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THOUGHTS

THEY WERE THERE

JUDAS — who lived with the Lord on earth but with Satan in eternity — who never recognized his great opportunity but saw only the chances for personal gain.

PETER — impulsive giant — one minute walking the waves with Jesus, another sinking and crying for help — fighting for the Lord in one garden, denying Him in another — until, sanctified by grace, he becomes the "rock man."

JOHN — loving and faithful — a dreamer with his feet on the ground — rough and rugged, yet having a tender touch — singularly drawn to the cross for one last look.

CAIAPHAS — who, more than Pilate, Judas, the mob, or the soldiers, was actually responsible for the crucifixion of our Lord — high-priestly executioner!

SIMON THE CROSS BEARER — who has been praised through nineteen centuries of Christian history for doing something he was forced to do — but who probably would have done it anyway.

THE CENTURION — one of two "outsiders" who at the cross amidst blasphemous ridicule accepted Christ as their own.

PILATE — insignificant official, catapulted to world-wide infamy through weakness, as the opportunity for greatness yielded to expediency.

THE THIEF — whose mistakes and tears are our own and whose words on the cross sum up everything we can say to our God.

THEY WERE THERE — and we, too, were there and saw them again in spirit as we made our annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem — to Gethsemane — to Calvary — to the scenes of the crucifixion — and His glorious resurrection.

AS WE WENT THERE — we again, on Good Friday, came to the realization that their weaknesses are our faults, but that their strength can also be our power through the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world.

STANDING AT CALVARY — we prayed that we be blessed with sincere repentance and a strong faith — a faith which shows itself fervent LOVE for Him who first loved us, and in devoted SERVICE to His cause of saving sinners, and extending a helping hand to the handicapped and downtrodden.

Adapted from the Thermostat.

EASTER IN SILENCE

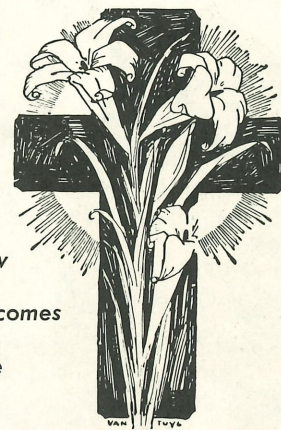
When Easter bells ring out the joy
And gladness of the day,
When choirs join in the angel song
And children sing their lay,
I hear no sound of bell or voice;
In silence breaks my day,
But on the face of everyone
I see such ecstasy.

My eyes behold the rare delight
That streams from every face,
The sun bursts forth in brilliant glow
And brightens every place
Within my "WORLD OF SILENCE" comes
A searching for the "WHY,"
What makes this day a special one
And stirs the earth and sky?

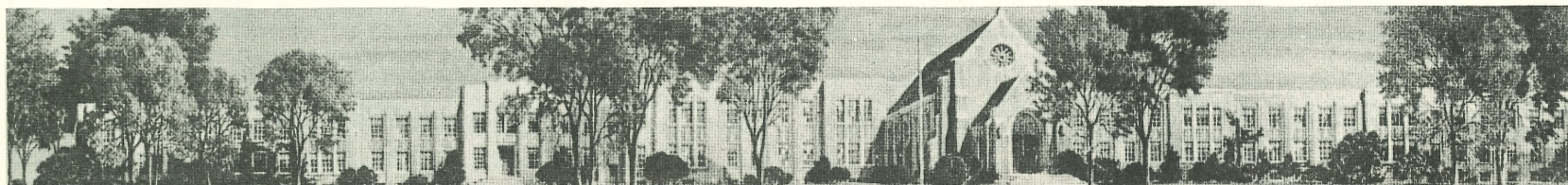
I know the joy of Christmas Day
It tells of Jesus' birth;
When in His love the Lord reached down
To sinners on this earth.
But could there be a birthday too,
Perhaps on Easter Day?
Oh yes, new life for you and me,
When the stone was rolled away.

He is risen, Hallelujah!

By K. F. Freytag



Suffering — Death — Resurrection





The children of the School again were the guests of the Grosse Pointe Lion's Club at the Shrine Circus in February. One of the highlights is the crowning of the Circus Queen. Left to right: M. A. Gentile, Sr., official of the Circus; Our Circus Queen, student Laura Marzetti, Charles Weiler, Lion's President and Walter Bellhorn, Executive Director of the School.

THE SEWING CLUB

A large group of our girls from age 6 to 15 meet once a week after school hours for lessons in sewing, crocheting, and needle work.

