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THINK ON THESE

"She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21.

"The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." Titus 2:11.

THOUGHTS

LOSING THE STAR

In the Holy Land there is a place known as the Well of the Magi. According to tradition, the Wise Men stopped at that well on their way to Bethlehem. The story is that they had lost the star which was to lead them to the New-born King. This is how it happened.

They had started out with high hopes following the star which was to guide them to the Christ-child. Their thoughts were quite exalted as they began the journey. They were thinking of what the KING was to bring to men and how they might help Him in that task. Then as the days passed and the camels moved slowly along, their thoughts became pleasant. They began to think of what the King would bring to them — what honors would be theirs because they had followed Him from the very beginning. Pretty soon they began to quarrel about the honors which would come to them individually. Finally as night fell, they lifted their angry, jealous eyes to the skies. The star was gone.

There was nothing for them to do but go on with the hope that the star might reappear. They had time to think as they journeyed along. Then it was that they came to the Well of the Magi. The well was dry. Gathered around it were travelers, desert travelers without water. Fortunately the Wise Men still had some water with them so they brought out their bags and poured the contents into the shallow well that the others might drink also. Then it was that while they looked down into the well, they saw there the reflection of the star.

When they forgot about themselves and began thinking of others, they again found the star and followed it joyfully to Bethlehem. In the measure in which we forget ourselves and think instead of others — especially those who are served through our missions and charities programs — in that measure will we come close to our Lord and follow His star to greater heights of love, devotion, and service.

—Charity Thermostat

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.



Scenes such as this of the deaf children portraying the Christmas Story will be seen by many friends of the deaf in this year's 14th Annual Christmas Pageant, accompanied by song and narration by the children.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

As the Christmas season approaches, increased activity is observed both in and out of the classrooms. Spirits are high. Preparation and practice are much in evidence. Yes, this is the season when our family of deaf children are happily and excitedly preparing their program to tell the story of Jesus birth.

The Annual Christmas Pageant will be presented on Friday, December 18, at 1:30 P.M. in the School's Gloria Dei Elizabeth Knudsen Chapel. Again, this year it will consist of the Christmas story which our deaf youngsters so beautifully and reverently recite and portray in colorful scenes.

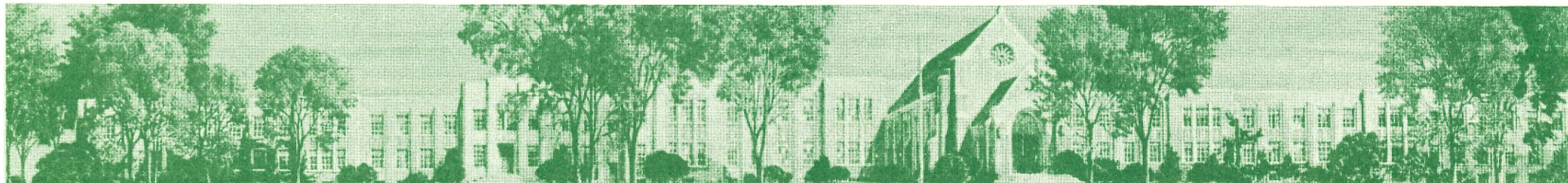
All parents and friends of the School are cordially invited to this impressive service and to remain for the Christmas Tea which our ever willing Detroit Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf will serve immediately after the program.

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 or bus as directed.

Parents, kindly note: — All children are expected to return to school by 8 A.M. on Monday, January 4th, when classes resume.

FRIENDS OF GREATER DETROIT

To help us restock our pantry shelves, please
REMEMBER POUND DAY!



BEQUESTS

"Their works do follow them" can always truly be said of such Christians whose wisdom and sound sense of stewardship prompted them to plan their finances so that they continue to serve the Kingdom militantly while they, the donors, are already enjoying the full and eternal blessings of the Kingdom triumphant.

Following is a short form for a bequest in behalf of the Lutheran School for the Deaf:-

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Lutheran School For The Deaf, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, and located in the City of Detroit, the sum of dollars and the receipt of the Treasurer of said corporation shall be a sufficient discharge of my executor for same."

Our beautiful Memorial Wreath folders are always available free and postpaid.



