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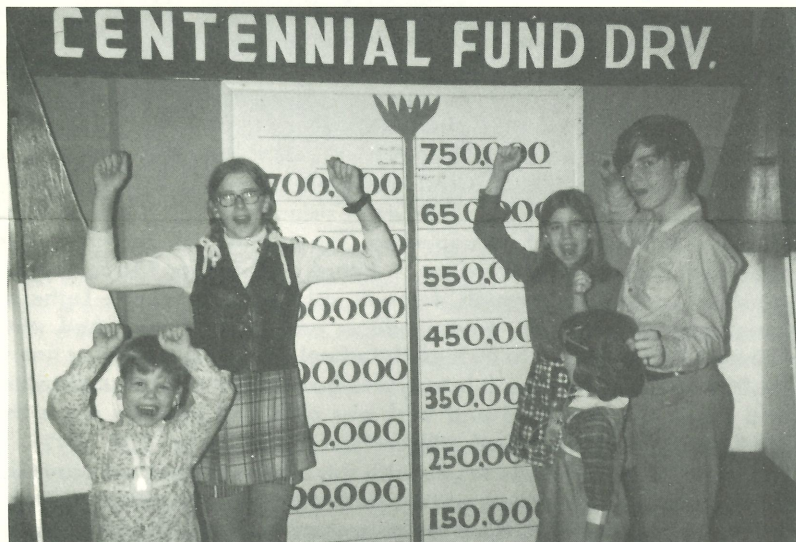
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Over The Top!



A group of happy deaf children wave their arms in victory as the Centennial Drive goes over the top.

One year ago it was a plan, a hope, a goal. Today it is a realization. The School's Centennial goal of \$750,000.00 has been reached and present "Thankoffering" receipts stand at \$853,846.98, well over the anticipated goal. Although a few gifts are being received now and then from friends of the school who found it impossible to contribute to the special drive last year, we feel that the great share of contributions are "in".

The following is a report of monies received and stock securities held as of January 31, 1973.

Cash received and deposited	\$853,521.73	
Stock Securities Held	275.38	
Bank of Commerce- Canadian Exchange	49.87	
		\$853,846.98

Distribution is as follows:

Hearts for Jesus	\$63,709.92	
Churches	599,197.22	
Individuals	49,480.23	
Church Organizations	21,551.50	
Other Organizations	5,290.89	
Business	8,189.22	
Foundations	105,663.00	
Alumni	628.00	
Miscellaneous Sales	50.00	
Miscellaneous Income	87.00	
		\$853,846.98

The Lord was good to the school and blessed it mightily in its "Thankoffering" effort when He provided hundreds of volunteers and thousands of contributors for which we give thanks and praise.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DRAWS NEAR

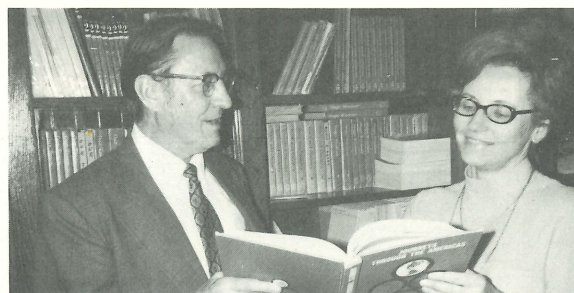
A successful campaign to raise \$750,000.00 as a hundredth anniversary Thankoffering has come to a close and plans are well underway for a special Centennial observance to be held on Pentecost Sunday, June 10th. Preparations for a separate deaf children's program which will be one of the highlights of the day already is occupying the minds of faculty members and pupils. At this writing, the celebration committee is considering two Divine Services to highlight the day of thanksgiving and praise for God's bountiful blessings showered upon the school during the past one hundred years.

Speaker for this festive occasion will be the Reverend Richard Bernthal, pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church, Detroit, and a member of the school's board of directors. Reverend Bernthal served as the Michigan District Director of the special Centennial drive. His father, the sainted Dr. E.T. Bernthal, served as campaign director when a special appeal was made throughout Synod thirty five years ago for much needed new buildings at the Lutheran School for the Deaf. That goal was reached and, today, we report that the Centennial goal, too, was reached under God's guidance and blessings.

Members of the Centennial Celebration committee are the following - Mr. Walter Bellhorn, Mrs. Walter Bellhorn, Mrs. Ralph Carey, Mrs. Richard Deierlein, Mr. Elmer Engel, Mrs. Charles Fenton, Mr. A. Jacoby, Rev. E. Rossow, Rev. M. Shackell (Chairman), Mr. Harry Will.

