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THOUGHTS

LOSING THE STAR

In the Holy Land there is a place known as the Well of the Magi. According to tradition, the Wise Men stopped at that well on their way to Bethlehem. The story is that they had lost the star which was to lead them to the New-born King. This is how it happened.

They had started out with high hopes following the star which was to guide them to the Christ-child. Their thoughts were quite exalted as they began the journey. They were thinking of what the KING was to bring to men and how they might help Him in that task. Then as the days passed and the camels moved slowly along, their thoughts became less pleasant. They began to think of what the King would bring to them — what honors would be theirs because they had followed Him from the very beginning. Pretty soon they began to quarrel about the honors which would come to them individually. Finally as night fell, they lifted their angry, jealous eyes to the skies. The star was gone.

There was nothing for them to do but go on with the hope that the star might reappear. They had time to think as they journeyed along. Then it was that they came to the Well of the Magi. The well was dry. Gathered around it were travelers, desert travelers without water. Fortunately the Wise Men still had some water with them so they brought out their bags and poured the contents into the shallow well that the others might drink also. Then it was that while they looked down into the well, they saw there the reflection of the star.

When they forgot about themselves and began thinking of others, they again found the star and followed it joyfully to Bethlehem. In the measure in which we forget ourselves and think instead of others — especially those who are served through our missions and charities programs — in that measure will we come close to our Lord and follow His star to greater heights of love, devotion, and service.

—Charity Thermostat

THINK ON THESE

"She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21.

"The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." Tit. 2:11.

"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:57.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Dear Reader:

Your continued interest in the temporal and spiritual welfare of God's "Children of Silence" and your loyal financial support truly is a wonderful Christmas gift which is deeply appreciated. May God richly bless you and may the joy which comes from the true spirit of Christmas be yours throughout the New Year.

With sincere Christmas Greetings,

The Children and Staff
Lutheran School for the Deaf



Out of love for the New-born Christ Child and in memory of her sainted husband, Mrs. Walfred Johnson presented the school with a beautiful set of World Book Encyclopedias. Pictured here we see Miss Edith Ulbrich and several-pupils of her class together with Mrs. Johnson enjoying a "first look" at the colorful pictures and illustrations. Left to Right: Robin Whiteside, Ill.; Susan Haselhuhn, Detroit; Miss Ulbrich; Mrs. Johnson; Carl Frels, Wis.; and Robert Lenderman, Ga.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

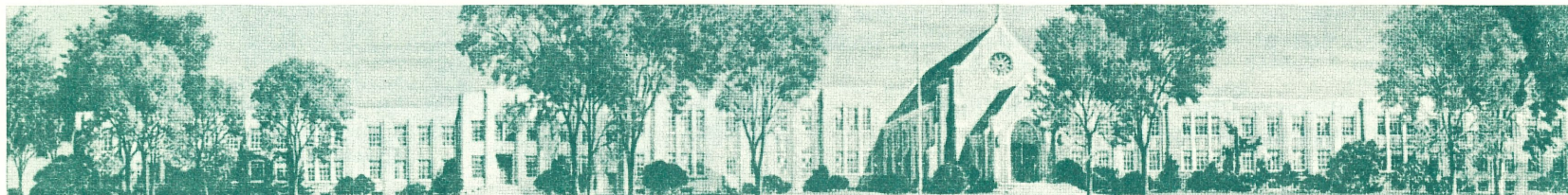
Our Children's annual Christmas Pageant will be presented on Thursday, December 17 at 1:30 P.M. in the School's Gloria Dei Chapel. It will consist of the blessed Christmas Story which our deaf children each year so beautifully and reverently recite and portray in colorful scenes.

All parents and readers of the Advocate are cordially invited to this impressive service and to remain for the Christmas Tea which our Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf will serve to all visitors immediately after the program.

Parents who are present for the program may take their children home after the service. All other children will be sent home by plane, train or bus as directed.

