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OVERTURE GOES TO SYNOD

An overture submitted by Resurrection Lutheran Church, Detroit, the Rev. Anton Jehn, Pastor, regarding the School's forthcoming Centennial observance which already has received favorable support from the Synodical Board of Directors will come before the delegates at the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod's forthcoming convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Almost identical overtures were submitted by Trinity Lutheran Church, Detroit, the Rev. Gilbert Otte, Pastor, and Epiphany Lutheran Church, Detroit, the Rev. Richard Bernthal, Pastor.

We look forward to favorable action on the part of Synod regarding the following Overture —

WHEREAS, In 1873 our forefathers, encouraged by the sainted Dr. C. F. W. Walther, established the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit as the first charity of our church to serve Synodwide; and

WHEREAS, This school has continued to provide deaf children from all parts of the United States and Canada with a knowledge of Lutheran doctrine and thus to equip them for a Christian life; and

WHEREAS, The population of deaf children continues in our society; and

WHEREAS, The need for Christian education to prepare deaf children to be self-respecting, self-supporting members of society continues; and

WHEREAS, In its 100 years of operation thousands of deaf people from many states have received the benefits of the school's influence; and

WHEREAS, The results of our educational endeavors have given impetus to what is now a world mission among the deaf; and

WHEREAS, The age of the existing structure (1935) and furnishings has created a need for major maintenance and renovation; and

WHEREAS, The financial resources from parents, benefactors, and foundations are not sufficient to underwrite the cost of operation, maintenance, and improvements; and

WHEREAS, The cost of providing quality education to the deaf continues to increase; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod give thanks to God for the 100 years of service provided by the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod grant the request of the Lutheran School for the Deaf for a Synodwide thankoffering; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this thankoffering be gathered on a Sunday designated as "Lutheran School for the Deaf Sunday," the second Sunday of March (March 11, 1973) in 1973.

HEARING ALERT

A national campaign to alert the public to the danger signals of possible deafness or hearing impairment in infants and children was announced February 5 on a network television program.

Appearing on the National Broadcasting Company's "Today Show", George W. Fellendorf, executive director of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, Inc., explained that the purpose of the organization's new campaign called "Hearing Alert", is to inform parents and child-care professionals and help them become more aware of the symptoms that could indicate hearing impairments in children.

Fellendorf said that with early detection and diagnosis, and proper training, many children with a severe hearing loss are able to learn and develop comparably to hearing peers. He added that early auditory training will help a hearing impaired child more effectively utilize his residual hearing. In addition, he said, early speech, language, and lipreading instruction can equip the child to better adjust and participate in a hearing society.

"Hearing Alert" informational materials are being distributed by the Bell Association, located at 1537 — 35th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20007. The materials explain procedures to take if a hearing loss is suspected, educational opportunities available for deaf children and other helpful information.



1971 Confirmation Class: L. to R. — Corinne Taylor, Ontario; Executive Director, Walter Bellhorn; Colette Bondy, Ontario; Stephen Rowan, Ohio; Rev. Russel Johnson; Alana Daws, North Dakota; Deborah Richert, Ontario, Dr. Herman Holste, Principal; Cathy Ruchotzke, Iowa.

CONFIRMATION

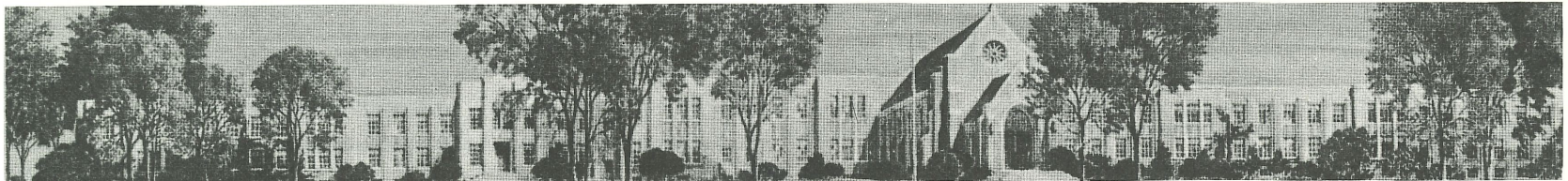
On Palm Sunday, parents, relatives and friends gathered in the School's Gloria Dei Chapel to rejoice in the Lord as members of the Confirmation class knelt at the altar and renewed their baptismal vow.

The class was confirmed by the Rev. Russel Johnson, pastor of Our Savior's (Deaf) Lutheran Church. Mrs. Ruth Kade, President of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf, on behalf of the organization presented each member of the class with a Bible and prayer book.

