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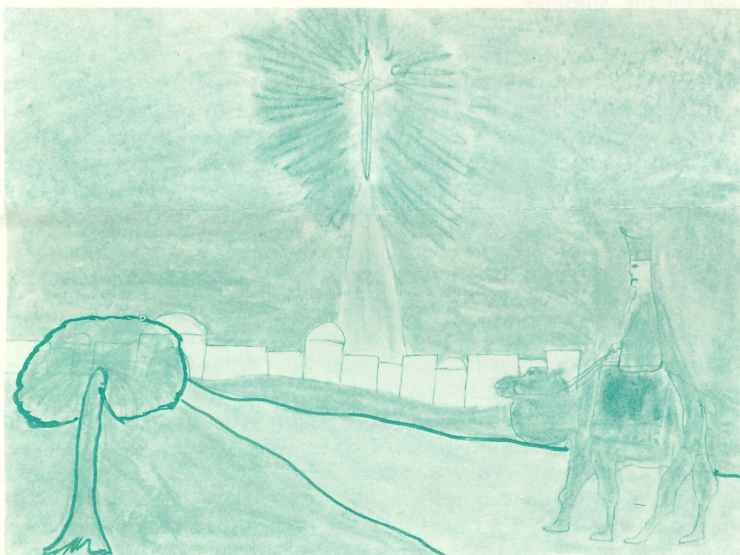
A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL

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



We have many ways of telling of the birth of our Savior. In anticipation of the joyous Christmas season our deaf children show through their artwork what they are thinking. This piece of art was done by pupil, Ronald Berger, Houston, Texas.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

From time to time our children prepare for Special Programs and special events but, needless to say, preparing for the CHRISTMAS PROGRAM is the highlight of the year. How they love to tell the story of Jesus' birth, — and, seemingly, practice is no effort even though they put their "all" into it.

Our Annual Children's Christmas Pageant will be presented on Thursday, December 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the School's Gloria Dei Elizabeth Knudsen Chapel. It will consist of the blessed Christmas Story which our deaf youngsters 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 Detroit 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 and Tea. All other children will be sent home by plane, train or bus as directed.

Parents, kindly take note: - All Children are expected to return to school by 8 a.m. on Tuesday, January 4 when classes resume.

DEDICATION

"REMOVE NOT THE ANCIENT LANDMARK WHICH
THY FATHERS HAVE SET."

Proverbs 22,28.

About 35 years ago, our Lutheran School for the Deaf was growing smaller each year; like an aged man, it was dehydrating. At the lowest ebb there were fewer than 20 pupils in our School. There was some talk about converting the School into a Lutheran High School, or a Lutheran Hospital. But some of us believed that we should not remove the ancient landmark which the fathers of our church had set some 93 years ago.

We were down, very low down. And when you are down it is time to look up, it is time to "look up to the hills from whence cometh our help." About 35 years ago there occurred a favorable concourse of friendly circumstances, and richly gifted leaders and executives, who focused their interest, their energies, and their gifts upon the School for the Deaf. Among these endowed leaders were Dr. John A. Klein, Dr. E. T. Bernthal, and Pastor Adam Fahling. Dr. Klein became the new Director of the School. Dr. Bernthal provided the fire and zeal of promotional genius; and Pastor Adam Fahling was appointed first secretary to Dr. Bernthal. Our friends in Canada and in the States were informed of our ambitious plans, and when the Lord touched their hearts by His divine grace, they rallied to our support, and soon, very soon, we were on our way. New buildings began to rise. The student body began to grow. New teachers were hired. The Lord had blessed us beyond our expectations and fondest hopes, and soon it became necessary to build several additions to our School. Dr. John Klein retired in 1962 after 54 years of faithful and able leadership. Before he retired, the student body had grown to over 100 students.

During Dr. Klein's tenure, Mr. Walter Bellhorn was Assistant Director and principal of the School. When Dr. Klein retired, Mr. Bellhorn was elected and called to become the new Director of the School, and Mr. Herman Holste was called to become our new Principal. Under the present very able leadership the School for the Deaf has continued to grow. Today our Lutheran School for the Deaf is the peerless, unrivalled, and preeminent Protestant Boarding School for deaf in our hemisphere.

