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THINK ON THESE!

Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. Matt. 10:42

Whatsoever good things any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord. Eph. 6:8.

THE 1965 ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING PRESIDENTS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS "EVEN SO SEND I YOU"

In the Lord, Beloved:

Mark 4, 30: "Jesus said also: "How shall we picture the kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we describe it? It is like the mustard-seed, which is smaller than any seed in the ground at its sowing. But ONCE SOWN, it springs up and grows taller than any other plant, and forms branches SO LARGE that the birds can settle in its shade." (New English Bible)

This tree of GOD'S PLANTING stands before us in all its grandeur TODAY, but it is for the CHURCH, for every congregation, yes for every INDIVIDUAL MEMBER, to be up and doing so that its growth may ever prosper and increase under the Lord's sure promise and blessing. GOD alone can bless His cause, but as it was necessary for Paul to plant and Apollos to water at Corinth so that GOD might GIVE THE INCREASE, so it is still as necessary today for God's servants to 'Continue in PRAYER, with mind awake and grateful heart" (Col.4,2) that the Kingdom of Christ be extended and expanded. The Pauls must still plant and all the faithful servants of Christ must assist in the watering. While we look with gratitude to God upon the past, let us "pray the LORD OF THE HARVEST, that He would send forth laborers into HIS harvest."

Surely NO CHRISTIAN dare rest satisfied with what has been done as long as there remains SO MUCH TO BE DONE to bring Christ to the world and the world to Christ. When we consider the MILLIONS in our OWN LAND who are outside the fold of Christ, and then look out over the world and see MILLIONS OF MILLIONS groveling in heathen DARKNESS, it will touch the heart of every true believer, impel to more earnest PRAYER and more SELF-DENYING EFFORT to bring them the Gospel of salvation. Let us then in the power of the HOLY SPIRIT and with God's assured blessing press forward to occupy the waste places by bringing the WORD OF LIFE to the unchurched and unsaved. "EVEN SO SEND I YOU." What if there are difficulties to be met! We know that the devil is ever busy to prevent the growth of the Kingdom, and that he often employs those who think they are doing God's service in order to thwart the salvation of SOULS. But God's promises are sure that the gates of hell shall not prevail against His Church.

SO, as we delegates of our Association gratefully come to the close of this 92nd school year let us be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the LORD, forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." AMEN!

The Rev. H. R. Wacker, President

93rd SCHOOL YEAR

On Tuesday, September 7 the Lutheran School for the Deaf opened its doors for the 93rd year to welcome 117 pupils who hail from many areas of the United States and Canada. For 15 children it was a new experience and for the rest it meant continuation of their educational program. The "old" pupils were especially thrilled to see the progress which has been made on the New North Wing addition. When they left in June for their Summer vacation the building was hardly beyond the foundation stage. Now part of it has been roofed and some doors and windows are in place. Naturally, their big question was: "When do we move in?" Our answer: "God willing, we shall move in before Thanksgiving."

Another quick observation brought forth another question: "What happened to our big beautiful Elm tree in front of the school?" Answer: "It had to be cut down and hauled away because of the terrible Elm disease." Any noted changes brought question after question.

Naturally, these children are very much interested in the school and its day to day activities since to them it is a "home away from home" where living becomes ever more meaningful and learning of prime importance as they embark upon another school year.



Back in the Classroom again, Tommy Eisemann and Laura Lee Taylor refreshing their memories in numbers.

NEW PUPILS

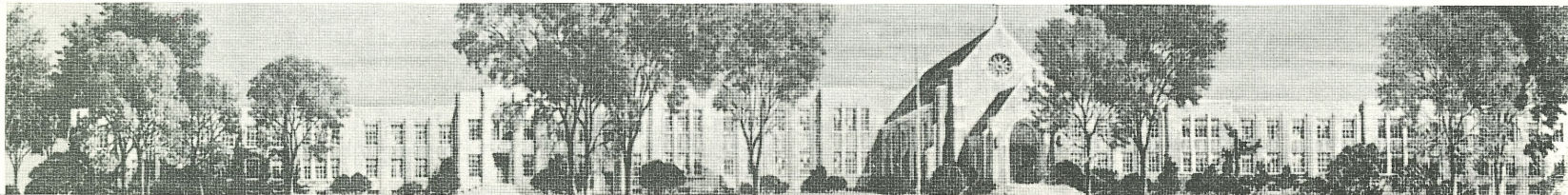
A fine group of 15 new pupils was enrolled this Fall ranging from the ages of 4 to 13. As in the past, the school was not able to accept all the applicants on our waiting list due to lack of space. The youngsters who are with us for the first time are adjusting exceptionally well to their new environment and enjoying new experiences as they embark upon the educational journey which will prepare them for this life and for heaven.

