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*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

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that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

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A Personal Word

It is with mixed feelings that your present editor announces his resignation as editor of the DEAF LUTHERAN. It was early in 1959 that the sainted Rev. N. P. Uhlig resigned as editor, and the Board for Missions to the Deaf appointed me, Pastor H. W. Hoemann, to be the editor of this magazine.

The opportunity to serve the entire Lutheran Church of the Deaf from Vancouver to Miami, from New England to Los Angeles, has been indeed an opportunity to be prized as well as a responsibility to be sincerely recognized. For over five years we have enjoyed a fine and friendly relationship with many pastors and lay people who have contributed material to be published in the DEAF LUTHERAN and who have participated in the effective publication of this periodical by their timely suggestions and constructive criticism.

Special thanks are due certainly to Rev. Earl Thaler for his efforts in behalf of the DEAF LUTHERAN. His attention to promotional materials has surely brought this magazine to the attention of increasing numbers of deaf people with a resulting increase in support for it on the part of paid subscribers. We should also remember at this time Rev. William F. Reinking. It was Pastor Reinking who first appointed your present editor to this position in his capacity as Executive Secretary of the Board for Missions to the Deaf. After the appointment he continued to support the magazine and its editor with his regular contributions as Executive Secretary and since that time with regular letters from Hong Kong. It is this kind

of regular support and contributions to its contents which makes the DEAF LUTHERAN the excellent publication it is.

Concordia Publishing House is also deserving of a word of gratitude for the efficient and careful way in which it has published this magazine. The watchful eye of the staff of this quality institution has prevented many of your editor's mistakes from appearing in print and has helped to see to it that you, the readers, received each and every issue when it was scheduled to arrive.

The Board for Missions to the Deaf, acting through Rev. H. Rohe, its Executive Secretary, has appointed Rev. Martin Hewitt of Cleveland, Ohio, to succeed the present editor. The transfer of the editorship is scheduled to take place Sept. 15. Pastor Hewitt brings to the DEAF LUTHERAN the same genuine ability and attention to detail which have made the *Sower*, parish paper for the Cleveland field, a consistently admirable product.

Please observe the following instructions for the contribution of pictures and articles to the DEAF LUTHERAN. Until Sept. 15 continue to send all church bulletins and articles to 1103 Lambertson Dr., Silver Spring, Md. After Sept. 15 please direct all correspondence relating to the contents of the DEAF LUTHERAN to Rev. Martin Hewitt, 1221 Virginia Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44107. At the same time subscriptions are to be sent as before to the DEAF LUTHERAN, 210 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Mo. 63102. Requests for promotional material will be honored by Rev. Earl Thaler, 32 Brunswick Ave., West Hartford, Conn. 06107.

To the many faithful readers and contributors which the DEAF LUTHERAN has enjoyed for the past several years we offer our sincere gratitude. It is for you, the readers, that this magazine is published by the Board for Missions to the Deaf and edited by its appointee. Your continued support and cooperation will be welcomed in the future as in the past, and will make it possible for the editor to create for your reading enjoyment an even better magazine in the future.

One final word is in order. There is, in the final analysis, only one reason for the existence of this magazine, only one basic purpose for which it is published, and that is to proclaim also by this means the

Word of God, the message of salvation, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As this Word is preached and this Gospel proclaimed, then God may accomplish through this Word His purposes, and through this publication His will. Not that we would put words in the mouth of God, but we pray that He would place His words on our lips, write His words in our mind, and graft His words in our heart. Then when we speak, it will be His words that we speak, and when we write, it will be His will that guides us. May this be the role of the DEAF LUTHERAN, that through it God may speak to the Deaf, and in it we may speak to each other of God's love. EDITOR

Letter from Hong Kong

Typhoon Winnie

Last month I started off my letter with news about Viola, and this month I can write about Winnie, the second typhoon of the season. Winnie missed us by 300 miles, but for 2½ days we had strong winds and some very heavy rain. For this rain we are always thankful to the Lord. As a result of the more than 11 inches of rain that Viola brought our water supply was changed from three hours of water every fourth day to four hours every second day. The rains kept coming, and soon the supply was changed to 4 hours every day. Now just a few days ago the supply was increased again to 8 hours every day. God has been very bounteous in His blessings of rain to this part of the world. Just as much as He has opened the heavens to pour down this water, so we must now make available to these

people the precious water of life, from which one drinks and thirsts no more.

