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THOUGHTS SEEING GIANTS

The committee of twelve, appointed under Moses to spy upon Canaan, the promised land, had completed their work. But when the time came to make a report they did not all agree. There was a majority report and there was a minority report.

The majority report was signed by ten members of the twelve. It was a very dreary and pessimistic thing. It read something like this: "Whereas we have spied out the land — and whereas we have discovered certain facts that seemingly even God did not know, namely that the land is inhabited by giants, — and whereas we have come to believe that God was mistaken in thinking that we could take the land, — Be it resolved that we give up the task as a bad dream and return to Egypt. We be not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we."

That report caused bitterness, disappointment and even weeping. It was with real difficulty that Caleb finally got the floor to present the minority report. It ran something like this: "Whereas we have spied out the land and found that it is a very good land, — and whereas God has promised it to us, — Be it resolved that we go up at once to possess it. — God will be with us."

But, sad to say, this minority report was tabled by the majority and was never taken off the table till the last member of that majority had been laid in his coffin. — It is a pathetic story, the story of how a people threw away their chances. It tells how a nation robbed itself. It tells how a people for whom God had planned great things, actually limited what God wanted to do for them.

Why did these Israelites fail?

They failed because they lacked faith. "Faith", you say, "but that is a theological word." Then, let me put it this way: They failed because they had a keener sense of their difficulties than they had of the presence and power of God. They saw the giants more clearly than they saw the Lord. And men who do that always fail.

Now, remember this does not mean that the man of faith is to ignore or belittle the difficulties. Caleb and Joshua saw the giants too. The difference was this: They saw God and that made the giants look very small.

What we see once in a while looks very much like giants. When we contemplate the prospect of raising our fair share for missions and charities for the year, in addition to meeting the increased needs at home, the job looks quite large. — And next year it will be even greater.

A good look at the Lord in faith, however, will trim the job down to size. With the Lord's help we can achieve our goal if we will. We can fulfill our mission of benediction to the world if we will. — Yes, we can meet the needs of charity, including the handicapped children at the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf — if we will. Let us gird ourselves with a mighty faith in our Savior and move forward.

— Charity Thermostat

You Are Cordially Invited To Attend THE SCHOOL'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL Sunday -- June 10

Dinner 11:30 to 1:30 P.M.
Deaf Children's Program 2:00 P.M.
Divine Service 3:00 P.M.

CONFIRMATION



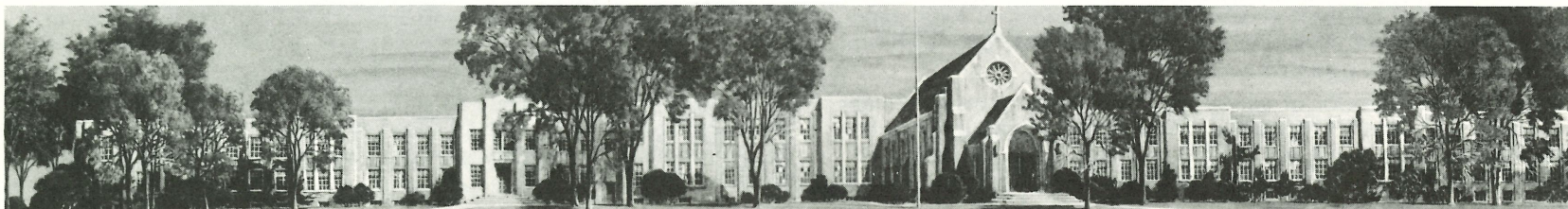
The 1962 Confirmation Class: L. to R. Standing — John Lee, Texas; David Nauman, Texas; Raymond Doyle, Ohio; Stephen Harrison, British Columbia; Jack Doerk, Illinois; Rosemary Pichon, Mich.; Janice Dautenhahn, Mo.; Mildred Cook, Mich. and Mary Ann Pugin, Ind. Seated — The Rev. N. E. Borchart, Larry Ginter, Ohio; Dr. J. A. Klein, Stephen Aase, Illinois and Walter Bellhorn.