The vision of a new addition to our School had its inception in the Board of Directors. The following June our plans for the future were submitted to the Association for final approval. The Association of Lutheran Churches was heartily in favor of our plans, and voted to support us. The new addition will be completed at a cost of approximately \$312,000.00. Increased facilities will include 6 new classrooms, an arts and crafts room, lounge, teachers library and so-called "work-room," children's library, children's living rooms and bedrooms, staff quarters, Auxiliary kitchen and a combination gymnasium and activities room which will seat approximately 500 people.

This new addition will permit us to enroll a larger student body next year. Sana mens in sano corpore, said the ancient Romans. A sound mind in a healthy body. It was true then. It is true today. For this reason we deemed it wise and fitting to build the gym. for the pupils. In spite of their hearing impairment, we wish them to live a life as full and as normal as children without this handicap.

On the last Sunday in January, January 30th, 1966, we will formally dedicate our new addition at Divine Dedicatory Service. Leaders and officers of the Lutheran Church — Mo. Synod and of the Michigan District will officiate at this Service. The Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf will provide refreshments for those who come to help us dedicate.

We invite you to come to the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit on the last Sunday in January, at 4:00 p.m. and add your thanks to ours for the rich blessings which so obviously came from both hands of our Redeemer King. We promise to have a chair for the first 500 friends who will come.

If the distance is too great for you to attend, we ask that you reach your folded hands toward us on that Sunday, and ask our Savior and Lord to bless and prosper our Lutheran School for the Deaf.

The Reverend Edmund Schildt, vice president of the Board and Chairman of the Dedication Committee.

DEDICATION SERVICE

Sunday, January 30, 1966, 4:00 P.M.



Susan Haselhuhn of Detroit, Valerie French of Tecumseh, Michigan and Mary Lou Evett of Chicago, look over some of their schoolmates' artwork. These three girls won in our school contest as selected by faculty members, Miss Ulbrich and Miss Ruhlig. The winners' art was sent to Chicago where it will be entered into competition in the National Christmas Card Art Contest for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children, sponsored by The Hearing Aid Industry Foundation. This is a non-profit organization created to raise funds for distribution to worthy organizations working in behalf of the hearing impaired.



Among the many duties of Supervising Teacher, Miss Grace Mannen has the responsibility of keeping the children's hearing aids supplied with fresh batteries. Tony Wallace and Kathy Martin come to the office on this morning for assistance.



In commemoration of 50 years of Kiwanis International, the North Detroit Kiwanis Club presented us with 50 Norway Maple trees. Several of the members and their sons, along with some of our deaf boys, planted the 50 trees to help maintain the beauty of our school grounds.

POUND DAY

For many, many years the words: "Detroiters — Remember Pound Day" have appeared in large print and usually boxed in the December issue of our school paper. The question was asked recently "What does it mean?" Perhaps others have wondered.

POUND DAY is a term which signifies a traditional event in the history of the school which involves many of our Greater Detroit congregations and their Day Schools and Sunday Schools. The term really means "Food Collection or Food Donation Day." These various organizations set aside a time between Thanksgiving and Christmas when staple groceries donated by individuals are brought to the participating church or school as an offering of love for God and His Children. When the "ingathering" is completed, it is transported to the Lutheran School for the Deaf where it eventually finds its way to the dining room tables for the daily nourishment of our large family of Deaf children.

POUND DAY has always been of great assistance in lightening the School's food budget and it makes it possible for the cooks to plan a most variable menu. From year to year our pantry shelves are restocked in this way. Yes, we thank God for "POUND DAY."

A DAY WITH DAVID AND VALERIE

This day, October 20, 1965 in Redford Lutheran School, I saw something more fabulous than a sliding catch of a football in the end zone for the winning touchdown.

