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*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

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Notes from the Executive

Orient Survey Trip Completed

On April 29, just ten weeks after I had left for my trip to the Orient, I arrived back in St. Louis. Our heavenly Father was most gracious in keeping His protective hand over me as I covered the 21,000 miles of my survey trip. While I was absent from home, the good Lord blessed my family with health, protected them from all harm, and enabled them to await my return cheerfully and patiently.

It is difficult now to sit in my office since I have seen such a great need for bringing the Gospel to the Deaf in these lands of the Far East. No longer are Tokyo, Hong Kong, Manila, and Honolulu only names on a map for me, but these are places in which Deaf live who need the Gospel.

Some distance from Tokyo, Japan, I sat very quietly as a guest at a private wedding. A very lovely young bride and a handsome young husband, dressed in Oriental wedding garments, sat without expression before a very colorful Shinto altar. At a given signal they would rise, bow, and clap their hands, thus praying to the spirits of their ancestors, invoking their blessing upon this marriage. However, the spirits of their ancestors were as deaf as the bridal couple. It is only Christ, our blessed Lord and Savior, who could pour out blessings upon this couple. Someone must bring Christ to them.

In Taipei I shall never forget the 25 or 30 Deaf who came out to the airport on a cold, rainy afternoon to see me off for Hong Kong. They begged me to come back and bring the Gospel to them.

In Hong Kong I was pleasantly surprised to find that a young woman, who is a member of one of our Lutheran congregations there, is also a teacher for the Deaf at a private school. The young woman, Miss Yip, is still learning how to teach the Deaf, but she is eager to do anything she can to bring the Gospel to Deaf children and adults. Pray that the Lord will make use of her and guide her to be His instrument in bringing Christ to Deaf children in Hong Kong.

Although the general condition of the Deaf in Hong Kong is very poor, I was very pleased to see a greater interest toward the Deaf on the part of the Hong Kong government than I had seen in any other country. Both the Social Welfare Department and the Educational Department realize that the Deaf are in need of help and are now studying ways in which they may meet this need. In years to come the Deaf of Hong Kong should see many changes in their living conditions.

The largest school in Hong Kong teaches by the oral method, but some signs are used in the other three smaller schools. Sign language is somewhat of a problem in Hong Kong because there is no one sign language that all of the Deaf use. Some of them use signs very similar to those in Taiwan, while others use signs that were brought out from various parts of the China mainland. It is hoped that as the government works more closely with the Deaf, one sign language will be established for all the Deaf in Hong Kong. About 1,500 Deaf live in Hong Kong at the present time.

It is my impression that the Deaf

have a much harder life in the Philippines than in any other place in the Orient. The government does not seem to be very interested in improving the living conditions of the Deaf. The officers of the main Deaf Association, the Philippine Association for the Deaf, estimate that there are about 40,000 Deaf throughout the islands of the Philippines. Only 263 Deaf are presently enrolled at the only school which is located in Manila. This school also teaches by the oral method. It is not a residential school, and as a result it does not serve the Deaf in the islands. Since the Deaf have not gone to school, many of them have not been trained for work and must get along as well as they can. Except for the cities around Manila, the Deaf do not seem to have much contact with one another. In the Manila area the Philippine Association for the Deaf is quite active and helps train the Deaf for work. Under the Social Welfare Department a pilot program of vocational rehabilitation has also been established. It is hoped that there will be more such vocational training centers established throughout the Philippines.

However, the saddest part of the picture of the Deaf in the Philippines is the fact that religious work is not being properly done among them. The country is strongly Roman Catholic, and the Roman Catholic Church does give some instruc-

tion to their pupils at the school in Manila. However, there are no church services for the Deaf anywhere in the Philippines. Because the country is strongly Roman Catholic, many of the Deaf have been baptized, but the teaching of the blessed truths of the Bible has not followed that baptism.

There are two great difficulties in the way of meeting the spiritual need of the Deaf in the Philippines. First of all, many of the Deaf have not gone to school. As a result many of them seem to have no language of any kind. Secondly, they live in widely scattered and isolated areas. But these difficulties provide no excuse for the church to forget about these people. They, too, are in need of the Gospel, and the church has been commanded to bring the Gospel to all people, including them.

