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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." Matt. 6,20.



"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 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 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.

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WE'RE NEITHER TOO YOUNG NOR TOO OLD FOR GOD'S SERVICE

What happens to the life of a 7 year old boy, born with normal hearing (Feb. 27, 1867 in Michigan City, Indiana) that contracts a sickness which causes him to become deaf? What good could come from it? "With God nothing shall be impossible." (Lk 1:37)

At the age of 12 Edward John Pahl (Sept. 5, 1879) entered the Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in Detroit, Michigan. At the age of 17 he graduated (1884) and as a Communicant member of the Lutheran Church returned to his home in Michigan City, Indiana as a cigar maker.

He held his membership in Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Chicago. The Pastor, Rev. Augustus Reinke ministered to the deaf members by speaking to them in German as they read his lips.

In 1892 Ed Pahl visited the Detroit school and, with his former teacher, Director Daniel Herman Uhlig, discussed the need of services for the deaf in sign language. It was not until the late fall of 1893 that Mr. Pahl through the encouragement of Jacob Heinold, age 28 a graduate of Detroit; August Henschel, age 24 a graduate of Detroit; Fred Schmidt and Matthew Steinmitz, wrote a letter to Director Uhlig requesting action for their spiritual care. The letter was presented to the Board of Directors of the School, and they asked Mr. Uhlig to encourage Pastor Reinke to do something for his deaf members.

Pastor Reinke felt the obligation laid upon him as being from the Lord. With the assistance of two deaf persons, he managed to learn enough sign language to conduct the first service for the Deaf in a Missouri Synod Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 4th, 1894. The following 16 deaf people were in attendance, according to Mrs. Ella Williams: Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. C. Berner; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Christoffer; Theodore Fick; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Heinold; August Henschel; Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Pahl; Fred Rapp; Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred Schmidt; Matthew T. Steinmetz; and Mr. and Mrs. Nicolas Steinmetz. Pastor Reinke preached in sign language, in English, based on the text I John 1:1 "GOD IS LOVE." That was the planting of the little mustard seed of which Jesus says that it is the smallest of all seeds, but grows up to be a large tree. It was also proof of Paul's words that all things work together for good to them that love God (Rom. 8:29) by His work through one that was deaf.

Rev. W. E. Duey

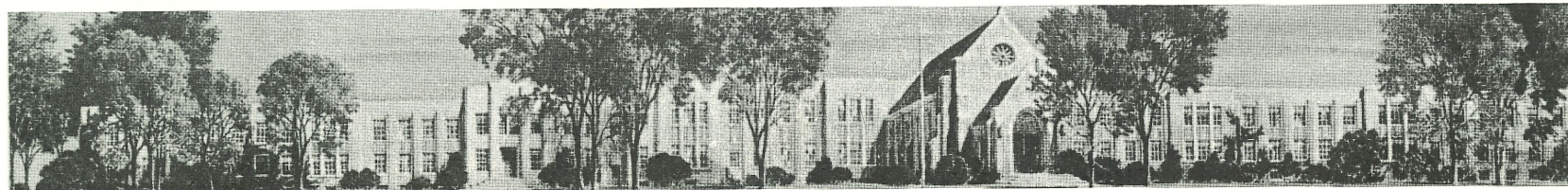


Recognition: The Rev. W. Leroy Biesenthal, Chairman of the Board of Directors, presents plaques to the Rev. Herbert R. Wacker and Bernhard C. Schumacher, recently retired members of the Board. L to R.: Rev. Wacker, Rev. Biesenthal and Mr. Schumacher.

RETIRED BOARD MEMBERS HONORED

Upon completion of 30 years and 27 years respectively, Mr. Bernard Schumacher and the Rev. Herbert Wacker retired as members of the School's Board of Directors. In appreciation of their many years of faithful service, the Board of Directors presented each with a plaque at a special dinner given in their honor.

We certainly shall miss their presence and their wise counsel and can only say: "Thank you both for serving the Lord these many years in His Kingdom among the deaf and may God richly bless you for it."





Teachers do many things aside from teaching. Here Miss Forsberg, with assistance from her pupil, Bonnie Kaufman, cleans out a file of materials after school.

NATIONAL CENSUS OF DEAF PERSONS

Plans for a national census of deaf persons will be designed under a grant awarded by the Social and Rehabilitation Service of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The grant, announced by Mary E. Switzer, SRS Administrator, was made to the National Association of the Deaf. The Association expects to complete the census design by January 1969.

The census is scheduled for 1970; the last census of the deaf was taken in 1930.

