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"WORKING TOGETHER WITH GOD". 2 Cor. 6, 1a.

"A man in Christ" is Paul's definition of a Christian. Nothing less is adequate. He is a "new creation", not merely improved, or reformed. He is remade. He is different even from what he was at his best. The CHANGE is radical; it goes to the roots of his being.

As an ambassador of Christ, Paul is conscious of co-operating with God. He was a willing channel for God's power. In a real sense ALL MEN are used by God:

"All of us alike are God's instruments. By not setting of our hearts on wickedness or doing evil with both our hands can we prevent God from using us. Our FOLLY will serve HIM, when our WISDOM fails; our WRATH praise Him, though our WILL rebel. Yet, as God's instrument without intention and in our own despite, we generally serve God's ends only as we defeat our own. To be God's agent is quite another matter. This we are only as we learn God's will, respond to His call, and find our own highest ends in fulfilling His." John Oman.

In the full sense Paul was God's agent, ever discovering His purpose in the Holy Scriptures and in His Christ, seeing His will and with wholehearted obedience doing it. This is the true meaning of being God's fellow worker, and in it we find the true privilege and joy of life. The question for every man is whether he will be God's Unconscious tool OR God's conscious partner. To know that God AND we are PARTNERS is the secret of inexhaustible strength.

Stand, then, in His great might,
With all His strength endued;
But take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God.
From strength to strength go on,
Wrestle and fight and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down
and win the well-fought day. — Amen!

God's strength ALONE has brought us to this 90TH JUBILEE YEAR of our Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Michigan. The EARLY FATHERS began in the Name of God's CHRIST — countless other fathers over the long years followed in their train — today we men and women in Christ look ahead to the CENTENNIAL Jubilee, confident in the faith of our fathers in Christ that the same strength of our God will help us to feed ever more of His own lambs and sheep in the world of silence.

The Rev. H. R. Wacker—President

SCHOOL YEAR

The School opened its 91st year of teaching the Deaf on the day after Labor day with a record enrollment of 120 children. Of these, twenty-two are joining our large family as new comers. The school's normal capacity is 112 but to accommodate as many as possible on our long waiting list, we have converted a room in the girls dormitory into a classroom and are using one of the hospital rooms in the boys dormitory for a bedroom.

To take care of the increased enrollment, an additional teacher and a children's supervisor were added to our staff of 44. The Lord has richly blessed the school with cooperative and faithful workers who have the welfare of our deaf youngsters always at heart. For this we thank God and pray for His continued blessings and guidance as we enter upon another year of bringing Christ to His deaf lambs.

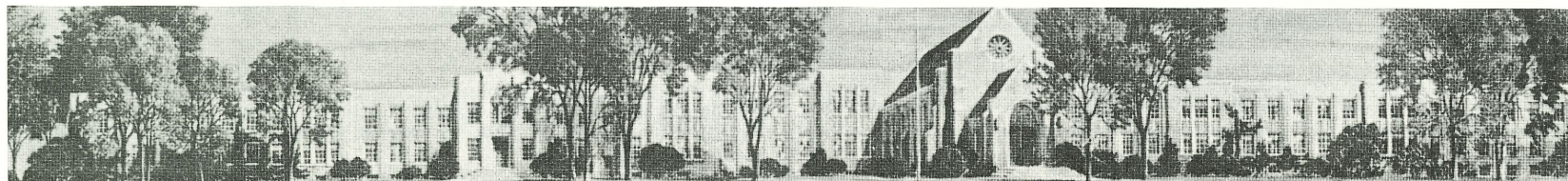


Back to School. Joe Bell of Chatham, Ont. and Debbie Hales, Gary, Ind. are happy to be "Back in the saddle again" acquiring an understanding of Reading and Language.

NEW CHILDREN

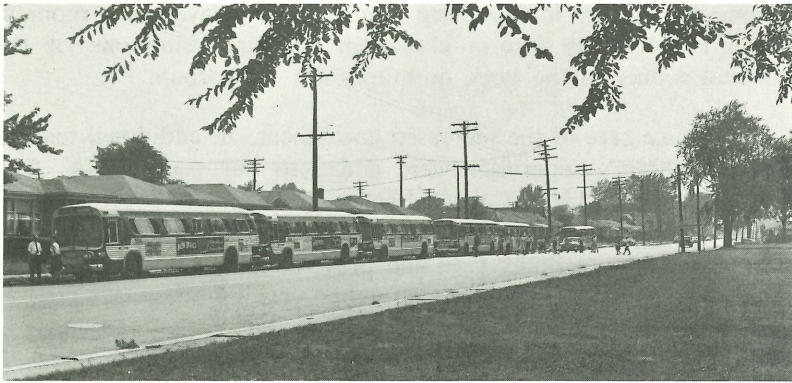
Twenty-two new pupils were accepted for enrollment this Fall. These children coming to us from as far away as Florida and ranging in age from four to sixteen are rapidly adjusting to life in their new "home away from home." Of these, fourteen are 4-year-olds.

