

# The Deaf Child's ADVOCATE

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## THOUGHTS

### I COME FIRST

America and Americans are all too ready to say: "I come first." We want everything for ourselves. This is admittedly the motto of many people. They have not learned by the power of God to overcome the natural selfishness of their hearts, but seek in all things their own advantage and refuse to share with others. Their main objective is to take care of their own needs.

The Lord has a different idea. He says: "I Come First." There have been Christians, too, who agreed with Him. Of the Macedonians we read: "They FIRST gave their own selves to the Lord." II Cor. 8,5. Such is still the fundamental prerequisite of a God-pleasing life. They, who in sincere appreciation of the boundless grace of God in Christ Jesus joyfully dedicate and consecrate their whole being to God, will naturally abound in every kind and manner of God-pleasing works.

That is what we all should do. We are bought with a price and therefore belong to the Lord. Since we belong to Him, it is evident that we should willingly give our entire selves to Him, live for Him, love Him, worship and serve Him. "Christ died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them and rose again." That is the greatest need of the Church today — Happy consecration of every member's own self to the service of Him, who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and give His life a ransom for many.

We are all familiar with the story of the Good Samaritan. Some of the characters in that story acted thus: — The robbers looked upon a man who had something they wanted and said; "What he has is ours and we are going to take it." This is the philosophy of thieves, seekers of special privileges, and all who think that the world owes them a living. — The priest and the Levite passed by and thought in these terms: "What I have is mine and I am going to keep it." This is the philosophy of all selfish souls. — But the Samaritan came by saying in his heart: "What I have is God's and I am going to share it."

We are not told the ultimate end of these different characters. Doubtless the robbers were apprehended. The priest and the Levite became the slaves of their own selfishness. They probably died of stomach ulcers and likely few people attended their respective funerals. The Samaritan alone of the three really lived — because he gave — himself — and his money.

—Charity Thermostat.

### SCHOOL OPENING

Lord Jesus Christ, to us attend,  
Thy Holy Spirit to us send,  
With grace to rule us day by day,  
And lead us in true wisdom's way.  
Harm. Can. Goth. I. 1651

On Tuesday, September 6 the School began its 94th year of educating deaf children — preparing them for this life and for heaven.

Fourteen (14) new pupils were accepted this Fall bringing the total enrollment to one hundred twenty-three (123) children ranging in age from three and a half (3½) to fifteen (15) which constitutes the largest enrollment in the history of the school. Every classroom and bedroom space has been filled and still we have a waiting list of applicants.

In order to take care of the increased enrollment, an additional teacher and housemother had to be employed.

Previous to the day of school opening Principal Herman Holste and the Faculty held a four day workshop in preparation for the busy days ahead.

The new pupils are the following: Henry Babbit, St. Joseph, Mich.; Joel Bekkerus, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota; Tami Cole, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Jeffrey Dahle, St. Paul, Minnesota; Cindy Davis, Milton, Florida; Kelly Jean Heather, Massillon, Ohio; James Kinsey, Elkhart, Indiana; John (Rick) Kloha, Holly Springs, Mississippi; Timmy Lemon, Delta, Ohio; Darren McLaurin, Detroit, Michigan; Gerhard Neufeld, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; Stuart Owen, Blairs, Virginia; Jan Russell, Jackson, Michigan; Gregory Wittkop, Monroe, Michigan.



Fred J. Auch, left, accepting plaque of appreciation from Executive Director, Walter Bellhorn.

### BOARD MEMBER RETIRES

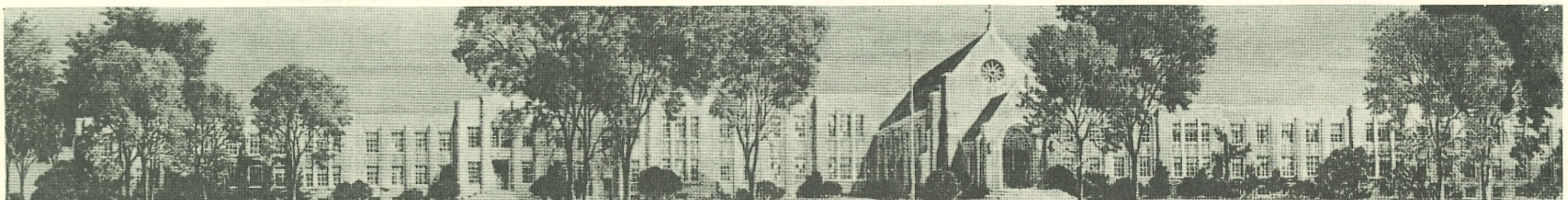
Upon completion of 35 years of outstanding service Fred J. Auch of the George W. Auch Construction Company, Detroit retired as a member of the School's Board of Directors. All those who served with him during these many years recognized his keen interest in the School's total program and his wise counsel in its operation.

