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THOUGHTS

ABIDE WITH ME

On a late Sunday afternoon about a century ago a lone solitary figure might have been seen walking along the cliffs on the South coast of England. It was Henry Lyte who only a few hours before had delivered a farewell sermon to his beloved congregation of fisher folk. He was now walking alone and for the last time along his beloved cliffs. The next day he would leave England to seek healing in the sunnier clime of southern France.

Far below him in this moment the waves of the English channel rose and fell. Behind him were the hills of Devon. God had never seemed closer to Henry Lyte than in that hour. He hastened home, secluded himself in his study and emerged a short time later with the words of a hymn which thousands since that time have named their favorite sacred song: "Abide with me!"

A few weeks later the invalid poet departed this life, strengthened in his last moments by the closing verse of his hymn:

"Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies,
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me."

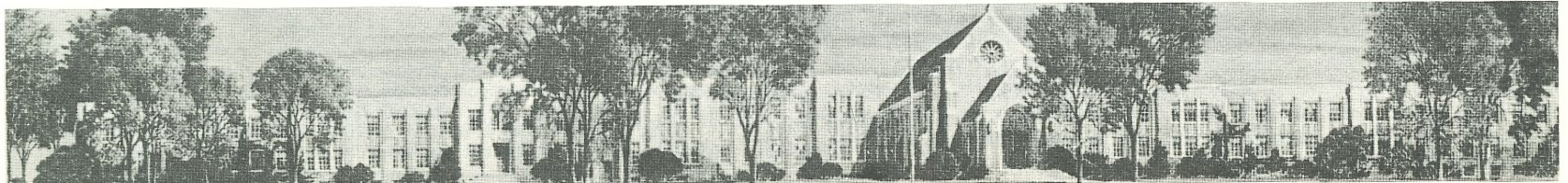
The hymn takes us back to the first Easter. Two disciples were approaching Emmaus when suddenly and silently a mysterious stranger greeted them on the dusty road. To heal their hearts, wounded by the apparent death of Jesus, their new companion proved to them from the prophecies that, as Christ had to die, so He had to rise from the dead. And He comforted them with such heart-warming truth that "they constrained Him, saying Abide with us! For it is toward evening and the day is far spent."

The story of Emmaus has been repeated countless times since that first Easter morning. By the grace of God it is also your story and mine. Its courage and victory has come again and again to us who live so far down the ways of time. Knowing this every one of us should repeatedly voice that prayer: "Abide with us."

But if we thus pray with the Emmaus disciples, and with them receive blessed answers to our prayers, — as we repeatedly receive them — can we refrain from doing further what these disciples did? As these disciples with new-born faith showed their zeal for Christ by hastening to proclaim: "The Lord is risen indeed", so you and I must do everything we can to the end that He might ABIDE WITH OTHERS.

It is the Christian's obligation and privilege to urge men and to help men, including deaf children, to seek the Kingdom of God, to prepare for the next world and to do this through Christ. Knowing what Christ's presence means for us, we can never be half-hearted in our efforts to help Him abide with others.

—CHARITY THERMOSTAT



ANNUAL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

1968-69 SCHOOL YEAR ENDS

The close of school on June 8th marks the beginning of the Summer vacation for our large family of students.

Parents ought to spend some time with their children during the summer reviewing classroom material of the past year. This type of activity will pay rich dividends next September in gaining a quicker academic start for the coming year.

May children and parents enjoy a blessed summer vacation.

TRAVELERS WELCOME

Friends of the Lutheran School for the Deaf traveling to or through Detroit during the Summer months are invited to stop for a visit and become better acquainted with the special type of Kingdom work being done for hearing impaired children. Even though the youngsters will be home enjoying their vacation, visitors may see the physical facilities and pupils' classroom exhibits, all largely made possible through the freewill contributions of friends and loyal supporters.



Confirmation Class — L. to R. David Atchison, Palatine, Ill., Executive Director Walter Bellhorn, Jeffrey Kish, Warren, Mich., The Rev. N. E. Borchardt, Gerald Hales, Gary, Ind.

CONFIRMATION

Palm Sunday was an especially happy day for these children, their parents and the school since the class members had reached a most important goal in their young lives — that of confirmation.

The Service was held in the School's Gloria Dei Chapel. Officiating was the Rev. N. E. Borchardt, Missionary to the Deaf and a member of the School's Board of Education.

After the Service, a dinner was served for the members of the class, their parents, sponsors and friends. The Detroit Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf remembered each with a Bible and Prayer book which were presented by the Auxiliary President, Mrs. Deierlein.

In Jesus Name we pray that the Holy Spirit may bless these confirmands and keep them in true faith unto life everlasting.

TO PASTORS

In the near future you will be ordering your envelope sets for 1970. Concordia Publishing house or any other Printing Concern will gladly number and insert our school envelopes in your packets without cost to you. Simply include instructions with your order. If a supply house other than Concordia is serving you, notify us how many envelopes are desired and where to send them. Thank you sincerely.