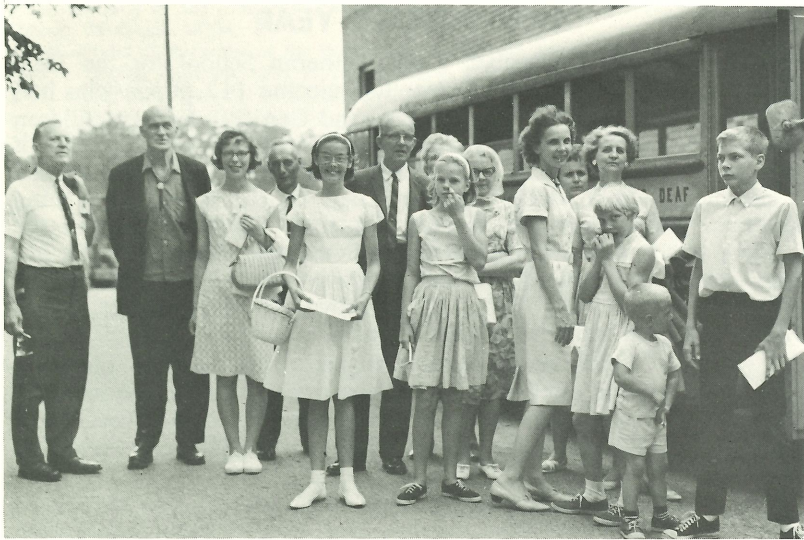
The new enrollees are as follows: Mark Abercrombie, 4, Minneapolis, Minn.; Jeffrey G. Anderson, 4, Minneapolis, Minn.; Craig Burgesen, 4, Minneapolis, Minn.; Scott Caskey, 4, Elkhart, Indiana; Jenise Cook, 4, Napoleon, Ohio; Mary Lou Evett, 13, Chicago, Illinois; Amy Griffith, 4, Centerline, Mich.; Barbara Gulczynski, 5, Bay City, Mich.; Klaus Koeger, 5, Mt. Clemens, Mich.; Kathleen Martin, 10, Ypsilanti, Mich.; Karen Marton, 8, Parma, Ohio; Stacey Ruselvan, 4, Livonia, Mich.; William Stephens, 7, Fraser, Mich.; John Stewart, 7, Bay City, Mich.; Susan Swartz, 6, Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

NEW FILM WINS AWARDS

The School's 16mm all color-sound movie, "A New Life for Jennifer," has won three National Film Awards at various Film Festivals in the United States. This Fall a copy is scheduled for Scotland where it will be shown at the International Film Festival.

Congregations and/or related organizations may schedule it now for a future showing. There is no rental charge.





This group of visitors to our school during the Detroit Synodical Convention was typical of many visitors over the Summer. They included people from as far away as Alaska and Oregon.

CONGRESS ACTS TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR THE DEAF

Public Law 89-36 called "National Technical Institute for the Deaf Act" recently enacted is a beginning step toward preparing more deaf people for better paying jobs. At present, far too many deaf High School students or those beyond the age of 16 find that for them programs offering further Education are very limited or non-existent especially in the field of Technology.

The new act authorizes the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to enter into an agreement with an institution of higher education for the establishment, construction, equipping and operation of a National Technical Institute for the Deaf for the purpose of providing a residential facility for post-secondary technical training and education for persons who are deaf in order to prepare them for successful employment.

In this age of automation, it seems that unless a person can produce a High School diploma or demonstrate required technical knowledge, his field of employment is narrowing day by day at a rapid rate of speed.

The new law is an attempt to rectify this situation.

ADVOCATE READERS

In order that you may receive prompt delivery of "The Deaf Child's Advocate" we ask that you check your address as it appears on this paper and if there are any inaccuracies in the address or if you receive more than one copy, kindly clip the address from the paper, indicate corrections, deletions or duplications and return it to us.



Our Detroit Convention exhibit included a display of "A New Life for Jennifer." Here Mr. Holste, principal, explains the school and its program to visitors.

DETROIT HOSTS FORUM

The Lutheran Health and Welfare Forum will be held at the Statler Hotel, Detroit, on November 8, 9, 10. The meetings will be open to the Public. Topics and discussions should prove most interesting and educational to all in attendance.

