil, has been a Linotype operator at the Detroit News for the past 16 years.

### 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.

## A Testimonial

I am writing this to the readers of the Advocate to tell them of my school days at The Lutheran School for the Deaf where I, as a profoundly deaf child, learned to speak and read lips, and where I obtained my religious training.

People often ask: "Are the deaf successful and how do they earn a living?" This is not a success story, but proof that deaf can and do take a normal place in society. This is due to the wonderful educational and religious training I received at that wonderful school, The Lutheran School for the Deaf. The guidance I received by Dr. Klein and his wonderful staff will never be forgotten. I spent many happy days there with my Christian classmates. All the children were happy and contented and our surroundings were most pleasant. I was confirmed with my classmates by Pastor Borchardt at Trinity Lutheran Church, where I became a communicant member. At Trinity I served as treasurer of the Sunday School.

Because of my wonderful training at the School, I was able to enter the Detroit Lutheran High School. After a few weeks of adjustments, I adapted myself to a normal High School schedule. I again found that Christian classmates were an asset. While in High School, I also took part in many of the activities. My working experience on the school paper was very helpful towards my education. My membership in the Y-Teens Club was most valuable in associating with normal people. I was elected vice-president and treasurer in my Senior Year. I enjoyed belonging to the Girls' baseball team and Activity Club which was part of my social life. After four years, I was graduated, and I was most pleased when I was advised that I was the 23rd highest in grades out of 85 pupils.

Upon graduation from Lutheran High I attended Business College for further schooling. After one year I was out on my own looking for a job and I took a position in the accounting department of Blue Cross - Blue Shield. After seven months I decided to resign my job and then took one with General Motors, so I could make use of my business training. I have been employed there in the stenographic department of Fisher Body for the past nine years.

Since I have always had a craving for independence, I wanted to learn to drive and own a car. This ambition of mine was eventually fulfilled, and I now drive my own automobile.

Ever since I left the Lutheran School, I have associated with hearing people. Many of my deaf friends have had similar experiences and have been successful in adapting themselves to a normal everyday life. We owe all our success to The Lutheran School for the Deaf.

None of us can ever forget God's goodness in enabling us to attend this marvelous school. Much of this was due to your (readers of the Advocate) effort in supporting the Lutheran School for the Deaf by your prayers and financial assistance. For this we all say "Thank You." May God bless you for your past help and may He enable you to continue this great work, for the many deaf children who look to you to lead them to Jesus, their Savior...

Doris Christ



Class Reunion — The 50th Anniversary banquet climaxed the three day reunion of the Addison teachers class of 1911.



Anne Louise Lotz

holds the key to your heart.



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### THE EIGHTY-NINTH SCHOOL YEAR UNDER WAY . . . . AND CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES ABOUND



Rosalie Cheifetz, Canada, is right. The cow says "Moo."



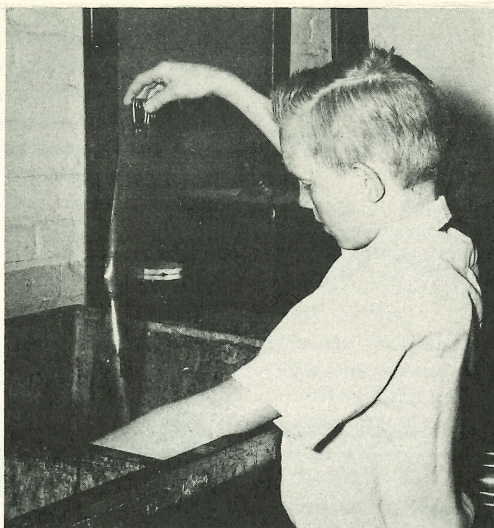
Pamela Gustavel, Illinois, feels that fishbowls and flowers in the classroom add something to education.



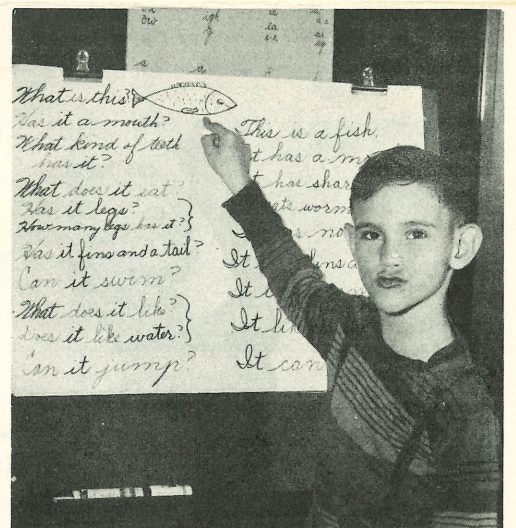
Dr. Ulbrich's pet goat visited the primary department and thrilled the little tots no end.



Deborah Richert and Diane Holmes, Canadian Pals, play teacher using the tactile method for speech development.



Stephen (Freckles) Aase, Illinois, learning the interesting processes in developing snap shots.



Danny (Sputnik) Schuber claims this fish is a minnow compared to those in his home State of Missouri.