



WORDS FROM THE DETROIT LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Volume 41

March, 1971

Number 2

THINK ON THESE

Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity. I Tim. 4:12.

As the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord. Eph. 6:6-8.

PRESIDENT NIXON SIGNS LAW ESTABLISHING FIRST DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL FOR DEAF IN NATION

Washington, D. C. — Establishment of the first demonstration elementary school for the deaf became a reality on December 26, 1970, when President Richard M. Nixon signed into law a bill which authorizes Gallaudet College to operate and maintain the Kendall School for the Deaf as a model which will experiment both in techniques and materials.

A major national implication of the law is the provision for tuition-free education for preschool children, thus setting a precedent for programs for the deaf across the country to request funding for similar programs at the local level.

The law "P. L. 91-587" will enable the new demonstration School to develop a Parent Education Complex, where a multi-disciplinary team of specialists will work with deaf children and their parents from the time of discovery of the child's hearing loss.

The Kendall School was the first school for the deaf to introduce Computer Assisted Instruction in the areas of mathematics, logic, and language. It has also conducted pilot projects in approaches to individualized instruction; media and materials production; introduction of optimal acoustic classroom conditions; academic-recreational summer sessions; social work and counseling, and comprehensive day residential programs. P. L. 91-587 instructs Kendall School to demonstrate the success of these programs and disseminate information from these and future projects to educational facilities for deaf children throughout the country.

Under P. L. 91-587, the Kendall School will serve as an exemplary educational facility which will serve as a model for the development of similar programs of excellence across the country for preschool and elementary education of deaf children.

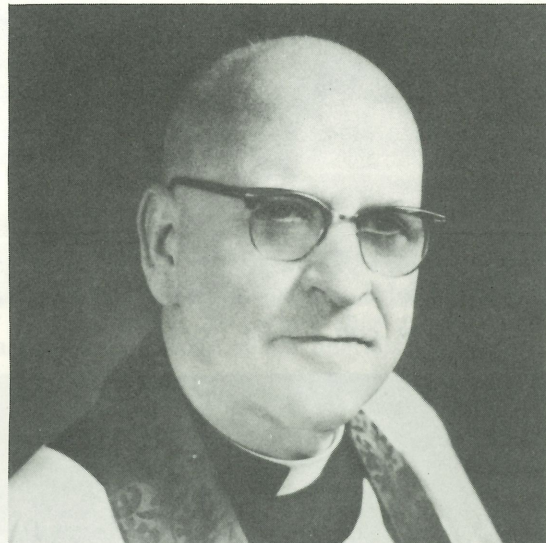
The Kendall School is located in Washington, D. C., on the campus of Gallaudet College, the only liberal arts college for the deaf in the world.

PROPOSES SYNOD-WIDE THANKOFFERING

A synod-wide thankoffering to be gathered by the Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, is the substance of an overture to be submitted to the forthcoming Milwaukee Convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, July 9-16. The overture will be presented by two congregations, Trinity Lutheran Church, Gratiot and Rivard, and Epiphany Lutheran Church, Seven Mile at Woodward.

Among reasons cited for favorable action by the convention are the fact that it is "the oldest charity of our church to serve Synod-wide," the increase in population of deaf children, the age of existing facilities, spiralling costs of quality education to the deaf, and the results over the past 100 years in training deaf children to be self-respecting, self-supporting members of society.

The Board of Directors of Synod has endorsed the proposal of designating the second Sunday in March (March 11) in 1973 as target date for an anniversary thank offering. The school will observe its centennial during the 1972-73 school year. — Detroit Lutheran



The Reverend Herbert R. Wacker

AT REST

"Well done thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee a ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matt. 25:21. These words of our Savior greeted the soul of the Reverend Herbert R. Wacker, a faithful worker and friend of our school whom the Lord called to his heavenly reward on February 9.

