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MRS. STANLEY MILLER RECEIVES "RIGHT HAND" AWARD



-by Janet Petzoldt
Hope L.C./Deaf
Portland, OR

At the 1979 biennial convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association held in Memphis, Tennessee, Mrs. Stanley (Judy) Miller was voted to be the second recipient of the Uriel C. Jones "Right Hand" Award.

This award was presented in memory of Uriel C. Jones, the first deaf man to become editor of The Deaf Lutheran. His life-long service to the Lord and his fellow-men is truly an inspiration for all of us. The "Right Hand" Award is given every two years to one deaf person who has humbly become a volunteer worker for Christ and His People.



Photo upper left:
Mrs. Stanley (Judy) Miller and "Right Hand" Award.

Photo upper right:
Hal Rife presenting the "Right Hand" Award to Judy Miller

Middle Photo:
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Miller



in Gamma Delta (Lutheran Club) and served in many of its offices.

In 1972 Judy and her family became members of Hope Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Portland, Oregon. Since that time she has continued to serve the Lord in many ways. She has served in Hope's Lutheran Ladies Association as president, vice president, assistant treasurer, secretary and Christian Growth Chairperson. She is greatly involved in Hope's educational activities, including Sunday School, weekday classes at three deaf schools, V.B.S. and sign language instruction. Since 1978 she has been a part-time parish worker for the congregation.

Judy Miller, who presently lives in Portland, Oregon with her husband, Stanley, and children, David and Dana, is well qualified for this award. She has been actively serving the Lord in His Church and deaf congregations since becoming a member of Deaf Zion Lutheran Church in Miami, Florida in 1961. While in Florida she served terms as president, secretary and treasurer of the congregation, was a member of the Board of Education and also of Building Improvement. She served one year as secretary of the Dixie Conference of ILDA, taught Bible classes and Vacation Bible School and taught sign language. She also helped publish Zion's newsletter.

From 1964-1969 Judy attended Gallaudet College, graduating with a B.A. degree. While at Gallaudet she taught Bible classes, participated

Childrens' Christmas Service



The third annual Children's Christmas Service was held at Hope Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Portland, Oregon on December 19, 1979. The festivities began with a pre-service pot-luck dinner with students, parents, teachers and congregation members in attendance. Then, approximately fifteen children from local deaf schools told the wonderful Christmas story through the use of slides which they had drawn themselves. Many beautiful Christmas songs were also shared with the congregation. Following the service, a birthday party for Jesus was held in the church basement.
(see photo on page 2)

HOPE CHURCH INSTALLS MR. MARK SCHOEPP



1. to r. Ronald Madding, president of Hope Congregation; Mark Schoepp, D.C.E. intern; Rev. Shirrel Petzoldt, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church of the Deaf.

Mr. Mark Schoepp was installed on September 2, 1979 as Director of Christian Education (D.C.E.) intern at Hope Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Portland, Oregon. Following the services in which Mark was welcomed into the congregation, potluck and cake were served in the church basement.

Mark is a native of Stony Plains, Alberta and comes to Hope through Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska. His internship will extend through June 1980, at which time he will graduate as a certified D.C.E.

Sunday, January 27, 1980 was a red letter day for Mark. On that day he married Miss Rebecca Betke of St. Ansgar, Iowa. The couple met while both were studying at Concordia in Seward, Nebraska. After a short honeymoon the couple drove back to Portland to continue their ministry to the deaf.



Mark and Becky Schoepp

Large families are getting so expensive nowadays that only the poor can afford them.



CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS SERVICE
. . . see story at bottom of front page

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WITH THIS MONTH. . .

-by Rev. Donald Zuhn

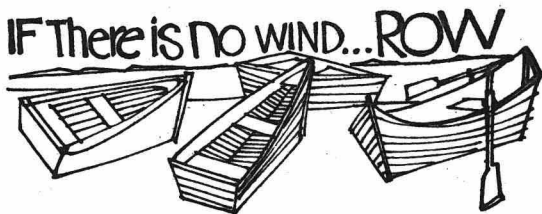
With this month we begin a new year - 1980 - and a new decade - the '80s. What were your thoughts as the new year began? Did you look back? ... "Boy, I am glad that year is finished!" Or did you look forward? ... "The future sure looks dark - Iran, Afghanistan, inflation!"