There is no longer any doubt as to the spiritual need of the Deaf in the Far East. There is also no doubt that for the most part these people can be reached in a language they can understand. This need will be discussed very thoroughly by our Board for Missions to the Deaf, our Missionary Conference, and the Board for World Missions. The church cannot and must not close its eyes to those whose ears are closed. Pray for these people that our church may soon bring to them the precious story of Jesus' forgiving love.

W. F. REINKING

Students Volunteer for Summer Work

St. Louis, Mo. Walter Busby, fourth-year student at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., who has been assigned as vicar in the Memphis Field, has volunteered to work with Rev. Francis Gyle in his busy

camp and vacation Bible school program in the State of Florida this summer. Mr. Busby has assisted Pastor Gyle in previous summers and is looking forward again to the wonderful experiences he will have

with the children and young adults in Florida. This will give him good experience which will help him in his vicarage in Memphis, which begins Sept. 1.

A first-year student from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Martin

Hewitt, has also volunteered to work for our mission. He has been assigned to Rev. W. Ferber in North Dakota for the summer months. His work with Pastor Ferber will allow the missionary to concentrate on more home visits in his large mission field.

More Workers for Our Deaf Congregations

St. Louis, Mo. At the meeting of the Board of Assignments in Saint Louis on May 3, the following men received calls to Deaf Mission fields:

Orlin Anderson, Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., received a call to the New York field.

Gerhard Gehrs, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., received a call as assistant pastor at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, Calif., and associate missionary in the Southern California field.

Leroy Mason, Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., received a call to Ephphatha Lutheran Church,

Chicago, and to the South Chicago field.

Franklin Wagenknecht, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, received a call to Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh, Pa., and to the Western Pennsylvania field.

The following men were assigned as vicars (a one-year internship) in the Deaf Mission field:

Larry Harris was assigned to assist Rev. C. Roland Gerhold in the Newark, N. J., field.

Andrew Harneck was assigned to assist Rev. George Ring in the Portland, Oreg., field.

Company Praises Work of Deaf Employee

Inglewood, Calif. Mr. Everett Hollenbeck has earned the commendation of the United Wood Products Co. of Inglewood, Calif., where he is employed. He has also won the gratitude of his fellow members of Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Los Angeles.

Recently the church received a letter from Mr. John J. Van Ness, president of United Wood Products, which states:

Mr. Everett Hollenbeck has been an employee of this company since Nov. 9, 1952.

He was hired with some reservations due to his physical handicaps. However, it became appar-

ent in a very short time that he was a man that had overcome his difficulties and turned them into an asset. He is at this time one of our most valued employees. He is in charge of our frame department and has turned it into the smoothest-running department in our plant.

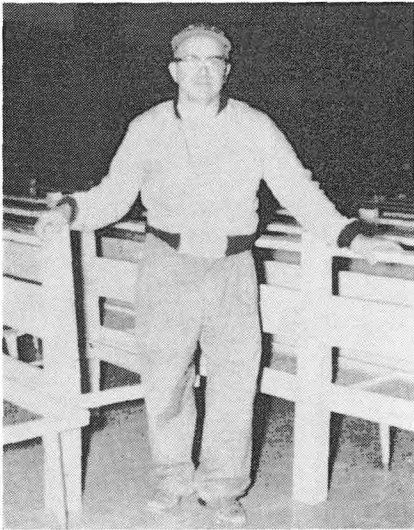
Aside from his technical knowledge of his work, he is always so very pleasant and optimistic and has the rare ability to have people like him and want to work their very best for him.