Macao

The big news regarding our work among the Deaf is the beginning of deaf work in Macao. Macao is a small Portuguese colony 40 miles west of Hong Kong, made up of 250,000 people living on a small peninsula and two small islands. To reach Macao, one must either fly or go by boat. The deaf committee of the Hong Kong Conference asked that a survey be made of the number and needs of the Deaf in Macao. On Monday, June 8, Rev. George Winkler, chairman of the deaf committee; Rev. Philip Ho, who works part time with the Deaf; and I took the hydrofoil to spend a day there to do this survey. It was sad to learn that no one in the government offices

that we visited was aware of the Deaf and their problems. They had programs for the blind, but no one before had ever thought about the Deaf. They indicated a willingness to provide for the needs of the Deaf if we would share our findings with them. This means that there are no schools for the Deaf, no vocational training, no help of any kind. No one was able to give us any idea as to the numbers of the Deaf in the Colony.

A Good Beginning

For three days prior to our visit the local pastor, Rev. Titus Lee, had advertised our coming in the paper and invited the Deaf to a meeting at St. Paul's Church at 8:00 p. m. the evening we were to arrive. We were able to make contact with four deaf people on the island of Taipa, ½ hour's ferry ride from Macao, but these were the only names that we had. We would just have to wait and see how the Lord would answer our prayers that we might be able to reach the Deaf. By 8:00 a few parents had brought some deaf children. Gradually more and more arrived. By the time we began our meeting 35 Deaf were present along with 65 relatives and friends who could hear. The story of Jesus' love for sinners was told as simply and graphically as possible with the limited material available. How eagerly the Deaf watched and how interested were the parents! Pastor Winkler preached the sermon, and Rev. Ho signed. What a thrill it was to see those hands which had known no language begin to sign "Jehsu ai wo," "Jesus loves me." After the meeting we told the parents and friends of the Deaf of our interest in the Deaf and I showed some

slides of our deaf work in the States along with work in Hong Kong. We asked the parents to register the names and other information regarding the Deaf who were present. Altogether there were 11 females and 24 males. Of these, 29 were between the ages of 6 and 20, and only three had any education at all. Only three were from a Christian home. Besides the Deaf themselves this provides the church with an opportunity of reaching the friends and relatives of the Deaf with the Gospel.

Set Up Program

We returned to Hong Kong with gratitude to God for bringing so many people for us to serve. Now what should we do? The deaf committee decided to begin a program immediately. They felt that the door the Lord had opened to us should not be closed. Thus on June 22 I returned to Macao with Rev. Ho and Mr. Wong Chik Sang, the deaf parish worker, who had agreed to make the trip each Monday to teach the Deaf. We had notified the Deaf by mail that we were planning to begin a weekly program on Monday evening to run from 8 to 10 p. m. During these two hours we would teach the children signs, written vocabulary, and Bible stories. During the morning and afternoon of the 22d we visited some of the homes of the Deaf. One mother told us that her son was so thrilled about going back to the church that he had his good clothes on already at 7:00 that morning. Another mother told how pleased her son was to hear from us. He showed his letter to everyone in the neighborhood, since it was the first letter he had ever received. In every home we

found a very welcome reception, and through the help of these parents we located four other deaf young people.