The writer of Psalm 123 invites us to look up. Whether we look back or whether we look forward, we Christians can look up to our merciful and loving God. He looked down to us and to this world so filled with sin and sorrow ... and He gave us His own Son, born of a woman, born here in this world, born for you and for me. Because Christ looked down to us and came down to us, we can look up to Him with faith and confidence - faith that our sins of the past year have been forgotten and forgiven, and confidence that our God will walk with us in the weeks and months to come.

Psalm 123:1-3a

Lord, I look up to you, up to heaven where you rule.
As the servant depends on his master,
and the maid depends on her mistress,
so we keep looking up to you, Lord our God,
until you have mercy on us.
Be merciful to us, Lord,
be merciful.

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Daily Bible Reading for Jan. and Feb. 1980

JANUARY 1980

- 1 Luke 2:21
- 2 John 6:41-46
- 3 1 John 4:7-16
- 4 John 1:15-18
- 5 Psalm 149

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

- 6 Matthew 2:1-12
- 7 Isaiah 49:1-7
- 8 Colossians 1:24-27
- 9 Zachariah 14:8-10
- 10 Matthew 3:13-17
- 11 Romans 3:23-31
- 12 Psalm 97:1-12

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

- 13 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 ...
- 14 Psalm 26:1-12
- 15 Ephesians 6:1-4
- 16 Luke 12: 51-59
- 17 Psalm 10
- 18 Hebrews 2:11-16
- 19 Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 ...

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

- 20 John 2:1-11
- 21 Titus 2:1-10
- 22 Psalm 128:1-6
- 23 Ephesians 5:21-33
- 24 Genesis 45:28-34
- 25 Deuteronomy 18:15-19 ..
- 26 Romans 12:6-16

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

- 27 Luke 4:14-21
- 28 Jeremiah 33:6-9
- 29 1 Peter 3:15-17
- 30 Mark 1:40-45
- 31 Job 1:1-22

FEBRUARY 1980

- 1 Hebrews 11:1-16
- 2 Luke 17:5-10

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

- 3 Luke 4:21-30
- 4 Genesis 8:1-14
- 5 2 Timothy 1:7-10
- 6 Matthew 14:22-23
- 7 Romans 4:16-25
- 8 Exodus 14:21-31
- 9 John 4:31-42

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

- 10 Luke 5:1-11
- 11 Psalm 113:1-9
- 12 Galatians 3:5-14
- 13 Mark 6:1-6
- 14 Haggai 1:2-14
- 15 Colossians 3:12-17
- 16 Matthew 13:44-52

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

- 17 Luke 9:28-36
- 18 John 5:39-47
- 19 Exodus 40:34-38
- 20 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18.....
- 21 Isaiah 59:12-21
- 22 Philippians 3:9-12
- 23 1 John 1:5-9.....

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

- 24 Luke 4:1-13
- 25 Numbers 20:1-13
- 26 Hebrews 1:13-2:10
- 27 Matthew 26:36-46
- 28 Deuteronomy 8:1-5
- 29 Genesis 3:1-24

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At The Turning Of The Year

-by Annie Johnson Flint

I don't look back; God knows the
fruitless efforts,
The wasted hours, the sinning,
the regrets;
I leave them all with Him who blots
the record
And mercifully forgives and then
forgets.

I don't look forward; God sees all
the future,
The road, that long or short, will
lead me home.
And He will face with me its every
trail
And bear for me the burdens that
may come.

I don't look around me; then would
fears assail me,
So wild the tumult of earth's
restless seas;
So dark the world, so filled with
woe and evil;
So vain the hope of comfort in
the dust.

I look up - into the face of Jesus,
For there my heart can rest,
my fears are stilled;
And there is joy, and love, and light
for darkness,
And perfect peace, and every hope
fulfilled.