It is a real pleasure for us to acknowledge the high regard we hold for Everett and we are de-

lighted to see him receive the recognition he so richly deserves

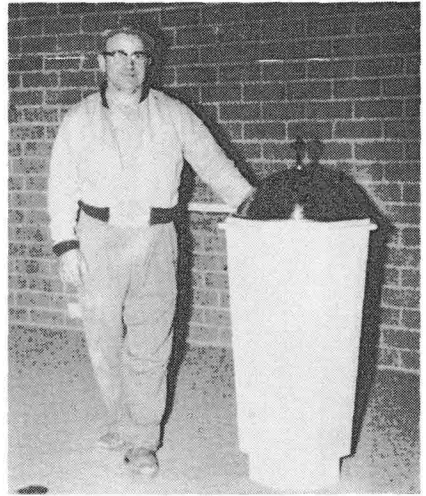
The letter is signed by Mr. John J. Van Ness, President, and Mr. Paul G. Guignet, Secretary-Treasurer.

The members of Pilgrim Church can also add their praises. In order to save money, the members decided to make the pews for their new church. The plans called for 22 curved pews and eight straight pews to provide seating for about 300 people. All were to be made of birchwood and upholstered. That the Deaf can now say that the pews are finished is due in large measure to the untiring efforts, skill, and supervision of Mr. Hollenbeck.



Mr. Everett Hollenbeck with the assembled and finished pews, ready to be upholstered

Working from blueprints supplied by the architect, Mr. Hollenbeck purchased the materials needed and planned all of the work. He received valuable assistance from his friend and co-worker Mr. Neils Boesen, who is also a member of Pilgrim Church for the Deaf. The

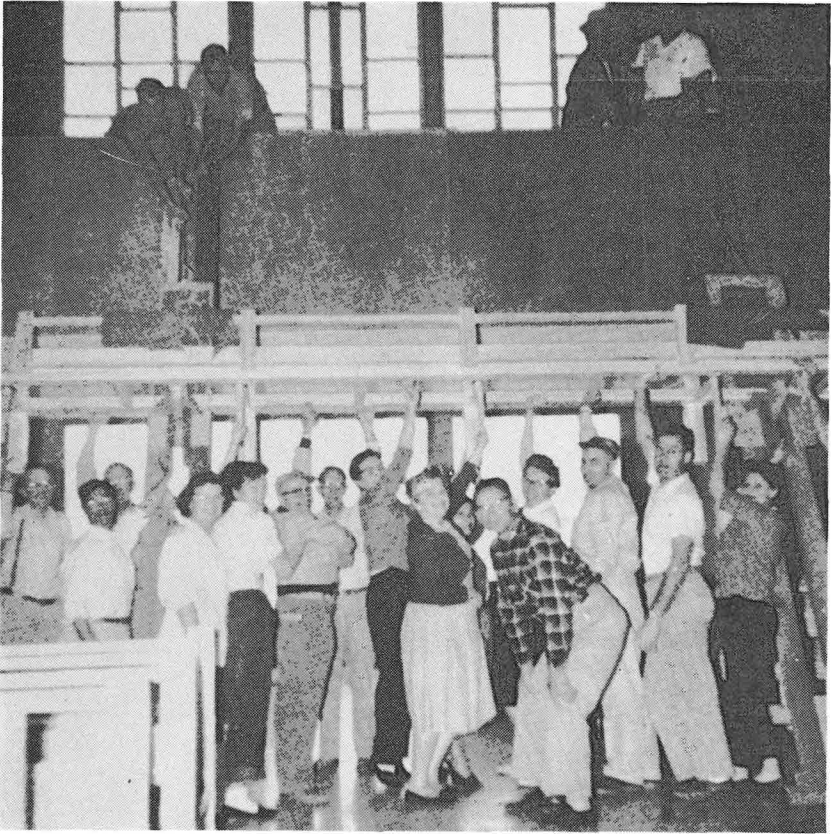


The simple and beautifully finished baptismal font shows Mr. Hollenbeck's professional skill and craftsmanship. The top is of copper

birchwood was purchased from United Wood Products. The company permitted Mr. Hollenbeck and Mr. Boesen to use their equipment to cut the wood to size. The men of Pilgrim Church, supervised by Mr. Hollenbeck, did the assembly work and the finishing work on the



The pulpit matches the baptismal font in simplicity of design. The lower portions are of brass. In the foreground is the Communion rail built by Mr. Hollenbeck