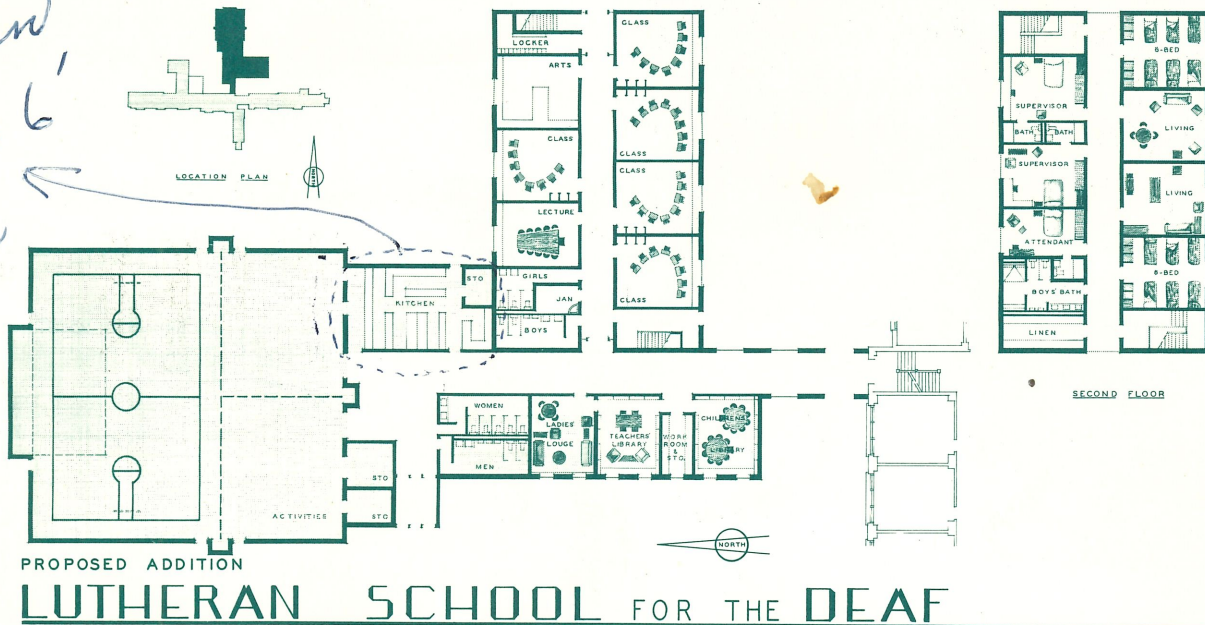
All children are expected to return by 8 A.M. Monday, January 4th when classes resume.

DETROITERS! REMEMBER POUND DAY.



Architect's Plans for the New Addition

*1 Kitchen
20' x 36'
overall*



PROPOSED ADDITION LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

DETROIT, MICHIGAN
WILLIAM P. LINDHOUT, A.I.A.
ARCHITECT
LIVONIA, MICHIGAN
NOVEMBER 19 1964

God-willing, the new addition to the school should be nearing completion by September 1, 1965. Many hours of study and discussion have

gone into these plans and we feel this beautiful wing when completed will adequately fulfill the many needs for which it was designed.

NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FACILITIES PROMPTS NEW BUILDING PROGRAM

It had long been the dream of the school to have an indoor area with a high ceiling for recreational activities. For many years the neighboring public school gym has been rented for one afternoon period a week during the winter months so that, at least, our older boys could derive additional benefit from a physical education program.

Over the past several years, classroom and bedroom facilities became inadequate as enrollment increased. A room in the girls dormitory was "borrowed" for classroom use, the rhythm room was converted into a classroom, the arts and craft room moved into the basement and the boys hospital room became a regular daily bedroom. The need of a better facility for serving meals to large groups was also felt.

Thus, the over crowded conditions within our present buildings, plus the great need for a large multi-purpose activities room motivated the Association in its Annual Meeting last June, to pass a resolution instructing the Board of Directors to proceed with plans and the erection of an addition which would fulfill present requirements, alleviate the crowded conditions and bring a dream into reality.

The new unit, when completed, will provide Physical Education space, restore present "borrowed" rooms to their original use and provide space for increased enrollment.

As mentioned in a previous issue of this paper, it will not be necessary at this time to embark upon a MAJOR fund raising campaign since some legacy funds have been set aside to pay for the erection of the unit. However, sufficient financial help, over and above the general operational costs will be needed to furnish and equip the various rooms.

And, so, we come to you at this time with a SPECIAL PLEA for your help in making it possible to complete the entire building program. Congregations, church related organizations, groups, families or individuals may want to place an offering in memory or in honor of a loved one or they may just want to send a gift check for bountiful blessings received.

Inscribed bronze plaques will be placed on the doors or walls designating the organization, family or individuals who choose to pay for the construction or furnishing and equipping of a room.

Costs are as follows:
Room construction cost \$5,400.00
Cost of Furnishings and Equipment for the following:

Classroom	2,300.00
Library	2,000.00
Children's Living room	1,200.00
Children's Bedroom (6 beds)	1,000.00

Gifts of smaller amounts will be designated for physical education equipment, children's library books and educational materials which will be appropriately recognized.

Inquiries, already, have been received concerning the placement of special memorials and it is our hope and fervant prayer that every room might be complete with a plaque on the door or wall indicating the group or individuals who were willing to share some of their earthly blessings with less fortunate children of God. Any gifts, large or small, will be deeply appreciated.

