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KRESGE GRANT BOOSTS LUTHERAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF CENTENNIAL FUND RAISING DRIVE



A JOYOUS OCCASION - Mr. Stanley S. Kresge presents the Foundation Gift check of \$50,000 to student Tommy Guinn. L. to R. Walter Bellhorn, the School's Executive Director, Mr. Kresge, Tommy, Elmer Engel, Chairman Centennial Steering Committee and the Reverend Edwin Rossow, President of the Lutheran School for the Deaf Association.

The Lutheran School for the Deaf has been awarded a \$50,000 grant by the Kresge Foundation. The grant has been designated for the construction of a much-needed garage to house the various vehicles used by the school. The Kresge donation has given an encouraging boost to the \$750,000.00 Centennial Fund Raising Drive which was launched this year to assure continuance of the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

In accepting the donation, Elmer W. Engel, Campaign Steering Committee Chairman, announced that contributions now total \$684,790 or \$65,210 short of the goal set last December. "Although encouraged by the response from the Kresge Foundation and other organizations and individuals," Engel emphasized, "we must continue our efforts to reach our \$750,000 goal to assure continuation of the School's blessed work with deaf children from all denominations."

The theme of the appeal is "Remember Our Jennifers", which refers to a little girl named Jennifer, whose life at the school is the subject of an award winning motion picture.

The School is the oldest charity of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It serves children from all areas of the United States and Canada and has won world-wide recognition for its contributions to the advancement of instructional methods.

Through the years, it has grown in prestige and its influence has been reflected in mission to the deaf all over the world.

"Education and caring for handicapped children, and especially deaf children, is very costly," Engel explains. "At present it costs the school about \$5,030 per child for care, board and tuition. Of this, parents pay only according to their ability. Over 80 per cent of the total cost must come from gifts."

The need for this kind of care is increasing. Today a greater portion of children are born deaf, or become deaf before learning to speak, than was the case 25 years ago. Due to improvements in medical care, many children who would have died in infancy are now saved, but at the cost of various kinds of impairments, including hearing impairments.

A CENTURY OF DEAF EDUCATION

On Tuesday, September 5, the Lutheran School for the Deaf entered into its 100th year of bringing Christ to deaf children. Enrollment stands at 100 pupils who hail from many areas of the United States and Canada. Of these, 11 are new.

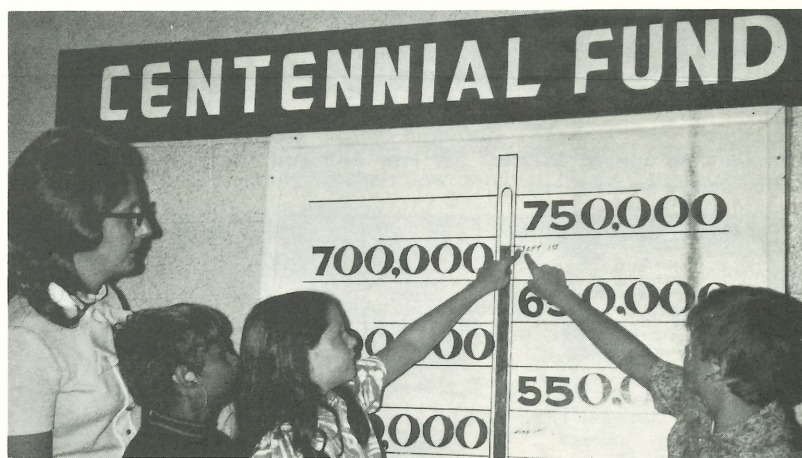
Dawn Awad, age 4 yrs., Bay City, Mich.
 Brent Dunn, age 6 yrs., Fort Wayne, Indiana
 Jeffery Leichliter, age 4 yrs., Wyandotte, Mich.
 Thomas Mickelson, age 4 yrs., Goodridge, Minnesota
 Missi Oesterman, age 6 yrs., Detroit, Mich.
 Sandra Shattrock, age 4 yrs., Allen Park, Mich.
 Denise Soltysiak, age 9 yrs., Bay City, Mich.
 Marc Tevithick, age 7 yrs., Detroit, Mich.
 Belinda Williams, age 7 yrs., Detroit, Mich.
 George Zein, age 5 yrs., Chicago, Illinois
 Risa Zein, age 5 yrs., Chicago, Illinois