We pray that the members of the Class of 1971 may abide in the Word of God and finally reach their heavenly home above.

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 free-will contributions of friends and loyal supporters.





Graduating student Debbie Richert receives one of her last counseling sessions from her teacher, Mrs. Daniels. This completes 12 years for Debbie at our school.

AWARDS

The older students of our school have been participating in an Awards Program for several years. There are five categories of awards with specific qualifications for each. The entire faculty and houseparents of these children met to nominate and discuss the nominees. Those selected were presented with awards in a special assembly of the entire student body.

Citizenship — This award is based on the development and expression of thoughtfulness, responsibility, good attitudes, and moral character. The recipients were:

Colette Bondy — Canada	Kim Hurdelbring — Michigan
Iain Clemerson — Canada	Peggy Nearing — Michigan
Jennifer Freed — Louisiana	Debbie Richert — Canada

Scholarship — This award is based not only on grades, but also on the student's desire and ability to learn more on his own and to apply and relate his knowledge to new situations. The recipients are:

Colette Bondy — Canada	Molly Reeve — Michigan
Kim Hurdelbring — Michigan	Debbie Richert — Canada
Norbert Irion — Canada	Diane Sowle — Michigan
Peggy Nearing — Michigan	

Language — This award is based on the use of good oral and written language. The recipients are:

Bonnie Kaufman — Indiana	Debbie Richert — Canada
Molly Reeve — Michigan	Diane Sowle — Michigan

Athletics — This is for an outstanding athlete who is also a good sport. The recipients are:

Iain Clemerson — Canada	Debbie Richert — Canada
Kim Hurdelbrink — Michigan	Corinne Taylor — Canada

In addition to the medals presented for the above categories, ribbons were presented to students who had participated as members of the athletic teams.



The older boys and girls participated in a car wash to help the Ladies Auxiliary raise funds at their Spring Fair.

PARENT OFFICERS AND STAFF MEMBERS MEET

May 26th marked the first meeting of the newly elected Parent Officers and staff members representing the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf.

Usually, groups meeting for the first time tend to be on the conservative side and it takes a few meetings before members know each other well enough to voice an opinion. This was not the case at this meeting — during a lull in the conversation a wandering field mouse took a shortcut through the outdoor meeting area. The pace of the conversations picked up immediately. After the shrieks died down and the dust settled from the mouse galloping across the parking lot, the meeting of now 'wide-eyed' participants came back to order. The mouse incident turned recently acquainted people into 'old-friends'.

Future meeting plans were resolved and suggested meeting content tentatively outlined, pending approval by the Parent/Staff Organization members. Tentative plans include:

- Arranging for a graduate of the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf to visit a Parent/Staff meeting as a guest speaker.
- A demonstration of hearing test devices and an explanation of how to read an audiogram.
- Fund raising techniques and methods.

Mr. Harry Petersmarck, President of the Parent/Staff Organization for the 1971-1972 school year, would like to remind the parents who live too far to attend the meetings that their remarks, ideas and opinions are always welcome.

Address your comments to:
Parent/Staff organization
Lutheran School for the Deaf
6861 East Nevada Ave.,
Detroit, Mich. 48234

THE LORD HATH NEED

Some of our Advocate readers received a letter from the school recently setting forth the need for financial assistance so that the Christian education of deaf children might not be hampered. Others will be hearing from us in the near future.

Over the past 98 years of the school's history, the Lord has wrought miracles in less fortunate youngsters through gifts of love from those who have a heart for the cause of deaf children. And these are youngsters who hail from many areas of the United States and Canada.

Teaching the deaf is an expensive type of education with the cost continually rising and, yet, it is a ministry of mercy which cannot be neglected. The parents are expected to do their very best financially toward room, board and tuition. The remainder must be provided through free will offering from friends of the school and its program. That "remainder" amounts to more than \$3000.00 per child. Yes, a large sum, but if all of us together will share the burden, the job under God will be done.

And, so dear Friend and Reader, we hope and pray that our message will receive your sympathetic and serious consideration for truly "The Lord Hath Need" of your sharing. Thank you sincerely for your assistance in the past and may God's richest blessings be yours always.