The Reverend Maurice Shackell, Reverend Shackell, pastor of Unity Lutheran Church, Detroit, and a member of the School's Board of Education has taken on an additional duty. He has been named chairman of the Centennial Committee which is preparing plans for the celebration of the School's 100th Anniversary during the 1972-73 school year.

GLEANINGS FROM THE REPORTS RENDERED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

97th ANNUAL FESTIVAL — The blessings of our Lord upon the 97th school year of the Lutheran School for the Deaf were remembered in special ceremony at our 97th annual closing Festival, held on June 14, 1970. This Festival Service consisted of a children's program by the younger children, then a message by the Festival speaker, and the closing with the granting of awards and certificates to the older children for various achievements. The Rev. John Freed, Metairie, Louisiana, and father of one of our pupils, was the Festival speaker.

ENROLLMENT 1970-1971 SCHOOL YEAR — The 98th School Year opened with 99 pupils enrolled; 42 boys and 57 girls. This enrollment represents a decrease of 15 children from last year's beginning enrollment and represents two fewer classes than last year. This decrease in enrollment is due to the inability to secure enough Michigan certified teachers to fill all of the available classrooms.

CONFIRMATION — On Palm Sunday 16 children were received into communicant membership of our church by the rite of Confirmation. The Rev. Norbert Borchardt performed the Confirmation ceremony. A confirmation dinner was held at the school following the church service, at which the parents eagerly expressed their thanks to the school for having provided a fine Christian Education over the years. It was on this memorable day that the children made public oral confession of their belief in their Savior.

TEACHER RECRUITMENT — During the 1969-1970 school term, the school provided partial scholarship for one student to become a teacher of the deaf. Presently we have two students receiving financial assistance through our scholarship program.

TEACHING STAFF 1970-1971 — The teaching staff for the current school year consists of 16 teachers. Of the 16 teachers, one is returning to us after having taken a maternity leave and the other two are new to our faculty. One of the two new ones had completed her student training at our school during the previous year. It was necessary to limit the enrollment of new pupils because of the critical shortage of teachers and we are this year, therefore, operating our school with two classes fewer than the previous year.

TEACHING TRAINING — The school continues in a working relationship of teacher training with Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan and Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. During the 1969-70 school term, in the first semester, we had one student from Eastern Michigan receiving her student teacher experience with us. (She is now a member of our Staff). During the second semester a student from Michigan State University was receiving her teaching experience with us. Currently we have one student from Eastern Michigan University participating in the student teaching program at our school. These students are under the direct supervision of our staff.

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 of the so-called childhood diseases during the school year but, except for a very few cases of Chicken Pox, no epidemic was experienced.

The professional people who for many years have volunteered their services in order that our family might have the best possible health care are the following:

Medical — Drs. C. Sharrer and W. A. Huegli
Dentists — Drs. C. Rueger and W. Bruland
Optometrists — Drs. J. V. and O. R. Dueweke
Dermatologists — Drs. A. Palmer and A. Ulbrich
Chiropodist — Dr. L. Kreis
Otolgologist — Dr. L. Seyfried

The school is signally blessed in that it has these professional friends who serve on our "health team" without ever expecting remuneration.

RETIREMENT — Deaconess Marie Twenhafel retired last June after serving as housemother of deaf children for the past 31 years. Twenty-nine of these years were spent as Supervisor in charge of our boy's dormitory.

HOUSEHOLD HELP — At present, the School employs 48 people. Of these, 23 are household employees. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find competent domestic help; especially, in the Houseparent category. Any referrals by pastors and lay delegates will be deeply appreciated.

INSPECTION — The State Department of Health made its annual inspection of all school facilities and found them in 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. Two boiler inspections are made annually. Fire inspections are made regularly.

PUPIL COST — The Annual cost to educate, house and feed a deaf child in our school now stands at approximately \$4200.00, which is on a par with other schools of a similar nature. Since the school can expect to receive on the average only about 1/7 of its annual total financial needs from parents in the form of tuition fees, much publicity for financial support is needed.