Of the 16 teachers on our faculty, 3 are new. They are Miss Marilyn Altenburg, Miss Janet Larned, Mrs. Anne Mierendorf.

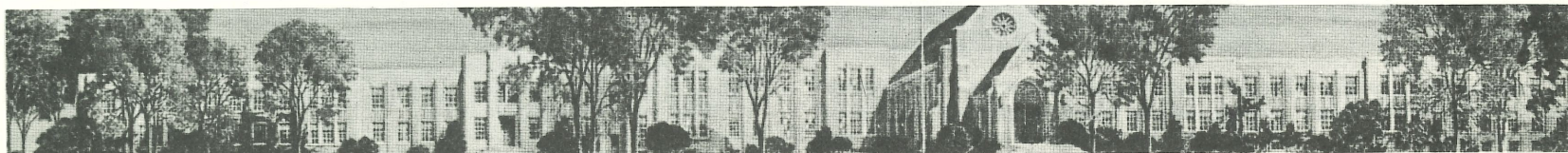
On August 31 and September 1 the faculty met to prepare and coordinate the program for the new school year. The household staff met on September 2 for the same purpose.

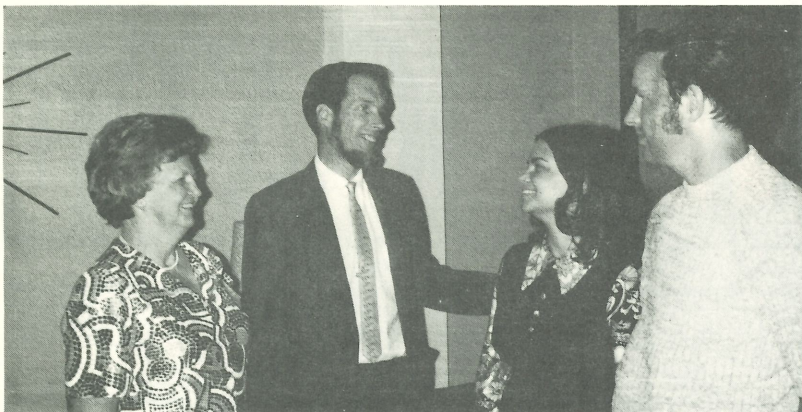
We can report that all of the new youngsters have adjusted well to school life. They sleep well, have good appetites and seem to enjoy the many activities involved in getting acquainted and gaining an education, especially a Christian education. May God's richest blessings and guidance be with the school as it moves into its centennial year.

Congregations of Greater Detroit, please remember "Pound Day". Your food shower will help to stock our pantry shelves for the 1972-73 School Year.



STRIVING TOWARD THE GOAL - Mrs. Thompson and members of her class indicate how near the school is to reaching its Centennial goal - thanks to our friends and contributors.





School opening day for the newly enrolled pupils find Mrs. Walter Bellhorn at her usual station No. 1 in the reception room welcoming parents and children and, in general, putting them at ease. L. to R. Mrs. Bellhorn and teacher Mark Reeve greet Mr. & Mrs. George Zein of Chicago who have enrolled their son and daughter.



Station or Stop No. 2 on opening day is at the Executive Director's Office. Here Mr. & Mrs. Shattock of Allen Park, Michigan and daughter Sandra are ready to talk "school" with Mr. Bellhorn.



The third stop is with Matron-in-charge Deaconess Marie Bliefnick here showing Sandra Shattock her new bed and where she can put her stuffed doggie for safe keeping.