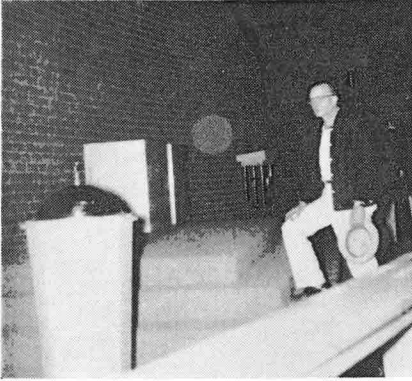
"Helping" to lift the assembled pews up to the balcony of Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Los Angeles

pews. This took many weeks and months of work in the evenings on weekdays and all day on Saturdays. The result, however, is worth all the effort. They can now point with pride to a big job well done, and done almost entirely by the Deaf themselves.

Mr. Hollenbeck used his "spare time" and his skill to further assist the church. Assisted by Mr. Boesen, he made the baptismal font, the wood parts of the pulpit, the Communion rail, and the inside planter boxes which separate the entrance way of the church from the worship area. All these items are made of matching birchwood.

The upholstery work on the pews has been done by Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Smith, also members of the congregation. Mrs. Smith, who works for Shane Furniture of Calif., was assisted by her forelady, Mrs. Josephine Soule, who helped with the cutting and sewing of the fabric for the foam-rubber cushions for the backs and seats. Many of the ladies of Pilgrim Church also helped with the sewing.

The Deaf members have also done most of the finish carpentry work and most of the painting. All the many things which have been done, and especially the pews, are a testimonial to what the members of



Rev. A. T. Jonas inspects the newly carpeted chancel. The uncompleted altar is made of marble

a Deaf congregation can do when they work together in a good Christian spirit and with a good purpose in mind.

Meditation

But deliver us from evil

What does this mean?

These words are like a summary of all the other things that we ask in the Lord's Prayer. We ask that God would save us from every bad thing that might happen to our body or to our soul, to our property or to ourselves. Then, when our last hour comes, that God would give us a blessed end and take us from this sinful world to Himself in heaven.

How does God deliver us from evil?

God delivers [saves] us from evil by protecting us from the Evil One, the devil. Not only does God Himself watch over us and protect us from evil, but He also sends His holy angels to help keep us from harm and danger.

If God delivers us from evil, why do we still suffer from sickness and pain and other misfortune in life?

As long as we live in this sinful world, we cannot escape the evil things which sin has brought into the world. But God can use the things which seem evil to us to bring us closer to Him. If a long illness does strengthen our faith in God, then we have been delivered from the evil even though it causes us some pain and suffering. Even death, which may seem like an evil to us as we live on earth, is really our final deliverance from all evil.

Conversational Language

The mere fact that a deaf child may have learned to speak does not mean that the child will always know what to say. How to introduce people, what to say when you are introduced, how to ask directions, how to express sympathy for a friend, how to ask a girl for a date — all these ordinary, everyday bits of conversation must be practiced and learned before the deaf person will have the courage to use his speech in public in ordinary conversational language.

To meet this need, Miss Grace Mannen, long-time teacher of the Deaf and now on the staff of the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Mich., has written a book called *Conversational Language*. It is being published by the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf in Washington, D. C.

The book will be a great help to deaf children to use as a guide in improving their conversation.



Editorials

Are You a Worker for Christ?

Who is a worker for Christ? A worker for Christ is one who goes out and tells others of the great things God has done for him.

One day Jesus had delivered a man from devils. When Jesus stepped into a ship, the man prayed that he might come with Him. But Jesus did not allow this. He said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how great things the Lord has done for you and has had compassion on you" (Mark 5:18, 19). And the man departed and began to publish how great things Jesus had done for him, and all men did marvel. (V. 20)

So perhaps one or the other will ask: "When we have come to faith in Jesus and are saved, why does He not at once take us from this vale of tears to Himself in heaven? Then we would be free from all trouble and all the temptations and problems of this life."

But Jesus does not do it. He lets us stay in this wicked world. He tells us also, "Go home to your friends and tell them how great things the Lord has done for you."