Mr. Walter Bellhorn and two children, David 7 and Valerie 13, came to our school from the Lutheran School for the Deaf. They showed us how deaf children speak and learn to understand things and one another and carry on a conversation.

Mr. Bellhorn said children, mostly at the age of four, come from all over to attend the school. A few only see their parents at Christmas and during the Summer.

First the children learn to lip read. Then they learn to speak by vibration. It is hard for them to speak because their tongue is not used to talking. Still they talk fairly well. The goal of these children is to be confirmed. After this, many go to high school or get various jobs.

Truly you should see these children and the way they are taught. This is really a miracle of God. Remember to be thankful for your many blessings from God and never take them for granted. — Dennis Mayer, student.

THE CHILDREN FROM THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Late in September the Detroit Edison Boat Club played host for the second time to a great bunch of kids from the Lutheran School for the Deaf. Fellow Club Member, Bob Haselhuhn, who has two youngsters in the school, brought about thirty of them down to the club on a cold rainy Saturday morning. They were to go for a boat ride and have lunch at the Club. Bad as the weather was, they were most enthusiastic. When the engine on the EBC IV failed to start, they waited patiently for over an hour while the trouble was corrected.

During their ride down to the Detroit Harbor Terminal, fog closed in and the boat was operated with the windshield open in order to see. Outwardly the adults aboard were cold and wet but inwardly they were warmed by the enthusiasm of these kids. A few of them operated the boat.

Back at the Club an hour and a half late for lunch, they found the dining room filled with Boat Club Members so it was decided to feed them in another room. As they were given their lunch, which was served by Schulte and Virginia Hovath, they all sat quietly and said grace. At the end of the meal they all gave thanks.

As they said good bye, there were tears in the eyes of a number of people at the club. We hope they will come back next year on a bright sunny day, although they did a good job of brightening up the Club on this particular cold rainy Saturday.

— News Buoy.

A LETTER FROM IRAN.

Dear Sirs: I am a seveteenth year old Iranian deaf student. At the present time I am passing the third class of the secondary part of a deaf school in Teheran named (Baghcheban deaf school), and along the years of my study I have tried to learn English language too and now I know some English. But because in our country Iran there is no longer special course for deafs, my parents want to send me to the United States to your school. I would be very appreciated if you send me the regulations of your school and the necessary documents that I would present. Of course my parents has accepted to pay all of my expenditures during the time of my studying in American. Yours truly, Iraj Khatai, Teheran, Iran.

WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU

Dear Reader:

As a reader of our school paper you have read, from time to time, that prayerful and financial assistance in bringing Christ to His "Children of Silence" is continually needed. Recently you received our combination blue and gold letter and return envelope called our "Once a Year" appeal asking for support of the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf. Since this effort is the school's only "lifeline" upon which it depends for seven-eighths of its operating needs, we hope and pray that if you have not already done so you will open your hearts and hands out of love for the Savior and return the self-addressed envelope with your offering of love enclosed.

If you already have sent your annual gift, be assured that God will richly bless you for it.



Miss Ruth Haase is preparing the Annual Appeal letter for mailing to our many supporters. The many thousand address plates demand her full time attention in keeping them up to date. Many volunteer helpers count, sort and bundle the letters for mailing.

OUR "HEALTH" TEAM

The School is deeply indebted to the professional people who volunteer their services gratuitously in order that our large family of deaf children might have the best possible health care.

Since school opened in September our dentists, Dr. Carlisle Rueger and Dr. Warren Bruland have examined and x-rayed the teeth of all the pupils and now are busy every Thursday at the school attending to their dental needs.

Valuable equipment recently donated by Mrs. McKay, the widow of Dr. A. R. McKay, is being put to good use each Thursday by our two dentists.