Culminating the year's bowling season, the children along with the faculty sponsors, planned their bowling supper and roller skating party. Recipients of trophies were: back row, high team — Alana Daws, Tom Eisenman, Jan Russell, and front center Durwin Rudy. Jan and Chris Gore, left front, won high game trophies. Most improved bowler was David Mills.

ATHLETIC SUCCESSES

Our School has been fortunate over the past years in having an active athletic program. Regular readers will have noticed reports of success, or lack of it, in competition with local elementary parochial schools.

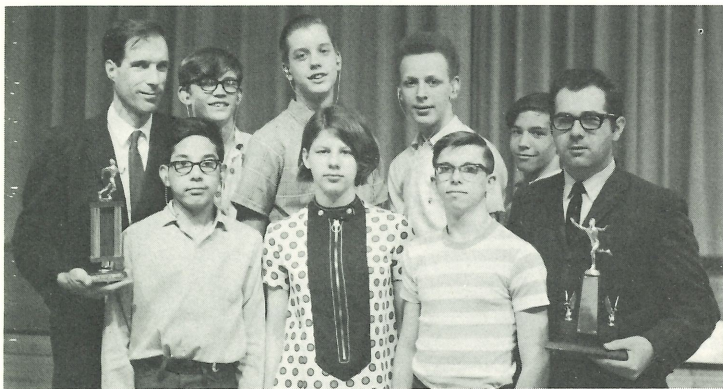
This is the season for track meets, and we have continued our record of winning the consolation trophy for first place among schools of less than 200 children at the annual Lutheran High School East track meet.

We were even more proud of our youngster's success in the annual indoor track meet sponsored by the East Side Lutheran League. Here we took the first place trophy among all seven schools competing regardless of the size of the schools. This placed us at about a five to one disadvantage in number of students. David Redman, Ontario, set a new league record with a high jump of 5'-0".

The children this year also profited from our weekly bowling program. Alley use is provided as a contribution to the school by the Mt. Elliott and the Van Dyke bowling alleys. Several of our teachers, Miss Kropa, Mrs. Uhl, Miss McGrath, Miss Schepke, Miss Frincke, Mr. Schweitzer and Mrs. Worth alternate the responsibility of accompanying and instructing the boys and girls.

As the track season ends, softball gloves and bats are being put to use with a lively interest. We are hoping that funds will become available soon to develop a second baseball diamond to help in making it possible for the 9 to 11 year olds to become active in ball playing too.

The various sports, in competition with schools for the normally hearing children, have made it possible for our youngsters to have another contact with their hearing peers. It has helped to educate the competition to the fact that the deaf are competent children, trying to make their way in a hearing world.



Coaches Mark Reeve, left, and Bob Schweitzer, right, proudly present their winning indoor and outdoor track team and the trophies they earned. Back row: David Redman, 1st place, high jump; Greg Wittkop, 2nd, high jump; Gerald Hales, 2nd, shot put; Chris Gore, 1st, jump and reach; front row: Bob Hartley, 1st, pull ups; Corinne Taylor, 1st 60 yard dash and 1st, long jump; Terry Richert, 2nd, pull ups.

ADULT LIPREADING

OUR GOAL — EASE IN VISUAL COMMUNICATION

Sometimes, very stoically, we trained lipreaders must endure the humiliation which results when some one who does not speak well, wonders why we do not understand him easily. It cannot be his fault, he thinks, so he concludes that we are very poor lipreaders.

At other times, our spirits are lifted by a good speaker whom we can understand very well. He concludes that we are very good lipreaders.

Consequently, some people we know think we are very poor lipreaders, while others think we are experts.

Lipreading is a two-way affair depending not only on how well we lipreaders lipread, but also on how the speakers speak to us.

Unfortunately, we cannot choose the kind of speech we like to lipread. We have to accept what is offered to us. Some of it is good, some of it is bad, and some of it is average; that is, it lies somewhere between the two extremes. And some speech that is offered to us is dreadful. Trained lipreaders can understand good speech, most of the average and even some of the bad. But no lipreader can understand the dreadful speech of the mumblers, word swallower or mouther.

One class member said, "My husband's speech has improved since he started to read the practice material to me. He isn't perfect, but he is improving."

We know that mouthing is as hard to lipread as mumbling.

Our goal is ease in visual communication. To reach this goal we need the cooperation of people around us. Many who are striving to attain this ease use lipreading and hearing together while others must depend solely on lipreading.

Now, let us answer this question so frequently asked, "How should we speak to the lipreader?"

We have answered this question many times, but it still needs answering.

Speak to the lipreader as you would speak to anyone. To be courteous, one should speak distinctly and naturally to all people whether they have a hearing impairment or not. At times, it is necessary to extend additional courtesy to the hearing impaired. We must remember not to shout or mouth words. We must not repeat one word over and over. We should repeat the whole sentence or express the idea in other words. Slow disconnected utterance makes understanding more difficult. Any demonstration of impatience makes understanding impossible.