"Census information on the deaf is urgently needed." Miss Switzer said, "We are sure there are many deaf persons — perhaps as many as a quarter million — in our country who need rehabilitative services to achieve a full life, but who, for one reason or another, do not get the help they need. A thorough, up-to-date census will help us plan our rehabilitative programs to reach all deaf citizens."

The design will provide for the collection of data in the following four areas: (1) demographic and social factors, such as age, sex, type of dwelling, and family composition and mobility; (2) hearing loss and communication skills, including cause of deafness, age at onset, communication methods, and hearing impairment of other family members; (3) work experience, such as vocational training, occupational and career history, labor-force status, income, and career aspiration and (4) job-related activities such as participation in trade unions and associations.

The planning activities costing \$20,507, of which SRS will furnish \$14,507 will be directed by Jerome D. Schein, Stanley K. Bigman, and Augustine Gentile of the National Association of the Deaf.

Donald A. Harrington, L. Deno Reed, and Boyce Williams of SRS will serve as advisers to the project, with Reed as the project monitor.

—NAD Release



Art Work: Messy but fun, and an excellent means of expression. Teacher, Mrs. Caton, and pupils Carmen Olson, Kim Hurdlebrink and Joe Bell.

MISSOURI SYNOD CELEBRATES 75th ANNIVERSARY OF MINISTRY TO THE DEAF

The Lutheran School for the Deaf, now in its 96th year of blessed service to thousands bereft of the sense of hearing, this year takes justifiable pride in sharing synod-wide joy at the 75th anniversary of mission work among the deaf.

It was a graduate of our Detroit Lutheran School for deaf children, Ed. Pahl, who was instrumental in getting organized congregations for the deaf started. Completing his school education here in 1894 under the tutelage of Mr. Daniel Uhlig, Pahl returned to his native Chicago where he prevailed upon his Pastor the Rev. A. Reinke to begin regular services for the deaf in 1894.

In Detroit, the Rev. Enno Duemling, son-in-law of Trinity's Pastor Huegli who had founded the Lutheran School for the Deaf in 1873, began mission work among deaf adults in 1901 at Emmaus Church, 12th and Lysander. The work needed a man fully trained and commissioned for imparting the Gospel to the deaf, so the Rev. Arthur Boll came from Toledo in 1904 and conducted regular monthly services for deaf adults in Trinity Lutheran Church, Gratiot and Rivard. After eight years of labor he still had only 22 communicant members in his deaf congregation, but this number more than doubled within the next five years and a chapel was secured adjoining Bethany Church at Pulford and Meldrum where weekly services could be conducted.

Shepherding this flock as well as administering the Lutheran School for the Deaf, the Rev. Wm. Gielow rendered years of faithful service. He was succeeded by the Rev. Otto Schroeder, later by the Rev. Ernest Scheibert, now retired in Melrose Park near Chicago, and since 1937, by the Rev. Norbert Borchardt. Pastor Borchardt, along with 47 other pastors, teachers, six lay workers, and two vicars, serves over 10,000 souls in 55 congregations, 184 preaching stations, 80 schools for the deaf, and 36 state hospitals from the Atlantic seaboard to the Pacific coast. The Detroit Congregation of Lutheran Deaf now worships in the beautiful chapel of our Lutheran School for the Deaf on Nevada Avenue near Mt. Elliott.

All our missionaries to the deaf have been rendering service to "The total man" long before that phrase was publicized in Detroit. They have helped the deaf find employment, training for better paying jobs, and placement in training courses of State and federal rehabilitation programs. They also interpret for the deaf in medical, legal, and social welfare matters. Deaf people need not be isolated from the Gospel but they often are. Michigan Lutheranism, which has harbored the pioneer Lutheran School for the Deaf for 96 years, should warmly espouse the cause of missions to North America's deaf.

Work among deaf in Michigan is carried out by two pastors: The Rev. Norbert E. Borchardt, and the Rev. Robert A. Bremer. Pastor Borchardt conducts services every Sunday for the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Deaf, Detroit. In addition he conducts services on a somewhat flexible schedule for deaf groups in Coldwater, St. Paul's; Pontiac, Holy Trinity; Dearborn, Emmanuel; Mt. Clemens, Trinity; and Windsor, First Lutheran. St. Paul's, Deaf, in Flint, holds the distinction of being the first deaf congregation to join a territorial district of the Synod. Pastor Bremer conducts regular Sunday services for this congregation and ministers to Lutheran children in the State School for the Deaf in Flint. Besides this, he preaches to deaf groups at Saginaw, Holy Cross; Lansing, Christ; Muskegon, Our Savior; and Grand Rapids, Immanuel.