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STRANGE PEOPLE

People who talk about prayer
but never pray.

People who say tithing is
right but never tithe.

People who say belonging to
a Church is necessary, but
never go or support its program

People who say the Bible is
God's Word to man, yet never
read it.

People who say that eternity
is more important than time,
but who live for the present
life.

People who criticize others
for the things they do them-
selves.

People who stay away from
Church because of trivial
reasons and then sing, "Oh, how
I love Jesus."

People who live for the
devil all their lives and ex-
pect to die like an angel.

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A Journey That Goes On But Has Many Beginnings

-from The North Star Newsletter

We are beginning both a New Year and a new decade. Each decade has its own character, it seems, as do the individual years. In a way, we expect to be living the same way we have lived in the past, but changes come into our lives anyway. Some changes we make ourselves, but others we cannot control, and they can influence the way all of us live.

As I thought about the challenges and problems we may face in 1980 A.D., my mind wondered back to 1980 B.C., nearly 4,000 years ago. What Biblical character lived at that time? It was Abraham. He had probably already left his home in Ur, near the Euphrates River and just North of the Persian Gulf. Perhaps he was already living in Egypt, because of a famine in Palestine (Genesis 12:10). The pyramids of Egypt were already several hundred years old. At Ur the Sumerian King was building a massive tower, called a ziggurat, whose ruins are still standing today. Abraham's journey began in one great civilization and ended in another, Egypt. Apparently there was only one other great civilization in the world, the Monocan civilization in the Mediterranean Sea which was centered on the island of Crete. The great civilization of China had not yet begun. In North and South America there were only isolated small settlements by rivers or near the sea coasts. Familiar foods such as corn, potatoes, and tomatoes were unknown to Abraham and to peoples of the world.

When we look back over that many years, the changes boggle the mind. But the God Abraham worshipped is the same eternal God we worship, though our understanding of God is not exactly the same as his. However Abraham understood one important truth of the necessity of walking by faith, trusting God fully though the way is unknown. (Genesis 12:1-5) That truth has not changed. As we set forth into 1980, may we all trust Him and walk by faith.

In the book of James we read: "Now listen to me, you that say, 'Today or tomorrow we will travel to a certain city, where we will stay a year and go into business and make a lot of money.' You don't know what your life tomorrow will be like! You are like a puff of smoke, which appears for a moment and then disappears. What you should be saying is this: 'If the Lord is willing, we will live and do this or that.'" (James 3:13-15).

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EASTERN REGION-ILDA PUBLISHES FIRST NEWSLETTER

-by Don Galloway

In December 1979 ER-ILDA published its first Newsletter. It was edited by Don Galloway under the auspices of the Board of Directors of ER-ILDA.

Excerpts from this first newsletter state:

1. The official name of this newsletter will be ER-ILDA NEWSLETTER.
2. It will be published three times a year; April, August, and December and will be sent to members of ER-ILDA, Pastors in the United States, and other religious organizations.
3. The next conference of ER-ILDA will be held at Mount Bethel, Penna., weekend of June 13-15, 1980. The site will be in the Tuscarora Inn near the Delaware River in the Pocono Mountains. This conference will be hosted by the congregation of St. Matthew Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Eastern Metro. New York City. Ms. Dorothy Cohler is the chairperson. The theme of this conference will be "NOW WITH CHRIST." Guest speakers at banquet night will be Mr. Archie D. Marshall, 1979 recipient of the John of Beverley Medal and Rev. Donald Zuhn, Secretary for North American Ministry for the Blind and Deaf, LC/MS.
4. Pastor George Natonick of Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Washington, D.C. has been appointed Interim Pastor of ER-ILDA. He replaces Rev. Daniel Pokorny who has accepted a position of Professor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. Rev. C.R. Gerhold of St. Matthew/Deaf, Newark, N.J. will serve as Alternate Interim Pastoral Advisor. Both terms run until the 1980 ER-ILDA Conference.
5. Rev. C.R. Gerhold also will be working with deaf children in religious classes at Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf.
6. Rev. Kenneth Schnepf of St. Mark Lutheran Church/Deaf, Western Metro, NYC has accepted a call to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Mt. Vernon, NY, a hearing congregation.
7. There are now only two pastors serving the deaf in the ER-ILDA area. That leaves seven congregations without a full-time minister.
8. ER-ILDA reached its goal of raising \$500.00 which has been donated to Rev. Francis Gyle to assist him in his ministry to the deaf of Nova Scotia.