We learn about these great things in church, how Jesus, the Lamb of God, went into bitter suffering and death to take away the sins of the world. We rejoice with Jesus in His resurrection from the dead, and our hearts are filled with the hope of our own resurrection to eternal life. Great things indeed!

And now we should go and tell of these things. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He gave this last command to His believers, saying, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). This is our work for Jesus. This is why you and I are still in the world.

"Go and tell your friends." This is what Andrew did. When he and John met Jesus, Andrew first found his own brother, Simon Peter, and told him, "We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ." And then we read these beautiful words, "*And he brought him to Jesus.*" It seems that John did the same thing and brought his brother James to Jesus.

Dear friend, is everyone in your home a follower of Jesus? Have you perhaps a father or mother, brother or sister, husband or wife, son or daughter, who has not yet found this Jesus, the Savior of sinners? "Go and tell."

We read of the Samaritan woman who had come to draw water from the well where Jesus sat, that when she learned that Jesus was the promised Savior, she forgot her water pot, hurried to the city, and told her friends and neighbors of Christ and brought them all to Jesus. They believed, saying, "Now we believe, not because of your saying; for we have heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the

Christ, the Savior of the world" (John 4:28-42). So forget everything. Hurry, and bring your friends and neighbors to Jesus as this woman did.

Have you a Deaf friend who is still in his sins and does not know the Savior? Hurry! Go and tell him before it is too late. There is nothing better in all the world that you can do for him than this. James writes, "Let him know that he which converts the sinner from the error of

his way shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins." (James 5:20)

What a blessed work! Friend, are you a worker for Christ? Are you bringing others to Jesus? Are you winning souls for your Savior? May our dear Lord make you a faithful fisher of men in His kingdom unto the glory of His precious name and the salvation of many blood-bought souls. God help you in doing it!
J. L. SALVNER

John of Beverley Award

Mill Neck, L. I., N. Y. The John of Beverley Medal will be granted in 1960 to the late Miss Martha E. Bruhn of Boston, Mass. She will be recognized for the unique and enduring contributions made in her lifetime in the development of teachers of lip reading.

The Selection Committee had reached its decision to honor Miss Bruhn in mid-March and had completed all the arrangements to make the presentation in late spring when word was received that she had departed this life. It was decided to honor the memory of this dedicated Christian lady by making the award to a member of her immediate family.

Miss Bruhn was a young Boston public school teacher when her career was interrupted by deafness. She decided not to let her loss of hearing handicap her in her work. She founded the first American lip-reading school for deaf adults in September 1902, at the Pierce Building, Copley Square, Boston.

Unable to find suitable lip-reading training for adults on this continent, she studied in Germany, adapting the methods she learned to English.

After the opening of her lip-reading school in Boston, a teacher training class was added. Textbooks still in active use in many languages were published. Schools from coast to coast sought her aid in advanced work and teacher training.

After World War I Miss Bruhn adapted the course in lip-reading for teaching deafened American and French veterans. She also founded the Boston Guild for the Hard of Hearing.

Miss Bruhn was a life-long member of First Lutheran Church of Boston.

The first awardee of the bronze medal was Dr. John A. Salvner of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The presentation was made at the triennial convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in 1959.

New Field Opened in Southeast United States

St. Louis, Mo. Rev. W. A. Westermann has moved to Greensboro, N. C., and will be our first missionary to live in the southeast part of the United States. He will serve North and South Carolina and East-

ern Tennessee for the present time.

Rev. Henry Hoemann, editor of this paper, has accepted the call to Washington, D. C., and will move to the Washington area about the middle of August.



Attend Motion Picture at Newington Church

W. Hartford, Conn. A group of 23 Deaf joined the members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in viewing the motion picture *The Power of the Resurrection*. Rev. Earl Thaler interpreted the movie for the Deaf in the audience.

Bethlehem Sunday School Members Confirmed

Omaha, Nebr. Three girls from Bethlehem Sunday School in Omaha have transferred membership to other Lutheran churches upon their confirmation on Palm Sunday. Jeanne Teater was confirmed at First Lutheran Church, and Shirley Miller and Sandra Stafford were confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church.