During his ministry at Covenant Lutheran Church, Detroit, he served his Lord in many capacities, in Greater Detroit and Michigan. One special project was his active participation in the program of the Lutheran School for the Deaf. For 27 years Pastor Wacker served on the School's Board of Directors and filled the position of Chairman of the Board for more than 25 years. In his leadership position, he always exhibited a real and heartfelt concern for the physical and spiritual welfare of deaf children. We thank our Heavenly Father for having permitted the Rev. Wacker to serve Him in His kingdom among the Deaf at this ministry of mercy.

Now our sainted friend and co-worker is enjoying everlasting bliss, and we can say, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea; saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13

TO PASTORS

In the near future you will be ordering your envelope sets for 1972. 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.



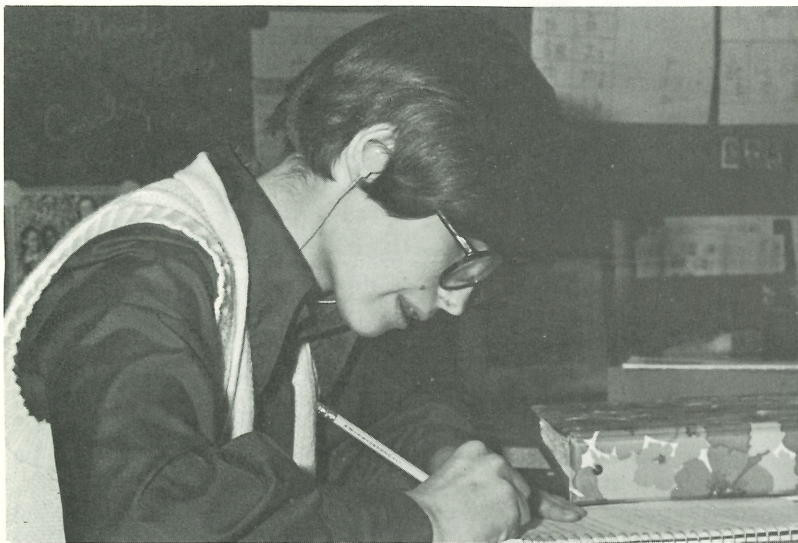
ALANA SPEAKS

Alana Daws of Michigan, No. Dakota came to the School at the age of five. She was confirmed with her class on Palm Sunday and will be graduating in June.

Alana has a special message for our readers and loyal supporters.



How can I best do this?



Its hard to put on paper.



I'm so happy and thankful, I'll just SPEAK a big "THANK YOU" to all the wonderful friends of the school. Through your prayers and gifts you helped me and my schoolmates to learn of Jesus, our Savior, and the way to heaven.

The Deaf Child's Advocate

AN APPEAL TO OUR READERS

"Christ died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them and rose again."

As we think of Him in this post Easter Season and how He loved people, particularly poor afflicted and handicapped people, may we think, too, of what He would have us do; as we make our regular contributions for the alleviation of the suffering handicapped and needy.

We realize that due to the present economic situation people perhaps cannot contribute as freely and liberally as they would like. That, no doubt, is the reason why this year the response to our annual appeal was below expectations. And this has produced financial problems which the school must face.

At present the cost of room, board and education is \$4500.00 per year per child. Of this amount, the parents pay as much as they can afford which on the average amounts to approximately one-fifth of the total cost. The remainder must come from the pockets of other people, meaning those who have a heart for the cause of deaf children and want to assist in bringing them to Christ.

Teaching the Deaf is an expensive type of education due to small classes, special equipment, etc. and, yet, the cost at our school is less than at many schools for the Deaf in America.

We earnestly hope and pray that, even with economic conditions as they are today, some of our readers might find it possible to remember the school with an offering at this time. Whatever the effort, please know that it will be deeply appreciated.

UNITED FOUNDATION REDUCES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In a letter received on January 4th the United Foundation of Greater Detroit officially advised the Lutheran School for the Deaf that it would receive financial assistance from them in the maximum amount of \$24,800 for 1971. Instead of the usual \$70.00 per month per child, the 37 Greater Detroit area children will receive only \$66.50 this year.