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Report of the Meeting of ILDA Board of Directors

-by Lester Ahls, ILDA Secretary

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING-- October 25, 1979

1. This is the first meeting of the board since the close of the last convention in Memphis.
2. The meeting was held at Concordia Seminary, Loeber Hall, St. Louis, Mo. Business began at 10:10 a.m. with all members present.
3. Future board meetings will be held in other locations around the midwest instead of just in St. Louis as has been the past practice. This will insure greater visibility of ILDA to more lay members.
4. Because the Memphis congregation that hosted the last ILDA convention had not yet wrapped us all its obligations that were connected to the convention, they were unable to make a report at this time.
5. The secretary was directed to send to Concordia Historical Institute all important ILDA documents and records that should be preserved.
6. The budget for the next two years was reviewed. It stands at \$16,500 for the next two years. Of this \$5,200.00 will go towards carrying out our mission projects that were adopted at the last convention (Memphis).

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FULL BOARD MEETING-- October 25-27, 1979.

1. Began at 7:00 p.m. on Oct. 25th, with Holy Communion celebrated by Rev. Zuhn and Rev. Dorr.
2. ILDA Board members present were: Kindred, Kotal, Ahls, Francisco, Treibel, Crossen, Zimmerman, Lyon, Mrs. Healey and Ms. Foster. Absent was Fields. Pastoral Advisor Dorr and Board for Missions representative, Rev. Zuhn were also present.
3. Regional Advisory Council members meeting jointly with ILDA Board members were: Revs.

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The Next Meeting of ILDA Board of Directors...

FEBRUARY 21, 22 AND 23, 1980
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Clarence F. Schulz Appointed to State Board



Clarence F. Schulz

Mr. Clarence F. Schulz has been appointed a member of The Barrier Free Design Board of the State of Michigan by Governor William Milliken. Mr. Schulz began his term late last summer and he will serve on this board for two years ending in 1981.

This board will work to bring about a barrier-free environment for handicapped citizens throughout the state of Michigan. For a long time this barrier has frustrated many individuals with handicaps when they attempted to do business in public and governmental buildings.

Mr. Schulz writes, "I am particularly aware of the needs of deaf or hearing-impaired citizens of this state to have those barriers removed, such as can be found in communication and safety measures. It can be seen that there exist in many public buildings smoke detectors which are designed to give sound warning whenever there is a fire. Such safety devices are useless in warning hearing impaired occupants or visitors who may happen to be in the building in times of fire dangers, therefore, it becomes necessary to include flashing lights to the audible alarm."

Another goal of the Barrier Free Design Board is to persuade all airport, railroad and bus terminals in Michigan to have available telecommunication devices (TTYs) for deaf travelers.

Clarence Schulz is well-known to deaf Lutherans as being the first president of the ILDA, Assistant Editor of The Deaf Lutheran and for many years as an ILDA Board Member.

Congratulations, Clarence on your new appointment! We hope you will keep us informed with the progress you and your board will make in removing all barriers that are hampering handicapped individuals in the state of Michigan.

I.L.D.A. BOARD MEETING REPORT

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4. Pacific Regional President Diane Foster of Granada Hills, California was given the oath of office by Pastor Dorr.

5. In attendance was Rev. Pokorny, newly installed John of Beverley professor.

6. The joint meeting of R.A.C. and I.L.D.A. proved to be very productive in the exchange of ideas. More of those joint meetings are to be encouraged in the future.

