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CENTENNIAL YEAR WAS SUCCESSFUL

THANK YOU!

"I thank God continually for you" — *Ephesians 1:16 (Phillips translation)*

In the Communion Liturgy the celebrant will sing or say: "Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God". And the congregation will sing, in reply: "It is meet and right so to do". We are to say "Thank you" to God. "It is meet and right so to do". But St. Paul reminds us that we are also to say "Thank you" for one another. "I thank God continually for you".

In our Centennial celebration it was certainly "meet, right, and salutary" that we should give thanks to God for 100 years of Christian ministry to deaf children. But in this issue of the "Advocate" we want to say "thank you" to all our Christian friends and supporters. We want to "thank God continually FOR YOU".

We thank our Board of Directors who authorized our Centennial Year. We especially commend the President of the Board, The Reverend Edwin J. Rossow. Pastor Rossow has a knack of being able to bring out the very best in his co-workers. The school, its faculty, and its Board of Directors owe much to the leadership of its President, The Reverend Edwin J. Rossow.



Rev. and Mrs. Edwin J. Rossow, President of the Lutheran School for the Deaf Association, with Jennifer Freed.

We thank those who worked so hard on the Thankoffering.

We thank the countless number of volunteer workers who assisted in receiving, assembling, counting, and shipping the promotional materials.

We thank the clerical help who processed material requests, typed labels, and acknowledgements, and tabulated the results of the Centennial effort.

We thank Elmer W. Engel, our "man of many hats" who had the herculean assignment of supervising all of this.

We thank the Ephphatha and Detroit Ladies' Auxiliaries for their stalwart support!

We thank our friends for their enthusiastic attendance at the celebration events. Over 4,000 people came to our Anniversary Service on June 10, 1973. And over 650 of our Detroit-area friends were present at our Anniversary Banquet on November 2.

We thank the Reverend V. Frederick Halboth who served as our Toastmaster at the Centennial banquet. Pastor Halboth did a superb job and we commend him for making our banquet a very memorable one.

We thank Mr. Gerald List and the Lutheran Choralaires for the many beautiful anthems that were sung.

We thank Mr. Charles Auld and Mrs. Nels Bitterman who led us in a "sing-along".

We thank Mr. Harry J. Will for organizing the banquet.

We thank Mrs. Richard Deierlein who did yeoman's service as ticket chairman.

We thank our fellow-redeemed throughout the United States and Canada who gave so generously to our Centennial Thankoffering.

We thank The Reverend Richard H. Bernthal, our area campaign director. This dynamic Michigan clergyman succeeded in raising one-third of our total offering.

No doubt there is a long list of unsung heroes and heroines of our Centennial. Unfortunately we do not have place or space to mention all the names. But to all of them we do say: "Thank you!" "I thank my God continually."

Rev. Maurice G. Shackell, Chairman
Centennial Celebrations Committee

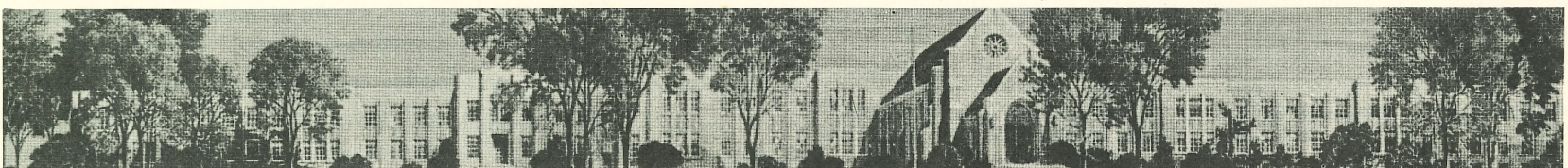
CENTENNIAL PROJECTS

In addition to the centennial projects listed in our previous "Advocate" the following projects have been completed or are in progress:

- Auditory Training System installed (See article)
- Plymouth Fury Station Wagon purchased
- Outside Doors being replaced
- Two Electric Typewriters bought
- New Drapes for Offices
- Klein Wing Building Roof repaired
- Dormitory ramp repaired
- Underground repair in process

We are happy to report that as of December 31st we have collected and earned on monies invested a total of \$951,475.52 and expended \$407,012.02. A large amount of work is scheduled for this summer.