Weekly Visits

Twenty-eight Deaf were present for the opening of our regular program. The materials we used were a translation of the John of Beverley religious workbook, Book I. This is the series of books that Mill Neck Lutheran School in New York is publishing with help in writing from several of our missionaries. The simple language and vocabulary helps us teachers build up the language of these children while we are teaching the power, love, and mercy of God. The children all showed great interest, and what a thrill it was to see the joy on the faces of the parents as they saw their children learning for the first time. About the same number returned for class on the following week, and we feel that as news of this work spreads, more Deaf will be brought to us. While the Deaf are in class, the hearing parents and friends who brought them to church meet in another room to learn of Jesus' love for them from Pastor Lee, so the work is reaching more than only the Deaf. About the same number of hearing people are learning of Christ's love for them for the first time. Remember this new work in Macao in your prayers that the Lord will bless the faithful labors of those who will be doing the teaching each week. It is the hope of the committee that the Macao church can eventually take care of the deaf work themselves, so Mr. Wong is now beginning to teach signs to the pastor and the evangelist and any other

members who are interested in learning.

A Thrilling Experience

Speaking of thrilling experiences, there was another one that I must tell you about. A few days ago Pastor Ho and I visited the home of a young deaf girl at the request of her parents. They had been having some discipline problems with her. She was a baptized member of our church, but her parents were not Christian. Pastor Ho visited with the girl and showed her how a Christian honors and respects parents according to the Fourth Commandment. He stressed repentance and forgiveness in Christ. The parents had been to visit our service the week before, but otherwise had no contact with a Christian church. As Pastor Ho continued to talk with the girl, the father said that he felt it would be good for him and his wife to accompany their daughter to church so they could learn more of Christ. This was enough reason for joy. Then he stated that he had resolved to take the idols out of his house and would do so the next day. The following Sunday the family was in church and stated that the idols had been taken out. To replace them, Rev. Ho presented the family with a picture of Jesus to be hung in their home as a reminder of the One who loved them and gave His life for them. One more defeat of Satan.

Taiwan

Next month I plan to make my first trip to Taiwan to see firsthand what is being done there for the Deaf. God willing, I shall leave Hong Kong on Aug. 3 and return on Aug. 15. Remember to pray for the

Deaf in all parts of the world that the Gospel of Christ will be brought to them. Show your gratitude to the Lord for having brought you the Gospel by your study of the Word of God, your sharing your gifts with

God, and your willing service to your church.

God be with you all through this month and always.

REV. WILLIAM F. REINKING
Kowloon, Hong Kong

Pastor Bailey Installed in Oakland as Dr. Gaertner Retires

More than 300 persons crowded into Memorial Lutheran Chapel for the Deaf in Oakland on Trinity Sunday for the twofold worship service of thanksgiving which saw the installation of Pastor Clark R. Bailey as new missionary to the Deaf and the retirement of Dr. George W. Gaertner after 48 years as missionary to the Deaf.

Pastor Arnold T. Jonas of Los Angeles, regional Counselor for the Pacific Coast, preached the jubilee sermon on the basis of Jer. 1:4-10. Counselor Arnold A. Levenhagen of California and Nevada District's Circuit No. 2—Concordia installed the new missionary, assisted by Dr. Gaertner and Pastors Jonas, DeLaney, and Monroe S. Teachenor.

