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THINK ON THESE

"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves." Rom. 15,1

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." Mat. 6,20

THOUGHTS

"AS I HAVE LOVED"

Holy Week — Palm Sunday — Maunday Thursday — Good Friday — and the glorious Easter Sunday — the Resurrection Morn of our Lord and Redeemer. Do we always appreciate everything that happened during that first Holy Week?

The Passion of Christ teaches us the great love which God bears for everyone. Jesus Christ, the one and only Son of God, left heaven and came down upon this earth and gave His life for our redemption and for our eternal happiness. — What are we doing for Him?

Our Savior spoke some very significant words in the upper room on Holy Thursday evening just prior to His suffering, crucifixion and death. He said: "A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another as I have loved you". He wanted His followers of that time and His followers for all times to receive the impetus and example from Himself for their lives of love.

The incident connected with these words was the lowly task which He undertook in washing the feet of His disciples — even those of Peter, who was to deny Him, and Judas, who was to betray Him. This foot washing was, of course, a physical thing. It helped to make life more comfortable and pleasant. But let's not forget that our Lord spent a goodly part of His public ministry doing just these things — healing the sick and the crippled, giving sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, speech to the dumb and feeding the hungry. He was very definitely concerned with the physical welfare of people. His greatest concern, however, was for the salvation of souls. That is why He had "compassion on the multitude" and "was wounded for our transgressions".

He now says to us: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have have love one to another" — "as I have loved you."

Much of the work of our charitable endeavors is physical too. It involves disturbed minds, twisted bodies, hungry stomachs and dirty feet, but let us never forget that meeting these needs also involves the answering of a soul need.

These works of mercy, done out of love for Him who first loved us, are the things that please our God and the things we can point to with humble pride in this hate filled world of ours.

Adapted Charity Thermostat.

COMING EVENTS

- April 9 — Easter Vacation Begins at Noon
- April 11 — Confirmation Service in the School Chapel
- May 11 — Luth. Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf — May Fair and Open House
- June 9 — Annual Meeting of the Association
- June 13 — Traditional Annual Festival and School-Closing Day

TO OUR SUPPORTERS

The children, the Board of Directors and the Staff of The Lutheran School for the Deaf are most grateful to all the many friends of the school who responded to our ONE Annual Appeal. Offerings came from individuals, congregations and related church organizations. Whether they came in our "Appeal Business Reply" or in regular mailing envelopes, they were most welcome and appreciated since they truly are visible and tangible evidence that our Christians are ever ready to assist in bearing the burdens of these less fortunate "Children of Silence".

In the name of Jesus we THANK you and pray that God may richly bless you for your remembrance.

It is our hope and prayer that those from whom we did not hear will still send their offering and so help in bringing up deaf children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.



Back row L. to R. Mark Anderson, Sidney, Mont.; Rodney Renusch, Utica, Mich.; Kent Kroll, Aurora, Ill. Front row L. to R. The Rev. N. E. Borchardt; Lois Stahl, Kitchener, Ont. Can.; Nancy Lewis, Battle Creek, Mich.; Patricia Curry, Park Forest, Ill.; Principal Herman Holste and Executive Director Walter Bellhorn.

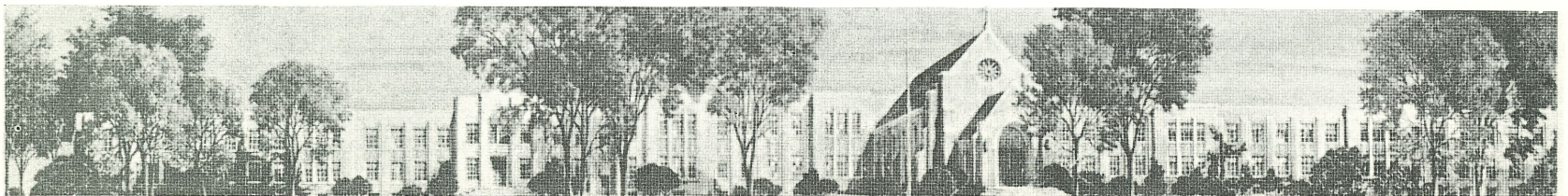
CONFIRMATION

Palm Sunday will be a happy day for these children and their parents since the class members will reach a most important goal in their young lives — that of Confirmation. The Service will be held in the School's Gloria Dei Chapel and officiated by the Rev. N. E. Borchardt, Missionary to the Deaf in Michigan and a member of the School's Board of Christian Education. After the Service a dinner will be served for the Confirmation Class and their parents and sponsors. On this occasion, too, the Detroit Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf will present each confirmand with a Bible and Prayer Book.

