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THINK ON THESE

"I have showed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20,35.

Christmas

The Father Gave Us His Son, The Christ Child

Yes, God the Father Gives throughout our whole life.

He gave and continues to give.

He cannot do otherwise.

He gave body and soul. And

He gives food and drink and all other things we need for our comfort and life.

He gives wisdom and knowledge and understanding.

He gives health and strength. Yes,

He gives, and gives and gives. —

He does this— because He is LOVE.

The greatest demonstration of His LOVE appeared more than nineteen hundred years ago when He gave His "Unspeakable Gift" — His Only Begotten Son — The Child in the Manger — CHRIST THE LORD. With this Gift of Gifts God gave forgiveness, life and salvation — the Kingdom — spiritual riches — everlasting consolation — power to become the sons of God — peace — hope — confidence — joy — assurance — glory — eternal life.

No wonder the angels sang when Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea.

No wonder the shepherds knelt in adoration at the lowly manger.

No wonder the wise men came from afar to worship Him.

No wonder the faithful of old rejoiced and thanked God for having fulfilled His promise.

No wonder believers of all generations had their hearts throbbing with joy and gratitude when hearing the never aging story of Christmas and God's great Gift.

And now we ask, What does God's giving do to us? What response does it awaken in OUR soul?

"Soul, what return has God, thy Savior for all He gives thee day by day?

Oh! hast thou in thy gift a favor that can delight and please Him?

Say! The best of off'rings He requires:

Thy heart it is that He desires."

So the great Gift of God from heaven looks to us again, as we prepare to observe the Blessed Christmas Festival, and asks: **WHAT WILL YOU GIVE TO HIM to bring deaf children and others to the knowledge of His Saving Grace?**

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give, devise and bequeath to the Lutheran School for the Deaf, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48234, 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Annual Children's Christmas Pageant will be presented on Thursday, December 15 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 3, when classes resume.



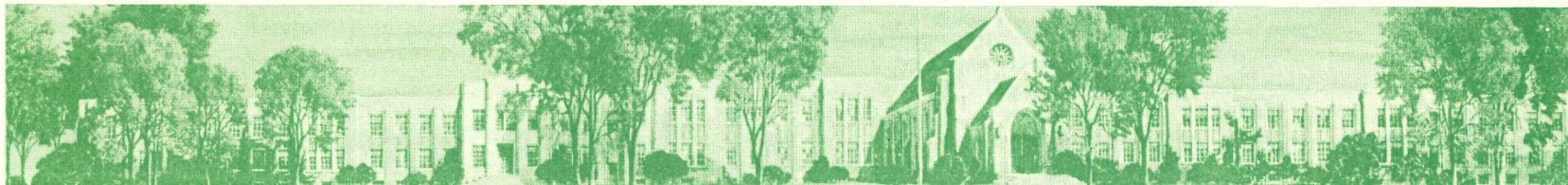
Miss Kathy Waltz and her class use various forms of art to prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth . . . Angels and wreaths bring a new meaning with the season when explained in the use of symbols at Christmas.

THANK YOU, OPTOMETRISTS

The sense of sight is all important to the child who has lost his sense of hearing. Again, the school was privileged to have the eyes of its pupils examined by a group of optometrists and their assistants who so generously and gratuitously render this service annually.

The individuals who this Fall did the screening and testing were: Doctors H. R. Bunge; J. V. and O. R. Dueweke; G. R. Henderson; R. T. Hugo; R. R. Muse; J. A. Park; R. D. Sobieski; Ed. Wallace and C. A. BonGiovanni. Assistants were: Carol Barr; Charlotte Bunte; Marilyn Karvso.

The program, again, was directed by Dr. Jerome Dueweke who has provided this type of service to the school for nearly 40 years.



TELL ME A STORY . . . TELL ME A STORY . . .

The important goal of teaching the deaf children the fundamental Christian doctrines requires a good general education. Basic to all good education is reading. In the pictures of this page we see teacher, Miss Carolyn Fredrick, with some of the techniques used with her class of seven year olds.



An interest in books by the children is generated through many types of stories told from pictures by the teacher. These stories are told at the language and vocabulary level of the group.



Guided group reading.



Interest in the activity clearly shows itself in the facial expressions of the children. This is also a clue to the teacher of their comprehension.



Many hours of teacher preparation of content and materials are necessary for an effective lesson.



The matching of words to pictures is an essential of vocabulary preparation prior to reading a story.



Recognizing the sequence of sentences within a short active story clearly indicates understanding.



Teacher guidance in the library leads to independent reading.