The Board of Directors of our Missouri Synod designated Oculi Sunday, March 9, as the day for the observance of the 75th anniversary of synodical mission work among the deaf. Tribute is to be paid to those who pioneered this mission work such as Rev. Augustus Reinke of Chicago and the Rev. G. Speckhard of Detroit and to those who are carrying it on in the United States, in Canada, in Hong Kong, and in other parts of the world.

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity is the traditional Deaf Missions Sunday since the Gospel for the Day is St. Mark 7:31-37, EPHPHATHA. Christ's healing the deaf man is beautifully portrayed in the chancel window of our Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf Chapel.

By: Dr. Gilbert T. Otte
Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church

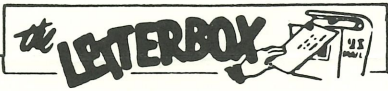
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Teacher, Bob Schweitzer, poses with his "win some, lose some" team. L to R back row: Terry Richert, Durwin Rudy, Chris Glore, Tom Eisenmann, Dale Decker, David Mills. Front: David Redman, David Atchison, Greg Wittkop, Gerald Hales, John Bell.



Mrs. Agnes Hance shown with her last class one year ago.



Dear Mr. Bellhorn: It was gratifying to receive the fine co-operation from you for our venture to make phases of churchwork more alive for the people who are underwriting the work. Your material made up a fine display. Thanks for your efforts. Sincerely, Oscar L. Kolb, Danville, Ill.

Dear Dr. Holste: This letter is to express our appreciation of the services extended by you and your staff in our cooperative teacher training program. The student teachers from Eastern Michigan University who have completed their directed teaching experiences this semester have enjoyed a unique opportunity and experience. This is reflected in their professional bearing and interest.

We believe that the extension of student teaching experiences into various schools and classes for the deaf has strengthened and improved our program. It has enabled us to offer a breadth of contact with both deaf pupils and experienced teachers. We look forward to the continuation of this program and hope that we may use your facilities again in the near future.

Mrs. Sophie L. French joins me in thanking you and your staff for making this experience possible. Very truly yours, Garl E. Garber, Assistant Professor, Special Education, Ypsilanti, Mich.

General Manager, Channel 8-WJW, Cleveland, Ohio.

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 3, 1968, we happened to see "That They May Speak" from the Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, Michigan. We were very disappointed to find it listed in our local newspaper as TV8 Report, with no further explanation. As parents of a little four-year-old daughter, we were exceptionally interested in the program and wish we had known about it earlier. We have a considerable number of people who are interested in Deaf Education.

Our organization has devoted well over a year to establishing a pre-school program in our City of Wooster. Our efforts were very worthwhile inasmuch as our local pre-school children will be entering the first program of its kind in Wayne County, beginning Monday of next week.

If this film is scheduled to be televised in the future, would it be possible for us to be notified of same? It is very important for as many people as possible to see this type of educational material.

Very truly yours, ACTIVE 20-30 CLUB PROJECT DEAF, Wooster, Ohio.



Queen for a day — pretty redhead, Jan Russell was chosen by the students and faculty as circus queen of 1969.

In Memoriam

On November 7th, 1968 Mrs. Agnes Hance, a teacher in our school for 14 years, fell asleep in Jesus after a long illness and was laid to rest at her home town of North Bend, Nebraska. Mrs. Hance had a deaf brother and sister plus two sisters who also were teachers of the deaf. She understood well the problems of deafness and was an outstanding teacher always ready and willing to give of her personal time in preparing school programs, appearing before groups on demonstrations and working on special school projects. Her sister, Mrs. Margaret Zimmerman, also taught at the school for several years.

Memorial Wreath gifts have been designated for the purchase of classroom teaching aids.

We express sincere and heartfelt sympathy to her husband, Frank, and the family and comfort them with the assurance of a blessed reunion in heaven.

"SEE AND HEAR" DEAF CHILDREN IN ACTION

Twenty-five copies of our film "A New Life for Jennifer" are now in circulation. 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 16 mm, 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.

HELP NEEDED ON PROJECTS

Periodically, we receive requests from our friends for lists of projects or equipment which the school needs and which can be partially or wholly sponsored by them. We shall, therefore, from time to time publish some items in this paper. At present our list contains the following items and the approximate cost.

- Maps, globes, and realia \$100 - \$900
- Transparency maker for overhead projectors \$350 - \$400
- Office dictating equipment \$375 - \$1000
- Athletic, 10 sec. stop watch \$35
- Athletic grandstand repair, planks \$150
- New baseball backstops (open)
- Fill dirt and grading for baseball area (open)
- Outdoor play equipment (open)
- Science equipment \$100 - \$400

With some of the above items contribution amounts ranging from a few dollars to total coverage are possible. Some are more attractive, however, all are necessary for the improvement of our program.

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.



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