7. Committee appointments were as follows: Auditing, R. Crossen, Chairman, Victor Lyon; Nominating, Elmer Francisco, Chairman, Joseph Kindred; Right Hand Award, Francisco; Law, C. Kotal, Chairman, Diane Foster and Betty Jo Healey; Ways and Means, LeRoy Treibel, Chairman, William Zimmerman and Lester Ahls.

8. I.L.D.A.'s subsidy was cut from \$4,000 to \$3,000.

9. The Treasurer was authorized to reinvest our Church Extension Certificates at the same rate and placement whenever the certificates mature.

10. The following motion was submitted by Rev. Dorr, seconded and carried:

"Whereas, The Deaf Lutheran needs a more balanced reporting of all regions; and

WHEREAS, the Presidents have an already prepared and balanced report for I.L.D.A. Board meetings; therefore

I MOVE THAT The Deaf Lutheran editor be required to print in the next issue following each board meeting each of the seven Regional President's reports and that the Regional Presidents be required to submit a finished written report into the hands of the International Secretary some time during the board meeting days, or if absent, to mail such report to the secretary by that board meeting date. And the secretary must edit and polish such reports with the usual required review committee for board meeting minutes for the D.L. and that the secretary be responsible for delivery to The Deaf Lutheran editor."

11. Deaf Lutheran Business Manager Russel Healey reported a balance of \$5,370.88 plus \$4,747.72 still remaining in our equipment grant from Lutheran Friends of the Deaf. Mr. Healey then informed the board of his plans to enter the Lay Ministry Program of our church in Milwaukee. In the event that this plan materializes, then he would have to resign his position as Business Manager of the D.L. Mr. E. Francisco volunteered to serve as stand-by Business Manager in case Mr. Healey leaves.

12. The board approved the printing of a new booklet of I.L.D.A. Constitution and By-laws.

13. The board passed a motion to send a representative to the L.C./M.S. conventions.

14. The Chairman of the 1981 ILDA convention that will be held in Los Angeles, California is Mr. Harold Thuve.

15. A resolution calling for ILDA to become a "self-supporting organization by 1982 or sooner" was unanimously adopted.

16. The ILDA Board unanimously accepted a resolution to set aside a grant for an amount up to \$500 to assist Lay Ministers not eligible for participation in the 70% plan of Lutheran Brotherhood.

17. The Business Manager of D.L. was authorized to raise the cost of subscribers to the blanket plan whenever costs demand it.

18. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. October 27, 1979.

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A Special Tour For Hearing-Impaired



Mary Lou Hudson, interpreter for Hearing-Impaired travelers. She represents Presley Tours, Inc.

In the early 1600's the deadly and contagious "Black Plague" broke out in Germany. One in every three persons in Europe was struck before the disease was stopped. Nowhere could safety from this terrible disease be found! The people of a small Bavarian town named Oberammagau made a vow. They promised that if spared, they would dedicate a play to THE LIFE OF CHRIST AND THAT PLAY WOULD BE GIVEN EVERY TEN YEARS FOREVER! ! !

An amazing mystery in history is the fact that the village was spared and all communities around were besieged by the dreadful disease plague. That village in the south of Germany called OBERAMMAGAU continued giving the Passion Play about the life of Christ every ten years since that time in the early 1600's! ! !

The OBERAMMAGAU PASSION PLAY has grown in popularity through the years, and is world famous. People from all over the world vie for the tickets to this famous play. (turn to page 6)