To Organize Cradle Roll

Omaha, Nebr. The Sunday School of Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Omaha is organizing a Cradle Roll department to assist parents in giving Christian guidance at home to their children before they are old enough to be enrolled in Sunday school. Carolyn Stafford

will act as secretary of the new department.

First Communion

Jacksonville, Ill. A group of nine Deaf youngsters was confirmed and received their first Communion on May 15. They are: Marvin Hester, Ken Koaglund, Bruce Jackson, Melvin Long, Betty Muench, Ernest Richmond, Candyce Shaw, Thomas Smith, and Robert White.

At noon the same day the annual church-Sunday school picnic was held on the church grounds with more than 150 persons enjoying the fellowship and refreshments.

In the afternoon Lutheran pupils of the Illinois School for the Deaf who graduated or who will not return in the fall were treated to a game of miniature golf and an evening meal by Pastor and Mrs. Thies.

Baptisms in Minot, N. Dak.

Minot, N. Dak. Roland Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Whetter of Mohall, N. Dak., and David Neil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Meek of Minot, N. Dak., were baptized by Rev. W. Ferber in Minot on March 27.

Adult Confirmation in Columbus

Columbus, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Offenburger of Columbus, Ohio, were received into membership with Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ohio, on April 3. Rev. William Ludwig is their pastor.

Baptism in Evansville

Evansville, Ind. On Easter Sunday Michael Andrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brinkmann of Mount Carmel, Ill., was baptized into the Christian faith. Michael's grandparents and great-grandparents also attended the baptismal service, conducted by Rev. Gene Merrell.

Baptism in Columbus

Columbus, Ohio. James Alvin and Vicky Lee, children of Mr. and Mrs. William Burris, were baptized on Palm Sunday at Holy Cross Church in Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Thelma Fankhouser and Mr. Francis Foster were sponsors. Rev. William Ludwig officiated.

Rev. Marlin Sampson Accepts Call

Rev. Marlin Sampson, who has served as missionary to the Deaf in the southern part of the United States for 6½ years, has accepted a call to Bethany (hearing) congregation, Hawthorne, Nev.

Rev. Sampson began his ministry at a hearing mission church in Watonga, Okla., and in 1953 accepted a call as missionary to the Deaf in the Gulf States region, with headquarters in Jackson, Miss. In 1956 He accepted the call as missionary to the Deaf in Oklahoma, with headquarters in Oklahoma City. He was the first resident missionary of our church for the Deaf in Oklahoma for many years.

Rev. Sampson will move to Ne-

vada at the end of June. Our prayers go with him that the Lord might richly bless the new field of work that he is entering.

Midwest Regional Conference

Kansas City, Mo. The Midwest Regional Conference will be held Aug. 27 and 28 in Kansas City, Mo. Executive Secretary William F. Reinking will speak on his trip to the Orient on Saturday evening, Aug. 27.

Montana Lutheran Lay Deaf Conference

Spokane, Wash. The Montana Lutheran Lay Deaf Conference will be held at a Lutheran Camp on Flathead Lake July 16 and 17.

New Members in Jacksonville, Ill., Field

Jacksonville, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson were received as communicant members of Christ Congregation on April 3. Jerome Anderson, their son, was baptized in the same service by Rev. D. Thies.

Mr. and Mrs. Parke Quinn were received as members of the Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 10.

Becky and Donald, children of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Nunes, Jacksonville, Ill., were baptized into the Christian faith on April 3 and 10 respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Belford and Mrs. Dean Seebach were received into membership on May 1.

Mr. Eugene Jones, Peoria, Ill., was baptized and received as a communicant member on Palm Sunday at Peoria.

Tony Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pepperdine, Decatur, Ill., was baptized on Easter Sunday at Decatur.

At Burlington, Iowa, now officially

a part of the Central Illinois field, the following new members were received: Henry Fleenor, Leroy Fleenor, Mrs. Charles Pope, Jr., and Mrs. Mary Cousins.