The new enrollees are as follows: Randall Allsop, 4, Kingsville, Ont., Canada; Robert Bedford, 11, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Shawn Birkett, 4, Lincoln Park, Mich.; Bonnie Kaufman, 4, Ft. Wayne Ind.; Gary Carter, 4, Columbus, Ind.; Alan Cheifetz, 4, Windsor, Ont., Can.; Rodney Cochran, 8, Ney, Ohio; Jennifer Freed, 4, Pensacola, Florida; Karen Hoffman, 4, Carleton, Mich.; Susan Holle, 11, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Kim Hurdelbrink, 5, Sebewaing, Mich.; Norbert Irion, 4, St. Catharines, Ont., Can.; Betty Johnson, 16, Bettle Creek, Mich.; Timothy Keske, 5, Minneapolis, Minn.; Lee Latimer, 4, Akron, Mich.; Steven Loehr, 4, St. Clair Shores, Mich.; Judy Manik, 4, Oak Park, Mich.; Pamela Martens, 4, LaFayette, Minn.; Carmen Olsen, 6, Detroit, Mich.; David Wren, 5½, Harrow, Ont., Canada.



Sunday School Conventioneers

Tour the School



Bus loads of Sunday School teachers from all parts of the United States and Canada, arriving at the school. For most of them, this is the first time they see the school about which they had often heard and read.



Crossing the spacious lawn, the visitors approach the main entrance. For many, this was a time for picture snapping.



Director Walter Bellhorn (left) greets the visitors as they enter the school's main reception room.



Classroom stops are made during the tour while Principal Herman Holste (left) explains the method used in teaching the Deaf.

GLEANINGS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS

Enrollment

From a list of forty applicants, the School, for various valid and obvious reasons could accept only twenty new pupils last September. And so the total enrollment for the year was one hundred seven (107).

Confirmation

A class of five pupils was confirmed on Palm Sunday by Pastor Borchardt. It is on this day that children reach the goal for which their parents enrolled them and it is on this day, too, when parents of the Confirmands express special thanks to God Who through the loyal benefactors of the school has most bountifully blessed them and their loved ones.

Staff

The School's entire staff consists of forty-two (42) people of which fourteen (14) are teachers. In addition to these, many faithful volunteers gave the School much valuable service.

New Teachers

Four new qualified teachers will join our faculty next September making a total of fifteen (15). Also the school will have four college students training under our scholarship program to become fully qualified to teach the deaf.

Family Health and Care

Due to the Lord's rich blessings and the excellent care of our house-mothers, the school's large family of deaf children enjoyed good health during the past year.

Property Maintenance

The school's entire property is being kept in fine condition. Some indoor painting has been done and will be done this Summer including all the classrooms. The outdoor picnic tables, backstop and bleachers have also received a coat of paint. On Arbor Day a Red Bud tree donated by Mr. Charles Schad was planted on the front lawn by the children. Also two Spruce trees were donated by the Grosse Pointe Lions Club.

New Installations and Replacements

- The new Fire Alarm system is in operation. Last Fall the City of Detroit connected the system with the Fire Department at a cost of \$600.00.
- A strip of concrete was laid between the front sidewalk and curb on Nevada Ave. and the base of the flag pole was reinforced with concrete and metal sleeve.
- The teachers art room and work shop was enclosed with wire mesh to safe guard materials and electrical equipment now kept in this room.
- Some work in the area of redecorating and modernizing is now under way in the school's two private residences.
- A new commercial laundry washer was purchased and installed to replace one for which parts could not be supplied anymore.
- The combined Rhythm and Visual Education Room on the second floor of the Educational Building will be furnished with new classroom furniture and auditory equipment. This is made possible through a special gift of \$1097.00 donated by Mr. Hope Lutheran Church of Cleveland, Ohio.

Publicity

The School's publicity work so necessary for the ingathering of the required operating funds again consisted of the one appeal letter per year to pastors and other individuals, four issues of the quarterly periodical "The Deaf Child's Advocate" its motion picture, "The World of Silence", memorial folders, other informational pamphlets, speakers and demonstrations with children for all manner of programs, for meetings and services, broadcasting of radio interviews and TV programs and visiting days for group visitors. The latter came from far and near points. Demonstrations with pupils and speaking engagements also were very numerous.