We do need the fullest cooperation of people around us to attain our goal. Most people are very happy to give their cooperation and we appreciate it.

Written by Medary Copeland, Adult Lipreading Director of the Minneapolis Hearing Society in the AUDITION.

OUR TRIP TO THE FARM

On April 30 many children went to the farm. All went in the bus. Mr. Reeve drove the bus. It was a long ride.

First all the children sat on a wagon full of hay. We went for a hay ride. We went around the farm. Two horses pulled the wagon. Sometimes we went very slow. Sometimes the horses ran.

There were many cows on the farm. The farmer milked a cow. We milked a cow too. We shook some cream and made butter. A calf and pig drank some milk from the cow.

We saw a donkey. He was afraid. He ran away. We saw many sheep and lambs. We gave a lamb some milk. The farmer cut some wool from the sheep.

We saw many ducks and geese. We fed them some corn. We saw a mother pig with four little baby pigs. The farmer picked up two baby pigs. The mother was angry. She thought we will hurt the babies.

We saw some goats. We saw many kids, too. Some kids played on the roof. We saw many chickens, too. Farmer Wedster broke an egg. We saw a baby chick.

We saw many horses and a colt. We saw one big turkey. He was beautiful.

We saw many rabbits in cages. The farmer took out two baby bunnies. Then we saw a pretty cat.

—Miss Frincke's class.

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.

Spring Fair . . .

Each year the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf conducts a Spring Fair. Along with funds raised from other activities, the profits are contributed to the school. These pictures reveal a few of the many people who work so hard for this worthy cause.



The Executive Board members are: Mrs. Rast, 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Deierlein, President, Mrs. Schad, Financial Secretary, Mrs. Loose, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Kade, 1st Vice President, Mrs. Floetke, Treasurer, Mrs. Heidt, Corresponding Secretary.



L. to R. Mrs. Brodie, Mrs. Weier and Mrs. Borchardt, tended the pillow booth. Mrs. Borchardt had charge of Pillows.



Hats, hats, hats, Miss Koester, Mrs. Pankow, Mrs. Rast, Chairman of the Hat Shop, look over the stock before the doors open.



↳ Mrs. Braun and Mrs. Tosch in charge of variety booth get ready for the rush.



Kitchen chairman Mrs. Quick and Dining room chairman Mrs. Cooke.



Decorations Chairman, Mrs. Barbara Holste, and Chairman of Booths, Mrs. Alma Bellhorn, take a minute to relax and talk.



L. to R. Mrs. Deierlein, Mrs. Bellhorn, Mrs. Dora Masch and Mrs. Meta Masch. The Mesdames Masch, sisters of Mrs. Bellhorn, served as co-chairmen.



Busy in the kitchen, members of the Epiphany Womens Guild prepare the noon luncheon

ANNUAL FESTIVAL



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Arbor Day — This year's confirmands, Jeff Kish, Gerald Hales, and David Atchison were presented the Flowering Crab tree by Mr. Charles Schad, representing the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation.



Added to the usual science objects, Carl Evans brought in several garden snakes for a few days. Here he observes one of them devouring a worm.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FORMER STUDENTS

Dear Mr. Bellhorn:

Kenneth Toerpe who graduated from your school quite some time ago is employed by the Postal Service in Chicago and was recently presented the enclosed letter and award.

They certainly reflect the fine education and care he received during his school years at the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

He is married to a deaf girl. They have two hearing daughters, two and four years of age, and they own their home in Streamwood, Illinois.

Respectfully yours,
 Mr. and Mrs. Russell Toerpe

Letter of Commendation follows:

United States Post Office
 North Suburban, Illinois 60199

Kenneth Robert Toerpe
 Distribution Clerk
 Dear Mr. Toerpe:

It is a pleasure to congratulate you for having earned the attached award. This is for continuously demonstrating superior accomplishment in your assigned duties.

This Certificate of Award is issued by me as a token of sincere appreciation for a job well done.

You are a member of the select group of employees who generously contribute their talents and efforts to improving operating efficiency and working conditions. You have thus reflected credit on the Service.

A copy of this award letter has been furnished for your official personnel folder to serve as a permanent record of your accomplishment. Regulations require that consideration shall be given to all awards earned when your name comes up for promotional consideration. Thus, they will be helpful to you throughout your postal career.

I hope that we may continue to rely on you to help in developing a better Postal Service. No matter how efficient an operation may be, we know that it can be improved.

Sincerely,
 Stanley S. Rakowski,
 Operations' Manager

Dear Mr. Bellhorn:

I thought perhaps you would like to know that Robert graduated from Charles F. Brush High School in Lyndhurst, Ohio in June of 1967 and in August he entered Gallaudet College (for the deaf) in Washington, D. C. With the grace of God in 1972 he will receive a B. A. degree at Gallaudet.

The steps toward the top of the mountain would not have been possible without the efforts of the entire staff of The Lutheran School for the Deaf. May I offer a belated thank you and God bless everyone.

Sincerely,
 Mrs. William H. Gates