Class attendance is strictly voluntary on the part of students and their teacher, Mrs. Vilma Tinsmith. Hand-craft items made in this class have been exhibited and have won many blue ribbons over the years at the annual Greenfield Village Country Fair. Last year one of our pupils, Mary Lou Evett, won the Fair's Grand Champion award. The class represents many after school hours of relaxation, enjoyment and worthwhile learning.

THE CHARM CLUB

Students Debbie McKenney, Laura Marzetti, Susan Haselhuhn and Valerie French meet each Monday after school for Charm Club under the supervision of teacher Johanna Hilpert. The girls have discussed personality, makeup, hair styles and party planning.

In December, the girls were guests of Jheri, of Hair Designs by Jheri, for an evening of learning how to wash, set and comb out each others hair.

On February 14, the girls gave a Valentine party for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. They made the invitations and decorations, planned the party, made the food, decorated the gym and supervised the roller skating. The party was certainly rewarding to the girls and their guests.

BUSY BEES

The Busy Bees is a hobby class for boys and girls that are not active participants in other activities. Miss Elvira Ruhlig, assisted by Mrs. Jennie Henney, has been teaching the girls how to make crepe paper and tissue paper flowers. Miss Jean Kropa and Miss Noel F'Geppert have been trying to expose the boys to different art media. A few hobby projects completed are: wooden paper holder stands, clothes brushes and leather comb cases. Tom Smith, a seventh grade student, designed and is now nearing completion, a padded foot stool.

The Busy Bee members consist of the following: Thomas Smith, Ohio; Scott Griswold, Idaho; Stephen French, Michigan; Carl Evans, Michigan; Michael LaFountaine, Michigan; Tommy Eisenmann, Ohio; Jeffrey Kish, Michigan; Cathy Ruchotzke, Iowa; Jan Russell, Michigan; Denise Thompson, Michigan; Cynthia Ames, Michigan; Mary Lou Olsen, North Dakota; Robin Jo Stein, Ohio; Kay Ashens, Illinois; Alana Daws, So. Dakota; and Diane Holmes, Sarnia, Ont.

THANK YOU

Since free-will offerings are our "Life Line" and so necessary for the continuance of the school's blessed work of rehabilitating and educating deaf children for this life and for heaven, we wish to express our sincere feelings of deep gratitude to our many friends who so far have responded generously and kindly to our ANNUAL APPEAL LETTER.

All known donors received acknowledgments by mail. But, now and then, an anonymous giver remembers the needs of the school with an offering. To these we can only say through this column, "thank you and may God richly bless you!"

DEAR READER, PLEASE HELP US

Keeping a mailing list up to date and free of error is nigh unto impossible in this day and age but we continually work at it.

Readers, you can be of great assistance in lightening the load and saving money for the school by advising us if you are receiving more than one copy of the "Deaf Child's Advocate" or if your address or Zip Code is incorrect.

Let's check it with this issue of our paper. First, look at your address as shown on the paper. Is it correct? If not, clip the address portion from the paper, write your correct address, including Zip Code above or below it and send it to the school. Do you get two copies of the paper? If so, clip both addresses, write "duplication" on one and send both to us. Sometimes we have one address in the husband's first name and another in the wife's first name. Please advise us which you prefer so we can eliminate one copy.

Since the new law relative to 3rd class mail went into effect last January 1, it is most important that we, also, have your correct Zip Code. If yours is wrong on this issue, clip the address portion, write your correct Zip Code number above or below the address and send it to us.

Incidentally, each piece of mail returned to us by the Post Office because it could not be delivered costs the school 10¢.

Please give this important matter your kind attention today while you have the paper in hand.

Thank your sincerely!

HOUSING FOR SENIOR DEAF

Congressman Edward R. Roybal, California Democrat, has announced arrangements for a one hundred percent federal loan to build a ten-story home for deaf senior citizens on the corner of Twelfth and Vermont Streets in Los Angeles, California.

The project is sponsored by the Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Los Angeles and is non-profit. There will be 112 house-keeping units renting from \$82.50 up. The loan was made under the Senior Citizens Housing Loan Program.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR DEAF

A National Technical Institute for the Deaf — the only one of its kind in the United States — will be established at the Rochester, N. Y., Institute of Technology, John W. Gardner, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, announced.

An initial grant of \$323,000 was awarded to RIT to plan the co-educational Institute which will offer post-secondary technical and scientific education, at no cost, to some 600 deaf students a year when fully operational in 1969.

An agreement between the Department and RIT calls for construction of facilities to cost an estimated \$8 to \$12 million.

The site for the Institute was the unanimous choice of a 12-member advisory board which has studied numerous proposals since it was named in December, 1965. Chairman is Gustave H. Rathe, Jr., Director of Education, International Business Machines Corporation, White Plains, N. Y.

