

# THE DEAF CHILD'S ADVOCATE

## MR. BELL'S MAGNIFICENT INVENTION

Alexander Graham Bell hoped when he invented the phone to provide a way for his deaf wife to speak to her deaf parents in a nearby town. Over the years his invention has greatly blessed hearing people who can communicate with their friends at great distances via the telephone. The Lutheran School for the Deaf has received the gift of three teletypes together with their modems. The Northeast Lions Club gave the original seed money to begin the project. The three Lutheran Churches for the Deaf in Ohio gave the actual teletype machines. Additional monies given by the Northeast Lions Club and the La-Z-y Boy Corporation make it possible for us to buy the three modems.



*Roaring their thanks, the children excitedly surround one of the new teletypes.*

It is possible via these machines to type through any normal telephone to any other individual owning one of these machines. At this point, they are basically used for the boys to talk to the girls through our intercom phone system. One of the machines, however, sits in the main office and is usable for communicating with any individual any where in the world who owns a machine similar to this.

These teletypes are valuable to teach our children how to use the telephone, to teach them good manners when they are talking, and to teach them better language so that the individual on the other end can more clearly understand them. In addition, our children have also learned that it has obvious advantages in talking to members of the opposite sex.

A special thanks to Rev. Don Winkler of Columbus, Ohio, who coordinated the project of acquiring teletypes in working order for us. We are also most grateful to the two organizations and the three churches who made this gift possible for our children.

## A RAPIDLY EXPANDED FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Marion VanManen are our two new full time houseparents. Last summer, their family comprised only them and their two sons pictured standing near them, Mark and Jimmy. Now because under God's guidance they have accepted our invitation to become houseparents, they find that their family includes 21 boys.

Mr. VanManen was born in Iowa. He attended the Iowa School for the Deaf. He was for a number of years a successful printer, before he decided he would like to go into full time service for his Lord. He graduated from the Lutheran Lay Training Institute, a division of Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and has worked for a number of years as a lay minister in Sunnyvale, California.

Mrs. VanManen is also deaf. She is a graduate of oral schools and hearing schools in California.



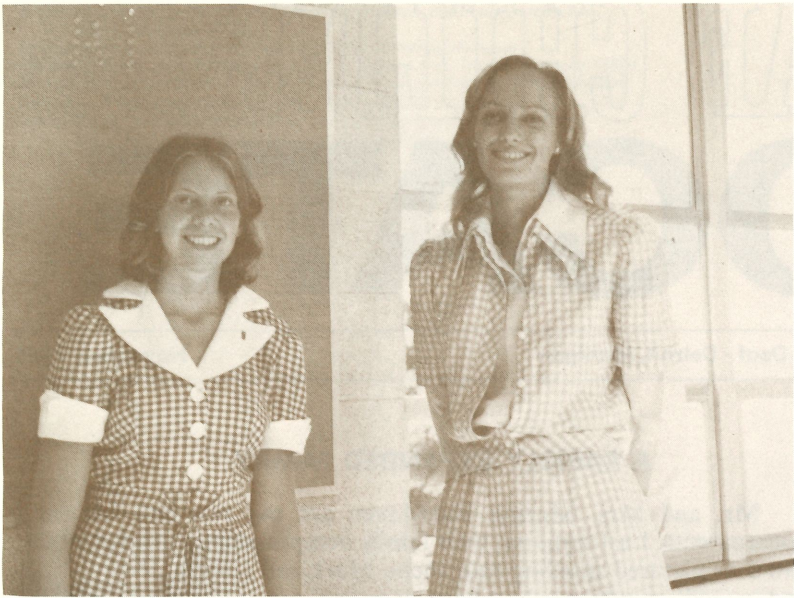
Their son Mark attends the eighth grade of Mt. Calvary Lutheran School where his younger brother Jimmy is enrolled in the fourth grade. Mr. VanManen was the first elected president of the International Lutheran Deaf Association and has been active many years in the Ephphatha Conference for professional workers of the deaf.

We are most pleased that it is possible for us to have a dedicated deaf couple live in our building. They are a good example to the children of what they might grow up to be. Since they are themselves deaf, they are also able to relate well to some of the feelings and concerns of the children in an informal learning situation in the dormitory.