Speaks at Baccalaureate Service

Jacksonville, Ill. Pastor Delbert Thies of Christ Church for the Deaf in Jacksonville was invited by the Illinois School for the Deaf to speak at the baccalaureate service on May 29. The deaf congregation attended the service in the school chapel.

Fashion Show

Newark, N. J. The Protestant Guild for the Deaf staged a fashion (?) show at Bruce Street School on April 22. The program also included colored slides of Guild activities, a tap dance by Robert Ruscansky,



Talented models from the Protestant Guild for the Deaf parade their fashionable garments for the audience



Equally fashionable and no less talented is this display of striking apparel

and a magic show by James Casey "Blackdini."

The affair was held to promote a summer camp for Deaf children.

Daughter born to Rev. and Mrs. Jasper

New York, N. Y. Rev. and Mrs. Louis Jasper of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in New York are the parents of a daughter, Judith Maxine, born April 26. Judith weighed 6 lbs 15 oz. at birth.

Married in Omaha

Omaha, Nebr. LeRoy Rickabaugh and Janette Louise Devlin were married in Omaha on April 16. Rev. Herman Graef conducted the ceremony.

Baptism in Sioux City

Sioux City, Iowa. Kathleen Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd

Norris of Sioux City, Iowa, was baptized into the Christian faith on April 10.

Fellowship Meal

Jacksonville, Ill. Pastor and Mrs. Thies held a farewell and fellowship meal for Sunday school teachers who came to Jacksonville, Ill., each Sunday from Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., to lead Sunday school classes. The meal was served after the morning service on May 8. Mr. Leroy Mason preached while other seminary students took part in the liturgy.

On May 22 Mr. Orlin Anderson preached. Both Leroy Mason and Orlin Anderson will enter the Deaf Mission field upon their graduation from the seminary.

"New Arrival" at Thies Parsonage

Jacksonville, Ill. Mary Ann Howard, a pupil at the Illinois State School for the Deaf, came to live at the Thies parsonage on May 1. The whereabouts of her parents is unknown. Mary, eight years old, will be a foster child at the Thies home for one year. After this time she may be adopted by the Thies family.

Official Acts in the Detroit Field, January Through April 1960

Detroit, Mich. Rev. N. E. Borchart reports the following official acts for the Detroit field:

Baptisms: Robert Andrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Steele of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, on Jan 31. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Peschalk and Deaconess Marie Bliefnick.

Judy Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Denson of Richmond, Mich., on March 27. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. William Zielisch.

Mary Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Moore of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, on March 27. Witnesses were Mr. Clifford Martin and Mrs. Mae Stewart.

Susan Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wisuri of Detroit, Mich., on April 3. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mayry.

Annette Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Henderson of Lansing, Mich., on April 10. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. William McKenney.

David Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Fitter of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, on May 1 in Detroit. Witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. William Toews.

Debra Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Rodgers of Davison, Mich., on May 1 in Flint. Sponsors were Ronald Backer and Kathleen Backer.

The following children from the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit were baptized on March 29: Rosalie Cheifets, Debra Renee Flye, Patricia Ann Ford, Elisa Haggard, Antoinette Hall, Danny Wayne Kessler, Mary Elizabeth Martin, and Denise Ann Thompson.

Confirmations: On April 10 the following pupils of the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit were confirmed: Jane Anderson, Linda Baetz, Paul Blazek, Linda Cervi, Barbara Gossmann, Jane Orr, and Gerald Schwartz.

The following adults were confirmed in Detroit on April 17: Gordon Bachman, James Larry, Harvey Lowe, Mrs. Marguerite Stein, Regina Velthuysen, and Albert Zucolo.

The following were confirmed in Flint, Mich., on May 1: Mrs. Elber Beuerle, adult; and from the school, Norma Carls, Ivan Hardenburg,

Diana Jones, Sharon Loomis, Steve Kovacs, Robert Phillips, David Takacs, Jack Wilson, Carl Wineman, and Marika Vorosmarty.

On May 8 Mrs. Dorothy Forseman was confirmed in Lansing, Mich.

Funerals: Mrs. Ida M. Beuerle passed away on Jan. 7 and was buried on Jan. 9.