An Alumni get-together also is being planned. More information on this aspect of the celebration will be sent direct to our former students and also will appear in the Spring issue of the "Deaf Child's Advocate".

Festival Sunday, June 10, promises to be a day of celebration, reunion and thanksgiving. It also marks the end of the school year for the youngsters. Circle your calendar now and plan to join with thousands of friends of deaf children in singing praises to God for His bountiful blessings.

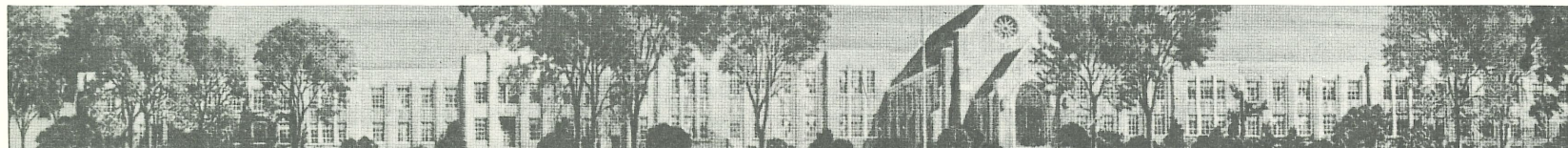


Executive Director Walter Bellhorn and newly appointed principal Mrs. Pauline Fenton discuss curriculum material.

NEW APPOINTMENT

In December the Board of Directors appointed Mrs. Pauline Fenton, a member of the School Faculty, to serve as interim principal as a replacement for Dr. Holste who left us last summer. Since January 3rd, Miss Christine Nitz has taken over Mrs. Fenton's class so that she now can serve full time in her new position.

Mrs. Fenton is a graduate of Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois (1946) and Wayne State University, Detroit, where she trained to become a teacher of the deaf.



SPRING FAIR - MAY 4th

The Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf is looking forward to it's Spring Fair which will be held at the School on Friday, May 4th. This annual event spells "busy" for committees and individual members who work so diligently in planning and preparing for the big day. Mrs. Phillis Cook who is general chairman of the Fair requests that Auxiliary members and friends assist the committee by gathering gifts and articles for the various booths. Every little bit helps.

Proceeds of the Fair enable the Auxiliary to continue with its various projects, especially the Student Scholarship Fund.

REGULAR REMEMBRANCES WILL DO THE JOB

Over the past 100 years of the school's history, the Lord has wrought miracles in less fortunate deaf youngsters through gifts of love from those who have a heart for the cause of hearing-handicapped children. The Centennial gifts will provide for many of the immediate needs of the school in the area of renovations, repairs and equipment replacement. New teaching aids will be added. Measures are being taken for greater safety of the children. All of these spell better facilities and better education.

However, let us all as friends of the deaf remember the day to day needs of the school's operation. Teaching the deaf is an expensive type of education with costs constantly rising and, yet, it is a ministry of mercy which cannot be neglected. The parents are expected to do their best financially toward room, board and tuition. The remainder must be provided through freewill offerings from our Lutheran congregations, related organizations and individuals. And that "remainder" amounts to 80% of the school operating budget or nearly \$4,000.00 per pupil. Yes, it is truly a large sum, but if all of us together will speak a good word and with our gifts and legacies share the burden, the job under God will be done.

And, so, as we come to you with this urgent appeal, we 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.

IN MEMORIUM

On October 27, 1972 the Lord called to His heavenly home the soul of Melvin William Luebke, Headmaster of the Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf, New York. Before accepting the call to Mill Neck in 1951, Mr. Luebke taught at the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit. He completed 22 years of service to His Lord as headmaster of our sister school in the East.

To his wife, children and mother we extend our heartfelt sympathy and comfort them with the assurance of a happy and blessed reunion in the presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

FILM AVAILABLE

The School's film "A New Life for Jennifer" is available for scheduling. We sincerely hope that every congregation and/or related organization will include a showing of this outstanding 16mm, 27 minute all color-sound production in their schedule of meetings, educational programs and social events. There is no rental charge.

Complete the following form, clip and return it to the Lutheran School for the Deaf, 6861 E. Nevada Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48234.