GLEANINGS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS

Meetings Held

All necessary meetings of the full Board and Board appointed committees were held during the past year. The Board of Education also held periodic meetings with the administrators and staff members, and it also visited classes. It can report that the School had a very capable and efficient faculty as well as household staff and that the work in school and the home progressed very satisfactorily.

Enrollment

The 92nd School Year opened on September 8th with an enrollment of 117 pupils. (Boys 65 — Girls, 52) Of these, 21 were new enrollees who hail from Michigan, Ohio, Virginia and Illinois.

Pupil Geographic Representation: 18 States and Canada (Michigan 52, Canada 17, Ohio 12, others 36).

Family Church Affiliation: Lutheran 62, Protestant 43, Catholic 7, Jewish 2, unchurched 3.

Confirmation — Baptism

A class of 6 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. One pupil was baptized during the year.

New Enrollment for Sept. 1965

To date, it seems that we shall be able to accept 10 to 12 new pupils for the 1965-66 school term. The majority of these will be Lutheran children.

Staff

The school's total staff consists of 46 people of which 17 are teachers. In addition to these, many faithful volunteers gave the school much valuable service.

New Teachers

Due to marriages, family increases and State Certification regulations which affect some of our present faculty members, we shall have eight (8) new teachers next Fall. Of these, three (3) trained with the aid of the school's scholarship fund.

Fortunately, we had no great difficulty in filling the positions required for the 1965-66 school year.

Teacher Recruitment

At present the school has two (2) students in training under its scholarship program. By September 1st., two (2) more will be added to the list.

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; Otolgologist, Dr. Floyd A. Seyfried; Dermatologist, Dr. A. Ulbrich; 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.

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.

Our school won the 1st Place Trophy for smaller schools at the Lutheran High East track and field meet this Spring.

Treats

The children were 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, etc., etc. These pleasures were provided by church and other organizations as well as individual friends. Some of these were Epiphany, Good Shepherd, Immanuel, Dearborn churches plus Lions and Kiwanis Clubs, Girls Clubs and Girl Scouts and especially also our own Ladies' Auxiliary.

Property Maintenance

The school's property is being kept in fine condition. However, we can expect that as the buildings become older, maintenance time and cost will increase proportionately. The usual Summer painting was started early this Spring so that our buildings might look as clean, fresh and neat as possible when expected Synodical delegates and visitors tour our Campus during the coming Convention. The Ephphatha Conference numbering from 60 to 80 people, also, will meet at the school, June 28 to July 1.

Elm disease continues to take its toll. Since our last meeting (7) more large elm trees had to be removed making a total of twenty two (22) over the past two years. Plans are under way to plant trees of different varieties next Fall.

Major Replacements and Installations

- New flues were installed in the 1938 Johnson Boiler.
- The 450 gallon Hot Water Storage Tank was replaced with a 650 gallon tank.
- The Hot Water Heater in the boy's dormitory had to be replaced.
- The school has been instructed by the City Fire Department to install sprinklers in several areas of the present buildings. This will be done in the near future.

Inspection

The State Department of Health made its annual inspection of all school facilities and found them in very good order. The Detroit City Department of Health inspects several times a year. These Departments always commend the school on its neat and well-kept buildings and appointments.

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Dear Mr. Bellhorn: On behalf of the Merrill-Palmer students who recently visited your school, Dr. Grams and I want to thank you for your hospitality and for your generosity and that of your staff in making the experience a most valuable one.

The explanation and interpretation of your program which we received made the observation very meaningful. The students gained real insight into the challenges and satisfactions of working with exceptional children, as well as knowledge of some of the particular problems associated with their development.

We want to thank the children, too, for the friendly reception they gave us. Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Katherine S. Brown, Coordinator, Human Development Laboratory

Dear Friends: May I again express my appreciation for your warm hospitality on the occasion of our class visit to the school on Thursday afternoon and evening. It was particularly a pleasure for Mrs. Tenny and me to again visit the school. As for the class members, the contact with real live children with hearing losses and the opportunity to observe these children in living-learning situations gives added meaning to the course. For them an observational visit like this becomes the "red letter" session of the class. The arrangements to provide this overall observation were excellent.

I was pleased to see the new addition going up. The gymnasium will add a new dimension to your program which should be most beneficial and the added classroom and living space will add to the comfort and efficiency of everyone. I hope you don't get too big so that you lose the warm personal relationship of staff and children. For example, class members could hardly realize that Mrs. Hance was not the everyday teacher of the four "babies" she demonstrated with. Best wishes,

John W. Tenny, Ed. D. Dept. of Spec. Ed. & Voc. Rehab-Wayne State Univ.