May the Lord continue to bless their ministry here.

**Our beautiful Memorial Wreath Folders are available,  
free and postpaid**





**Our new teachers. On the left, Mrs. Denise Nemeth, a graduate of Michigan State University and a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church in West Detroit. On the right, Miss Carol Domke, a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and a member of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Detroit.**

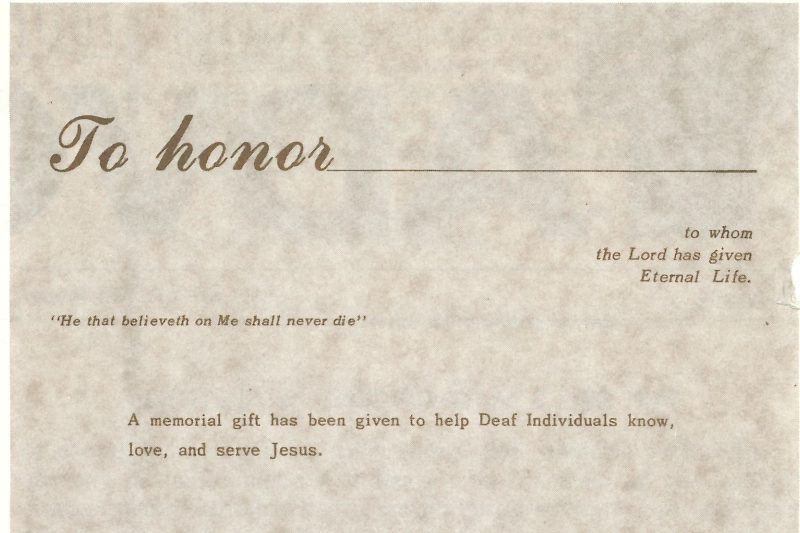
**We thank God for again granting us two new very dedicated and very well qualified young ladies to help educate our children.**



**Pictured above are the children who enrolled in our school during the past school year. They are left to right: Jill Kowalsky, Wayne; Kim Kowalsky, Wayne; Tony Batchelor, Detroit; Karen Anderson, Detroit; and Lee Kowalsky, Wayne.**



**Pictured above are the new children who enrolled in our school in the fall of 1975. They are left to right, first row: Michael Vannoy, San Antonio, Texas; second row: Deborah Ford, Warren, Michigan; Frank Okroy, Roseville, Michigan; Robert Smith, Vancouver, Washington; and John Kulseth, Ann Arbor, Michigan.**



Cards like the one pictured above are being kept as a permanent record of your gifts donated in loving memory to our school. The cards will be kept in the main office and be available for any one to see.

We are most grateful that you continue to support our school in this magnificent way.

#### 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.

#### ANNUAL APPEAL

**Our Annual Appeal Letter is on its way.**

The annual cost per pupil for education here at the school has gone above \$10,000.00. While that is almost \$2,000.00 less than public deaf education in our area, it still is more than any parent can pay. Your gifts make it possible to continue the ministry of sharing Jesus Christ through our program of education.

Will you kindly give prayerful consideration to the Appeal when it arrives and then mail your contribution in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you and may God richly bless you.



Could you please help us again? Would you please save the labels off of a Campbell's product, soups, baked beans, etc. If you will send them to us, we can redeem them for needed visual aid equipment. If you are not collecting them for someone else, please send them to us by December 15.

Our February Advocate showed what your help did last year. We are most grateful for all of your support. We hope that you will find this again a delicious way to help us.

## RAMBLINGS

From the Association Meeting on October 8.

Mr. Herman Auch, Pastor John Gagern, Mr. Elmer Engel and Pastor Maurice Shackell were elected to serve on the Board for three more years. We thank God that He has again given us dedicated men who voluntarily work for the improvement of our school.

The Association voted to establish Honorary Board Members. These are individuals who have served ten or more years actively on the Board of Directors of the School. The following individuals have been designated. The Rev. Norbert Borchardt, The Rev. George Krach, The Rev. Carl Nietzsche, Mr. Barney Schumacher and Mr. Rolland Wilkening.