The fourth Stop is in the office of Miss Mannen, the supervising teacher who checks all the child's records before escorting parents and child to the proper classroom where the teacher takes over. Here 6 year old Missi Oesterman and Miss Mannen get acquainted.

SCHOOL WITHDRAWS FROM UNITED FOUNDATION

For many years the Lutheran School for the Deaf was one of the Detroit charitable agencies which receive financial assistance from the United Foundation of Greater Detroit through its United Community Services Program. This year the school decided to withdraw as a financially supported agency of the U.C.S. Two primary reasons prompted this action.

Even though operating costs at the school are rising and additional funds are needed and even though the United Foundation goal of more than 30 million dollars was reached last year, the U.C.S., instead of granting our request for additional operating funds, decided to reduce our allocation of last year. This meant that allocations for the Detroit area children enrolled in our school would be reduced from \$70.00 per month to \$66.50.

Furthermore we were informed that, due to United Foundation policy, the school would be restricted in its Centennial gift solicitation to not more than \$25.00 from any one place of business.

In view of the reduction and restrictions and possible future policy changes which could even further curtail financial assistance or bring it to an end, the school moved to withdraw at this time and inform our friends and readers of the Deaf Child's Advocate of its decision.

NEW AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORTS

Greetings! Having just taken over the Office of the President of the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the School, I welcome this opportunity to write a few lines about the organization and its purpose. Just about one hundred years ago, shortly after the opening of the School, five very devout Christian women from Trinity Lutheran Church, Detroit, decided to give their time and love in helping these handicapped children by making for them a home away from home.

After working four years together, these ladies decided to organize the "Lutheran Ladies Society for the Deaf". A few years ago the name was changed to Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf.

We are following the program rather closely that our Mothers, Grandmothers and Great Grandmothers planned so well. Each Wednesday of the week, nine months of the year, we call upon a different group of our Ladies from the various local Lutheran Churches to spend the day at the School mending and patching the clothes of our many deaf youngsters.

The Auxiliary meets the first Tuesday of the month for ten months of the year omitting July and August. The April meeting is combined with an Anniversary Service held at the School. Six times a year we meet at various churches by invitation. All other meetings are held at the School. There are no set dues, just a good will offering. We have also started dime folders, the proceeds along with profits made from various parties, memorials for members and birthday envelopes are allocated for the Student Scholarship Fund. In July a check in the amount of four thousand five hundred (\$4500.00) was given the School for this purpose.

Various other projects such as supplying draperies, bedding etc. are going on continually. It has been customary through the years that on Palm Sunday we present each confirmed student with a gift of the Holy Bible and a prayer book so that they might grow in Christian living and in the love of their Lord Jesus Christ as they have been taught. At our Christmas meeting a gift is given each of the children.

After the Children's Christmas Program in December, our Ladies serve tea and cookies to the parents and children, then wishing them God's blessings and a safe journey home. They then are on their way to enjoy the most beautiful time of the year, the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child with their families and friends.

The present plans are for an evening Dessert, Card Party, October 20th, co-sponsored by the Aid Association for Lutherans.

The ladies are just getting together ideas and plans for our large project of next year which is our Spring Fair on May 7, 1973. This is all work, but hopefully it is a "labor of love and joy."

We are always happy to welcome new members. Should anyone of our readers be interested, the welcome mat is at our open door. Please feel free to enter.

Mrs. Hermina Carey, President

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

The receipt of the Treasurer or Executive Director of said corporation shall be sufficient discharge to my executor for same.



Our new Teachers — Mrs. Anne Mierendorf, Miss Marilyn Altenburg and Miss Janet Larned preparing weekly lesson plans.



Dr. Herman M. Holste

GALLAUDET COLLEGE AWARDED SPECIAL GRANT

The Social and Rehabilitation Service of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has awarded a two-year grant to Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C. for "Research on a Wearable Visual Aid to Speech Communication for Hearing Impaired Persons."