Thank you very much for the very fine informational material and pictures which you sent to be used at our Mission Fair at Redeemer Lutheran Church. These materials helped to make our Mission Fair a success with a good attendance. They made the people aware of work being done among the deaf. Thank you very much for your help and may God bless you in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elbert Menzel

Dear Mr. Bellhorn: I have just seen a copy of the September issue of "The Deaf Child's Advocate" and write to express compliment to you on your splendid publication. You have a great institution and I am delighted to know of your plans for extending your facilities to serve more deaf children. Sincerely,

John J. Lee, Chairman Dept. of Spec. Ed. & Vocational Rehab. Wayne-State University

MY CONTRIBUTION: WHAT WILL IT DO?

From time to time the question is asked: "What will my contribution do to assist in the overall operation of the School's program?" The following are examples of gift amounts and what they will provide:

- \$ 3 a.-Laundry Supplies for one Washday.
b. One dozen small tubes of tooth paste.
- \$ 5 a.-Linen and bedding for a child for one year.
b. A new teaching film strip.
- \$ 10 a.-A day of Education for one child.
b. Catechisms and Bible Story Sets for one class.
- \$ 25 a.-Heat to keep one child warm for the winter.
b. One set of Auditory Training earphones.
- \$ 50 a.-One year's supply of milk for a child.
b. School Insurance for a week.
- \$100 a.-The necessary educational supplies for a class for one semester.
b. Utilities and Fuel for a week.

Needless to say, any gift, large or small, will be deeply appreciated and will greatly assist us in educating hearing impaired youngsters for this life and for heaven.



Teacher and School Librarian, Miss Elsie Forsberg is busy making final preparations for the moving of the professional library materials from the Principal's office to the new wing library.



Miss Helen Szajna, teacher and Audio Visual Aids Librarian reviews filmstrips and fills requests for materials from other teachers. Soon these materials will be moved to the new wing.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Because of the need for economy as to expenditures and labor, we feel compelled to call our readers' attention to the manner in which our Once-a-Year Appeal letter will reach you this year. As last year, it will come to you in the form of a combination envelope, the letter being printed on the inside of the envelope itself. When it arrives later this Fall, PLEASE READ IT.

After having read it, detach the letter portion and use the same prestamped envelope in which to send your offering by following the simple directions in regards to sealing it. Then the sealed self addressed return envelope with your gift of love enclosed is ready for mailing.

Our deaf children and their parents again look to you for much needed prayerful and financial help in bearing their heavy burden.

DETROITERS — REMEMBER POUND DAY

GLEANINGS—(Continued)

Pupil Cost

The Annual cost to educate, house and feed a deaf child in our school still stands at approximately \$3000.00 which is on a par with other schools of a similar nature. Since the school can expect to receive on the average only about 1/8 of its annual total financial needs from parents in the form of tuition fees, the balance must be received through freewill offerings.

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 readers of our School Paper which includes the pastors; four issues of the quarterly periodical "The Deaf Child's Advocate;" the new motion picture "A New Life for Jennifer;" Memorial folders; Informational pamphlets; speakers and demonstrations with children for various types of programs; and visiting days for groups. Publicity activities are continually going on during the year.

The Deaf Child's Advocate

Our School's quarterly paper endeavors to tell the story of educating deaf children for this life and for heaven and to keep the needs of the school before its many readers. The paper which has a circulation of approximately 96,000 copies is considered the important "life line" in our publicity department.

The New Film

The movie "A New Life for Jennifer" which has been in circulation since September has enjoyed an exceptionally fine reception in our congregations, related organizations, parent groups, service clubs and educational institutions throughout the U.S. and Canada. One copy is on its way to Australia and Hong Kong, and a request from Africa also has been received. Twenty-four copies are in circulation at the present time.

Our motion picture won the "Blue Ribbon" award at the American Film Festival held recently in New York City.

Donations in Kind

"Pound Day" donations of groceries from our Metropolitan congregations and farm produce from the Thumb Area churches, plus Sanders baked goods again have greatly assisted us in providing our pupils with good diversified and wholesome meals.

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. The president of each Chapter will render an activities report at this meeting.

We should never under-evaluate the tremendous power for good which these two organizations represent in the overall operational picture of making this school a real "Home away from home" for the children in our care.