On Palm Sunday our Gloria Dei Chapel was filled to capacity with parents, relatives and friends who came to rejoice in the Lord as the members of the School's confirmation class knelt at the altar and renewed their baptismal vow to live the life of a child of Jesus in faith and to remain true to the Triune God even unto death. The Reverend N. E. Borchart performed the rite of confirmation.

Following the service, the confirmands, their parents, friends and members of the School's staff celebrated the memorable occasion with a confirmation dinner. Dr. Klein addressed the parents briefly, exhorting them to be ever mindful of their responsibilities toward their children's Christian life and regular church attendance. Mrs. Rast, President of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf, on behalf of the organization presented a red-letter Bible and a prayer book to each confirmand. The class presented a beautiful picture of Jesus to the school as a token of their appreciation to their Lord for blessings received.

The parents expressed their gratitude to the school personnel and to you, its loyal friends and supporters, for having provided this Christian School for their deaf children.

We wish these new members of the Church the Lord's richest blessings and pray that they may abide by the instructions in the Word of God which they have received and finally reach their heavenly home above.



Incidentally Yours

SCHOOL CLOSING:

The 1961-62 school year is rapidly drawing to a close. The annual summer vacation begins on Sunday, June 10th, after the Festival service. It has been another blessed year of staff loyalty and pupil achievement, especially in Christian education and training with a fine class of confirmands again being received into church membership.

ANNUAL MEETING:

A reminder to Pastors and delegates! The annual meeting of the Association will be held at the School on Wednesday, June 6th at 10:00 A.M. Important reports and business will be on the agenda.

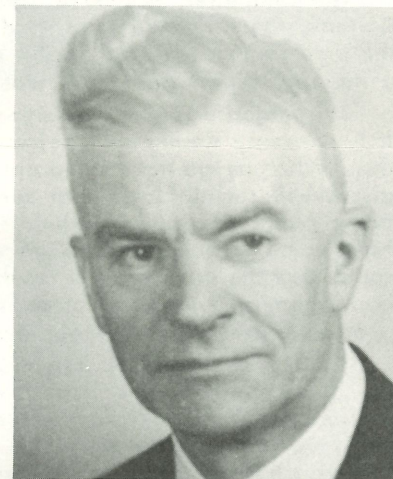
STANDING INVITATION:

Tourists and travelers when passing through Detroit between June 20th and September 1st and looking for a nights lodging are cordially invited to spend the night with us. We shall be glad to accommodate them with a complimentary bed and breakfast.

LADIES SPRING FAIR:

The annual Spring Fair of our Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf, which was held on Tuesday, May 8th, was very well attended. At the end of the day, the host of workers left with tired feet but happy hearts realizing that all their efforts were well spent for a most worthy cause — enriching the lives of deaf children. Mrs. Daisy Manzelmann and Mrs. J. A. Klein were co-chairmen of the affair. Mrs. Clara Rast is President of the Ladies Auxiliary.

FESTIVAL SPEAKER



The Reverend A. H. A. Loeber

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

During the year our boys and girls enjoyed bi-monthly roller skating Parties at Redemption Lutheran Church, the Rev. Harold Bernthal, Pastor, and weekly bowling at Van Dyke and Mt. Elliott Recreation centers. To these organizations we say "Thank you" for providing many happy hours of wholesome activities and relaxation for our children.

TOURS AND DEMONSTRATIONS:

Since January twenty-seven groups have toured the school buildings and visited classes and twenty-four speaking engagements with demonstrations have been met by various members of the faculty. Through such activities, friends of the school are made vividly aware of the manifold problems encountered by the deaf child and the educational steps taken in helping him to adjust to his handicap and acquire a Christian education and training through special methods and techniques.