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A SPECIAL TOUR FOR THE DEAF

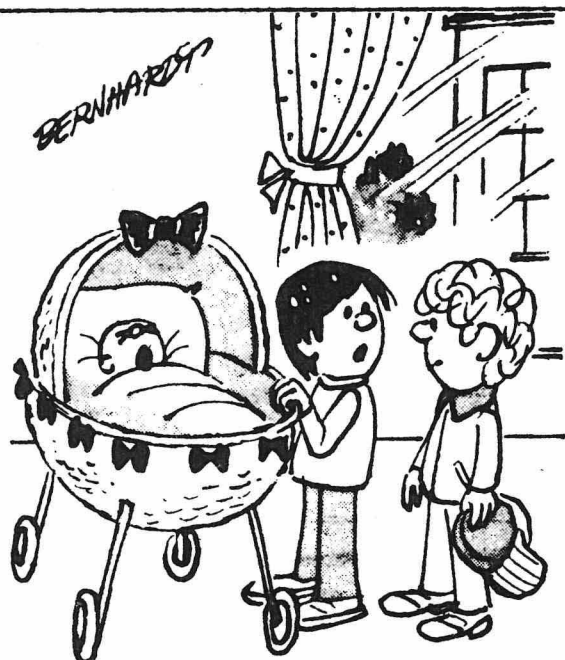
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THIS YEAR. . . PRESLEY TOURS, INC. is offering a tour for the hearing-impaired that includes tickets to the fabulous OBERAMMAGAU! !

The 9-day tour also includes a visit to many well-known cities and sites of Bavaria, and a cruise on the Rhine River. Presley Tours, Inc. hopes to make arrangements for staying in private homes of deaf for one night while in Oberammagau, so if you are interested in going, reservations should be made as early as possible, as there will be a limited number of homes in which deaf people live and that are available for approval.

For more information on this tour or a tour to MEXICO, HAWAII, CARRIBEAN CRUISE, WASHINGTON, D.C./NEW YORK (which includes a visit to Gallaudet College) write: Mary Lou Hudson, Interpreter for Tours, 74 Shirlwin Drive, Granite City, Ill., 62040 or phone: 1-618-797-0283 voice or TTY.

The best short course in human relations we've heard about recently is this one published by Norton Mockridge, the columnist: "The six most important words in our language are, 'I admit I made a mistake.' The five most important words are, 'You did a fine job.' The four most important words, 'What is your opinion?' The three most important words, 'If you please.' The two most important words, 'Thank you.' The single most important word, 'We', and the least important word, 'I'.



"My Mother said he was sent from heaven. They must've wanted some peace and quiet."

NTI To Caption 16 Hours of Prime-Time TV Weekly For Hearing-Impaired Viewers

The National Captioning Institute (NCI), the nonprofit organization founded last year to caption television programs for the nation's 14 million hearing-impaired viewers, has announced that it will caption an initial 16 hours of programming per week for broadcasters participating in the closed-caption service. Programs will be captioned at NCI facilities in Falls Church, VA., and Los Angeles.

The ABC Television Network, the NBC Television Network and the Public Broadcasting Service will distribute closed-captioned programs beginning this March.

Closed captions are subtitles which can be seen only on television sets equipped with special decoding devices. This system differs from open captioning, in which captions can be seen on any TV set.

The first programs that NCI will regularly caption include: the ABC Sunday Night Movie, Barney Miller, Vega\$, Eight is Enough, and another program yet to be named on ABC-TV; Disney's Wonderful World, the NBC Monday Night Movie and the NBC Friday Night Movie on NBC-TV; and Once Upon a Classic, Masterpiece Theatre, 3-2-1 Contact, Mystery! and Nova on PBS. Two more PBS shows, Odessey and Over Easy, will be captioned later this spring.

Captioning adapter units, which will permit closed captions to be seen on any TV set, will be available through Sears, Roebuck and Co. catalog sales, beginning March 15.

New Symbol to Identify Closed - Captioned Programs

The participating networks and other program originators will encourage use of a stylized, miniature TV set as a symbol in advertisements and program listings to identify TV shows closed-captioned by NCI.

-from NCI news

No psychology of handling people really works unless we are genuinely and truly interested in other people. All else is trickery and will sooner or later fail.

The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people.

G. K. Chesterton

Bus Company Inaugurates Information Service For The Deaf

-from Bi-State Division of Public Information St. Louis, Missouri

In St. Louis, Mo. the Bi-State Development Agency on Dec. 18, 1979 inaugurated a new telephone information service for deaf and hearing impaired. Charles G. Houghton, Executive Director of Bi-State said, "It is just one more way we're working to serve our public."