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.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Deaconess Marie Twenhafel has completed twenty-five years of service as a deaconess, twenty-one of which were spent in our school caring for handicapped children. As Housemother in charge of the boy's department, this consecrated servant of the Church always has made every effort to create a home-away-from home atmosphere for the many youngsters in her care.

For several years she served at the Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf as Matron in Charge.



Miss Marie Twenhafel

In remembrance of her Anniversary and in appreciation for her years of faithful service, the School's Board of Directors, and the Detroit and Ephphatha Chapters of our Ladies' Auxiliaries for the Deaf presented her with appropriate gifts.

We pray that the Lord may bless her with good health and strength so that she may continue to serve for many more years, guiding and training deaf children in Christian growth and development.

OUR ANNUAL APPEAL

We sincerely hope and pray that our Annual Appeal (Pictured below) which recently reached all readers of the "Deaf Child's Advocate" will receive sympathetic and serious consideration for truly "The Lord hath need" of your prayerful and financial support for this very necessary and blessed missionary endeavor.



**DEAF . . .
AND
LOOKING
TO YOU**

Dear Sir: We are interested in showing your film "A New Life for Jennifer" to our Sunday School pupils on Sunday morning, November 1st. If it is not possible to book the film for that date we would take any Sunday in November that is open. When you reply would you also include information regarding the furnishing of a room in your new addition such as the cost and materials required. We would also be interested in knowing of other ways that our Sunday School children might help your school. In His service,
Mrs. Marion Deterling, Port Colborne, Ont. Canada

To Lutheran School for the Deaf: Received your yearly appeal last Saturday. Wish my contribution could be more but I'm continually under doctor's care. May the dear Lord bless the work you are doing on these deaf children in the future as He has in the past. Sincerely,
Mrs. Otto Koenemann, Decatur, Indiana

Dear Sir: Thank you for the film. It left our group with quite a few damp eyes. You may be interested to know that we voted to send one-third of our collection to be used for the ministry to the deaf . . . May God bless you in your work is our prayer. Sincerely yours,
Mrs. W. W. Allen, Secretary, L.W.M.L. Albany, Texas

Lutheran School for the Deaf: Inclosed is a bank money order . . . The Advocate is so interesting and the help you are giving the deaf children is outstanding. Thanks to God for your help given the children. Yours truly,
Mrs. Bella Payne, Traverse City, Michigan

Dear Mr. Bellhorn: On behalf of the Rotary Club of Berkley, I would like to thank you for presenting a very inspiring program at our meeting September 21, 1964. It is obvious by seeing and hearing the three children you brought with you, that your school does tremendous work with these handicapped children. In appreciation of this fine work, we are enclosing a check as our donation to your school. Very truly yours,
Albert T. Frank, Vice-President, Rotary Club of Berkley, Michigan

Dear Mr. Holste: Thank you for your fine contribution to the Alexander Graham Bell program. Your audience and the members of the Association are most appreciative of your part in making the program a fine professional success. Sincerely,
Mary Rose Costello, Ph.D. Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit

Dear Mr. Bellhorn: I have now returned home after my tour of schools for deaf children in the U.S. and am settling down to think about all that I saw and heard. I enjoyed my day with you at your school and found it full of interest and stimulation. May I thank you for your kindness, and Mr. Holste for the thought that he put into the programme for me. I was and am deeply grateful and I was sorry that my visit had to be drawn to such a hasty close. I felt that we needed more time for talk together. With many thanks for your welcome and for your generosity in showing me your delightful school, Yours sincerely,
Eileen H. Johnson—Dept. of Ed. & Science, Manchester, England

Gentlemen: Thank you so very much for the use of the beautiful pictures. The Mission Fair was a big success. May God bless and further your wonderful work. Sincerely yours,
Rosemarie Boeruge, Panorama City, California

Dear Friends In Christ:

What a joyful experience would be in store for you if you could observe Carmen and the other 115 deaf children at the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf learning to read lips, to speak and, especially, to know their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Your contributions for which we always are most grateful make it possible to prepare these children for this life and for heaven.

Carmen, her schoolmates and the entire Staff have a special reason for imploring your INCREASED help this year. You, no doubt, have read in the "Deaf Child's Advocate," that a much needed multipurpose wing will be added to our present building. Some legacy funds received and set aside over the past years for this purpose make it possible to complete this project without embarking on a major Fund Raising Campaign. However, over and above the necessary operating funds needed to house, feed and educate our growing family of hearing handicapped children, we shall need ADDITIONAL financial assistance in furnishing and equipping the new building. Fervent prayers and an EXTRA GENEROUS DONATION on your part will make it possible for the school to meet its requirements.