MORE "THANK YOUS":

Many thanks to the organizations and individuals who remembered our children at Easter time with baskets and candy. — To Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church, Detroit, for entertaining 40 of our pupils at their Father, Son, Daughter banquet. — The Grosse Pointe Lions' Club for two Norway Blue Spruces which were dedicated to departed members of the club — To Mr. Schad of Unity Lutheran Church, Detroit, for a Larch tree which was planted on Arbor Day — To Mr. Jim Niell for having arranged to let our children attend the showing of "Hiawatha" and "Dumbo" at the Detroit Art Museum. — And to the many others, including the readers of the "Advocate" and benefactors of the school, we say "Thank you" for your "remembrances" of God's "Children of Silence".

would be able to continue doing an admirable job with all the knowledge that we presently have on the subject.

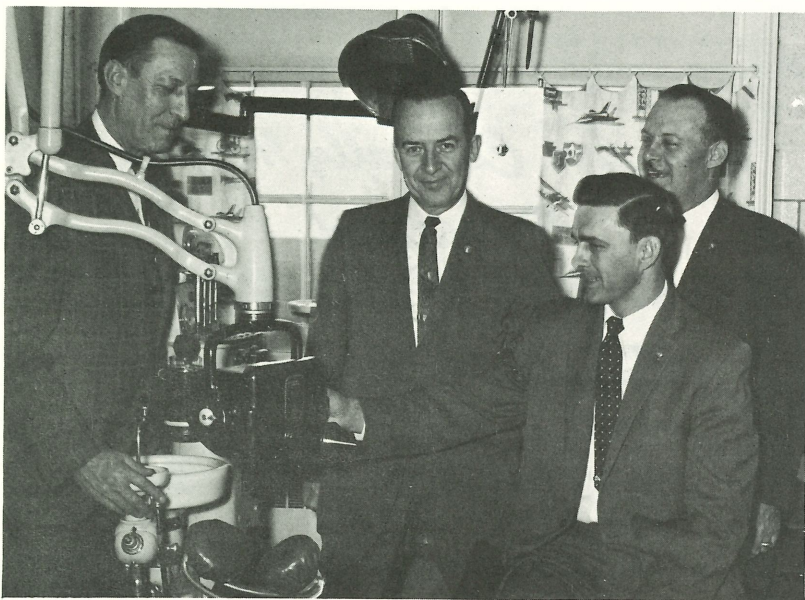
What about available teaching materials? Volumes of professional material have been produced over the years. Each issue of the periodicals mentioned bring the profession up to the minute information on the latest available material.

The Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf prepared a complete set of Old and New Testament Bible Stories and three Catechism courses, the most recent one by Dr. Klein four years ago.

All of this religious teaching material has been made available free of charge to all our missionaries of the deaf and to many others who have requested it.

A complete course of study was also prepared and has been shared with other schools for the deaf upon request.

Understand, we certainly are not against progress in the work of the church, but, we cannot sit idly by and have our people be led to believe that "practically nothing" has been done for the deaf up to this time.



Members of the Strathmoor Kiwanis Club officially presenting new dental equipment to the school. L. to R. — Walter Bellhorn, Principal of the school; James R. Gibbs, Pres. of the Club; Dr. Warren Bruland, member of the Club and one of the school's dentists, and Wm. Lambert, Chairman of the Boys' and Girls' Committee.

SCHOOL RECEIVES KIWANIS GIFT

Our two dentists, Dr. Carlyle Rueger and Dr. Warren Bruland, are especially happy these days introducing the new dental equipment to our children. This equipment is the gift of the Strathmoor Kiwanis Club, Detroit, of which Dr. Bruland is a member.

To the members of the club we say "Thank you" for the gift of this much needed equipment.

The Editor Is Amazed

Recently a publication crossed the Editor's desk in which an article appeared with reference to various phases of deaf education. The writer of the article seems to indicate that a teacher recruitment plan is vitally needed in our church, that scientific research is virtually a "must" and that educational and religious materials are practically non-existent.