In Jesus Name we pray that the Holy Spirit may bless them and keep them in the true faith unto life everlasting.

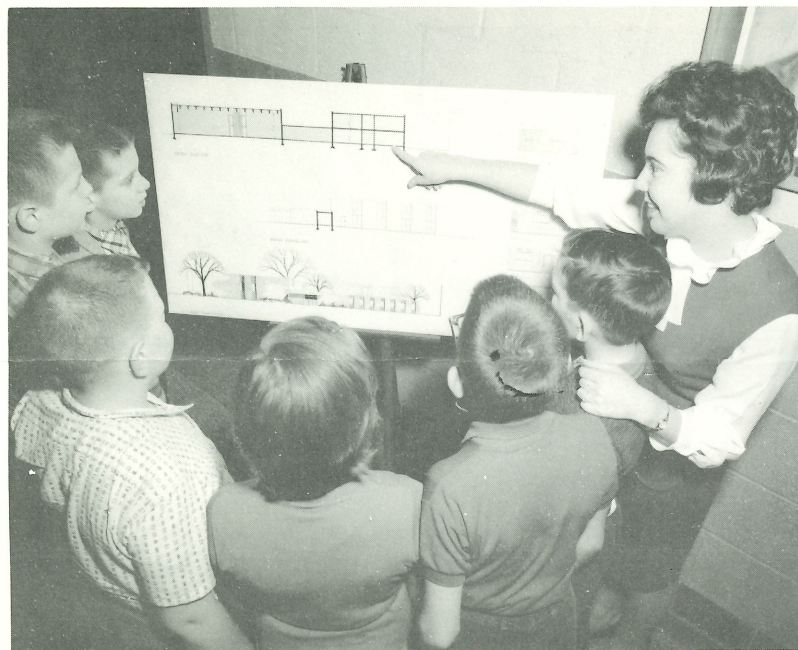
"SEE AND HEAR" DEAF CHILDREN IN ACTION

Twenty-four copies of our new film, "A New Life for Jennifer", are now in circulation and heavily scheduled into May. The movie has enjoyed an excellent reception by viewing audiences and we sincerely hope that every congregation and/or related organization will find an opportunity to show this outstanding 16mm, all color-sound production depicting Deaf Children in action. Running time is 27 minutes. Just drop us a line indicating a preferred showing date and several alternate dates, spaced preferably a month apart.





A group of our little boys looking at the tremendous size of the "Big Willow" which stands directly in the new building wing area.



Enthusiasm and interest in the contemplated building program is high. Miss Judy McFall pointing out structural designs of the new building to her class.



Director Bellhorn and Principal Holste discussing placement and installation plans of classroom equipment needed in the new wing.

BUILDING PLANS COMPLETED

Plans for the new addition have been completed by the architect and at this writing are in the hands of contractors for bidding. Completion date is still set for September 1st, however, much will depend on how soon the contractor can begin building operations this Spring. It seems that there is an ordinance in Michigan which states that heavy building equipment cannot be moved on the Highways until the frost is out of the ground so, therefore, weather also plays an important part in the construction program time table.

To date, eight individuals or families have decided to pay for the furniture and equipment of various rooms. There still are six classrooms available which have not been spoken for. Cost of these are \$2,300.00 each. Also a great variety of general items will be needed which cost from \$15.00 to \$1,500.00. Any gift sent for the Building Program will be gratefully received and duly acknowledged.

INCIDENTALLY YOURS

Making of plans and arrangements seems to be the order of the day as we enter the season of Spring and prepare for the final months of the 1964-65 school year. The earliest occasion for which plans are in progress at this writing is the Confirmation Service on Palm Sunday — Followed by Travel arrangements for our children's Easter Vacation — Weekly visiting groups from now until June (Incidentally, Ladies' Aid and other visiting groups have been scheduled for every Thursday for the remainder of the school year) — Teachers planning for the children's one-hour program on Festival Sunday — Preparing for expected visitors during Synod's Convention plus teaching demonstrations at Cobo Hall — River Forest Class of 1930 Reunion on our campus — The more than 50 Lutheran Missionaries to the Deaf attending the four-day Ephphatha Conference meeting at the school in June — Plus selection and purchase of furniture and equipment for the new addition which, we hope, will soon be under construction. So much for planning.