This research project will investigate and analyze the possibilities of a device to aid hearing impaired persons in speech reading. The device is a special pair of eyeglasses with tiny signal lights which flash back into the eye when sound is received. It is specially tuned to respond to certain speech sounds that are difficult to lipread. This aid was conceived and developed by Hubert Upton, himself a hearing impaired person, who is chief electronics research engineer with the Bell Helicopter Co., of Ft. Worth, Tex.

Plans call for Upton to build three experimental models of his eyeglass speech reading aid. Then Gallaudet, through its Sensory Communication Research Laboratory, will test, research and analyze the effectiveness of the device in helping hearing impaired persons to improve their speech communication. The testing process will be carried out over a two year period.

The SRS grant, which will begin in Sept. 1972, is for \$25,000 for the first year and will be administered by Dr. James M. Pickett, professor of Speech Communication Research.

On behalf of the students and faculty at Gallaudet, the world's only accredited liberal arts college for the deaf, Dr. Edward C. Merrill, Jr., president, expressed thanks for the grant from the Social and Rehabilitation Service, stating: "I am most pleased to accept this grant award which will aid Dr. Pickett to undertake research which will, hopefully, lead to the amelioration of the handicap of deafness."



Playground activity — Sometimes it is just plain fun to sit in the sand and dig.

PRINCIPAL ACCEPTS NEW POSITION

Dr. Herman Holste, Principal at the Lutheran School for the Deaf since 1962, has accepted a position as TEACHER-COUNSELOR for the Hearing Impaired with the Huron Intermediate and the Sanilac Intermediate School Districts of Michigan. During his ten years of tenure as Principal of the School in Detroit, the school continued to grow in number of pupils and faculty and in stature as one of the best Aural-Oral Schools for the Deaf in the United States. Prior to his principalship, Dr. Holste served the school as classroom teacher for 5 years. He has become well known within the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church while conducting lectures for the school and demonstrating teaching techniques to both large and small groups. He has also been an active participant among the Michigan District Lutheran Principals.

In 1968 Dr. Holste received his Doctorate from Wayne State University in the area of Education Audiology and has since that date served on the adjunct Faculty of the Wayne State University School of Medicine, lecturing to senior medical students. He has recently been a member of the Wayne County Advisory Council for the Hearing Impaired.

Dr. Holste will begin a new position for the Special Education Offices in Bad Axe and Sandusky where, after researching the special needs of the hearing impaired in the two county area, will work with recommendations to meet the needs of those hearing impaired for ages 0 to 25, with the possibility of organizing special classes for the area. He will, meanwhile, counsel teachers of regular classes who have hearing impaired pupils within them as well as to counsel pupils, and work with parents of hearing impaired pupils enrolled or to assist parents of infants whose deaf education has not yet begun.

Dr. and Mrs. Holste, the former Barbara Neinas, of East Detroit, and two daughters, are making their new home at 201 N. Stanley Street in Bad Axe. Their son, James, recently entered the United States Navy and is stationed at San Diego, California.

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 _____

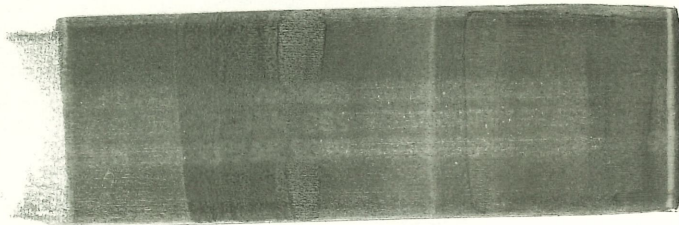
Name of Congregation or organization requesting film:

City _____ State _____

Send Film to _____

Address _____

City and State _____ Zip _____



Waiting for the walls to go up. The Kresge Foundation gift makes possible the construction of a much needed garage and storage building.