Establishment of the Institute and the advisory board was authorized by an Act of Congress and signed by President Johnson on June 8, 1965. The Act also authorizes construction and operation of the Institute which will offer residential as well as educational facilities for students from around the Nation.

Available to the deaf students will be the full curriculum of RIT, which runs from the two-year Associate in Applied Science through the Master in Science and Master in Fine Arts degrees, as well as special counseling, instruction and facilities designed to overcome the communication barrier.

—The California News

MODEL HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF APPROVED

A special House Education sub-committee listened to another round of ringing support for a model high school for deaf students and promptly approved legislation to make it possible.

The bill would permit construction of a 500-student school to serve the Washington area on the grounds of Gallaudet College.

Vowing to "get this show on the road because it makes plain good sense," the bill's chief sponsor, Rep. Hugh L. Carey, D-N.Y., chairman of the subcommittee, said he will bring the plan to the full committee as soon as possible.

Carey said he hopes to win congressional approval this year. The bill has been introduced in the Senate by members of the Education and Labor Committee led by chairman Lister Hill of Alabama.

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Dear Sir: We are happy to have a part in your Once-A-Year Appeal. It's the least we can do to show our appreciation for the privilege of having our grandson, David Sharpe, in your fine school. Mrs. Emery T. Benedict—Greenville, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Bellhorn: Once again I am indebted to you for your wonderful cooperation in loaning us the film, "A New Life for Jennifer." The film was shown to the Men's Club of Trinity Lutheran Church in Reese, Michigan. The Pastor is Rev. C. W. Heilman. I was present for the meeting and introduced the film with a discussion of the needs of the deaf child. I also conducted a question and answer period following the film, and distributed your materials. The group discussion was good; twenty-seven men viewed the film. Thank you very much and may God continue to bless the work at your school. Sincerely yours, Charles H. Ramsey, Dr. of Special Ed. Tuscola Intermediate Board of Education.

Dear Mr. Bellhorn: Enclosed you will find a check as an expression of my family's greetings to our congregation at Christmas time. We know of your fine work and want to have a small part in your thrilling ministry. May God bless you and the school. Sincerely, Robert L. Shaner, pastor, Holy Communion Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Holste: On behalf of Doris Woodman, Sharon Young, Lois Schepke, and myself, I would like to thank you very much for making our visit to your school on Friday such an inspiring and worthwhile day. The day that I visited your school two years ago was the day that I decided definitely that deaf education was what I wanted. Sometimes, since then I have wondered if this is really for me. But the day we spent there, Friday, has again convinced me that there is nothing I could do, no matter how hard I have to work, that would make me happier. I certainly do feel that you have a tremendous school — a school where any teacher would be proud and most happy to teach! Thank you very much for all of your effort and help. It was deeply appreciated and will be long remembered. Sincerely Marilyn Frincke—Eastern Michigan University.

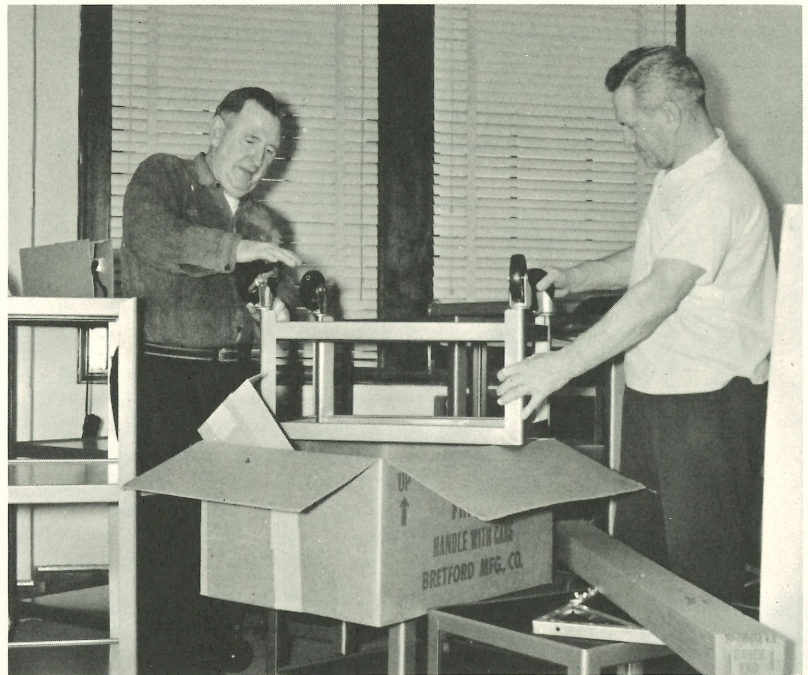
Dear Miss Twenhafel: How wonderful it is to have Ernie home for Christmas. We do notice so many things that he has learned. He tries to say things and sometimes does and we have been thrilled with his progress. I can't tell you how much we here, my husband and I in particular appreciate what you are doing. We know you must love our boy and words can't express our gratitude for everything. Many thanks, and our best wishes. Ernst and Martha Neufeld.