Cost and Finance

The approximate annual cost to educate, house, feed, and care for a deaf child in our school is on a par with other schools of similar nature, namely, \$3,000.00 per child. Since the school can expect to receive only about 1/8 or \$44,000.00 of its annual total financial needs from parents in the form of fees, much publicity is required in soliciting the support of Christians here, there and everywhere for the balance of \$280,000.00.

Donations in Kind

We are again grateful for the fine farm produce and grocery donations the school received from our metropolitan and rural congregations. Such offerings are invaluable to us since they afford us the opportunity to provide our pupils with good diversified and wholesome food.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Financial and volunteer services rendered the School by its two wonderful and everwilling Ladies Auxiliaries during the past year in the form of financial assistance as well as in actual Volunteer services were tremendous and varied.



New Dodge Town Wagon — Gift of the Ladies Auxiliary. The Detroit Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf, numbering nearly a thousand in membership, presented the School with a new Dodge Town wagon which replaced the old 1948 Chevrolet Carryall, also a gift of the Ladies. Mrs. Richard Corkill, President of the Auxiliary, presents the title and keys to the School's Executive Director Walter Bellhorn.

DEACONESS TWENHAFEL HONORED

Deaconess Marie Twenhafel who has faithfully served the school as boy's matron for more than twenty years recently was chosen "Missionary of the Month" by the Emmanuel Lutheran Missionary League of Aurora, Illinois. The following is the letter received by Miss Twenhafel:



Deaconess Twenhafel

Dear Deaconess Twenhafel: The Emmanuel Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Aurora has a "Missionary of the Month" program when we pray for a particular church worker and his field of endeavor also a small gift is sent in appreciation of his or her work in our behalf. This month of June you have been chosen as our recipient.

We would appreciate hearing a little about your work and any particular problem or desire you would like us to pray for. We truly appreciate your labours in the Lord's Kingdom in our stead.

May the Lord of the Harvest continue to bless you and your work. Sincerely, Mrs. J. P. Vaughn, Cor. Sec'y.

COMING SOON

In not too many weeks all of our readers will receive the School's Once-a-year Appeal Letter pleading for financial support so that the Lord's work among these less fortunate deaf children might continue. We call this Annual Letter our "lifeline" because without it, humanly speaking, the work could not continue.

So, when the blue and gold envelope reaches you, think of the deaf children whose eyes can be brightened and hearts gladdened with the joy of knowing that friends are remembering their cause with gifts of love.

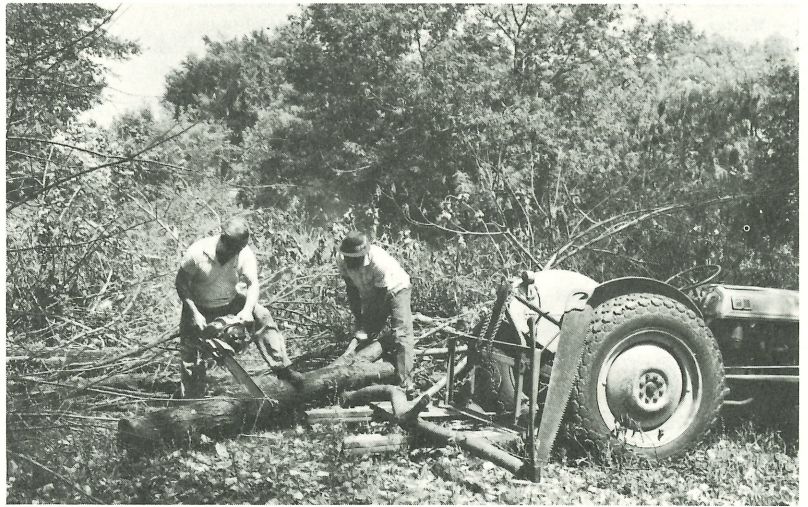
And, let us also remember that the Lord promises to bless all who heed the pleas of the needy. He says: "Give, and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and running over shall men give into your bosom. For with the measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

Our beautiful Memorial Wreath folders are always available free and postpaid.

NEW TEACHERS

We were most fortunate in securing the following four new teachers, plus a teacher assistant, for the 1963-64 school year. Mrs. Patricia Favalon Larson trained at Central Institute for the Deaf and Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Carol Crenshaw McGrath also trained in St. Louis. Both of these young ladies were given financial assistance thru our School's Scholarship program. Mrs. Cheryl Bauer and Miss Edith Ulbrich prepared themselves for teaching the Deaf at Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich. Miss Ulbrich's grandfather, the Sainted Dr. Henry Ulbrich, served as the School's roentgenologist for many years.

Mrs. Donna Foster, who generously volunteered many hours of service in the past, has consented to assist in the beginners class on a full time basis.