At the present annual cost of \$4500.00 per pupil for room, board and education, the United Foundation's financial assistance constitutes a rather small percent of the total cost.

SPRING FAIR

After a long and hard winter season, we are all longing for spring, and to the members of the Auxiliary for the Deaf, that means SPRING FAIR which will be held on Tuesday, April 20 at the School. This annual event enables us to help make a home away from home for our students, and to continue our annual scholarship fund. Once more we are gathering together many and varied articles to stock the booths such as: children's clothes and toys, including items for the bassinet crowd; old jewelry and knick knacks for Bargaintown; aprons, pillow cases, towels; house plants and artificial arrangements; baked goods, preserves, candy and home made sausage for the Country Kitchen; a new feature: to be called "Student's Corner" where the children can buy inexpensive things for themselves or possibly for Mother's Day Gifts. Mrs. Robert Schweitzer, 8261 Prospect, Warren, Mich. 48089 is chairman. Her assistant is Mrs. Phillis Cooke, 1038 Hawthorne Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236.

—Mrs. Walter Bellhorn
Publicity Chairman

MOVIE AVAILABLE

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 _____

the LETTERBOX

Dear Director Bellhorn: *Enclosed please find a check for your School. I am sure you can make good use of it and we certainly do appreciate all that the School did for David those years he was there.*

David is now a Senior at the Max High School and is doing O.K. He does not have any special tutoring or special education help other than speech therapy once a week. His speech has improved a lot — but there is still much room for improvement.

He passed his ACT test with an above average score and plans to attend Minot State College next year. We are very proud of his accomplishments and do know he never could have done it without those good beginning years he had at Detroit Lutheran School.

Thanks to all who helped him and greet all the teachers he had who are still there.

Sincerely, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Lee, Max, North Dakota

Dear Brother Bellhorn: *Greetings to you in the name of Christ who is both Lord and Savior.*

Enclosed please find a check for given to the Lutheran School for the Deaf by the Sunday School of Grace Lutheran Church. This check is presented to you in deep gratitude to God for the blessings of our Lutheran School for the Deaf. It is a part of our Advent self-denial stockings and the children of our Sunday School convey Christian greetings to the children of your school.

Blessings to you and yours.

In the Royal Redeemer's Name,

V. Frederick Halboth, Jr., Pastor Grace Luth. Church — Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir: *Our Luther League at Peace Lutheran is planning to sponsor a needy child for a year or more. Do you have a plan such as this at your school? We would really appreciate all the information you could send us on such a project. Hoping to hear from you soon. Thank you.*

Sincerely, Judy Wittenburg, Secretary Luther League, Coggon, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Reeve: *Please accept our belated thanks for the wonderful program that you and Scott brought to our Alpha Delta Kappa meeting in February. I think none of us had ever been made so vividly aware of the problems that deafness brings to children. The film is excellent and I hope many more people have a chance to share its message.*

Thank you very much.

Sincerely — Ruth Pearsall, Cor. Secy., Detroit, Mich.

Gentlemen: *We are forwarding you a contribution, which we make annually, to organizations voted on by our members.*

A check for \$..... is enclosed.

*Branch #1663—Aid Association for Lutherans
(Our Saviour Ev. Luth. Church) Detroit, Michigan*



Mrs. Richard Deierlein — Teacher Helen Szajna, left, and three of her pupils admire the beautiful "Lutheran Woman of the Year" pin worn by Mrs. Deierlein.

MRS. DEIERLEIN HONORED

Mrs. Richard Deierlein a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Detroit was honored as Lutheran Woman of the Year at the Annual Luncheon and meeting of the Council of Lutheran Women on January 19th. Presently President of the Council, she has served her church at home and at large in many capacities. Hers is a record difficult to equal.