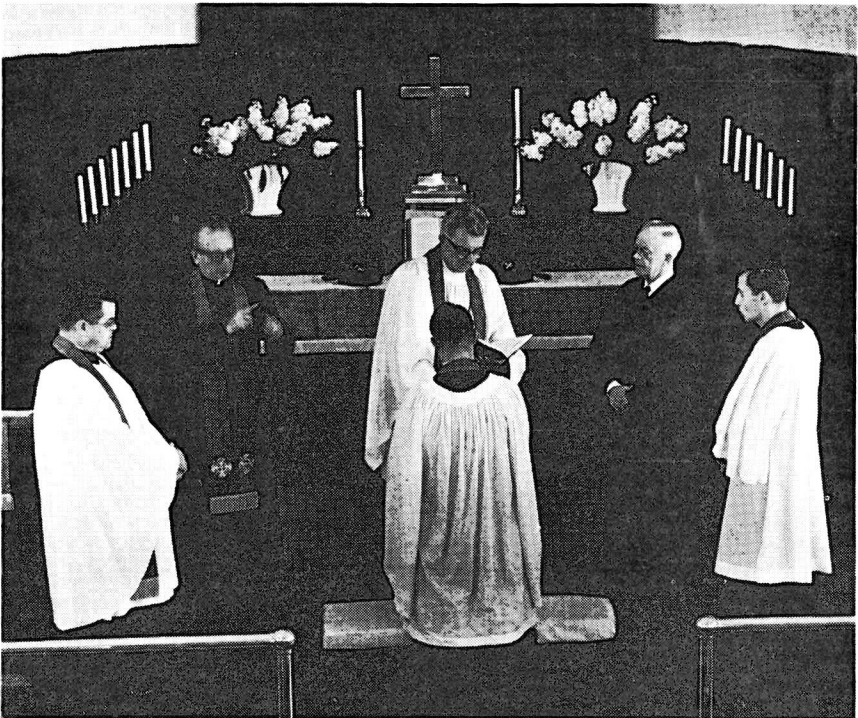


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Installation of Rev. Clark R. Bailey, kneeling, by Rev. Arnold A. Levenhagen, officiating. Other clergymen are, l. to r.: Rev. Theo. DeLaney, Rev. Arnold Jonas, Dr. G. W. Gaertner, and Rev. Monroe S. Teachenor

Mrs. Ronald Burr served as leader for the deaf congregation during the opening liturgy. Mr. Yachtman Sue, Mrs. Horace McAllister, and Mrs. Gussie DeMartini presented special hymns in the sign language, which were interpreted for the hearing by Pastor DeLaney.

After the service both Pastor Bailey and Dr. Gaertner were guests of honor during a reception in the parish hall.

For the 36-year-old new missionary, this represented a homecoming. He was born and reared in Fresno, Calif. Since his graduation from St. Louis in 1953 Pastor Bailey has served the Denver field and the Des Moines field of deaf missions.

For the 71-year-old retiring missionary, Dr. Gaertner, the day marked the conclusion of the longest continuous service as parish pastor for the Deaf. While it is true that the sainted Dr. John L. Salvner of Minneapolis completed more years in the active ministry, only 42 of these years were in the full-time parish work among the Deaf. From 1943 to his retirement Dr. Salvner served the church as executive secretary of the Board for Missions to the Deaf — and only incidentally served as assistant pastor of the Minneapolis deaf congregation.

Dr. George Walter Gaertner graduated from Concordia College in Milwaukee 1913 and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis 1916. He was ordained by President Frederick Pfothenhauer in Chicago, Sept. 16, 1916, during Ephphatha Conference. Assigned a call into deaf missions upon his graduation, Pastor Gaertner worked in the Great Lakes area, preparing for service in the mission for the balance of 1916. He was installed in Spokane Jan. 7, 1917, and

a week later at Seattle — his headquarters, the first full-time resident missionary to the Deaf in the Northwest. From here he served the Deaf of Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia.

Missionary Gaertner's work, however, was not confined to the Northwest. He made repeated visits to California, going as far as San Diego, during vacancies in the Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay area missions. He prepared Pastor Martin T. Engel for the Bay area mission, and when Pastor Engel accepted a call to a hearing congregation in Berkeley, he became the new missionary to the Deaf in Northern California. Pastor Gaertner was installed in the Oakland field (then called Berkeley or Bay area) Sept. 27, 1931, and continued serving this field until his official retirement. Although Dr. Gaertner's retirement was announced last July, he continued active, serving the field as its vacancy pastor until his successor was installed May 24.