During 1941-42 he held the position of President of the Association (67 congregations) which owns and operates the Lutheran School for the Deaf. During this time he also served as Chairman of the Board.

In the 1930's when the original three story brick building was condemned as a firetrap by the City of Detroit and new construction was dictated, Mr. Auch, himself a builder, was an active member of the building committee. Through five major building projects on the campus during the next thirty years his knowledge and experience were invaluable to the School.

In appreciation of his many years of faithful service to the School, the Board of Directors presented Mr. Auch with a plaque at a special dinner given in his honor.

We certainly shall miss his presence at the Board meetings and can only say: "Thank you, Fred, for serving the Lord these many years in His kingdom among the Deaf and may God richly bless you for it."







New pupils are being accepted for enrollment. Left to right, Executive Director Walter Bellhorn and Principal Herman Holste study applications and records of children on the waiting list.

### 1966 - 1967 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 6 (Tues.)	Children return to School. School Year Begins.
September 23 (Fri.)	Health Program begins Y.M.C.A. (Older Children).
October 21 (Fri.)	United Foundation Collection by Teachers. (No Classes)
November 4 (Fri.)	End of 1st Quarter.
November 23 (Wed.)	Thanksgiving Recess begins at NOON. (12:00)
November 27 (Sun.)	Children return from Thanksgiving Recess.
December 15 (Thurs.)	Christmas Pageant — 1:30 p.m. Classes dismissed after the service for Christmas Recess.
January 2 (Mon.)	Children Return to School from Christmas Recess.
January 3 (Tues.)	Classes Resume.
January 27 (Fri.)	End of 1st Semester.
March 17 (Fri.)	Easter Recess begins at NOON. (12:00)
March 19 (Sun.)	Confirmation — Palm Sunday.
March 27 (Mon.)	Children Return to School from Easter Recess.
March 28 (Tues.)	Classes Resume.
April 7 (Fri.)	End of 3rd Quarter.
May 19 (Fri.)	Y.M.C.A. Program Ends.
May 30 (Tues.)	Memorial Day. No Classes.
June 11 (Sun.)	Annual Festival — Classes Dismissed.



Teacher Mrs. V. Tinsmith proudly admires the exhibits and ribbons won by members of her embroidery, needlework and crochet class at the Greenfield Village Country Fair. Mary Lou Evett, top, age 13, won the grand champion prize with her Crewel work. Front row, Susan Haselhuhn 14, Debbie Hales, 7, and Rosalie Cheifetz, 10, each won awards for their work.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF ASSOCIATION

### Gleanings From the Reports

**ANNUAL FESTIVAL** — The 93rd school year of the Lutheran School for the Deaf closed on Sunday, June 12 with the Annual School Closing Festival at which occasion The Rev. Edwin C. Weber, President of the Michigan District preached the sermon.

**ENROLLMENT** — The 93rd School Year opened on September 7th with an enrollment of 115 pupils. (Boys 62 — Girls, 53). Of these 15 were new enrollees who hail from Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana.

**Pupil Geographic Representation:** 18 States and Canada (Michigan 53, Canada 15, Ohio 13, others 34).

**Family Church Affiliation:** Lutheran 66, Protestant 37, Catholic 7, Jewish 2, unchurched 3.

**CONFIRMATION** — 8th GRADE — This Fall the school will reactivate the 8th grade which was dropped some years ago. The 7th graders will return for another year of education and be confirmed next Spring. Because of this change, only one boy from California was confirmed by Rev. N. E. Borchardt Monday, June 13th in our chapel service.

**NEW ENROLLMENT FOR SEPT. 1966** — To date, it seems that we shall be able to accept 10 to 12 new pupils for the 1966-67 school term. The majority of these will be Lutheran children.

**STAFF** — The school's total staff consists of 48 people of which 18 are teachers. In addition to these many faithful volunteers gave the school much valuable service.

**NEW TEACHERS** — All teacher contracts have been signed for the 1966-67 school year. Three teachers will be leaving us and these will be replaced by three new graduates. Fortunately, we had no great difficulty in filling the positions required for the 1966-67 school year.

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

**FAMILY HEALTH AND CARE** — Due to the Lord's rich blessings and the excellent care of our housemothers, the school's large family of deaf children enjoyed good health. Generally we expect an epidemic or two of measles or one of the other, so-called, childhood diseases during the school year but very few of such cases were experienced this term.

**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.

**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. 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.

**PUBLICITY** — The school's publicity work so necessary for the ingathering of the required operating funds again consisted of *one appeal* letter per year to the readers of our School Paper which includes the pastors; four issues of the quarterly periodical "The Deaf Child's Advocate"; the 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 90,000 copies is considered the important "life line" in our publicity department.