From time to time another pupil is fitted with a used hearing aid which was donated to the school by some individual or family. The Ephphatha Chapter of our Lutheran Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf provides the funds necessary to completely inspect and, if necessary, repair such aids. At present, approximately, 80% of our pupils wear individual hearing aids. Benefits derived from the wearing of these instruments depends primarily on the child's type and degree of hearing loss.

Our large family, again, enjoyed a trip to the Circus with all the trimmings on February 11 as guests of the Grosse Pointe Lions Club. On the morning of Circus Day several of the well known clowns such as Otto Griebing "the Sad Clown", "Blinko" the balloon artist and the "Gorilla", put on a command performance in our school auditorium.

The Nortown Lions Club sponsored an "Open House" on Sunday afternoon, January 31, to provide an opportunity for the local neighborhood and the community to become better acquainted with the Lutheran School for the Deaf and its educational program.

Approximately twenty of our older pupils continue to enjoy weekly free bowling through the courtesy of two recreational centers in the neighborhood. Scheduled basketball games with Lutheran Schools also are real thrillers for our youngsters. At this writing the win-lost column stands at 3-2. The Friday afternoon Gym and Swimming Program is another extra curricular activity anxiously looked forward to by our intermediate and upper grades.

The Ephphatha Chapter (Macomb and St. Clair counties) of our Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf, which numbers more than 200, held its March meeting at the school so that the members could have an opportunity to see, in action, the work of love which they are supporting. Ordinarily, bi-monthly meetings are held in the various county churches. The Detroit Chapter is busy preparing for its Annual Bazaar and Smorgasbord to be held at the school on May 11.

Frequently, anonymous donors send gift checks to the school. An annual giver from the St. Louis area recently sent the usual \$500.00. To all these unknown friends of deaf children we say "Thank you sincerely and may God richly bless you".

Ye Editor and Mrs. Bellhorn are happy to announce that we are proud grandparents for the first time. Daughter Donna and husband Edward were blessed with a healthy boy whom they named "Steven Edward". A new and exciting experience for them and for us.

"Thank you" to the many individuals and organizations that remembered our children at Christmas time with toys, games, mittens, socks, school supplies, etc. They are deeply appreciated.

Ed. Note: — The Rev. Wm. F. Reinking, formerly Executive Secretary of Synod's Board for Missions to the Deaf is now Synod's Counselor for work among the Deaf in the Far East. He and his family reside in Hong Kong. We would like to share his letter with our Readers.

Dear Mr. Bellhorn:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 16. If you have a spare copy of the film, "The World of Silence", that you could send us, I would appreciate it greatly. I am sure that we can make good use of this film. Later on, when you can spare a copy of the new movie for a greater length of time, you could send that to us.

You will be pleased to hear that the Jay L. Warren Company has donated two group auditory training units. Before I present these to schools for their use, I will first check to see what possibilities or maintenance there are, for it is of no use to present equipment that cannot be maintained.

Thank you for the suggestion of looking into Japan as a source of equipment. I shall be going there in April and will gather some information while I am there. One of the purposes of going there in April is to attend the Pan-Pacific Conference of Rehabilitation which includes a section on speech and hearing. I should be quite interested to see what will be presented at this meeting.

The educational needs of the deaf in the Far East are being met in such an inadequate manner and one exception to this is the country of Japan where there are now educational opportunities for any deaf child. Yet even there, the matter of trained staff is still a serious problem and at times their facilities leave something to be desired. Yet, this is still so much more than what is available in other countries. For instance, in the Philippines, there was only 1 school for the deaf and the numbers of the deaf are established to be at least 30,000. This one school in Manila takes care of only 1% of the deaf, and numbers 332 deaf students along with 62 blind students. There is only one group hearing aid and I saw no individual aids. Yet, this school is making a serious attempt at a pure oral approach to the young deaf child. Some of the teachers in the School have had their training in America, so you can imagine their frustration in working under such trying circumstances. Too often, because of the circumstances and the limited salary scale, the Philippine teachers will go to America to study and never return. And one can hardly blame them for it. I did not find a lack of interest on the part of the leaders in the education department, at least they indicated interest but the basic problem seems to be one of funds. I am going to do everything I can to assist these schools in the further development of their programs.