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





The Walter Bellhorn Family - L to R, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Snell, Dean Bellhorn, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bellhorn, Dr. and Mrs. Roy Bellhorn, Janice Bellhorn.

Members of the Faculty and Staff:

Thank you for the wonderful Retirement Party, the beautiful Record Player and all your good wishes. May all of you enjoy a blessed New Year.

Walter Bellhorn

P.S. Alma will remember you for your thoughtful presentation of the Music Symbol Pendant. God bless you.

Alma and Walter

Dear Children:

Thank you very much for your good wishes, your book which is special because it spells my name and the beautiful plaque.

Mrs. Bellhorn and I think of you often.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,
Walter Bellhorn

TRIBUTE TO MR. BELLHORN

A large beautifully framed oil-painted photograph of Mr. Bellhorn was presented to the school following the children's Christmas Program on December 20th. In this way, his friends hoped to honor him for his many years of service to the hearing impaired.

Mr. Bellhorn, seated in the front row of the chapel, was completely surprised when the portrait was shown for the first time.

Contributions toward this project were given by the Executive Board of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf, the P.S.O., and individual members of the school staff.

The painting will be hung in the reception room at the school. We thank all of you who have helped to make possible this lasting tribute to Mr. Bellhorn.

NEWS FROM THE LUTHERAN LADIES AUXILIARY FOR THE DEAF-DETROIT

After an extremely busy year of activities, 1973 drew to a close for our Society at our December meeting with a party for retiring Director, Mr. Walter Bellhorn and his wife. Pastor D. Hasse surprised Mr. Bellhorn with a "This Is Your Life" presentation. It was enjoyed by all.

It was a pleasure to introduce Mr. Elmer Engel to our ladies at our January meeting. Mr. Engel is taking over as the school's Business Manager until an Executive Director is engaged. We wish him God's speed in his new office.

"Circus Day" which is always a day of excitement and thrills for our children, is scheduled for January 31st and at this time our ladies will prepare and serve dinner for the Lions Club of Grosse Pointe who are the hosts for the Circus Party.

On February 18th, our Casserole Luncheon and Card Party will be held in the Klein Auditorium. The proceeds from all our parties are allocated, along with our dime folders, for the tuition of one of the students at our Lutheran School for the Deaf.

We will celebrate our anniversary on April 2nd with a service in the school chapel, and a program following the luncheon. Everyone is welcome. We hope those members whose faces we have not seen for some time will honor us with their presence.

We would like to call your attention to the Spring Fair which will be held on April 23rd in the Klein Auditorium. Donations, gifts, etc. are most welcome.

To all of our honorary members and those living many miles away, we send our warmest greetings for the New Year and pray that the Lord will bountifully bless them.

We hope that you will be able to join us in one or all of our activities and get acquainted with our group of wonderful ladies and their labors of love. — *Hermina Carey, President*

NEWS FROM THE EPHPHATHA CHAPTER OF THE LUTHERAN LADIES AUXILIARY FOR THE DEAF

Mrs. Pauline Fenton, Principal of the Lutheran School for the Deaf, was invited to the January 13th meeting of the Ephphatha Chapter at St. Clair, Michigan.

The Ephphatha Chapter meets five times a year at different Lutheran Churches. Our membership presently consists of 214 members.

During the year 1973, we contributed to our Student Scholarship Fund \$1,081.61 which was ear-marked for the tuition of Denny Guinn.

We are also happy to report that our Centennial Project was the purchase of Generator equipment costing \$1,795.00. This was paid off in 1973.

We also provided hearing aid equipment for needy children at the school amounting to \$300.00 last year.

Our source of income is mainly through free-will contributions, Christmas, Birthday and Memorial Gifts. — *Marjorie Sharum, President*

THE PARENT STAFF ORGANIZATION

The Parent Staff Organization of the Lutheran School for the Deaf was born in May of 1967. The PSO, as it is called, was organized in response to various needs of the parents and the school. The group began with three major objectives in mind.