We are amazed and somewhat perturbed that persons responsible for these articles are not better informed relative to the above mentioned areas of education and research.

Concerning teacher recruitment: Dr. S. Richard Silverman, director of the well known Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis, stated recently that if every school for the deaf followed the example of the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf in recruiting teachers, there would be no lack of teachers of the deaf in our American schools today. At the present time the Detroit School has on file the names of more than 35 Lutheran young people who have indicated their willingness to become teachers of the deaf. Many of these Christian career minded individuals are now attending our Concordias. Those who complete two years of college education and finally decide to take the necessary training, will be given a yearly tuition scholarship, provided by our school, and sent to an established and recognized training center for two years of study and practice teaching which then will fully qualify them to teach the deaf, the hard of hearing and aphasic children. This program of recruitment has been publicized and in effect for some years.

Concerning scientific research on the problems of the hearing impaired, work done by the medical profession, by psychologists and by educators of the deaf has been set down in innumerable volumes. The "Volta Review", "The American Annals of the Deaf" and "The Exceptional Child" all three professional publications of long standing in the field of deaf education keep the profession abreast of current events at all times.

The executive director of one of the best known research centers on deafness feels that there are too many in educational and psychological research who ought not be in it and that if not another "lick" of scientific research were done for 20 years, educators of the deaf

Excerpts From Letters

... I always enjoy reading every issue of "The Deaf Child's Advocate". May the Institute at Detroit continue to expand and grow so that many more handicapped children may have the privilege of attending this excellent institution. At regular intervals I present the cause of our Detroit Institute for the Deaf to the Auxiliary Organizations of our congregation here.

Pastor A. Gehring, Stony Plain,
Alberta, Canada

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... We were very impressed by your school, the physical facilities and particularly the staff. Certainly the deaf have wonderful opportunities in this school for meeting the difficulties of their handicap.

Once again our very sincerest thanks for your kind and generous hospitality during our visit to your school.

Dr. John A. Reid, London, Ontario,
Canada

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... I am so very thankful for The Certificate you have so kindly sent me. The little I have been able to contribute to the School, especially since I am in the Augsburg Home, has been very little indeed, and I never send my Mite that I do not wish it could be more.

I will be Eighty-four years of age soon and am very happy and thankful to be in such a lovely Christian Home.

God bless you and all you have done and are still doing for God's Children.

Mrs. Annie Teisinger,
Baltimore, Md.

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... Thanks for the Certificate of Award sent out by the School for the Deaf to us. We are very grateful that we still can help support your school with our small gifts.

The gift we are sending at this time may be used as you see fit. God bless each and everyone of you.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thate,
Carrollton, Mo.

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... Please accept our belated thanks for the excellent presentation you gave before our group at our recent meeting.

One of our members stated that this was the most interesting meeting he had ever attended and I am sure this thought was shared by all present.

Again, accept our thanks and may the Lord continue to bless your efforts.

Martin Kahler, St. Peters Lutheran P.T.L.,
Richmond, Mich.

FORMER PUPIL HEADS "DEAF OLYMPICS"

Jerold M. Jordan, a graduate of the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf and now Science Professor at Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C. has been named committee chairman in charge of the 10th International Games for the Deaf. The Games, sometimes called the "Deaf Olympics" will be held at Gallaudet College in the summer of 1965 and will represent the largest undertaking by the deaf in America. Approximately eight hundred participants from 30 countries, including Russia, Poland and Hungary, are expected to attend the event.