Dear Sir: It is with a great deal of pleasure and gratitude that I can be a small part in helping with the wonderful work you are doing. My only regret is that I can't do more. So please accept the enclosed money order with all my good wishes. May our heavenly Father be with all of you. Sincerely, Mrs. Charles O. Rosen.

Dear Mr. Bellhorn: I have just read a very good story on your school in the Lutheran Brotherhood BOND. I know you are glad to get this type of publicity. Hope everything is going well with you. Kindest regards. Sincerely yours, Leonard M. Elstad, President, Gallaudet College, Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Walter Bellhorn: I haven't much to give but please take these — dollars. It may help if God blesses it. I will never forget what you folks have done for our grand daughter, Rexalee Shafer. She is a wonderful girl. Thanks, again, and God bless you and all your children, Sincerely yours, Mrs. Ben Lockman.

Dear Folks: We received your envelope so we are enclosing a little donation. Place it where you think best. The Lord has given us this opportunity to share this little gift with you and we are so grateful as He has bestowed many rich blessings upon us this far. God be with you all. Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Laabs, Wausau, Wis.



School maintenance men, Joe Daly and Stanley Kazanski, unpack and assemble recently received materials from Captioned Films for the Deaf.

CAPTIONED FILMS FOR THE DEAF

As a result of a successful private venture of captioning feature movie films for deaf audiences, the U. S. Department of Health Education and Welfare has assumed the cost and responsibility of extending this service. Not only has the project grown to include hundreds of feature films but also to the captioning of educational films.

This service, restricted to the deaf, has provided our school, on a permanent loan basis, with captioned film strips especially prepared to relate to the Weekly Reader, with projection transparencies, with curriculum outlines and courses of study, and, recently, with four sets of projection tables and screens that will soon include overhead projectors and filmstrip projectors.

Captioned films for the Deaf is sponsoring a variety of educational research projects which are already influencing and improving the education of the deaf.

Open dates now available for scheduling the School's 16mm, all color, sound movie titled

"A NEW LIFE FOR JENNIFER."

COMING EVENTS

- March 17 — Children's Easter Vacation begins.
- March 19 — Palm Sunday — Confirmation Service in the School Chapel.
- March 28 — Classes resume.
- April 4 — Lutheran Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf Anniversary Service and meeting at the school.
- April 18 — Spring Fair at the School — Lutheran Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf.
- May 9 — Ephphatha Chapter meeting.
- May 16 — Lutheran Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf Luncheon and Card Party.
- June 7 — Annual Meeting of the Association.
- June 11 — Annual Festival and School Closing.

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.



Valentine's Day draws much excitement from the children. It is a time, too, when love abounds and as the recent school bulletin board said, "Jesus was the first Valentine." Teacher, Miss Brodie, and her class prepare to open the gifts from home. With her are: Left to right: Diana Campbell, Tami Schultz, Barbara Stanz, Barbara Kopp, Ellen Southard and Tracy McGeechan.

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AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Teacher Mrs. Tinsmith and her group of girls work with sewing, crocheting, knitting and crewelwork. These beautiful handwork pieces will be exhibited late this Spring at Greenfield Village. Pupils are: Left to right: Mary Lou Evett, Illinois; Anastacia Westall, Virginia; Kathy Martin, Michigan; Rosalie Cheifitz, Ontario; and Colette Bondy, Ontario.



Boys' Busy Bee members are working with a variety of materials and forms. Teachers, Miss Kropa and Miss F'Geppert with members: Left to right: Stephen French, Michigan; Mike LaFontaine, Michigan; Scott Griswold, Idaho; Tom Eisenman, Ohio; Tom Smith, Ohio; and Carl Evans, Michigan.



Charm Club girls have an opportunity to practice what they learn on each other as well as personally, daily. Teacher Mrs. Hilpert with: Left to right: Valerie French, Laura Marzetti, Debbie McKenney and Susan Haselhuhn.



Girl's Busy Bee members combine Valentines and the making favors as a preview of Spring. Teacher, Miss Ruhlig and members: Left to right: Mary Jo Olson, N. Dakota; Jan Russel, Michigan; Kay Ashens, Illinois; Alama Daws, N. Dakota; Denise Thompson, Michigan; Diane Holmes, Ontario; Robin Jo Stein, Ohio.

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