**THE FILM** — The movie "A New Life for Jennifer" which has been in circulation since September 1965 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 was used in Australia and Hong Kong. Twenty-four copies are in circulation at the present time. To date the film has won five National Awards at the Film Festivals.

**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.

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.

**JOHN A. KLEIN WING** — The new wing was dedicated on Sunday, January 30. Dr. Oliver R. Harms was the preacher for this special occasion. The Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf served light refreshments after the Service. The building is meeting those needs for which it was designated and if the children could eat, sleep and live in the new gym they would be an especially happy group.

Except for a few minor items the building is completed and paid for. A total of 47 organizations, families and individuals paid for the furnishings and equipment.

### FILM AVAILABLE

The film, "A New Life For Jennifer" is available 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 1966-67 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.



Dear Mr. Bellhorn: I want to thank you again for affording us the opportunity of seeing some very excellent teaching. Our students were interested in your total program; however, they were especially interested in the pre-school training program. This was an artful demonstration to them how eager young deaf children may become in learning oral communication skills. Our sincere appreciation to you and to your excellent teaching staff. Yours truly, Wanda O. Milburn, Teaching Fellow, School of Education, Speech and Hearing Clinic University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Mr. Bellhorn: Though a thank you was sent to us, in appreciation for our cupcakes and pictures, we in turn feel very obligated to you and your staff for the time and most enthusiastic tour we were privileged to go on. We sincerely appreciated it and now with a better understanding we pray for your continued guidance and hope we may be of service in the future. Sincerely, Mrs. R. MacPherson, Leader, Cadette Girl Scout Troop 114, Mt. Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr. Bellhorn: On behalf of the Allen Park Rotary Club I would like to thank you for your wonderful presentation last Wednesday. All of us learned a great deal from you concerning the problems involved and the patience required in your work. Your devotion to the welfare of your children undoubtedly will pay great dividends in their growth and adjustment to society . . . Best of luck in your future work. Sincerely Arnold Ruby.

Dear Sir: Although I have been sending you small monetary gifts from time to time, I knew very little about your school until I saw a film about it on our educational television station. Now I realize even more the extent of your work with deaf children. Enclosed is another gift to aid in your continuing efforts. Sincerely yours, Miss Bess Ludik, Chicago, Ill.

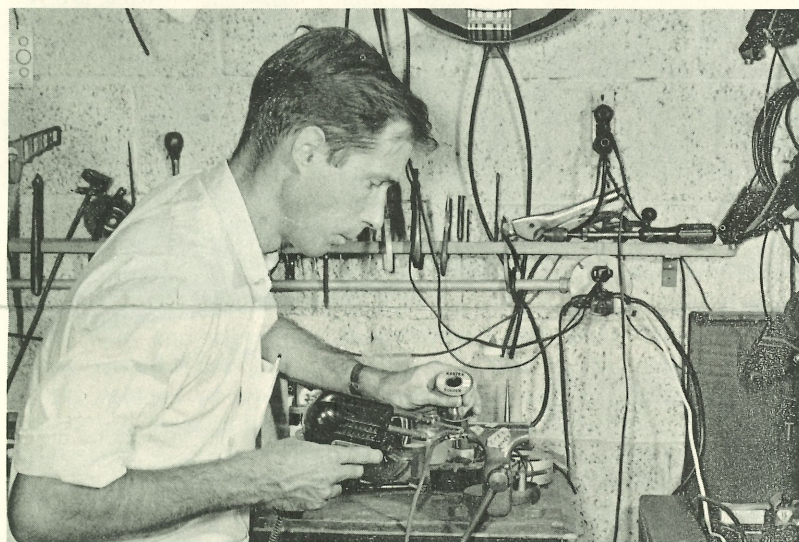
Dear Mr. Bellhorn: We want to thank you very much for sending to us information and the movie pertaining to your school. We appreciated them and know that the children in our Vacation Church School enjoyed them, too . . . May God bless your work in Detroit, and your school will be in our prayers always. Sincerely yours Mrs. Robert M. C. Ward, First Presbyterian Church, Galesville, Wis.

Dear Sir: I am interested in "The Lutheran School for the Deaf," and would appreciate it very much if you would please send me any literature you have. I intend to support The Lutheran School for the Deaf, both prayerfully and financially from time to time in the year 1966. Thank you very much for your cooperation. Milton A. Simon, Northbrook, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bellhorn: We are writing to offer our congratulations to you on the award won by your film at the 7th American Film Festival just concluded here in New York City.

We are sorry that our schedule did not permit us to view your film during the festival. However, so many spoke to us about its excellence that we are indeed eager to view it. We also feel that as a film agency serving all of our Lutheran churches we should be aware of new films along this line.