During the meeting, a budget of \$613,730.00 was established for the 1975-76 fiscal year. To balance our budget we will need almost \$150,000.00 more this next year than we received last year.

Centennial projects completed this year are:

- a. Installed aluminum combination storm and screens on the entire building.
- b. Painted all exterior wood and metal.
- c. Painted total interior of boys' dorm and salaried help wing of building.
- d. Created a master key system.

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### IN MEMORY OF THE REV. EDMUND F. SCHILDT

The Lord greatly blessed His people through the dedicated efforts of Pastor Schildt. We thank God for the many years of dedicated service of Pastor Schildt in Rollo, Missouri and East Bethlehem and Bethany Congregations in Detroit.

Pastor Edmund Schildt was extremely interested in photography and it was at his urging and with his hours and hours of dedicated labor that the first movie of our school was ever produced. Pastor Schildt was the guiding light and the inspiration for the film entitled "World of Silence."

The school mourns the loss of our dedicated life-long friend. We rejoice that God has granted him eternal peace in heaven. We pray God's continued comfort upon his wife and his family.

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### THANKS

The Association in its Annual Meeting made a resolution of thanks for the dedicated service of:

- The Detroit Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf
- The Ephphatha Chapter of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf
- The Doctors and Dentists whose service we need when our children are in need of medical care
- The Fred Sanders Company
- The Volunteer Mailing help
- The Denby Kiwanis
- The Grosse Pointe Lions
- The Northeast Lions Club
- The Festival Manager, Mr. Elmer Engel, his Festival Committees, and all the Volunteers
- The Parent Staff Organization
- The Bethel Tutoring Group
- Mr. Hilgenbrink and the volunteers from Grace, Redford
- The tutors from Osborne High School

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### THANKS

*Thank you for all the surplus religious materials. Please send us more.*



Our double exposure shows the excitement and interest of the children.

### PROUDLY SHE FLIES

During the tremendous blizzard, shortly after Thanksgiving Day last year, our American Flag suffered extreme wind damage.

We thank Chrysler Post #242 of the American Legion for presenting us with a new 4 foot by 8 foot American Flag which proudly flies every day in front of our school.

Our children joined the Legionnaires outside to dedicate the flag and to pledge their allegiance to it.

We wish to thank the Legionnaires not only for the gift of the flag but the gift of themselves in former wars to defend our country. We are most grateful that God permits us to have the freedom of religion and religious education here in America.

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### FRIENDS OF GREATER DETROIT HELP US RESTOCK OUR PANTRY SHELVES — REMEMBER POUND DAY —

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### EPHPHATHA'S FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The Lutheran School for the Deaf has two Ladies Auxiliaries. Recently the Ephphatha Chapter celebrated its fortieth anniversary. Ephphatha Chapter is comprised of ladies from Macomb and Oakland Counties who belong to the congregations located from five to thirty miles north of the Lutheran School for the Deaf. The following poem was written by Mrs. Irene Schultz in honor of the occasion.

### POEM FOR 40th ANNIVERSARY OF EPHPHATHA CHAPTER FOR THE DEAF

#### EPHPHATHA "BE OPENED"

*"Be opened", He said to their hearts that day,  
Just 40 short years ago,  
As a small group of women met to pray  
That His guidance and grace He'd bestow.  
The work of love they entered upon  
Was new to this small eager band,  
But the strong will to help overcame all their fears  
As they followed the Savior's command.*

*"Be opened", He said to the hearts of those  
Who cooked and directed and taught  
At the School for the Deaf, of the Lutheran Church,  
Where many deaf children were brought.  
With Parents help and our small gifts  
And friends who heard our plea,  
God blessed our school to teach and grow,  
For all the world to see.*

*"Be opened", now on this great day,  
Our Master says again.  
Be thankful and give praise to God,  
That He did us sustain. May Ephphatha be ever blessed  
To labor and to love,  
Until God says "Be opened",  
To the gates of Heaven above.*

Irene M. Schultz  
November, 1975

DETROIT, MICH.  
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 POSTAGE PAID  
 SECOND CLASS

