

# The Deaf Child's ADVOCATE



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## THINK ON THESE THAT INHUMAN SILENCE

*"Ours is NOT the silence that soothes the weary senses. It is an INHUMAN SILENCE which severs and estranges. It is a silence which isolates, cruelly and completely . . . Hearing is the deepest, most humanizing philosophical sense man possesses."* —Helen Keller

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped . . . and the tongue of the dumb sing . . . They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Isaiah 35.*



## THEY GOT OUR JOB!

Actually, only Christians can do charity work. Works of mercy originated with the dawn of Christianity.

It all started with our Lord's own example. He was constantly concerned with the needs of mankind. He provided for the physical needs of men. He alleviated suffering. Again and again He healed men of all manner of disease. Without doubt, "He went about doing good."

Upon leaving this earth He entrusted this work to His church. He told His followers: "By love serve one another." And they did. As we study the history of the early Christian church as written in the Book of Acts, we note that these followers of Christ carried out the command of Jesus to help those in need and in trouble.

Through the years Christians have continued to be about their Father's Business in this respect. But somewhere along the line they must have failed in part. In recent years secular agencies have invaded the field of human welfare. Among the causes for this was evidently the fact that the church's efforts were not far-reaching enough.

What an indictment against the Church that it was ever necessary for others than Christians to undertake the work which only Christians are qualified to do! And what a challenge to the church to expand its charitable program and to regain lost ground!

The charity work of the church is not an alms but one of its essential functions. It is God's work. He wants it carried out by His children. Let us seriously get at the job once more of discharging our God-given trust.

—Charity Thermostat

## 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.

## SCHOOL OPENING

The 92nd school year opened on Tuesday, September 8 with an enrollment of 116 pupils. Of these, twenty are new enrollees who hail from Michigan, Ohio, Virginia and Illinois.

Preceding the opening of school, the faculty held a two-day meeting and the household staff met for a day making final preparations and attending to innumerable details before the children's arrival.

The little 4 and 5 year olds who are with us for the first time are adjusting exceptionally well to their new environment, enjoying new experiences and making their big start in the educational world.

## 1964 - 1965 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 2-4	Faculty Meeting.
September 8 (Tues.)	Children return to School. School Year Begins.
September 25 (Fri.)	Health Program begins Y.M.C.A.
October 23 (Fri.)	United Foundation Collection (No Classes).
November 2 (Mon.)	Grant School Gym Program Begins. (Older Boys).
November 13 (Fri.)	End of 1st Quarter. Reports and Report Cards Due.
November 25 (Wed.)	Thanksgiving Holiday begins at NOON.
November 29 (Sun.)	Children return from Thanksgiving Recess.
December 17 (Thurs.)	Christmas Pageant — 1:30 p.m. Classes dismissed.
January 3 (Sun.)	Children Return to School from Christmas Recess.
January 29 (Fri.)	End of 1st Semester. Reports and Report Cards Due.
March 15 (Mon.)	Grant School Gym Program Ends.
April 2 (Fri.)	End of 3rd Quarter. Reports and Report Cards Due.
April 9 (Fri.)	Easter Vacation Begins at Noon.
April 11 (Sun.)	Confirmation.
April 19 (Mon.)	Children Return to School from Easter Recess.
May 21 (Fri.)	Y.M.C.A. Program Ends.
May 31 (Mon.)	Memorial Day. No Classes.
June 2 (Wed.)	Initial Final Reports Due.
June 13 (Sun.)	Annual Festival — Pupils dismissed.

## NEW FILM

The film, "A New Life For Jennifer" is now ready for scheduling. We sincerely hope that every congregation and/or related organization will include a showing of this outstanding 27 minute, all color-sound production in their 1964-65 schedule of meetings, educational programs and social events. There is no rental charge. However, we hope that a contribution at the time of the showing or at some later date will be forthcoming.