In the 25 years as a member of the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf, Mrs. Deierlein has served the organization as President, Secretary and Chairman of many committees. Membership in this Auxiliary means working toward making a home away from home for the School's large family of Deaf Children.

Congratulation, Mrs. Deierlein.

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.



Teacher Mrs. Joann Uhl helps 5 year old David Cowan of Indianapolis, Indiana, to learn the procedure for using a Programmed unit of instruction.

DETROIT LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF SELECTED FOR NATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT

The Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit has been selected from among the schools of the nation to participate in the first phase of a new approach to Deaf Education. Selected as an outstanding school for deaf children, the school has received Project LIFE teaching machines and programmed materials.

The purpose of this research is to demonstrate the feasibility of programmed instruction with the deaf; to demonstrate the specific application of the teaching machines (Program Masters), the programmed material (perceptual thinking and language) and supplementary material developed by Project LIFE; and to provide a research foundation regarding the suitability of the Projects machine and materials with various populations of language impaired children.

A Program Master is used in conjunction with a standard remote control film strip projector. Each frame of the film strip requires a response by the child. The child determines the appropriate selection and then responds by pressing the corresponding button on the Program Master. If the answer is correct, a green light comes. The child can then push the advance button on the machine and the film strip will advance to the next frame. If the child chooses the incorrect response, the green light does not come on but an error is recorded. The child cannot advance to the next frame of the film strip until he first obtains a green light.

Project LIFE (Language Instruction to Facilitate Education) is administered by the National Education Association on a contract by Media Services Captioned Films, U. S. Office of Education, Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare. Project LIFE is working to develop materials that will assist the severely hearing impaired children in acquiring a functional language system. It is hoped that the Project materials will supplement and complement teacher instruction.

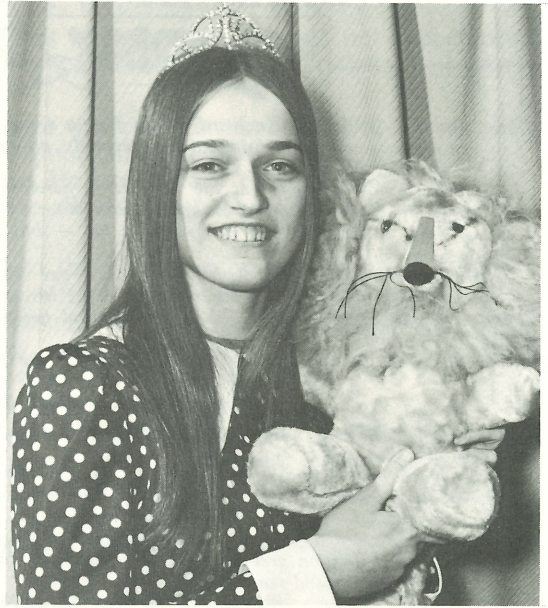
The Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit is a residential school and serves deaf children from all parts of the United States and Canada.



The first signs of spring appeared when these pupils brought in a sample of freshly thawed earth to look for worms.

Published quarterly by the Lutheran School for the Deaf, 6861 East Nevada Ave.,
Detroit, Michigan 48234.
Entered as second class matter at the Post Office at Detroit, Michigan.
EDITOR — Walter Bellhorn, 6861 E. Nevada Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48234.
BOARD OF EDUCATION — Rev. Donald Hasse, Rev. C. Nietzsche, Ch., Rev. M. Shackell.
All communications regarding the editing must be sent to the editor.
ALL ADDRESS CHANGES must be sent to the Lutheran School for the Deaf,
6861 East Nevada Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48234.

SECOND CLASS
POSTAGE PAID
AT
DETROIT, MICH



Our Circus Queen: Colette Bondy of River Canard, Ontario, Canada.

FIELD DAY WITH THE PARENTS



Once a year the children enrolled in the School, their parents and members of the School Staff spend an afternoon in outdoor games and play which closes with a picnic supper. What fun it is for all.