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 _____

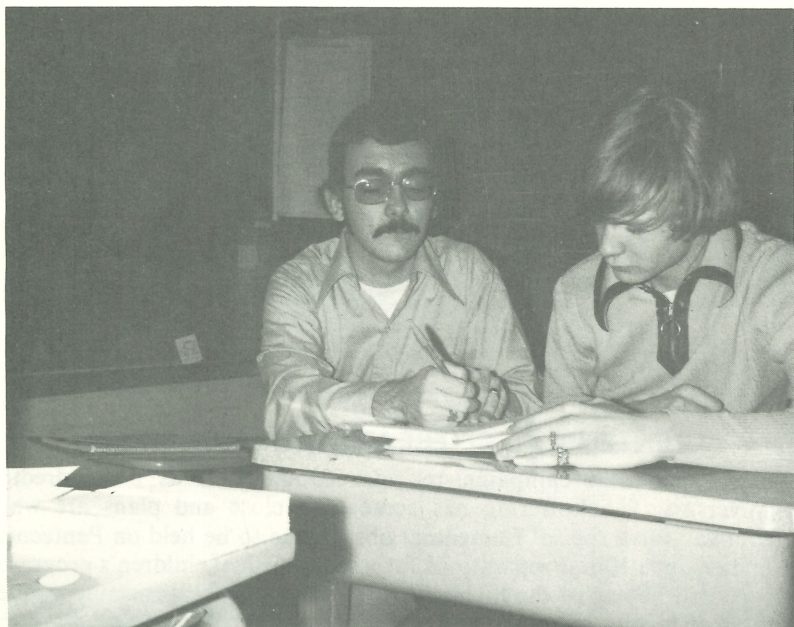
Name of Congregation or organization requesting film: _____

City _____ State _____

Send Film to _____

Address _____

City and State _____ Zip _____



Concordia Seward students Steve Geyer of Roseville, Michigan and John Shaffer of Akron, Ohio spent 3 weeks in January visiting classes and gaining experience in working with deaf children. Left, John Shaffer explains a "Math" problem for 7th grader David Sharpe.



Sharon, wife of teacher Robert Schweitzer, has returned to her part time position as the school's Media specialist and librarian. Books and materials need her immediate attention.



The care of teeth is an important aspect of good health rules. Left to right - Karen Hoffman, Roy Turnbull and Ellen Southard give full attention as teacher Mark Reeve points out the number of teeth in the adult human skull.

JENNIFER THEN - 1964 and JENNIFER NOW - 1973



In the past many interested friends of the school have written to ask about Jennifer, the star in our School Film "A New Life for Jennifer". Usually its "Is she still with you and how does she look now?" We are happy to report that she is still with us and has grown into a beautiful teenager of whom we are all proud. Jennifer hails from Houston, Texas, where she spends Christmas and summer with her father, mother and two sisters. Her father is pastor of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Houston.

THE ICE WAS NICE BUT THE GUYS WERE GREATER

Allen Park Civic Arena was "the scene" on January 12. "The action" was a benefit hockey game played to a filled house with proceeds earmarked for the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

The event was a Parent Staff Organization project in which the parents solicited the help of Dick Purtan, WXYZ Radio celebrity and Gordie Howe, also known as "Mr. Hockey himself".

Fran and Harry Petersmarck did an outstanding job of organizing the affair as well as retrieving a souvenir hockey stick for the school.

Accolades to Gordie Howe and Dick Purtan who drew a fine crowd—and also to the rest of their awesome teammates.

Hilarity prevailed as the Gordie Howe All Stars outdistanced the Dick Purtan No Stars for a final score of 12 to 9. The real winners, of course, were the children at the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

An after-the-game autograph session with Howe and Purtan highlighted the festivities. Net proceeds amounted to more than \$2,000.00 which will be used for a special Centennial project.



Left to Right - Dick Purtan, WXYZ Radio Star and all time great hockey player Gordie Howe of the Red Wings.

OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

When the snow is falling, we see holes in the flakes. When the snow gets stuck together on the ground, then it is all white and we cannot see the holes in the flakes. God made the holes all different in snowflakes. Snow is real soft and lacy. Snow angels are all white.

Ruthann Hargraves - Age 9 years

Cheerleading Tryouts

Miss Altenburg helped the girls and one boy to learn how to cheer for try outs. Bonnie Kaufman, Debbie Petersmarck, Karen Hoffman, Shawn Birkett, Diana Campbell and Tami Schultz are the L.S.D. cheerleaders. Stuart Owen is a substitute cheerleader. Substitute means if one cheerleader is sick, Stuart will cheer for her.

Stuart Owen - Age 11 years

The Choir Sings Near Richmond

On January 14 the school choir went to sing at a Ladies Aid Meeting near Richmond. We enjoyed a delicious pot luck supper there. After the meeting Mr. Bellhorn talked about our school, and then we sang "O Come all Ye Faithful", "Silent Night" and "The Lord's Prayer".