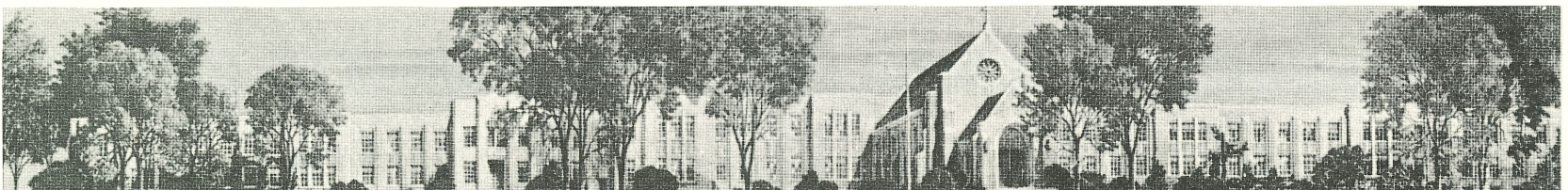
## ADDITIONAL FACILITIES PLANNED

Plans are now under way to add a new wing to our present buildings which will provide much needed classroom, bedroom and living room space, plus a large physical education room. The cost of such a multi purpose unit is estimated at \$200,000.00. God willing, the building should be ready for occupancy when school opens in September of 1965.

We give praise and thanks to Almighty God who through the years opened the hearts and hands of His children in support of this special missionary endeavor to an extent that it was possible from time to time to set aside legacy funds in preparation for the day of expansion. **That day has arrived.** And now we are happy to announce that since sufficient funds are available to finance the Project, it will not be necessary to embark on a major fund raising campaign — thanks to the continued support of our Christian friends.

However, the cost of the new building does not include furnishings and equipment. Also the school's operating budget has increased considerably over the years which means that only a boost in general income will make it possible to stay out of the "red."

The rooms in our present buildings which were erected in 1936 and 1940 were dedicated in memory or in honor of loved ones by churches, related organizations, families and individuals. In some instances the dedication gift covered the cost of building the room — in others it paid for the furnishings and equipment. Such gifts truly are a God pleasing expression of love for the Savior and the extension of His kingdom among the Deaf. It is our sincere hope that on the day of dedication of this new wing the door to each room will have an inscribed bronze plaque signifying that a certain individual or group, out of thankfulness to God for blessings received, chose to bring forth a special gift and place it in the Lutheran School for the Deaf.



# ACTUAL SCENES TAKEN FROM THE NEW



. . . LEARNING TO CONTROL SPEECH BY . . . FEELING . . .



. . . OVER ONE HUNDRED-TWENTY MOUTHS' TO . . .  
. . . FEED THREE TIMES A DAY . . .



. . . DEAF . . . MUST LEARN SPEECH . . . THROUGH HIS EYES . . .



. . . THE DISCOVERY OF UNUSED SPEECH MUSCLES . . .



. . . AUDIOMETRIC TESTS . . .  
. . . TOTAL DEAFNESS IS QUITE RARE . . .

## ALL COLOR 16MM SOUND MOVIE --- RUNNING

# W MOVIE "A NEW LIFE FOR JENNIFER"

## YOU MUST SEE IT!

Dear Friend and Loyal Supporter:

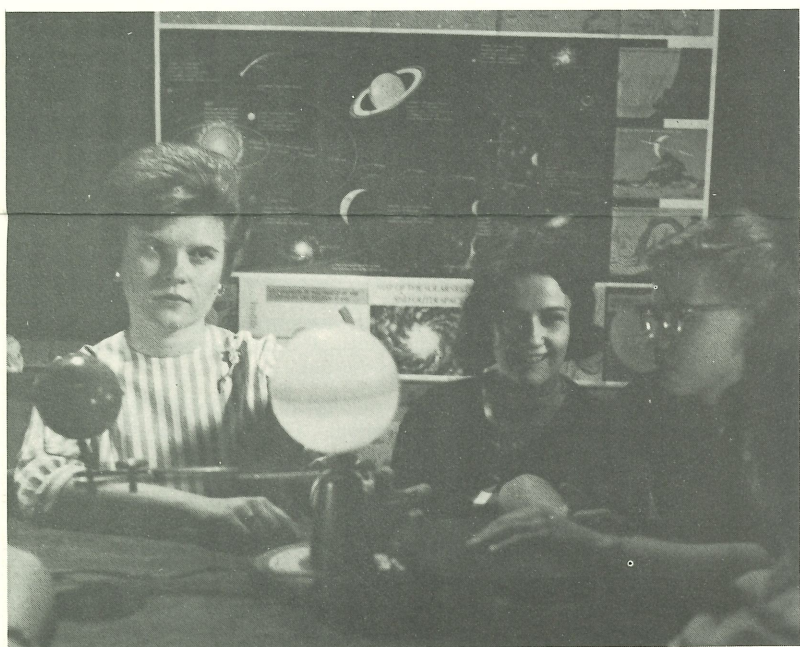
We sincerely hope that sometime in the near future you will have an opportunity to see the School's new motion picture which so vividly brings before the viewer's eyes actual scenes of deaf children from tiny tots to confirmation age experiencing new life as they progress in a special educational program of preparation for this life and for heaven.