DETROIT, MICH.
AT
POSTAGE PAID
SECOND CLASS

LETTERS THAT BRING JOY TO OUR HEARTS

King of Kings Lutheran Church
Sunday School, St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Brother:

On December 19, 1971, the children of our Sunday School celebrated the birthday of our Savior and they brought gaily wrapped gifts and placed them around the Manger. Inside were monetary gifts representing a special "Birthday Gift of Jesus."

The following Sunday, during our Sunday School hour we shared your letter of December 6, with the children and they voted to send their gift to be used as needed in the operation of the school. It is with a special prayer that we offer this gift as the School prepares to mark its 100th birthday. May its future be even more rewarding than the past.

Yours in Christ,
King of Kings Lutheran Sunday School
Stanley I. Proctor - Supt.

Grace Lutheran Sunday School
Junior 11 Class
Muncie, Inc. 47303

Dear Jennifer:

We are in the fourth grade class at Grace Lutheran Church in Muncie, Indiana.

We have been saving our "Mission" money all year. Our class has thought of where to send our mission money and then we saw the movie "Jennifer." So we decided to send it to your Lutheran School.

Love
Teacher and Children

12115 Telegraph Road
Taylor, Mich. 38180
July 5, 1972

Dear Mr. Bellhorn: The enclosed check of \$ is a gift for the Anniversary Fund. I am sending it this way because I felt there was such a different reason for it being given and I would briefly like to tell you about it.

It was brought in to me by one of my young ladies who is an instructor at Eastern University. During the summer months she is driving a "shuttle-bus" at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. One one of her recent trips she got into conversation with a passenger headed for Grand Rapids, who in her excitement left her purse on the bus. This young lady saw the purse too late to catch the lady traveler, but turned it over to the proper people of the North Central Airlines. They in turn saw to it that it was returned to the lady. The lady was so thrilled on the receipt of her purse that she sent this young lady a check of \$ reward, even though my young lady had not revealed her identity to the North Central people. This lady has gone to great pains to determine who the driver had been and to give her this reward. She in turn came to my office this morning bringing the check and declaring "the Lord doesn't expect me to be rewarded for being honest. He just expects me to be honest." Will you see to it that it is used for this children's program?

Just a little different twist, isn't it?

Sincerely yours,
Rev. A. Firchau

St. Johns Luth. Church & School
New Berlin, Ill. 62670

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The children of our school would like to give a gift to your children of "our" school for the deaf. Enclosed find a check for the amount of \$. This is a gift from special chapel offerings which our children have gathered.

We pray that God will continue to bless your work as He does ours. We also pray that God would bless all the Christian givers who will participate in the Jennifer Appeal.

Joy in Christ
Ronald D. Krohse - Principal

156 Oakmont St.
Auburn Heights, Mich. 48057
June 20, 1972

Dear Mr. Bellhorn:

In thanks for the Lord's gift of a healthy firstborn son on May 20, we would like to share with your fine school the enclosed thank offering of \$.

May the Christ you serve be glorified by the use of this, His financial blessing to us.

In Christ,
Mr. & Mrs. Roger R. Miller

Evergreen Lutheran Church
8680 Evergreen
Detroit, Mich. 48228

Dear Mr. Bellhorn:

Thank you for inviting us to visit your school. We learned a lot from this experience. It is marvelous the way the teachers can train deaf children to do so many things that we didn't think were possible. It is wonderful how much Christian love you can share to these children who would otherwise be forgotten. We pray that God will continue to bless the work of the teachers at the school.

Sincerely, 7th & 8th grade of
Evergreen Lutheran School

Euclid, Ohio

On May 19th of this year our grade school put on a spring festival. Part of the program included a free will offering. Mr Edmund Janitzke, our principal, earmarked the offering for the "Hearts for Jesus."

Please accept this token donation that our children and parents donated.

Yours truly,
Karl A. Smith, Treas.
Bethlehem Luth. P.T.L.