Maintenance men, Stanley Kazanski and Sam Jackson physically wrestling with the Elm tree problem.

Elm Disease Hits Campus

Our stately American Elm trees which have beautified the School's campus for many years are succumbing to the dread Elm disease. We, of course, are not alone in this experience. Up and down the streets of Detroit, home owners are losing their favorite shade trees in ever greater numbers.

In view of the City's Elm spraying program we had hoped that the disease might bi-pass our property but during this past summer fourteen Elms wilted and died one after another.

It is fortunate that the school has an excellent variety of trees dotting the property so that the Elm loss will not be too noticeable. New plantings are now being contemplated to replace the loss.

FORM OF BEQUEST

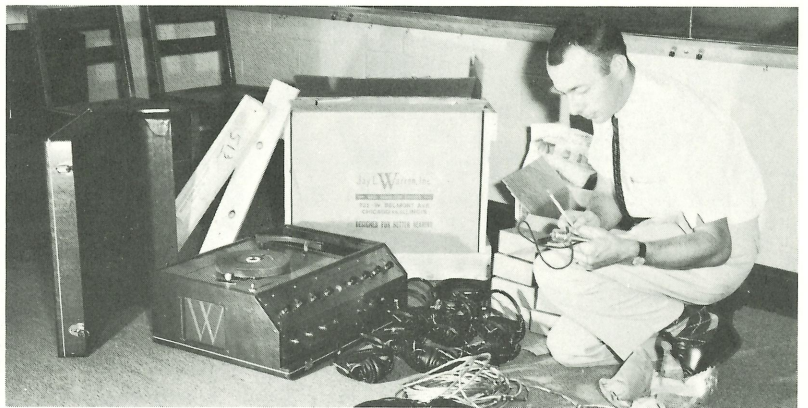
I give, devise and bequeath to the Lutheran School for the Deaf, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit, Michigan, 48234, a duly organized and incorporated, non-profit corporation, the sum of \$..... and/or the following described real estate and/or stocks and bonds.

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

Teachers Revise the Course of Study

Although our school officially closed on June 10, and the children went home, all of our teachers remained for several days. We had made some initial steps toward the revision of our Language Outline or Course of Study and in these days immediately following the closing, while all minds were fresh on the subject, completed the revising and compiling of the materials. Inasmuch as the Outline of materials covers the basic steps of development of the deaf child's entire educational life, it is vital that this material be continually studied and reviewed.

As our teachers follow this detailed planning of materials we can be assured of a fine academic program which provides the children with a background and ability to understand the Doctrinal Truths of Scripture leading to Confirmation and an active part in the church at large.



New Classroom Auditory Unit — Principal Herman Holste uncrates and checks the new Hearing Aid Unit purchased with special gift funds donated by Mt. Hope Lutheran Church of Cleveland, Ohio.

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SECOND CLASS
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We Revise, Recheck, Return and Re-open Another School Year



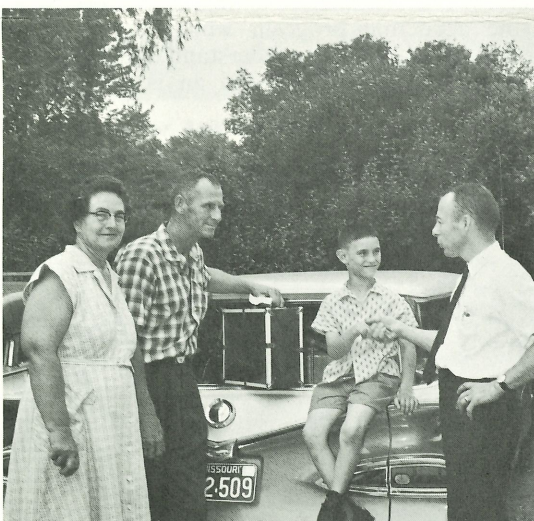
Teachers Miss McFall, Mrs. Tinsmith, Mrs. Nutt, and Mrs. Fenton study the old Language Outline as they make revisions.



Herman Holste, Principal and Walter Bellhorn, Executive Director re-check some of the new series of textbooks for the coming year.



Pre-school teacher Mrs. Tinsmith reviews some of last year's words with a group of five year olds who have had only one year of schooling.



Mr. and Mrs. Schuber from Missouri have returned their son, Danny. Danny is greeted by Principal Holste to enter his seventh year at our school.



Among the falling leaves of a pleasant Fall day, Earl Carroll of Ohio and Bob Harrison of British Columbia concentrate on braiding of colorful lanyards.



Donna Hill from Indiana and Bonnie Taylor from Ontario are happy to be reunited for another year. They enter their 11th and final year at Detroit.

91st Year of Christian Education for the Deaf Child