Prayers, a vital part of each child's life, begin with reading and lead to personal private use.

Tell me a story . . . of Jesus and His Love



To fulfill the constant and multiple needs of the many children in our care requires a large staff of household and office workers. Seated L to R — Jeanette V. Marx; Myrtle Taylor; Elzbieta Sawicka; Deaconess Marie Twenhafel; Deaconess Marie Bliefnick; Sandra Clack; Pauline Mitchell; Alexandra

Smirnes; Minnie Hart; Edna Hoadley; Willie Mae Cole; Willie B. Sorrell. Standing L to R. — Thelma Roberts; Wanda Jablonski; Velma Yoder; Faith Carter; Eva Gunn; Isabelle Heatley; Vera Handschin; Gertrude Spann; Loraine Willits; Clara Murphy; Winnifred Schumann.

OUT OF THE CLASSROOM The Huge Santa Claus Shadow

I enjoy Christmas because it is wonderful to see many beautiful presents and it reminds me that Jesus was born on Christmas Day. To me Christmas is a happy day when I feel full of joy and have a pleasant time, the same as we will feel in heaven. We will open many beautiful gifts there, too.



Valerie French

I remember the Christmas when I was 9 or 10 years old. My mother told me and my brother that it was time to go to bed. So Stephen and I went to bed. I woke up and I could hardly wait to see the Christmas gifts under the Christmas tree. I tiptoed very quietly to the living room and all of a sudden I was frightened because there was Santa Claus on the window sill. The outdoor light appeared very bright as it shone through Santa Claus. It formed shadows and Santa Claus looked very huge. I ran to my mother and father's bedroom, but before I woke them up, I tiptoed back to see Santa Claus again. I was frightened

a second time. I woke my brother up and Stephen and hid, too. I felt that I must be brave, so I walked into the family room and turned on the light. Much to my relief the Santa Claus shadow was only a Santa Claus doll on the window sill.

Valerie French



A weekly event at the school is Thursday visiting day. Pictured here are members of the Special Education Group which is a section of the Michigan Educators Association. Director Walter Bellhorn greets Chairman Elaine Woodard and her group upon arrival at the school.



New Dodge bus. The excitement of the purchase of a new bus ran high. We could hardly wait for its arrival and, when it did come, a thorough examination took place. Our old bus of thirteen years finally succumbed to the winter's salty streets.

FRIENDS OF GREATER DETROIT
To help us restock our pantry shelves, please
REMEMBER POUND DAY!

MOVIE AVAILABLE

We sincerely hope that every congregation and/or its related organizations will plan to include a showing of "A New Life for Jennifer" in their 1967 schedule of meetings and social events.

Please complete the following form, clip and return it to the Lutheran School for the Deaf, 6861 E. Nevada Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48234. There is no rental charge.

CLIP — RETURN

Please schedule your 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 _____



Teacher Mark Reeve presents his tough football team. L to R back row: Danny Kessler, Ky; Chris Glore, Mich; John Geyer, Ohio; Carl Frels, Wis; Danny Bandli, Mich; Durwin Rudy, Mich. L to R front row: Dennis Kozak, Ontario; David Atchinson, Ill; Kenneth Hack, Mich; Bob Lenderman, Ala; Jack Noble, Mich; This year's team has a record of 2 wins and 3 losses. We can't win them all but we surely can learn sportsmanship.

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OUR ANNUAL APPEAL . . .

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

SECOND CLASS
POSTAGE PAID
AT
DETROIT, MICH.



Trudy

*Deaf . . .
and Looking for You*

HELLO!

My name is Trudy. I am six years old. Thank you for helping me and all the other children at the school. We learn to read lips and to speak. We also learn about Jesus, our Savior. I know you will remember us again this year. May God bless you.

I love you,

Trudy

Dear Friend in Christ:

Trudy in her short letter has brought an important message to you. She together with her schoolmates 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.

The question is often asked, "What does it cost to operate the school?" Being a boarding home-school with an enrollment of 123 pupils and employing a large staff of teachers, housemothers and other personnel, the budget requirement is \$1000.00 A DAY which is a rather large sum of money. This is an easy figure to remember but also one that must be dealt with.

Therefore, in order to meet the school's daily needs, we kindly ask that you REMEMBER THE CAUSE of these hearing handicapped youngsters in your PRAYERS and with your OFFERING OF LOVE. Needless to say, gifts or requests of any amounts, large or small, are direly needed and will be deeply appreciated.

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

The Board of Directors

Walter Bellhorn

Walter Bellhorn, Executive Director

I Love You



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