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 _____

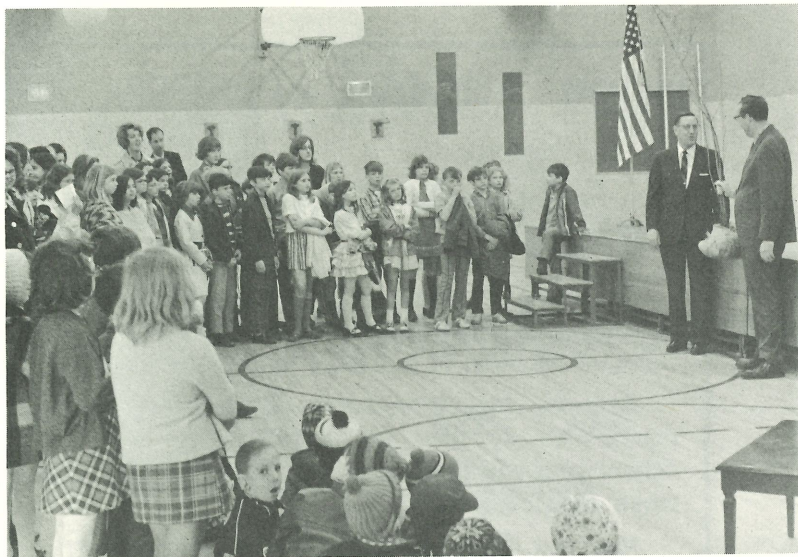
Name of Congregation or organization requesting film:

City _____ State _____

Send Film to _____

Address _____

City and State _____ Zip _____



During a special Arbor Day ceremony held in our gym, Mr. Charles Schad (right) presented a Shad Bush from the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation to Mr. Walter Bellhorn, for planting at our school.



Planting of our tree was done by this years graduating class — Cathy Ruchotzke, Iowa; Alana Daws, North Dakota; Colette Bondy, Canada; Corinne Taylor, Canada; and Debbie Richert, Canada.

HELP FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED IN CHURCH

On many occasions we have had attention called to us of special need for help by the deaf or hard of hearing in various churches. As this type of person sits in church, it is frequently difficult to hear the pastor speak either at the altar, lectern or from the pulpit because of the accoustics of the church or the voice of the pastor, even tho the worshiper may be wearing a hearing aid. Few churches have special installations available that really do the job well.

Most hearing aids have a special switch for telephone use. Slight modifications and an installation of a wire loop in your church added to your already existant amplification system may be the answer to the needs of a fellow worshiper of yours. This installation is inexpensive, simple and every effective. We shall be happy to provide you with plans and assistance upon your request.

25th ANNIVERSARY

Miss Helen Szajna has reached the 25th milestone in her service to the school as an outstanding teacher of the Deaf. The special occasion was recognized by the School and the Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf on Festival Sunday, June 13.

With thankful hearts the school family and friends extend congratulations and pray God that He might continue to richly bless her labors in Jesus name.



Helen Szajna



Miss Manik's class came back from the Ladies Spring Fair loaded with goodies and Mother's Day gifts.

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

Notes from the Children . . .

Famous C.I.D. Educator visits LSD

by

Diane Sowle Age 12

Miss Woodward, who visited at Lutheran School for the Deaf on April 27 is the Supervising Teacher at Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis, Missouri. She also visited other schools for the deaf in the Detroit area.

Central Institute is another oral school for deaf children. The deaf students talk; they use their hands only like hearing people do when they talk. C.I.D. was founded by Dr. Goldstein. Miss Woodward knows Dr. Holste, Mrs. Caton, Mrs. Middleton and Mrs. Daniels, because they studied and lived at C.I.D. After school Miss Woodward talked with the faculty about the education of the deaf. She is a famous woman.

Farm Trip

by

Miss Manik's Class Age 7

We went to the farm in our yellow school bus. We rode on the bus a long time.

First we went on a hay ride. White and brown horses pulled the haywagon. Then Farmer Bob showed us the cows, the sheep and lamps and a goat. Some of us milked the cow. Angie, Kim, Ronnie, Shelly and Frank, drank goat's milk. It was warm.

After we fed corn to the ducks we saw a hog and baby pigs. We saw chickens, turtles and rabbits. We saw many farm animals.

We ate lunch at the farm. We had two sandwiches, two cookies, an apple and a bottle of orange pop. After we ate, we played on the farm's playground then we came back to school.

Brantford Goalie Taken to Hospital

by

Jennifer Freed Age 12

We went to a Hockey Game at Olympia Stadium. Only Mr. Schweitzer's pupils, Mrs. Daniel's pupils, Miss Kropa's pupils and Miss Szajna's pupils went to Olympia Stadium.

Detroit scored two goals. Brantford scored one goal.

Brantford's #30, the goalie, hurt his body. I did not know what happened. Then someone told me that he hurt his rib. The three men carried him to the hospital. The people clapped for him.