The Annual Eye Examination Clinic was held at the School in October in which the following optometrists and assistants participated: Drs. J. V. and O. R. Dueweke, Dr. R. T. Hugo, Dr. R. D. Sobieski, Dr. G. R. Henderson, Dr. J. A. Park, Dr. H. R. Bunge, Dr. R. R. Muse, Dr. C. A. BonGiovanni, Dr. Ed. Wallace, Dr. Donald Lakin, Mrs. Marily Karuso, Mrs. Charlotte Bunte, and Miss Diane Turkiewicz. In cases where further testing was indicated, members of this group opened their offices to these youngsters in order to satisfy themselves that the very best care is being given. Dr. Owen Dueweke spends Tuesday morning on our campus checking eye glasses and any reports on sight difficulties. The eyes of the deaf child are all important to him in his quest for an education.

The school's Chiropodist, Dr. Lester Kreis also has been called upon from time to time for his special services.

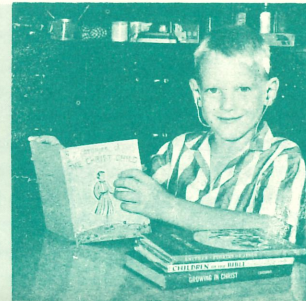
Dr. Alice Palmer, our Dermatologist, recently returned from Vietnam after a two year tour of special duty in that country. Should we require her services in the future, we again can call on her.

Last, but certainly not least, our physician and surgeon, Dr. Charles Scharrer is always willing and ready day or night to respond to our call in cases of illness or accident.

The school is signally blessed in that it has these fine professional friends of the Metropolitan Detroit area who serve on our "Health Team" without ever asking for remuneration.



Principal, Mr. Holste, left, and Director, Mr. Bellhorn, examine samples of carpet materials as one of the final activities prior to completion of the New Wing.



DEAF...
AND
LOOKING
TO YOU

Hello! My name is Lee. I am five years old. I am learning to read lips and to say: "Jesus loves me, this I know." Thank you for helping me and all the other children at the school. I know you will remember us again this year and may God bless you.

I love you,
Lee

DETROIT LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

FOR POSTAL INSPECTION

Dear Friend in Christ:

Lee's message has reached you. He and the 115 other deaf children at the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf who hail from many areas of the United States and Canada depend on your continued prayerful and financial assistance in preparing them for this life and for heaven. And so our ONCE-A-YEAR APPEAL letter comes to you with a fervent prayer that you, again, will remember the cause of God's "CHILDREN OF SILENCE" and use this self addressed return envelope to forward your OFFERING OF LOVE. We know you will not fail them.

You may be interested in the following examples of what various contribution amounts will provide:

- \$ 3 — One dozen small tubes of tooth paste.
- \$ 5 — Linen and bedding for a child for one year.
- \$ 10 — A day of Education for one child.
- \$ 25 — Heat to keep one child warm for the winter.
- \$ 50 — One year's supply of milk for a child.
- \$100 — Educational supplies for a class for one semester.

Needless to say, offerings or bequests of any amounts, large or small, are direly needed and will be deeply appreciated.

Thank you for all past favors and may God richly bless you.
In Jesus Name,

The Board of Management

Walter Bellhorn
Walter Bellhorn, Executive Director

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A LETTER
FOR YOU



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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.

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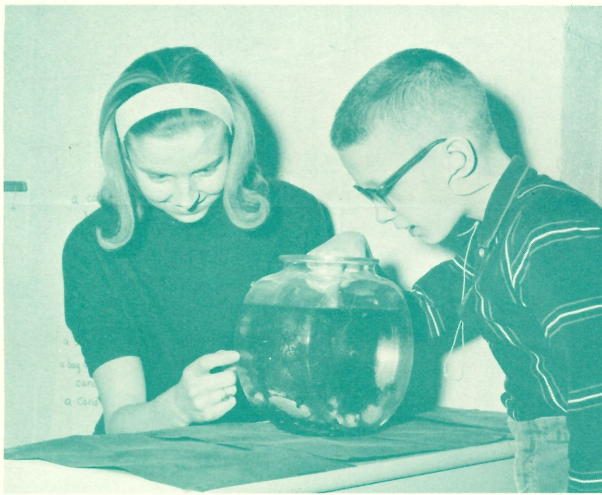
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Who knows what budding scientist is within a class!