1. To promote the relationship of Parents to one another. Parents, having something in common, welcome this exchange of information and sharing of experiences.
2. To promote the relationship of Parent and School. Parents were advised that the teachers welcomed a close parent-teacher relationship. They were encouraged to "get involved".
3. To promote Parent Education. There is a need for the parents of a hearing impaired child to have somewhere to turn for answers to the multitude of questions and problems that may arise. It was the opinion that parents could gain knowledge and insight through planned programs aimed to help our children.

With these three main objectives in mind, the Parent Staff Organization is a working group. Their purpose is to foster communication between parents, staff and pupils of the Lutheran School for the Deaf. The main means of communication include the bi-monthly meetings, and a monthly Newsletter sent to all members and potential members.

Throughout the past 6½ years the PSO has initiated field day activities, clear-out weekends, sports events, camping, etc. Meetings have been held 5 times a year with members of our school staff as speakers as well as professional people from the area of Deaf Education and related fields.

The PSO also conducts fund raising projects to provide activities for the children and equipment for the school. Money is raised through the sale of Christmas cards, garbage bags, rummage sales and special events. One such event was the "Gordy Howe Hockey Game" in 1973. Through the efforts of the PSO, all classrooms in the school were provided with Polaroid cameras to use in classwork. A Primary typewriter was also purchased for the school with PSO funds.

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."

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We are in need of financial assistance for our needy students. Needless to say that everyone is experiencing the high cost of living and we solicit your financial aid for some of our needy families.

The "high cost of living" is hitting us here at the school as it does everyone. We are, therefore, especially grateful for the gifts of food which have come in as part of our annual ingathering. We thank all who have given goods and time to keep our "family" well fed. However, funds for tuition are lagging. To fill this need the Education Committee has set up a Scholarship Fund which would directly benefit needy students.

We suggest this to our readers as an area of urgent need and solicit your financial support.

LETTERBOX

Dear Mr. Bellhorn: My wife and I wish to thank you very much for the hospitality which you and your staff showed us on our recent visit to the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

After visiting most of the major deaf education programs throughout the Eastern half of the United States, we must say that we were tremendously impressed with the staff and with the work that is being done at the Lutheran School. We feel that the Lutheran School offers an outstanding program comparable to or better than any we have seen. I think you have reason to be proud of your program and of your staff.

Thank you again for both of us. Sincerely, H. S., M.D.

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Dear Mr. Bellhorn: You and the staff will be happy to know tht Nancy received a letter of acceptance from National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester, New York, and will begin the summer vestibule program July 7th. She has been applying herself diligently to her studies.

We are very thankful for the dedicated staff at Lutheran School for the Deaf for their conscientious concern that the students be motivated to do their best. Especially we will always remember the warmth and kindness you showed us the very first time we brought Nancy to your office. Yours truly, Bernice Pletcher, Ft. Hamilton, Brooklyn, New York.

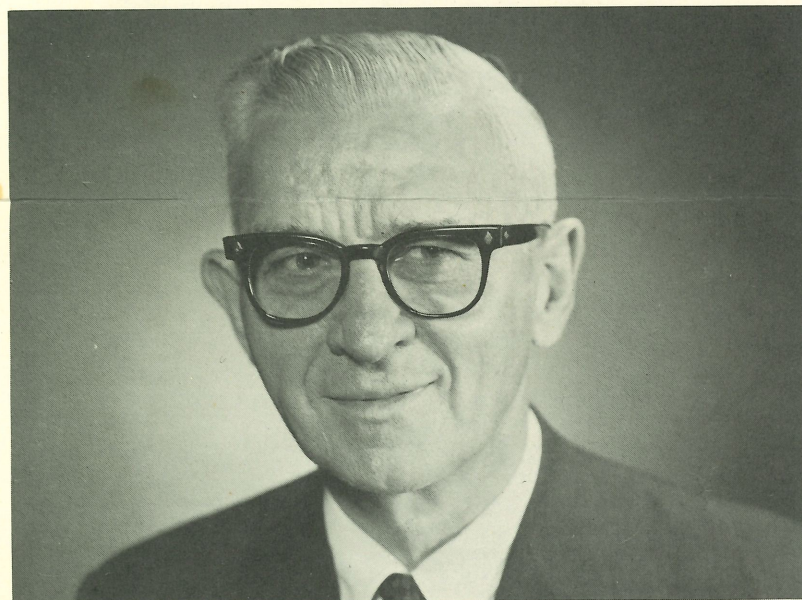
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Dear Sir: Enclosed you will find a check from the children and staff of our Sunday School.