Indian Clothes

by

Roy Turnbull Age 11

They are made of cowhide or leather. The Indians would kill the animals and take off the skins. Then they would stretch the skins. They would rub them to make them softer so they could sew. They would decorate their clothes with beads, fringe and sometimes porcupine quills.

BEQUESTS

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."

SECOND CLASS
POSTAGE PAID
AT
DETROIT MICH

1970-71

School Year Ends

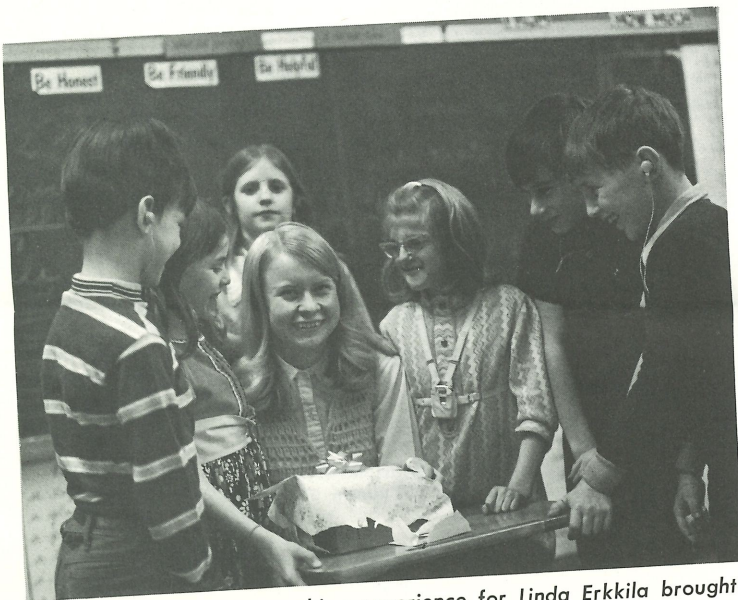
The close of school with its annual Festival on Sunday, June 13th also marked the beginning of the Summer vacation of our large family of students.

Parents: Reviewing some of the material accomplished by your youngster during the past school year will pay off in big dividends next Fall when school opens.

May you have a safe and enjoyable Summer.



YEAR END SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



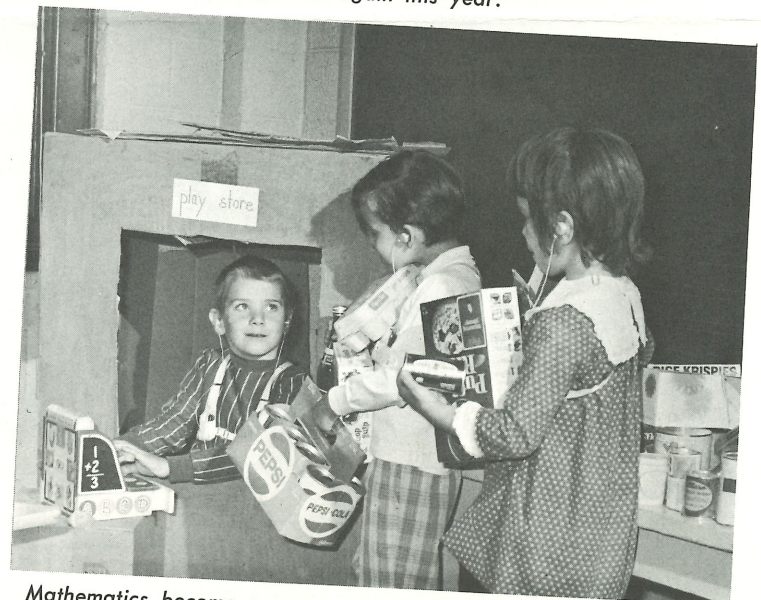
The end of a student teaching experience for Linda Erkkila brought a special bridal gift for her. Linda was a participant of our co-operative program with Eastern Michigan University, Department of Special Education.



Tommy Kungle, age 4, tries his wings, butterfly wings, that is, in preparation for the annual Festival celebration which we had on Sunday, June 13, to close our 98th school year. Mrs. Middleton conducted the beginning class again this year.



Randy Allsop and Trudy Haselhuhn put finishing touches on the class display following their unit study of Indians. Trudy made up the center piece at home on a weekend. Many of the other items were prepared by the class.



Mathematics become more meaningful to pupil Ronald Stelzer and GERALYN BILKOVIC as they made purchases from storekeeper JOHN NEUFELD.