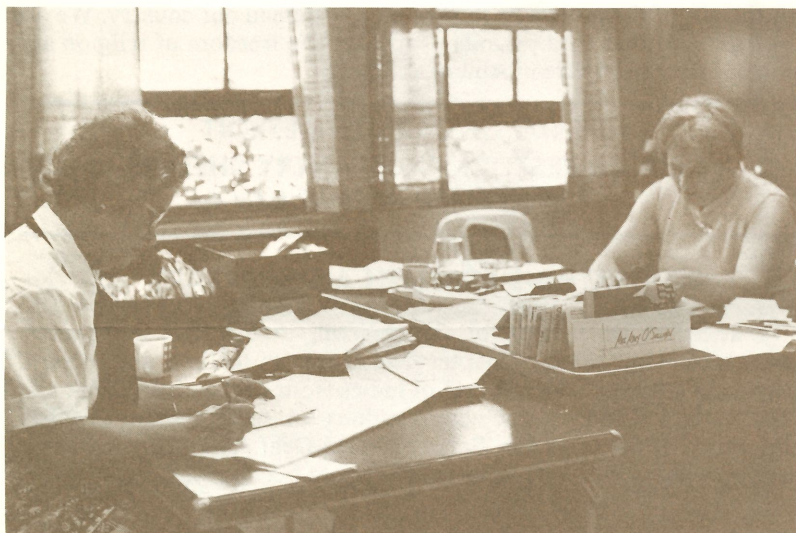
### ADVOCATE READERS

In order that you might receive prompt delivery of "The Deaf Child's Advocate", we ask that you check your address as it appears in this issue and, if there are any inaccuracies in the address or if you receive more than one copy, kindly clip the address from this paper, indicate corrections, deletions or duplication and return it to us.

Your cooperation will save the school an appreciable amount of money.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print or Type—Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial  
 OLD ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. and Street, Apt., Suite, P.O. Box or R.D. No. (In care of) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Post Office, State, and ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_  
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 No. and Street, Apt., Suite, P.O. Box or R.D. No. (In care of) \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEW ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Post Office, State, and ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

(If signed as agent, include title) DO NOT print or type



Pictured on the right, Mrs. Mary O'Sullivan, Secretary in charge of addressing for our school. And on the left, her predecessor, a tireless retired volunteer, Miss Ruth Haase.



Our mailing volunteers, pictured from right to left, Mr. Paul Gady, Mrs. Meta Masch, Mrs. Dora Masch, Mrs. Paul Gady and Mr. Fred Masch

### A NEW ADDRESSING SYSTEM

Hours and hours of dedicated labor lead to tired, very tired eyes and we hope few mistakes. We have finally settled our ongoing discussion with the company that had formerly supplied us with addressing equipment. We now find ourselves with no addressing equipment in the building.

Through the kind help of one of our honorary Board Members, Mr. Rolland Wilkening, we have begun the difficult undertaking of putting our 85,000 plus names on a computer addressing system.

This has involved us in a very long and sometimes boring project. We had to list off all of our present names and make them available to key punchers. Once all of these names had been punched into computer cards, we then began the long task of reading them to make sure that few mistakes occurred. We have read and re-read the names and addresses again and again trying to avoid mistakes.

A new computer program has been written for us. The computer

will print out 87,000 addresses in a little over two hours. The volunteers pictured above will then transfer those labels from the computer print-out sheets to the Advocate as they sort them and bundle them for mailing.

We are aware that mistakes will have taken place. We ask that you forgive us if a mistake occurred in your name or address. Obviously, if we have lost someone's name, we are also sorry. Unfortunately, however, that person will not be reading this copy. (People often ask "Is there any way I can help the school?" Yes, please send us in the name of 2 friends to whom we can send the ADVOCATE.)

Please send us your address label, if there is anything wrong with it. We will attempt to correct it before the next time we send it out. When the whole project is done early next Spring, we hope that we are able to more rapidly and accurately share information with all of our friends. We ask your patience with us during the transition.

**RECYCLE ME PLEASE,**  
*let a friend read me when you  
 have finished enjoying me.*

**DESIGNATED OFFERING FOLDER**  
 Our new folder can be used for anniversaries,  
 birthdays, and other joyous occasions. We will gladly  
 send you free as many as you request.