Regards to everyone in the staff at your school. Please remind your deaf students of the wonderful blessing that they have; they are attending a school that is well built, well equipped, have a staff of well trained teachers and most important of all the fact that it is a Christian school. May God hasten the time when similar schools can be established in this part of the world.

Yours in Christ,
W. F. Reinking
Kowloon, Hong Kong.



Elusive Mark Anderson managed to break through the defenses and later scored the basket. Mark has been making the long trip to our school from Montana for 11 years and is completing his studies here in June.

DEAFNESS MAY BE AN ADVANTAGE (IF You're a Sailor)

A recent ten-day naval experiment in Canada proved that persons with a loss of hearing do not suffer seasickness, according to one of the 31 hard of hearing persons who engaged in the experiment.

The notoriously rough seas around St. Pierre, a French island off Newfoundland, made the experiment ideal. The group of hard of hearing people were taken out on sea trips when the weather was stormy. Waves 40 feet high were a common sight, and caused even seasoned sailors to become seasick. A captain who one minute said he had never been seasick in his 20 years with the Navy became sick in the next minute.

None of the deaf participants experienced any seasickness. The explanation of this seemingly strange phenomenon probably has to do with the fact that the human body's centers of balance are located in the cavity of the inner ear, and severe impairment of the hearing nerves might also affect the nerves which sense and control reactions to violent embalances, as in this test.

— Hearing Progress

CIRCUS QUEEN FOR 1965

Nancy Lewis, Battle Creek, Mich., is thrilled as she wears her beautiful crown and corsage and hugs a large stuffed lion which was presented to her by the Grosse Pointe Lions Club on Circus Day.



PRESIDENT ACCEPTS CEREMONIAL PASS

President Lyndon B. Johnson has accepted a ceremonial pass to the 10th International Games for the Deaf. The pass of gold medal inscribed with the words "Lyndon B. Johnson Honorary Chairman" was presented by Milton J. Salzburg, president of Productions Unlimited of New York. Mr. Salzburg is chairman of special events for the IGD.

When presented the pass, the President said, "Thank you very much. This is very attractive and I am happy and proud to accept this pass. All Americans are very proud and pleased that after 40 years the Deaf Olympics will be held in the United States next summer and will be held here in Washington. One hundred years ago, President Lincoln signed the charter establishing here in Washington the beginnings of Gallaudet College which still stands as the only institution of higher learning, (College for the Deaf) of its kind anywhere in the world.

"We are coming into an age in the life of man when we do not need to accept with resignation the consequences of afflictions and illnesses which have plagued the human race since time began. There is undoubtedly much that we can still learn and much that we can do that is not now being done to advance medical research in preventing or relieving deafness.

"Even more immediately, however, there is much we can do to improve the educational opportunities and the employment opportunities for those who presently suffer deafness. And it is my earnest hope that the games, which will bring together 700 star athletes from 27 participating nations, will be remembered as the start of a new race to overtake this affliction and all of its consequences."

At the close of the ceremony, Jerald Jordan, IGD Chairman, presented a pair of gold cuff links to the President and invited him to open the Games on June 27, 1965.

Ed. note: Jerald Jordan is a graduate of The Lutheran School for the Deaf and presently Instructor at Gallaudet College.

MAY FAIR — OPEN HOUSE

The Detroit Lutheran Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf will hold its Annual Fair at the School on Tuesday, May 11. Booth Sales will begin at 10 A.M. and continue until 4:30 P.M. Smorgasbord will be served from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Arrangements have been made for tours through the school with visitations in the classroom during the Fair hours. Incidentally, to observe teachers and pupils in action is an interesting and educational experience.

Everyone is invited to share this special day with the Auxiliary members who give so unstintingly of their time and talents in serving these hearing-impaired children. The School's youngsters, too, are happy to meet visitors and demonstrate their knowledge of the various class subjects.