Therefore we are writing to ask if it would be convenient for you to make a preview print of A NEW LIFE FOR JENNIFER available to us for viewing. Whatever information you can give to us about the production and distribution of the film would also be of interest and would allow us to answer any questions that may arise. Sincerely, Robert E. A. Lee, Lutheran Film Associates, New York, N. Y.



Teacher Mark Reeve testing and repairing Auditory Training Equipment in preparation for school opening.

### 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.

## Our New Faculty Members

Miss Sharon Brodie, of Dearborn, Michigan, and her family are long standing friends of our school. Her father is frequently organist for Our Savior's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, located here in our Chapel. Miss Brodie has received her training to teach the deaf from Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan, where she received the Bachelor of Science degree in June. She will teach a class of pre-schoolers, preparing them for first grade work.



Sharon Brodie

Miss Barbara Palisch comes to us from Jackson, Missouri where her father teaches in one of our Lutheran schools. Miss Palisch completed three years of her college education at Southeast Missouri State College, Cape Girardeau, Missouri before transferring to Teacher Training for the Deaf at Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis. She received the Bachelor of Science Degree in June of this year from Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. Miss Palisch will teach a class of 12 year olds.



Barbara Palisch

Miss Janet Spresney is a native Detroit and a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, not far from the school. Miss Spresney is a graduate of Wayne State University where she received the Bachelor of Science degree in June 1966, having completed the necessary course work in Deaf Education. She was a recipient of our schools scholarship for teacher training during the 1964-65 school year. Miss Spresney will teach a class of 12 year old children.



Janet Spresney

Mrs. Joann Uhl is returning to the classroom after a year on maternity leave. During last year she continued her graduate work at Wayne State University and was one of our dependable substitute teachers. We are happy to have her back on our staff "full time".



Joann Uhl

### 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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**We have fun**



*We ride on a big wagon.*

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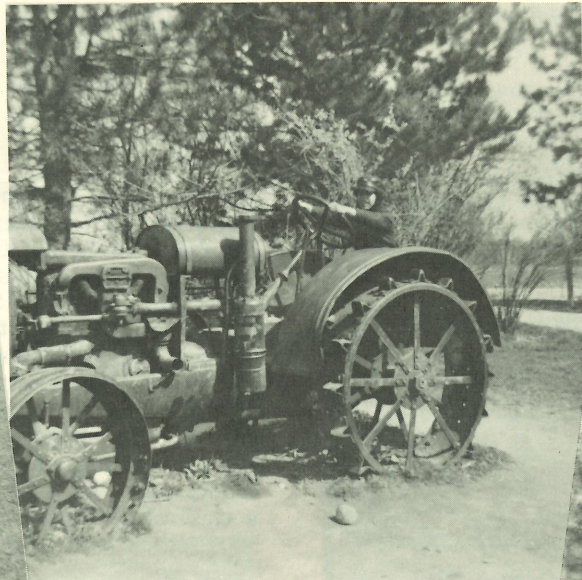
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# BUILDING LANGUAGE THROUGH EXPERIENCES

## "Our Trip to the Farm"



*Diane Holmes holds the lamb and Susan Swartz pets it.*



*David Kelly sits on an old tractor.*



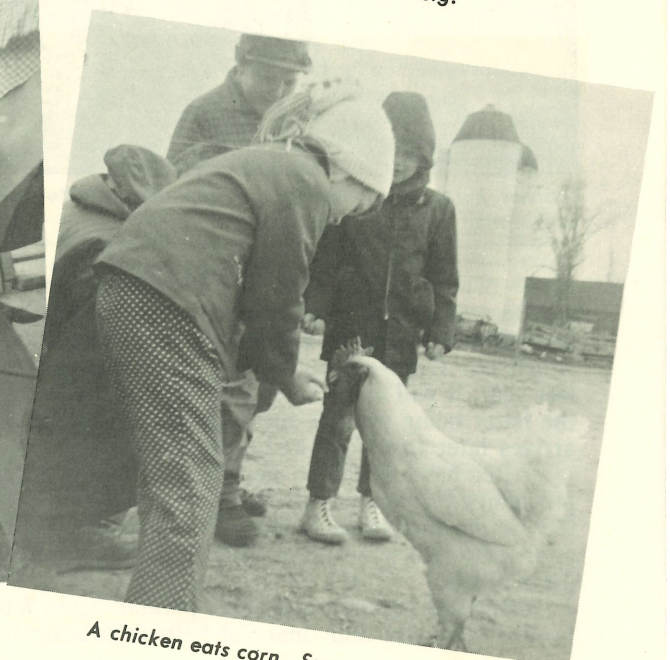
*We pet the black calf. It is big.*



*We watch the ducks. They can swim.*



*Oh! what fun. We milk the goat.*



*A chicken eats corn. Susan is not afraid.*