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"I Believe"

Dale Sweeting confessed his faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior on Sunday morning, June 11th and was received as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church through the rite of Confirmation. Dale first came to the Lutheran School for the Deaf four years ago. Prior to that time his education had been sporadic. There are no schools for the deaf in the Bahamas. Through the gracious sponsorship of Mrs. Edith Schillington and the continued loving efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Luchow, Dale was enrolled here at the Lutheran School for the Deaf.



Dale Sweeting, Freeport, Bahamas

Dale grew intellectually during these four years. His speech is much more intelligible. He finds it a challenge to communicate with other people. He has become very interested in working in food service, and this fall will enroll in another school to study that vocation.

Dale has also grown spiritually. Prior to coming to the school he seldom wanted to go to Church since he could understand little or nothing of what happened. Since he has been enrolled at the school and has learned more and more about Jesus as his Savior, he has become

very active both in Church here and at home during his summers.

We pray God's continued blessings upon Dale Sweeting through the coming years.

Roger Reed of Columbus, Ohio, was received into God's Kingdom through the rite of Baptism on Sunday morning June 11th.



Roger Reed, Columbus, Ohio

Roger formerly attended school in Columbus, Ohio. His father is a Recruiting Sergeant for the Army. Roger's mother works in a bank, and through her dedicated efforts 2 other young men have also been enrolled in the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

Throughout this year Roger has said on many occasions in confirmation class that he feels Baptism is very important and that he should in obedience to God become baptized so that, through the power of the Holy Spirit working through the word

and the water, he may have forgiveness of sins.

Roger will be returning to school this fall and will become confirmed next spring with the next class.

Campbell's

The Campbell Soup Company has announced that they will again redeem labels next spring. Please save labels for us and send them to us by February 15, 1979.

This past year we sent in 144,630 labels to Campbell Soup Company for the Lutheran School for the Deaf. Campbell's gave us two cassette players, 24 cassette tapes, 2 film strip viewers, one Bell & Howell 16mm film projector, 1 metric cooking kit, 1 Goldman circle ring program, 1 ping pong table, 4 table tennis paddles, 2 nets, 12 table tennis balls, 1 tennis net, 72 tennis balls, 12 tennis rackets, and 45 new books for the library.

Our thanks to all who have participated in this program. Labels came from all over the United States and even from Iran this past year. We hope that you enjoyed the nutritious products. We know that our children got many hours of recreation out of some of the gifts and others will prove to be very valuable in our continuing educational process.

(The editor planned to take pictures of last year's Campbell Soup label gifts. Unfortunately, the school's camera just broke down. All pictures for the Advocate are taken by the staff. If anyone has a camera, especially one with interchangeable lenses, that they might consider donating to the school, please contact the editor.)

Visitors



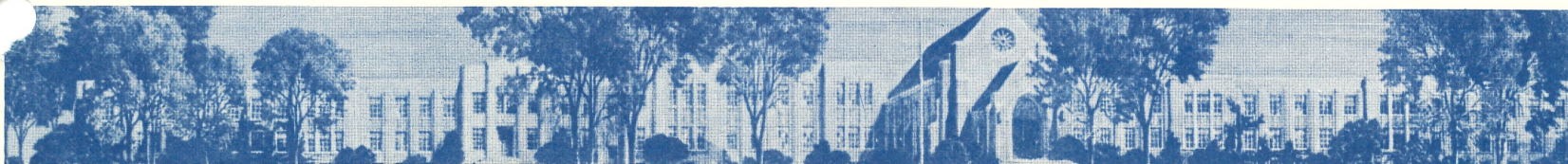
Visitors come in large crowds at our Fall and Spring Festivals, and in small groups all year long.

Recently the school was visited by the Grosse Pointe Braille Club, the East Side Lions, members of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, and many other groups.

We rejoice when people come to "look us over." While the children's education may be mildly interrupted, the advantages of having an opportunity to visit with you makes the experience profitable educationally for the children.

Thursday is the normal day for visitors. That gives us an opportunity to plan our schedule so that there is a minimum of interruption. However, if you cannot come then perhaps we can find another time. We have one confirmation class coming on Tuesday evening after school. A Sunday School class is coming on Sunday morning.

Come and visit with us. Let us learn to know you. Come and understand a little bit more about the way that we are using your loving gifts to help the children here.



"Graduate"



Dean Bliss



Lisa Bradacs



Sandy Hirsch



Linda Vinup

On June 11th, at the closing festival, four young people graduated from the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

Dean Bliss lives in Royal Oak. He is 16 years old and has attended the Lutheran School for the Deaf for 7 years. Dean will attend Lahser High School in Royal Oak this fall.