Mark the date on your calendar now and plan to enjoy a full day's program at the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

FORM OF BEQUEST

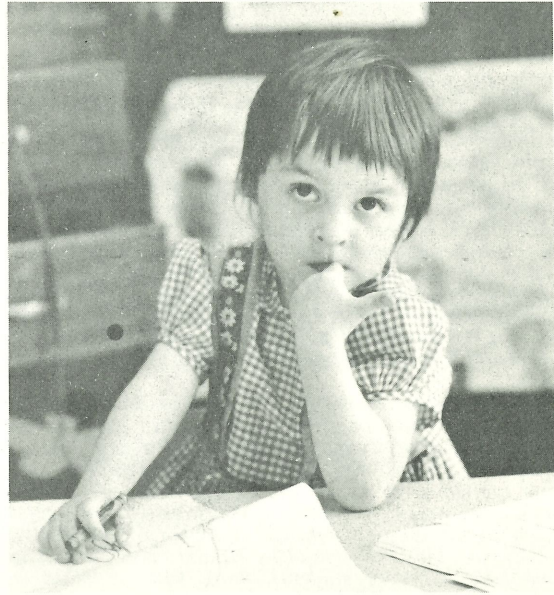
I give, devise and bequeath to the Lutheran School for the Deaf, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Michigan, a duly organized and incorporated, non-profit corporation, the sum of \$..... and/or the following described real estate and/or stocks and bonds.

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

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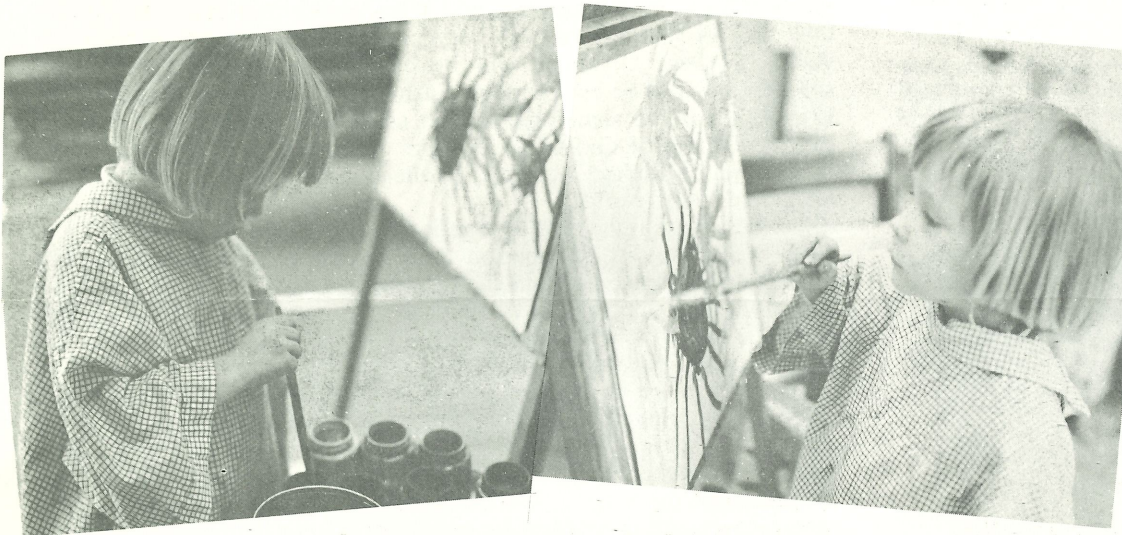
Who Else Loves Me?



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WINTER VARIETY



Little Carmen Olsen, Minnesota, deep in thought while choosing colors to show her feelings better. The development of art as a means of self expression is being encouraged from the first year of education.



Teacher, Miss Fredrick, and pupils, Mary Jo Olson, North Dakota, Cathy Ruchotzke, Iowa, and David Redman, Ontario, put the finishing touches on an important bulletin board display for February.



New batteries in her hearing aid renew the smile on the face of Tracy McGeechan, Ohio. Although it doesn't provide understanding, it affords much pleasure and assistance.



What could be more exciting to a 4-year-old than to have "Blinko" the clown personally make your riding horse. Trudy Haselhuhn, Detroit, is "on cloud nine."



It requires little imagination to see the pleasure and excitement our children receive from the annual special performance the circus clowns donate to us in the basement of our school.