The film, patterned to hold the interest of all age groups, should be seen by every member of the congregation and/or related organization or, for that matter, any group interested in the total welfare of the hearing impaired.

Many Congregations, Day Schools, Sunday Schools, Ladies' Auxiliaries, Men's Clubs and related organizations are now scheduling dates for future showings. Others already have had an opportunity to see the story of "Jennifer" and have given it highest acclaim. Seventy-five teachers of the deaf in the East who viewed the picture during a Summer workshop rated it as an outstanding contribution to the field of Deaf Education.

Dear Reader, under the blessings of God, your prayers and your contributions to charity shared with these Children of Silence have made our school program possible. "A New Life for Jennifer" now gives you an opportunity to observe the actual works of love which you, through your gifts, are supporting so that ever more hearing handicapped children might be brought to the knowledge of their Savior, Jesus Christ.

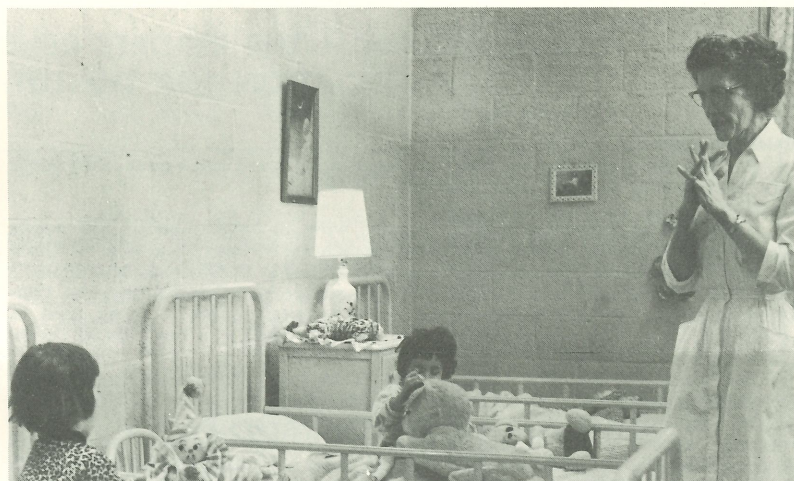
YES! YOU MUST SEE IT.



... CHILDREN OF THE WORLD ... THE UNIVERSE ...  
... GOD'S CREATURES ...



... CITIZENS ... PLACE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY ...



... FOLD YOUR HANDS ... TO PRAY ...

### CLIP — RETURN

Please schedule your new 27 minute all color sound movie titled: "A New Life for Jennifer" for showing on the following date.

Preferred Date \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Third Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Congregation or organization requesting film:

\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Send Film to \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**TIME --- 27 MINUTES --- NO RENTAL CHARGE**

## ANNUAL APPEAL

In the near future our ONCE-A-YEAR APPEAL for your continued support will be in the mail. As a reader of "The Deaf Child's Advocate:"

You have been apprised of our plans to build an addition. You already know that maintenance and operating costs are rising.

You know that parents can pay only a small fraction of the cost of educating their handicapped children. You know that the school looks to you for prayerful and financial help.

A little EXTRA help this year will make it possible to complete the building program, take care of furnishings and equipment and still be able to house, feed and educate our family of 116 deaf children. We feel confident that when the Appeal arrives you will do your best and may God bless your gift of love.

SECOND CLASS  
POSTAGE PAID  
AT  
DETROIT, MICH.

### GLEANINGS FROM THE REPORTS RENDERED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

#### Meetings Held

All necessary meetings of the full Board and Board appointed committees were held during the past year.

#### Enrollment

The 1963-64 School year (91st) opened with an enrollment of 117 pupils which was the highest in the history of the school. Twenty-one (21) of these are new enrollees; 4 Canada, 1 Florida, 3 Indiana, 1 Ohio, 9 Michigan, 3 Minnesota. To accept this number, a room in the girls' dormitory was converted to a classroom and one of the boys' hospital rooms is being used as a daily bedroom. Also, one staff bedroom was converted to a boy's living room.

#### Confirmation — Baptism

A class of thirteen (13) 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. Five pupils were baptized in March.