These "Children of Silence" are looking to you; yes, they are DEPENDING upon you to help bring them to Jesus through your OFFERINGS and BEQUESTS. We know you will not fail them.

". . . . let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6, 9.

Walter Bellhorn,
Executive Director



The Christmas season usually brings with it donations of toys, games and books for our large family. Enjoying such gifts are: Left to right. John Geyer, Ohio; Robert Hartley, Mich.; David Mills, Ill.; and Chris Glore, Mich.



**A
MESSAGE
FOR YOU**

Hello! My name is Carmen. I am four years old. I am learning to pray "Now I lay me down to sleep" Thank you for helping me and all the other children at the school. I know you will remember us again and may God bless you.

I love you,
Carmen

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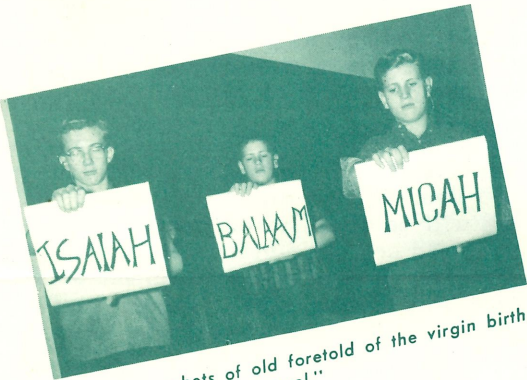
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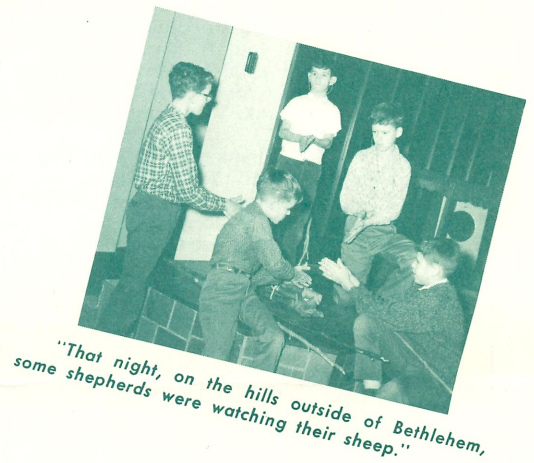
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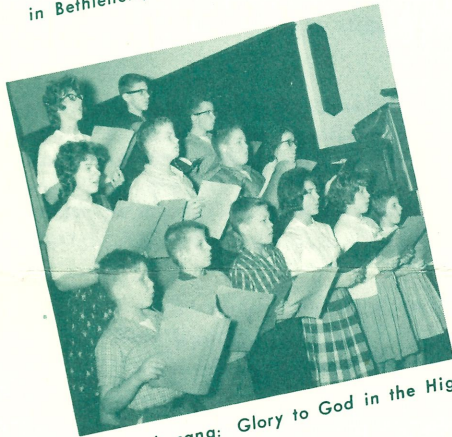
"The prophets of old foretold of the virgin birth, in Bethlehem, out of Israel."



"Mary and Joseph, tired from the long trip, tried in vain to find a room. There was no room for them in the inn."



"That night, on the hills outside of Bethlehem, some shepherds were watching their sheep."



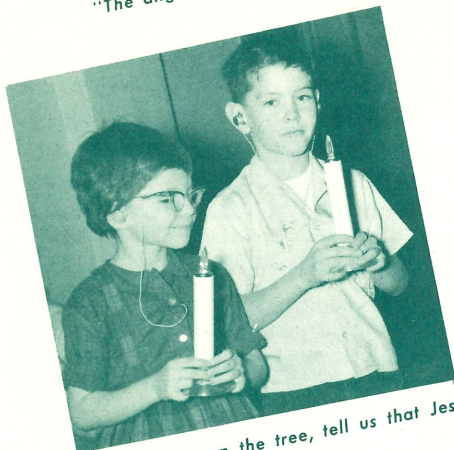
"The angels sang: Glory to God in the Highest."



"The stars, which shine so brightly on the tree, remind us of the star that brought the Wise Men to Bethlehem."



"At Christmas time we give presents to people we love. They remind us of the star that brought the Wise Men to Bethlehem."



"The many lights on the tree, tell us that Jesus is the LIGHT of the world."



"Jesus said: 'let the little children come to Me'. Children come to church with hearts full of love. This is the greatest gift which they can give to Jesus on Christmas morning."

The Pageant Of Our Savior's Birth