In recent years the children received gifts at Christmas. This year it was decided to have the children bring their mission offering and select special areas where their offerings can help children have a better Christmas.

We would like to have the children at the Lutheran School for the Deaf have something special for Christmas from the children and staff of St. Paul's Lutheran Sunday School. A blessed Christmas to all. Yours truly, Robert Corniels, Supt. St. Pauls Sunday School, Lockport, Illinois.

BUSINESS MANAGER APPOINTED



Mr. Elmer W. Engel.

Elmer W. Engel of Detroit, Michigan has been appointed interim Business Manager until a new Executive Director is engaged. Mr. Engel has served on the Board of Directors for 37 years and recently was chairman of the "Remember Our Jennifers" Appeal Steering Committee.

He retired from Chrysler Corporation on September 30, 1970 after serving 49 years. He held the position of Production Control Manager of the Car Assembly Group.

NEW AUDITORY TRAINING SYSTEM IN CLASSROOMS

One of the goals of this Centennial year was to find an Auditory Training System to replace the Warren System which has been in use for over 20 years. Four systems were evaluated during the 1972-73 school year and the Phonic Ear was chosen. It has been in use since last September.

This new auditory training unit consists of a teacher microphone and wearable radio transmitter. The child wears a body unit consisting of a radio receiver, two microphones, and two amplifiers. In addition he has two hearing aid type earphones and two earmolds. All units are powered from rechargeable batteries.



L to R, Colleen Bartel, Fremont, Wis., Marcy Stewart, Altoona, Pa., Tim Reck, St. Johns, Mi., Bobbie Newvine, Bay City, Mi., Mark Riccobono, Dearborn, Mi., Beverly Green, Dearborn, Mi., Miss Janet Larned, teacher.

The Phonic Ear, being portable, allows the teacher to use it as easily out of the classroom as in the classroom. Each teacher's unit has a different frequency, so that her students receive her voice whether in the classroom, down the hall, across the field, or wherever they are within the transmitting range. The Phonic ear is designed in such a way that should a child go to another classroom to work with another teacher and class, a substitution of the receiver component is made so that the child's unit is then receiving on the frequency of the other teacher's transmitter. It is an easy change to make.



Teacher Mrs. Anne Mierendorf with Amy Griffith, Centerline, Mi.

When the child leaves the classroom at the end of the day, he removes the Phonic Ear and wears his own individual hearing aid to the dormitory or home. The Phonic Ear units are then placed in a compartment and recharged overnight.

The children are thankful to the Centennial donors for their generosity. You have helped our children make better use of the little hearing they have.

NEW STUDENT APPLICANTS

Our school is now in the process of registering new students for our 1974-75 school year.

We solicit your cooperation in suggesting our school to the parents of any deaf child in your locality.

Detailed information can be obtained by writing our Principal, Mrs. Pauline Fenton, at the school office.

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CENTENNIAL BANQUET NOVEMBER 2, 1973



Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Shackell, Centennial Celebration Chairman.



Rev. and Mrs. V. Frederick Halboth, Centennial Celebration Banquet Toastmaster.



L to R, Pastor Edwin J. Rossow, delivering main Centennial Celebration address, Pastor and Mrs. V. Frederick Halboth, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bellhorn.



The Lutheran Choralaires under the direction of Mr. Gerald List.