PUBLICITY — The school's publicity work so necessary for the ingathering of operating and legacy funds consists of the following:-

1. Four issues of the quarterly periodical "The Deaf Childs Advocate" (85,000 readers).
2. Annual appeal letter to all the readers of the "Advocate" which includes all pastors and teachers. (85,000)
3. Motion picture "A New Life for Jennifer". Approximately 250 showings.
4. Special annual appeal to all pastors requesting them to include our school's coin envelope in their membership's individual packets.
5. Pictures and informational materials provided for mission fairs and other church activities.
6. Speakers and demonstrations. (33)
7. Visiting groups on Thursdays. (37)
8. "Jennifer" film on T.V. (235 showings since December 1968).

During the past year the School was remembered in 20 wills.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS — Eleven District Conventions of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod were visited by a representative of the School. The purpose for these visits was to bring the districts a report setting forth strongly the financial needs of the School and to advise them of the upcoming Centennial Celebration.

NEW CARPETING — The beautiful carpeting in our chapel is the gift of Mrs. John Pankow whose sainted husband served on the School's Board of Directors. She is a member of the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf.

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE — During the 1972-73 academic year the school will celebrate its 100th Anniversary. A committee is planning for this special observance which we hope and pray will result in a Synod-wide celebration and Thank Offering.

LADIES AUXILIARIES — The financial assistance and volunteer services rendered the school by its wonderful and everwilling Ladies' Auxiliaries during the past year were tremendous and varied. Each Chapter President renders an activities report at this meeting.

Detroit Chapter — Mrs. Ralph Kade, President

Ephphatha Chapter — Mrs. Emil Teschler, President

We should never under-evaluate the tremendous power of 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.

ELECTION RESULTS — The following members of the Board of Management were re-elected: Rev. Robert, Allan Helland and Roland Wilkening.

The Rev. Donald Hasse was elected to the Board of Education replacing Rev. N. E. Borchard who retired recently.

DEAF . . . AND LOOKING TO YOU

Help us to know

the source of food —
 the source of life —
 God's gift to us —
 His love to all.



Jonathan

FINANCIAL PROBLEM

Friends of deaf children, your prayers and your gifts of love are direly needed in this hour of financial difficulties.

If the Lord's work among the deaf is to continue at the school, generous offerings will have to come forth, not just from a few but from all those who have a heart for the cause of less fortunate youngsters and a hand that knows to do good. Monthly expenses are rising and INCOME IS NOT SUFFICIENT to meet them which is an alarming situation. Limited reserve funds are being drawn on heavily to meet these rising costs.

All too often the erroneous remark has been dropped that the school has no financial worries, is well off and, therefore, does not need support. Such remarks are simply not true and are hurting our cause tremendously. This means that because of such sayings deaf children could be the losers both educationally and spiritually.

We pray that every reader of the Deaf Child's Advocate will respond to our "ONCE-A-YEAR-APPEAL" according to ability, with a GENEROUS OFFERING. Truly, these contributions are so necessary for the continuance of the blessed missionary work among God's "Children of Silence".

The Lord promises to bless all who heed the pleas of the needy. He says, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and running over shall men give into your bosom. For with the measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

MOVIE AVAILABLE

If desired 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 _____



Coach Burnosky, with the girls who are regular volleyball contenders, Bonnie Kaufman, Sharon Birkett, Jennifer Freed, Judy Manik, Molly Reeve, Diane Sowle, Barbara Stanz, (Front) Debbie Richert, Alana Daws, Colette Bondy, Corinne Taylor, Cathy Ruchotzke, Karen Marton and Peggy Nearing.



Dear Director Bellhorn: The arrival of the Deaf Child's Advocate served to remind me of the school's great need.

I, am, therefore, enclosing a small contribution with the fervent wish and prayer that our dear Lord and Savior may multiply it like the loaves and fishes.

An Gottes Segen ist ja Alles gelegen.

May He spread His protective arms over the School for the Deaf and richly reward all who in any way contribute toward its support.

Cordially yours, H. K. Dietrich, P. Em. Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Holste: Just to let you know that we here in Hawaii were privileged to see your school's telecast regarding "Jennifer" this past evening. It was on Chal. 13 out of Honolulu. Thought you would be pleased simply to hear of this. Though I didn't personally get to view the program (was not announced in TV guide in advance) parishoners who did, were indeed impressed. From comments received, you and your staff are to be commended on the fine production and the foresight to supply this feature as filler also for our channels here in these mid-Pacific islands!