#### New Enrollment

To date, it seems that we will be able to accept seventeen (17) or eighteen (18) new pupils for next September.

#### Staff

The school's entire staff consists of forty-six (46) people of which sixteen (16) are teachers. In addition to these, many faithful volunteers gave the School much valuable service.

#### New Teachers

Two new qualified teachers will join our faculty next September as replacements. Also the school will have three college students training under our scholarship program to become fully qualified to teach the deaf.

#### Teacher Recruitment

Since a great need for adequately trained teachers of the Deaf exists throughout our Country, and since our own school is still in need of several more licensed teachers we are continuing to make every effort in creating interest among young students to train in the area of deaf education. Whenever members of the school staff address groups, the need for more teachers is stressed. Now, with the United States Government offering one year scholarships, the national shortage of teachers of the Deaf ought to lessen considerably within the next several years.

#### Reputation

It is most gratifying to know that our school enjoys a very enviable reputation in the field of special education. Wherever one comes in contact with persons acquainted and familiar with the education of the deaf, Lutherans are always being complimented on the fine School they operate.

#### Physical Education

The School's physical education and recreational program, among other things, also includes instruction in swimming and gymnastics at the Y.M.C.A. The Northeast and North Detroit Kiwanis Clubs again provided the necessary "Y" memberships for our pupils.

#### Treats

Our family of deaf children was afforded many enjoyable treats during the entire school year. These consisted of parties arranged for them here at the school as well as away from school, picnics and campouts, weekly free bowling, free tickets to football and baseball games and Ice Capades, etc., etc. These pleasures were provided by churches and other organizations as well as individual friends. Some of the organizations were Guardian, Epiphany, Good Shepherd, Immanuel Dearborn churches plus Lions and Kiwanis Clubs, Girls Clubs and Girl Scouts and especially also our own Ladies' Auxiliary.

#### 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. Valuable free services were made available to the school by our staff of health professionals who, again, were willing and ready to serve our children

at all times. These were Physicians: Dr. Charles H. Sharrer and Dr. W. A. Huegli; Otologist, Dr. Floyd A. Seyfried; Dermatologist, Dr. Dwight Porter; Chiropodist, Dr. Lester C. Kreis and Dentists, Dr. Carlisle Rueger and Dr. Warren D. Bruland. In addition to these, free services were also given by a number of Optometrists, especially, Drs. Jerome and Owen Dueweke.

#### Property Maintenance

The school's property is being kept in fine condition. However, as the buildings become older, maintenance man-hours and costs rise in proportion. During the year, plus the usual daily work, our maintenance men painted fourteen classrooms, nine dormitory rooms, five utility and storage rooms and caulked and painted approximately one half of the more than 400 window and door frames in the building. The completion of the window job plus the painting of the two residences, the pavilion and additional dormitory rooms is planned for this Summer.

Elm disease finally has reached the school campus. No less than fifteen (15) trees had to be removed. Three (3) were too large for our caretakers to cope with so they were removed by a Tree Service firm.

#### New Installations and Replacements

a. The entire roof area of our buildings except for the kitchen was resurfaced.

b. A large gas heating unit was removed from the kitchen entrance way and installed on the roof where it operates much more efficiently.

c. Some work in the area of modernizing and redecorating was done in the two private residences and a room was added to the Director's home.

#### State Inspection

State inspection is an annual procedure. The Department of Health found all school facilities in very good order. The inspector stated that it was a joy for him to tour this agency's neat and well-kept buildings.

#### 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, and visiting days for groups. Visiting groups came from many far and near points. Demonstrations with pupils and speaking engagements also were very numerous.

#### The Deaf Child's Advocate

Our school's quarterly paper endeavors to keep the needs and the cause of the deaf children before its many readers. This important "life line" has a circulation of approximately 97,000 copies.

#### Pupil Cost

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 \$53,500.00 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 approximately \$300,000.00.

#### Ladies Auxiliary

The financial assistance and volunteer services rendered the school by its wonderful and everwilling Ladies Auxiliaries during the past year were tremendous and varied.

#### Recommendation

Having reviewed the report of the Board of Education, together with a review of a Survey Committee regarding the up-grading of our present facilities, the Board of Management requests the approval of the members of the Association for the Lutheran School for the Deaf for the construction of a multi-purpose wing to our present facilities and authorize the Board of Management to act accordingly. (Ed. note — this resolution was unanimously adopted.)