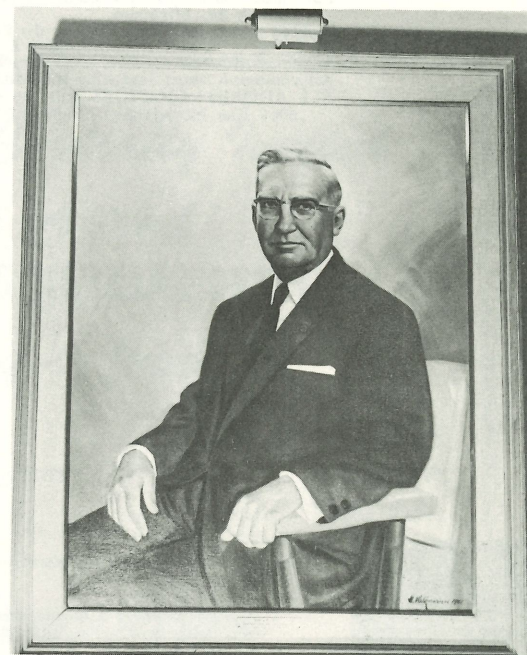
Jerold served on the previous committee as treasurer and assistant chairman in 1961 when the United States delegation sent an unprecedented 105 members to participate in the Games at Helsinki, Finland.

Two of our former pupils, Janice Logan and Donald Morris, attended the Helsinki meet and won medals in swimming and diving.

The United States games will mark 40 years of international competition and 30 years of American participation in the "Deaf Olympics."



Its fun to have pets. Carl Evans and Sally Lambert are enjoying some little chickens which by now have sprouted wings and cannot be handled so easily.



The beautiful painting of Dr. J. A. Klein presented to the school by his daughter, Ethel Fontenot of Houston, Texas. The painting was placed in the School reception room facing the entrance.

THE ROPE OF LOVE

(The Indian language is not easy to translate, and in their talking with one another the various tribes use a sign language, more or less common among the Indians. The following is a translation of the Twenty-third Psalm which can easily be interpreted by the sign language.)

The Great Father above is a Shepherd Chief. I am His and with Him I want not.

He throws out to me a rope, and the name of the rope is Love.

He draws me, and He draws me and He draws me to where the grass is green and the water is not dangerous: and I eat and lie down satisfied.

Sometimes my heart is very weak, and I fall down, but He lifts me up again and draws me into good road.

His name is Wonderful.

Sometime, it may be very soon, it may be longer, it may be a long, long time, He draws me into a place between mountains. It is dark there, but I will not draw back. I will not be afraid, for it is there between these mountains that the Good Chief will meet me, and the hunger I have felt in my heart is gone.

Sometimes He makes the Love rope into a whip, but afterwards He gives me a staff to lean on. He spreads a table before me with heap food. He puts His hands on my head, and all tired is gone. My cup He fills, till it runs over. What I tell, you believe. I lie not. The roads are "Away, maybe long time off, but Good Indian follow, all the way, and afterward go, live in Big Teepee, and smoke Peace Pipe, with Shepherd Chief forever."

— Connecticut National Grange

FILM AVAILABLE

Now is the time to schedule the School's all color Sound movie "The World of Silence" for showing at a fall or winter meeting of your congregation, Day or Sunday School or other organizations within your church.

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.

HELP — PLEASE

Each copy of the "Deaf Child's Advocate" sent to a wrong address costs the School an additional 10c.

Therefore, we ask our readers to notify us immediately of any change of address thus saving the School an appreciable sum of money.

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Our Boys And The Outdoors In Spring



"What are we having for lunch?" A group of the older boys enjoying a weekend camp-out trip, one of the highlights in their spring activities.



Annual Clean up. It seems the flowers have to be uncovered every spring and the old leaves hauled away — L. to R. Bob Lendermann, Ga.; Kent Kroll, Ill. and Ronald Gross, Mich.



Carl Frels, Wisc. and Bryon Harlow, Colo. playing with "Schwartz" our pet crow. "Schwartz" weathered the severe winter's cold without losing any of his sauciness.



"Strikes" and "Balls" are here again. The spirit of baseball catches on early in spring and the old skills with bat and ball soon return.



Time out for kite flying. In the foreground is Mark Anderson, Mont. who is feverishly feeding the string to catch up with his competitors.



"Oh! No! Why do kites so often look for trees to land in?" wonders Jimmy Bayer of Michigan. As a boy, we wondered, too.