From his Oakland headquarters Dr. Gaertner continued his interest in the spiritual welfare of the Deaf all along the Pacific Coast. When the office of regional counselor for deaf missions was established in 1949, he was elected the Counselor for the Pacific Coast region — an office he held till last year, when he resigned for reasons of health. In connection with his work as missionary to the Deaf, Dr. Gaertner trained seven men in the sign language for work among the Deaf. Pastor Erich O. Eichmann took over the Portland field from Pastor Gaertner in 1924 and served it until 1942, when he accepted a hearing congregation's call. He has again served this field as vacancy pastor for the past year.

Pastor Martin T. Engel took over the vacant San Francisco Bay area field in 1928 and served until Pastor Gaertner's arrival in 1931. Pastor Carl G. Frice took over the Spokane field in 1924 and served it until his health forced his resignation in 1929. Pastor Arnold T. Jonas took over the Sioux Falls field in 1937 after preparing with Pastor Gaertner. He is still serving the Deaf. Pastor E. Theo. DeLaney prepared under Dr. Gaertner for work with the Deaf while still a student at Oakland's California Concordia College and reviewed his preparation when entering full-time service to the Deaf in 1947. Concordia student Stanley Behrends also studied the sign language from Dr. Gaertner while in college. He is now preparing for a colloquy to become pastor for the Deaf. Pastor Robert M. Corl, as a colloquy vicar, worked under Dr. Gaertner prior to taking up the work in the Madison field.

Pastor Gaertner's yeoman's service to the religious education of the Deaf is well attested by the hundreds of children he taught at California School for the Deaf in Berkeley, as well as his influence in the training of pupils in the Washington and Oregon schools for the Deaf.

Dr. Gaertner served the church at large through his two terms as instructor in German at Oakland's California Concordia College, 1937 to 1939, his service as secretary of the Board of Control for the same college, 1939—1947, as First Vice-President of the California and Nevada District, 1942—1945.

Missionary Gaertner throughout his almost half-century career recognized that the church must minister to the whole man. Hence he was vitally interested in the social

welfare of his people. When he delivered one of the essays at the West Coast Regional Workshop for the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration, representatives from the Washington, D. C., office were amazed that they had not heard from him earlier on the East Coast, according to Dr. Boyce Williams of that office.

Dr. Gaertner's long and faithful service to the Deaf was fittingly recognized by reception of letters and telegrams from all over the nation. In the name of President Johnson, the chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped extended to Dr. Gaertner "the thanks of a grateful nation." President Eisenhower telegraphed his greetings. California's Governor Edmond G. Brown, Oakland's Mayor Houlihan, Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, Dr. Boyce Williams, and the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Anthony J. Celebrezze, were among those sending greetings to Dr. Gaertner upon his retirement May 24.

Church leaders likewise took time to congratulate the veteran missionary upon his retirement. Messages were received from Dr. Oliver R. Harms and from Dr. John W. Behnken, the present and past Presidents of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. California and Nevada District President Paul E. Jacobs and the Northwest District's Dr. Carl Bensene wrote him. San Francisco's Roman Catholic Archbishop Joseph McGucken and Oakland's Roman Catholic Bishop Floyd Begin, Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike, Methodist Bishop Donald Tippett, and Presbyterian Executive Secretary Thomas Holden all wrote letters. Roman Catholic missionaries —

Monsignor Michael D. O'Brien, Sister Julia, Sister Thomas Mary, Sister Raphael Marie — wrote. Msgr. O'Brien attended the worship service May 24, as did the Seventh-day Adventist missionary Rex Ralls. Episcopal missionary Roger Pickering wrote, and in his absence his wife represented him at the worship service.

Gallaudet's president Leonard Elstad and Dr. Powrie V. Doctor both wrote, as did Walter Bellhorn of Detroit's Lutheran School for the Deaf and Melvin Luebke of New York's Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf. California School for the Deaf's superintendents (present and past), Dr. Hugo Schunhoff and Dr. Elwood Stevenson, both wrote letters of commendation. Dr. Irving Fusfeld also wrote. Letters were

received from various teachers, counselors, and pupils at the California School for the Deaf.