Lee Latimer - Age 13 years

Gordie Howe in Benefit Hockey Game

The Friday before last some Klein Wing students went to the Allen Park Civic Arena to see the hockey game. This was a benefit game for our school. Gordie Howe, former star of the Detroit Red Wings, played. The rest of the players were former pro-sports and broadcasters. Gordie's team won with a score of 13-9, but it was a fun game. After the game, he gave us his autograph.

Norbert Irion - Age 13 years

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."

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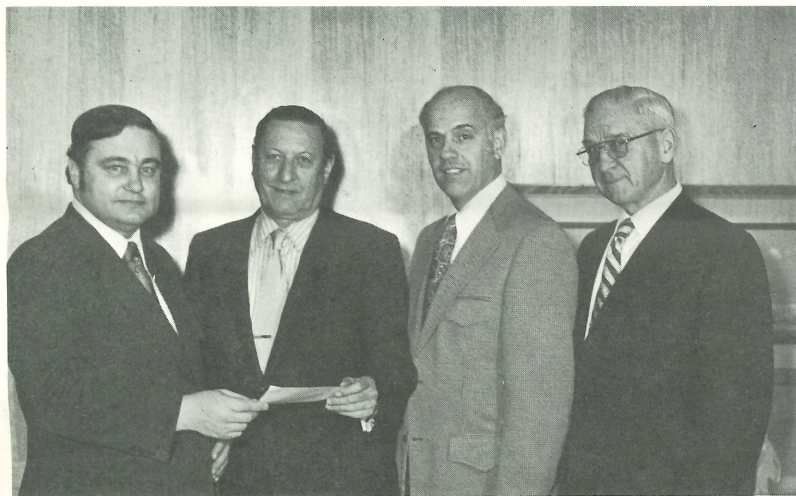
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FRIENDS, REMEMBER

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - SUNDAY, JUNE 10

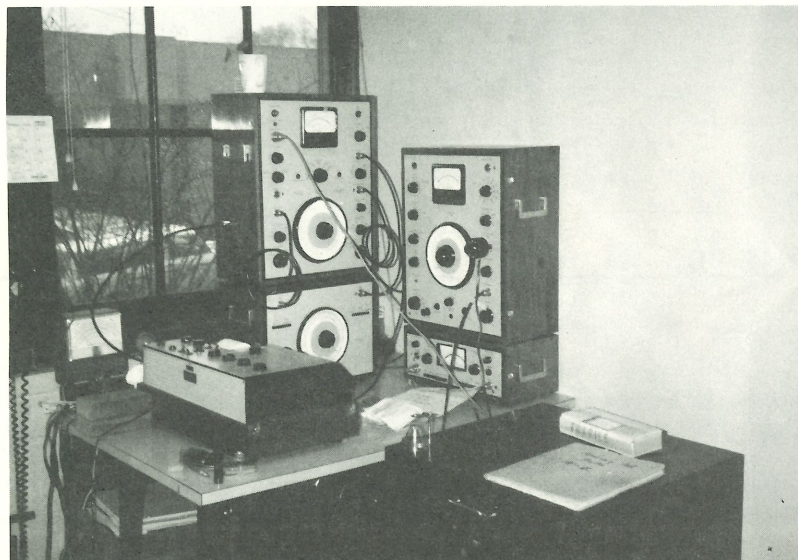
JUST A FEW OF THE WONDERFUL GIFTS RECEIVED



Officials of the Lutheran School for the Deaf centennial drive accept a check of \$40,000 from the estate of Mrs. Eleanor Klink Reese. From left, are Gene Schnelz, attorney for the estate; Walter Bellhorn, Executive Director of the School, located on East Nevada in Detroit; the Rev. Lawrence A. Kinne, pastor of St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Walled Lake and Elmer W. Engel, chairman of the centennial steering committee. Schnelz presented the check.



The Detroit Chapter of our Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf decided to remember the school with a Centennial gift in the form of a Dodge 12 passenger Van wagon. L. to R. Mrs. Ralph Carey, President of the Auxiliary, presents the keys to Executive Director Walter Bellhorn.



The Appleton Aid Association for Lutherans accepted a project of providing the School with \$14,000.00 worth of much needed Auditory equipment.



A check in the amount of \$1,000.00, a gift of Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance, was presented to Steering Committee Chairman Elmer Engel by Herbert Hansen a member of the Company's Board of Directors. Left to right - Laird Geyer, Mrs. Stark, Elmer Engel, Herbert Hansen, Walter Bellhorn and Carl Mueller.