New Building

Construction of the new addition is well underway. The building plans call for seven (7) classrooms, a children's and teacher's Library, a lounge, two children's bedrooms and living rooms, three staff rooms, a large multi-purpose room (Gym) and a Ladies' Auxiliary Kitchen. God willing, the building should be ready for occupancy by late Fall.

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Another "Jennifer" Award

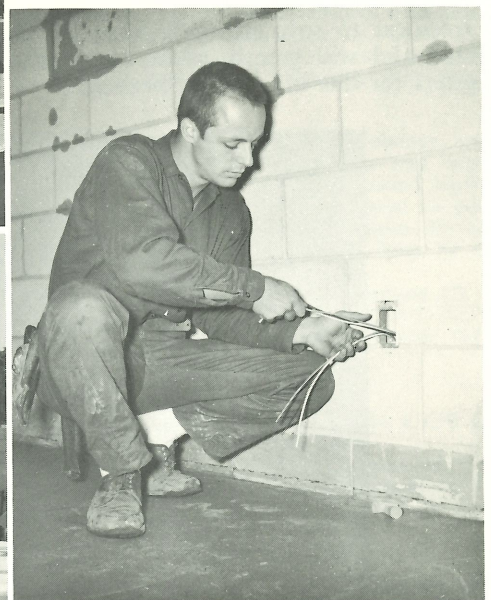
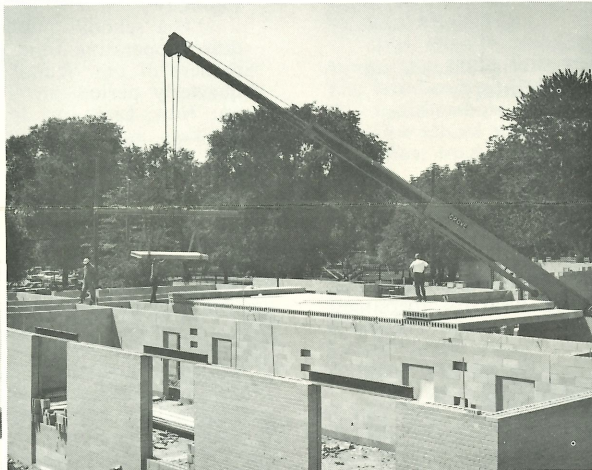
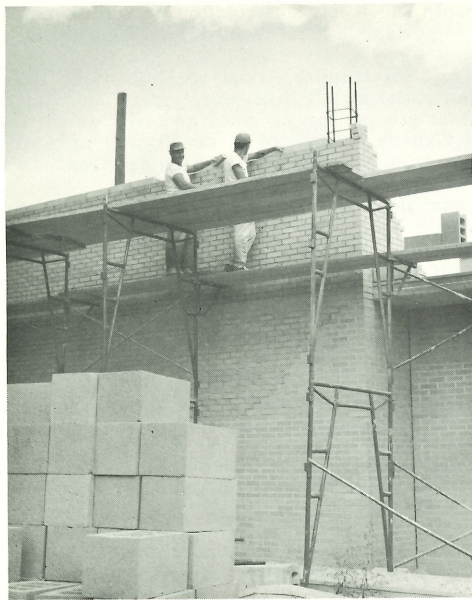
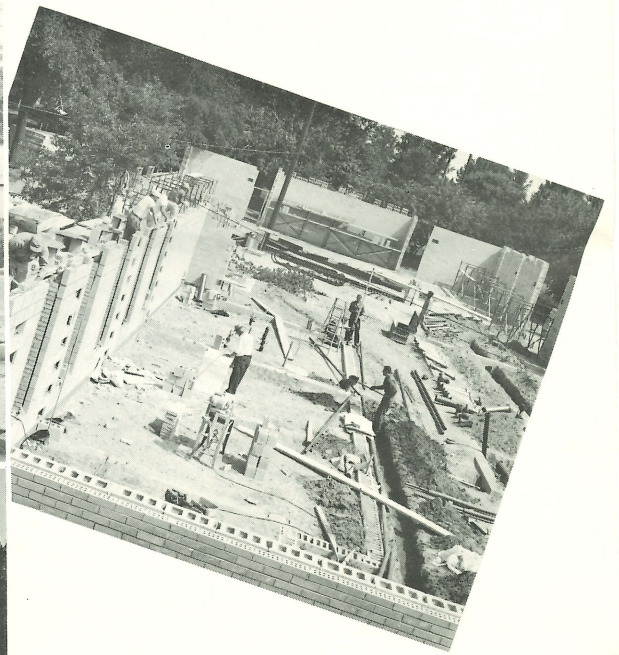


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