Lisa Bradacs lives in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. She is 15 years old and has attended the Lutheran School for the Deaf for 10 years. This fall she will attend Ottawa Jr. High School in St. Clair Shores.

Sandy Hirsch comes from Country Club Hills, Illinois, near Chicago. She is 16 years old and has attended the Lutheran School for the Deaf for 8 years. This fall she will be attending Thornridge High School in South Chicago.

Linda Vinup is from Dearborn, Michigan. She is 15 years old and has attended the Lutheran School for the Deaf for 11 years. This fall she will attend Lowery Jr. High School in Dearborn.

All four children were confirmed a year ago and participated as active members of the Lutheran Church throughout the past year.

In addition to the four young people who have completed their education here, there are six others who will be leaving us. They have developed sufficient communication skills so that they may profitably attend school elsewhere.

Billy Ballard will be attending the School for the Deaf in Flint. Terri McBee will be attending school in Wayne, Michigan. Delbert Rosemeyer will be attending a Parochial School near his home in Indianapolis. Ronnie Schwartz will be attending a school in Warren. Ronnie Stelzer and his family have moved out to the Irish Hills, and Dale Sweeting will probably be attending school in Florida.

We rejoice that all of these young people have intellectually and spiritually grown while they were with us.

Why?



Miss Keri Blodgett

"Why would any parents send their children to the Lutheran School for the Deaf now?"

This question was recently asked by a good friend at a meeting. Starting this fall Federal law mandated that every school district must provide an *appropriate* education for all handicapped children. The Federal law (94-142) will be a great help to numerous children. It also will be the answer to many prayers that handicapped children may stay at home and still receive an adequate education.

That brings us back to our original question, "Why do parents send their children to the Lutheran School for the Deaf?" If you ask parents of children presently enrolled in the school, you will find that they have a large variety of reasons for sending their children here.

The first two possible reasons why parents enroll children here are established by the nature of the children accepted here. In general, the children accepted at the Lutheran School for the Deaf have *profound* hearing losses and little residual hearing. We normally do not accept hard of hearing or mildly hearing impaired children.

Small population is the first reason. The incidence of deafness is three in a thousand. That means that only fairly large urban areas will have sufficiently profoundly deaf children to group together in appropriately graded classes. At the Lutheran School for the Deaf we have classes graded by communication skills and age.

An *inappropriate* program is the second reason. Because of the high cost of special education and the low incidence of profound deafness, some school districts are putting profound deaf children in with hard of hearing children, with emotionally disturbed, or mentally retarded children. While we understand the problems inherent in budgeting, such mixed programs may not appropriately challenge and meet the needs of a profoundly hearing impaired child. At the Lutheran School for the Deaf the children study cooperatively and competitively with other deaf children with the same needs and abilities.

The next two reasons are social. Occasionally, a deaf child's *inability to communicate* places a great *strain* on a marriage. Some parents send their children to the Lutheran School for the Deaf so that they may have time to grow closer to each other and keep the marriage strong during those times when the child has poor communication skills. Then, when the child's communication skills have improved, the child may come back home to a very stable family and complete their education at home.

The second social reason has to do with the word "normal." Here at the Lutheran School for the Deaf all children are profoundly hearing impaired. Therefore, they have an opportunity to associate with people like them and to cooperate and compete with their *peers*.

We have saved the best reason for the last. We hope children are sent to the Lutheran School for the Deaf for a *religious* education. A deaf child must learn so many things that everyday you must decide what you will not teach and what you will teach. Public schools cannot teach religion by law, and yet deaf children need to know that Jesus Christ is the center of their life as well as that of their hearing brothers and sisters and their parents.

Why send your child to the Lutheran School for the Deaf? So that he may develop appropriate communication skills. So she might develop appropriate living skills. So that he or she might grow up in Christ.

Notice of Non-Discriminatory Policy as to Students

The Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, Michigan, admits students of any race, color, nationality, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policy, scholarship program, athletic or other school administered programs.

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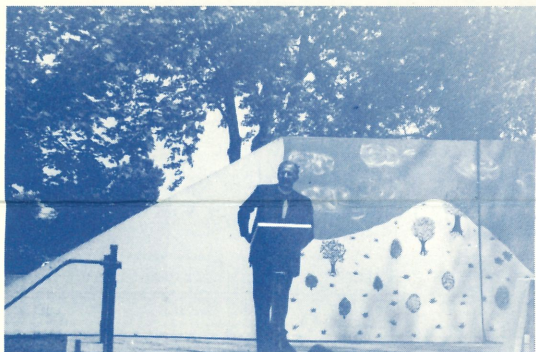
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May His love
be with you

"For unto you
a child is born
... a Saviour"
LUKE 2:11

Closing Festival



Dr. Merlin S. Pohl, President Concordia College



The little train



Johnny Appleseed

On June 11th we again had our closing festival. The Lord gave us a very beautiful day. Over 500 people came out to rejoice in the blessings that God had given to the school throughout the past year.