The Hawaii Lutherans participated well in the "HIS TOO" crusade of several years ago, as you perhaps have heard.

In Christ, D. A. Kastens, Pastor Our Savior Lutheran Church Aiea, Hawaii

Dear friends: Enclosed you will find our annual Christmas gift to your wonderful school. I only wish it could be more — it is more than it has ever been, but I feel that any amount I could give would not be enough. I have written to you before about my sudden loss of hearing — I am making a pretty good adjustment to it — and once again learning to communicate, though I know it will never ever be the same as before. However, I am so grateful I am making every stride that I am in learning to once again understand. No need to tell you what aids cost — we found this out when we had to purchase my two — but didn't realize how much the things took to keep up. And this must come first — before consideration for any other daily needs, and what would like to be done. I'm only 51, and want to keep every shred of hearing I have.

I am the gal who made the bibs for your three-year-olds over a year ago — am wondering if you need a new supply — or any such small thing that I could make. I need this outlet for my energy too — and I know your needs must be great. If I lived where there were auxiliaries for your school, I certainly would have joined long ago. As this is not feasible, must be satisfied with what I can do from a distance. So if there is any specific need, please let me know. May God bless all of you — those that care for the youngsters — those wonderfully gifted people who can teach them — and the children themselves. A Merry Christmas to all of you. This is the first time I have said this this year — and already it puts me in the Christmas spirit.

Sincerely, Irma Collison (Mrs. Floyd Collison) Pigeon, Michigan



A coach's work isn't only to win games, but to help build character. Coach Danigelis, reprimands the boys during practice for unsportsmanlike conduct.

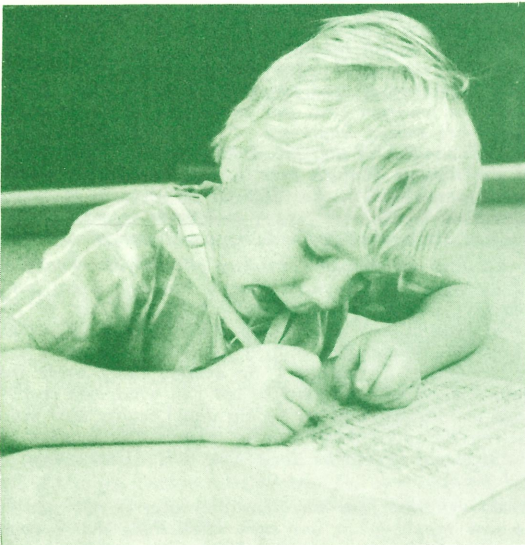
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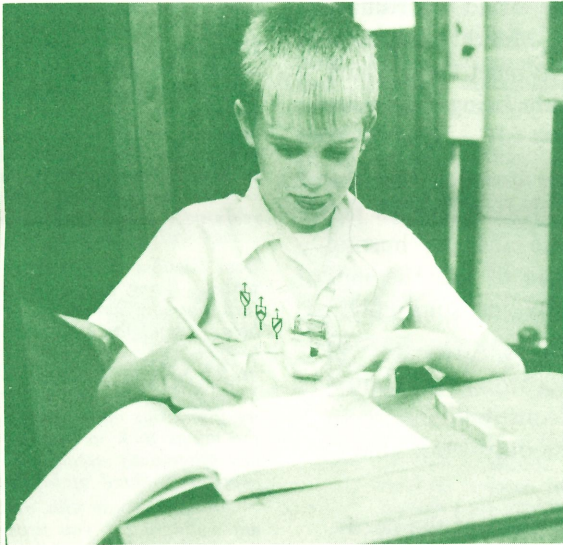
“Glory To God”

SECOND CLASS
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 DETROIT, MICH.

WHAT IS A TONGUE FOR? A TONGUE IS



for writing
 (Beth Ann)



for doing Math
 (Timothy)



for doing push-ups
 (Wendy)



for cutting
 (Joey)



for licking milk
 (Elizabeth)



and for talking
 (Lisa)