Many pastors and leaders of the California and Nevada District, as well as from other Districts, wrote. Letters were received from former chairmen of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, Pastor Hugo A. Gamber and Dr. William A. Buege. A citation was received from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Many missionaries to the Deaf also wrote to their retiring colleague.

Members of the Lutheran deaf congregations in the California and Nevada District contributed a cash gift of love and esteem to their retiring spiritual benefactor.

San Francisco, Calif.

REV. THEO. DELANEY



Vicar Stanley Behrends Installed

Los Angeles, Calif. Stanley Behrends was installed as vicar on March 15, to assist Pastor Arnold Jonas at Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Los Angeles, on March 15. Julia C. Heupel, reporter for Pilgrim Congregation, reports that Vicar Behrends fills a much-needed role in the church as assistant to Pastor Jonas.

† Fred Degner †

Los Angeles, Calif. Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Los Angeles, suffered a great loss recently at the death of one of its ablest leaders. Fred Degner, treas-

urer of the congregation for 22 years, departed this life on Feb. 20 at the age of 69. His funeral was held from the church on Feb. 24, Rev. A. T. Jonas officiating. Mr. Degner is survived by his widow, Fannie Petterson Degner, one daughter, and four grandchildren, all of Los Angeles.

Mr. Degner was graduated from the Illinois School for the Deaf in 1915. He attended Gallaudet College for one year. He worked in Detroit, Mich., and Akron, Ohio, during World War I, coming to Los Angeles in 1921. A lifelong member of the Lutheran Church, he was received into membership with Pilgrim Con-

gregation in 1942. Mrs. Julia Jeupel reports that he is sadly missed by everyone and that his devout faith was an example to all.

Confirmations in the Omaha Field

Omaha, Nebr. The Nebraska and Iowa schools' catechism classes were concluded, and the pupils were received into membership with the Lutheran Church, Omaha Field, on May 10. Pastor Herman Graef baptized four students in the classes, and then all 14 pupils made their confirmation vows before God and His church.

The new members are Steve Allen Buchholz, Waterloo, Iowa; Linda Kay Homer, Sioux City, Iowa; Larry

Lee Luschen, Carter Lake, Iowa; Judy Ann Oelberg, Des Moines, Iowa; Loretta Marlene Olson, Ellsworth, Iowa; John Charles Peebler, Davenport, Iowa (also baptized); Gary Weldon Rowlett, Missouri Valley, Iowa; James Jeffrey Buckner, Omaha, Nebr.; Bonnie June Dreeszen, Lincoln, Nebr.; Terry Ray Heidecker, Lincoln (also baptized); Kathy Sue Larson, Lincoln; Vernelle Ruth Peters, Lincoln (also baptized); Douglas Allan Schnoor, Fremont, Nebr. (also baptized); and Robert L. Schwisow, Powell, Nebr.

Baptisms in Omaha

Omaha, Nebr. In the service on June 21 at Bethlehem Lutheran



1964 confirmation class from the Iowa and Nebraska Schools for the Deaf. Seated, l. to r.: Judy Oelberg, Loretta Olson, Linda Homer, Vernelle Peters, Kathy Larson, Bonnie Dreeszen; second row, l. to r.: Terry Heidecker, Larry Luschen, Douglas Schnoor, Pastor Graef, Robert Schwisow, Steven Buchholz, Gary Rowlett; back row, l. to r.: John Peebler and James Buckner

Church in Omaha the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wichman of Columbus were baptized by Pastor Graef. Kathleen Ruth, born June 3, 1959, and Beverly Velma, born May 11, 1964, were brought to Jesus and made members of God's Kingdom of Grace. Sponsors for Kathleen Ruth were Mr. and Mrs. William Veit of Mount Tracy, Minn., represented at the baptism by proxy. Sponsors for Beverly Velma were Mr. Jim Warnecke and Miss Carol Warnecke of Norfolk, Nebr.