Mr. William Heck, 81, passed away on April 28 and was buried on April 30.

Weddings: Stanley Mackey and Ellen Wyman, both formerly of Detroit and now residing in Ohio, were married in Detroit on Jan. 23.

John Miallard of Ann Arbor and Barbara DeKay of Pontiac were married in Detroit on April 27. They will make their home in Indiana.

Baptized in Vancouver, British Columbia

Vancouver, B. C., Canada. Donald, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bryons, and Kerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Milton, were baptized by Rev. J. Beyer on May 1.

Deaf Attend Dedication of Lutheran Church

Vancouver, B. C., Canada. Rev. E. M. Tritt invited the Deaf of Vancouver to attend the dedication service of Killarney Park Lutheran Church on March 6. Rev. J. Beyer interpreted the sermon by Rev. L. Gierach in the evening service.

Mr. William S. Reid of Vancouver reports that the Deaf were afforded an opportunity to inspect the building, and enjoyed the feeling of the congregation's Christian friendship. An old friend of the Deaf in Vancouver, Rev. V. Meyer, renewed his acquaintances with those who were present and showed a keen interest in the work which he had begun more than 25 years before.

Two Missionaries Hospitalized

St. Louis, Mo. Rev. George Ring spent a few weeks in a Portland, Oreg., hospital earlier this year. He continues to recover. He has been given the help of a vicar for next year to lessen the strain of his work.

On May 5 Rev. Herman Graef of Omaha, Nebr., was involved in a serious auto accident. He was thrown from his car after another car, traveling at a high rate of speed, struck his automobile. Pastor Graef suffered a brain concussion and possible internal injuries. Miraculously, no bones were broken.

We pray that God will look upon His two servants and mercifully grant them renewed health and strength.

Fry and Daberko Wed

Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. William Fry and Miss Carol Daberko were joined in holy wedlock at Springdale, Pa., on Saturday, May 14. The service, interpreted by Pastor H. Hoemann, took place at the Springdale Methodist Church. The couple will make their home in Los Angeles, Calif.

Marriage Ceremony by Rev. L. Stacy

Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Miss Janet Stubbe of Greene, Iowa, and Mr. LeRoy Twachtmann of Hiawatha, Iowa, were married on May 15 in Greene. Rev. L. Stacy, formerly a missionary to the Deaf, performed the ceremony.

Baptism in Webster City, Iowa

Des Moines, Iowa. Rodney Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carlson, was received into the Kingdom of Grace through Holy Baptism in Webster City on April 24. Rev. Clark Bailey officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Ginger were sponsors.



Devotions

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Daily Bible Readings for July

July 1 — 2 Kings 20: 1-11	July 16 — Jeremiah 11: 1-17
July 2 — 2 Kings 20: 12-21	July 17 — Jeremiah 13: 1-14
July 3 — Isaiah 6: 1-13	July 18 — Jeremiah 20: 7-18
July 4 — Romans 13: 1-10	July 19 — Jeremiah 15: 10-21
July 5 — Isaiah 7: 1-17	July 20 — Jeremiah 20: 1-6
July 6 — Isaiah 1: 12-20	July 21 — Jeremiah 26: 1-19
July 7 — Isaiah 20: 1-6	July 22 — Jeremiah 27: 1-15
July 8 — Isaiah 22: 15-25	July 23 — Jeremiah 28: 1-17
July 9 — Isaiah 30: 1-14	July 24 — Jeremiah 32: 1-15
July 10 — Isaiah 37: 1-20	July 25 — Jeremiah 37: 1-21
July 11 — 2 Kings 22: 1-12	July 26 — Jeremiah 38: 1-13
July 12 — 2 Kings 23: 1-14	July 27 — Jeremiah 39: 1-14
July 13 — 2 Chronicles 34: 29-33	July 28 — Jeremiah 40: 1-6
July 14 — 2 Chronicles 35: 20-27	July 29 — Jeremiah 41: 16-42: 17
July 15 — Jeremiah 1: 1-19	July 30 — Jeremiah 43: 1-13
	July 31 — Jeremiah 51: 59-64

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