In the morning Dale Sweeting was confirmed and Roger Reed was baptized at the worship service at Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Deaf on our campus. At noon the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary served a very delicious roast beef dinner to many of our friends. Throughout the afternoon a picnic was going on outside on the picnic grounds. An exciting Mel Ott ball game occurred on the ball diamond.

At 2:30 was the festival closing service. Reverend Dr. Merlin S. Pohl, former superintendent of Lutheran High School here in Detroit and now president of Concordia College, Ann Arbor, was our guest speaker. We rejoice that his inspiring sermon again encouraged us to rededicate ourselves to Christ as our Savior.

The children of the school put on their annual program. The littlest

children put on the drama of "The Little Engine That Could." The children with delightful spontaneity demonstrated how determination succeeds. Mrs. Gregory's class portrayed the race of the tortoise and the hare. Miss Black's and Mrs. Pool's class portrayed the Gingerbread Boy. Miss Domke's class of children attending school at St. Peter's demonstrated how books open new doors for children. Finally, the intermediate department portrayed the story of Johnny Appleseed. The theme of the entire program was Journey Through Bookland. The entire group of children directed our attention finally to the most important of all books, and that is the Bible.

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New Phone Number

On August 24th our phone number will change. Please make a notation in your telephone books. We are sorry for the inconvenience. We hope that you will continue to call us through the use of our new number.

Estate Planning

Our Lord once said, "The people of this world are more shrewd in handling their affairs than the people who belong to the light." This may be especially true in the area of estate planning.

Many of us carefully plan our careers, where we will live, what kinds of recreation we would like to be involved in, what organizations we want to join, and yet for a variety of reason, we effectively put off planning our estate.

Estate planning helps our loved ones so that they do not have unnecessary red tape, legal problems and worries after we are gone. Careful estate planning with an attorney can legally provide funds for your family or for your loved ones which otherwise would be eaten up by unnecessary taxes and probate costs.

During the first four months of this year the Lutheran School for the Deaf received 16 estates. They were from:

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| 1. Katherine Baack | 9. Kathryn Meyer |
| 2. Emma Staas Boehn | 10. Dora E. Priehs |
| 3. Wilton E. Cole | 11. Elizabeth Rainey |
| 4. Katherine Corner | 12. Louise Richardson |
| 5. Emma Diebold | 13. Walter W. Schantz |
| 6. Sarah Dube | 14. Hannas W. Siebert |
| 7. Nora Huedenpohl | 15. Lena Wiley |
| 8. Wanda Kuehl | 16. Loretta P. Wulf |

These people, by their planned thoughtful gifts, have made it possible for us to carry on Christian ministry through their help while they are now in Heaven with their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Careful planning can make it possible for you to continue in ministry long after your death. If we can answer any questions, we will be glad to try.

FORM OF BEQUEST

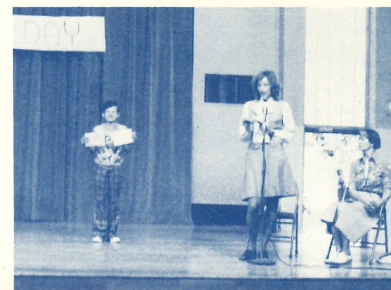
I give, devise and bequeath to the Lutheran School for the Deaf, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48234, a duly organized and incorporated, non-profit corporation, the sum of \$..... and/or the following described real estate and/or stocks and bonds.

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

Recognition Day



Library awards



Alternate learning experience award

Each year the children are involved in a project which includes not only educational but also social skills. At the end of the year, awards are given in many categories, some of which are dormitory citizenship, personal growth, growth in relationship with others, growth in speech, growth in work study habits, improved language, athletics, honor roll, library, and scholarship.

This year 33 different children won a variety of awards for growth in these skills.

There were 2 new awards this year. The one was a library award. All year long the children were encouraged to read books and turn in reports on them. For each book, they got a feather on their owl. Three young people read many, many books. The winner was Lisa Bradacs with 82 books.

The second new award was granted to the children involved in the alternate learning experience at St. Peter's. These children spend their whole day integrated with children with normal hearing. This year Frank Okroy won the scholarship award.

We rejoice in the children's growth in all of these very important social and intellectual skills.

Dates

Please write the following dates in your calendar.

- Annual meeting of the Association Churches — October 11, 1978
- The Fall Harvest Festival — October 21, 1978
- Pound Day — November 23 and following
- Christmas Program — December 20, 1978
- Closing Festival — June 10, 1979

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