† **Mrs. Frank Brooke** †

Vancouver, B. C., Canada. Mrs. Frank Brooke departed this life at Victoria on Sunday, May 17. Funeral services were conducted on May 20 by Rev. Wayne Bottlinger. She is survived by her husband, two sons, two brothers, and five grandchildren. Mrs. Brooke was 54.

Rynearsons Blessed with Son

Spokane, Wash. Pastor and Mrs. Rodney Rynearson were blessed with the gift of a son, Peter Mark, born on June 26.

Rev. F. P. Gehrs

Rev. F. P. Gehrs, ordained June 14, 1964, in Crystal, N. Dak., was installed as missionary to the Deaf in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, on July 26, 1964, by Rev. W. Ferber. The rite of ordination was performed by Rev. G. A. Gehrs, his brother, missionary to the Deaf in southern California.

Pastor Gehrs was born Feb. 21, 1939, in Chicago. His parents are the late Rev. G. A. Gehrs, Sr., and Mrs. Martha D. Gehrs of St. Louis. He attended high school and junior college at Concordia College, Milwaukee, and one year at Senior Col-



Rev. F. P. Gehrs

lege in Fort Wayne. He was graduated from Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., on May 30, 1964. Pastor Gehrs had served the Deaf in Winnipeg previously as a student intern during the 1962—1963 school year.

He was married on July 28, 1963, to Karen, nee Steiner, of Jackson, Minn.

New Members in Vancouver Field

Vancouver, B. C., Canada. The following people were received as members of Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf on Sunday, June 28: Miss Laura Elderkin and Mr. Percy Isbister were baptized. Mr. Harold Arntzen and Mr. Alphonse Bernier were confirmed.

Walker and Murdock Baptized

Columbus, Ohio. In Cincinnati Mrs. Laurine Walker and Miss Deborah Murdock were baptized into the Kingdom of Grace on Sunday, June 21. The ceremony was per-

formed in Immanuel Lutheran Church by Rev. William Ludwig.

† **George Milton Hill** †

Salem, Oreg. George Milton Hill, 77, departed this life on April 25. Born in Leadville, Colo., Mr. Hill attended the Colorado School for the Deaf. Prior to his retirement he was employed in the Salem area as a painter. He was married in 1937 to Lotus, nee Valentine, who survives him. Interment was in Belcrest Memorial Park, Salem.

† **Glen D. Urie** †

Denver, Colo. Funeral services were held on June 10 for Glen D. Urie, who passed away on June 6.

**Carol Thorpe and
Marvin Ehrlich Wed**

Oakland, Calif. Carol Ann Thorpe and Marvin George Ehrlich were united in holy matrimony on Sunday, June 14, at 2:00 p. m., at Me-

morial Lutheran Chapel for the Deaf, Oakland, Calif.

A Unique Social Event

The Ladies' Guild of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Omaha sponsored a unique social evening for the congregation. On April 24 the members and friends of the church were invited to a birthday social.

As each guest arrived he was given an identification card which represented the month of his birth. Then he joined one of four groups for the remainder of the evening. Each group had a separate area decorated in themes of the four seasons of the year. The guest's birth date determined the seasonal group to which he belonged.

Competition within the groups and among them offered a lively program of entertainment. Refreshments, too, were served according to the seasonal themes.



Decorations for the summer at the Bethlehem social reminded the people of the importance of keeping in touch with God while on vacation



The winter season's decorations at the Omaha birthday social showed the joy of God's people as they welcome the birth of their Savior and look forward to a new year of grace

Mrs. Dora Miller supervised the committees which prepared the decorations, program, and refreshments. Reminders of our Christian blessings and responsibilities were included in the displays for each season. All the ladies who worked so hard for this successful occasion earned the commendation of the congregation.

Change of Editorial Office

Washington, D. C. After Sept. 15 THE DEAF LUTHERAN will be edited by Rev. Martin Hewitt at 1221 Virginia Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44107.

Until Sept. 15 please continue to send parish papers and news items to 1103 Lamberton Dr., Silver Spring, Md. But after Sept. 15 please send all material directly to 1221 Virginia Ave., Cleveland. If material has to be forwarded, there may be a delay in its publication.

It will help a great deal if all parishes with monthly papers would immediately make a new plate for

1221 Virginia Ave., Cleveland, and begin to mail the parish paper to both addresses. The present editor enjoys reading all the papers and hopes that many of the fields will continue to keep Washington, D. C., on the mailing list. The possibility that some of these papers can be posted at Gallaudet College for students there makes that a reasonable request. However, THE DEAF LUTHERAN should be given a few moments of time at this time to have a plate made for its new Cleveland address. This is the September issue, so in two weeks this will take effect.

September

Washington, D. C. September marks the beginning of school throughout the United States. Children will be returning to their classrooms and deaf children, too, will be going back to schools and classes for the deaf.

Ministers to the deaf will be putting into practice the lesson plans and the teaching techniques which they have been thinking about during the summer. They will begin traveling from school to school to preach to students and to teach classes in religion.

Your prayers are important for these missionaries. Pray that God will keep them safe from harm and danger as they travel. Pray that God will use them to bring His Word and His salvation to deaf children across the land. Pray that they will see God's blessings upon themselves and upon their work as they prepare and present the Word of God in words made by men.

Services at Gallaudet During Summer

Washington, D. C. For the first time since services were begun on the campus of Gallaudet College, church services are being held also during the summer months. The operation of a Tutorial Session in addition to the regular classes in the graduate department in education plus the holding of a Math Institute on campus during the summer has moved the Lutheran Church to hold a Sunday vespers service and the Baptist Church to hold a Sunday morning Bible class during the summer months.

There is a possibility that the vespers service, which is now held at 9:00 p. m., may be continued during the school year. This would make available to students two Lutheran services each Sunday, a service of Holy Communion at 8:30 a. m. and an evening vespers service at 9:00 p. m.

Nine of the students at the Tutorial Center during the summer

registered a preference for the Lutheran Church.

Lily Rose Baptized

Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Lily Elaine, daughter of Mrs. Betty Rose, was baptized into the Christian faith on April 8. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Meek served as proxy sponsors.

Public Health Service Issues Booklet on Deafness

Washington, D. C. A comprehensive booklet on the causes and treatment of ear disorders has been published by the Public Health Service of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The booklet was prepared by the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness in collaboration with leading specialists in the field of hearing.

It is Public Health Service Publication No. 207 — Series No. 53. It can be obtained by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20025. The price is 15 cents.

Ronald Fee and Peggy Brooker Wed

Vancouver, B. C., Canada. Ronald Fee and Peggy Brooker were united in marriage at Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Killarney Park Lutheran Church on Friday, June 26. Pastor Wayne Bottlinger performed the ceremony.

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Daily Bible Readings for September

September 1 — Matthew 5: 33-37

September 2 — Jeremiah 23: 23-32

September 3 — Psalm 8

September 4 — Psalm 95

September 5 — Psalm 103: 1-14

September 6 — Psalm 42

September 7 — Psalm 84

September 8 — Luke 2: 41-51

September 9 — Ecclesiastes 5: 1-3

September 10 — Colossians 2: 16
— 3: 4

September 11 — 1 John 4: 1-6

September 12 — Psalm 119: 1-16

September 13 — James 2: 8-13

September 14 — Ephesians 6: 1-9

September 15 — Romans 13: 1-7

September 16 — Matthew 22: 15-22

September 17 — 1 Thessalonians
5: 12-22

September 18 — 2 Kings 4: 1-10

September 19 — Matthew 5: 21-26

September 20 — 1 John 3: 11-18

September 21 — James 2: 14-26

September 22 — Ephesians 4: 25-32

September 23 — Jeremiah 22: 13-17

September 24 — Psalm 5

September 25 — James 3: 1-12

September 26 — Isaiah 5: 1-10

September 27 — Ecclesiastes 4: 1-8

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