The equipment that makes this service possible is a C-Phone, similar to a teletypewriter. It incorporates a typewriter-like keyboard with a small viewing screen. A message typed by the sender shows as a written message on the screen at the receiving end.

Houghton said, "Beginning today, anyone with access to a C-Phone or teletypewriter can call 771-2255, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday for bus route and schedule information." He went on to say that, "Around the first of the year, we hope to expand the hours for the convenience of deaf persons who work and do not have access to the equipment during the day."

During a brief ceremony, the service was inaugurated by a call from Gerald Graner, (which was answered by Bill Sheldon, distinguished guest and President of Telecommunicators of Greater St. Louis, Inc., an organization which serves the St. Louis, St. Louis County and East St. Louis communities deaf population which owns TTYs)

Other special guests included Bill Blank, President of the Missouri Association for the Deaf; Ray Atwood, past President of the association; Debra Phillips, City Commissioner, Office of the Disabled; and Susan Russell, interpreter.

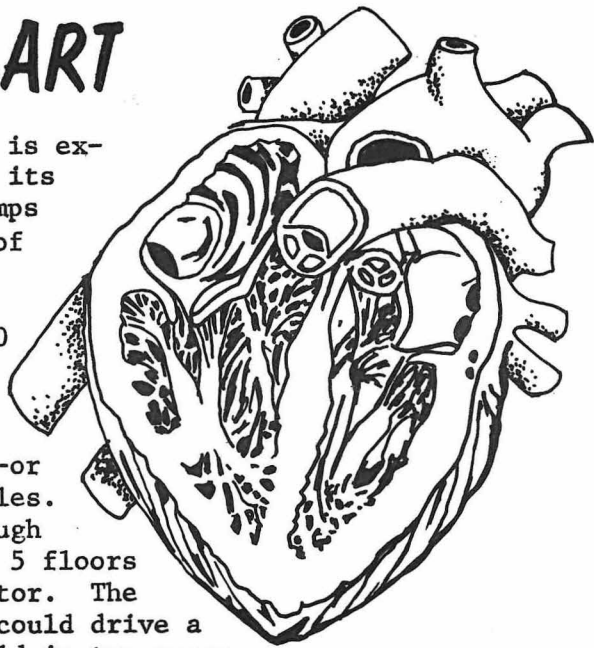
Sheldon praised the efforts of the Agency, pointing out there are about 7,000 deaf persons living in the St. Louis area alone, and about 500 C-Phones or teletypewriters.

Don Schmitt, Director of Information Services for Bi-State urged callers to be very specific about where they will start their bus trip, exactly where they want to go, and what time of the day they wish to arrive, and what day of the week they will be traveling. Schmitt said, "If we have this information, we can quickly provide the best, most convenient route for our passengers, and that of course is our purpose."

A TTY is available to the public in the Office of the Disabled, St. Louis City Hall.

A NEW HEART

The human heart is extremely powerful for its size (right). It pumps about 3,000 gallons of blood daily. In a 70-year lifetime it could pump 77,000,000 (77 million) gallons of blood - enough to fill a skyscraper (a very tall building) - or raise 10 tons ten miles. A heart supplies enough power to raise a man 5 floors per hour in an elevator. The power of two hearts could drive a truck around the world in two years.



It has been several years since the first heart transplant made headlines. Doctors now know that it is possible to replace an ailing heart with a healthy one.

The first heart transplant took place in a South African hospital where a man lay dying. His heart was failing, and there was no hope for him unless his heart could be replaced with another one. In the same hospital a woman had just died of a head injury. Her father gave the doctors permission to remove her heart and transplant it into the other patient.

The operation lasted five hours. That evening the man felt well enough to eat something. For a while it appeared that the transplant had been a success. The body accepted the new heart, but other germs infected the body. Two and a half weeks later the man died of pneumonia. The operation had been successful, but the patient died.

Since then other heart transplants have taken place. Some patients have lived a brief time, only to die later of other causes. Others have lived for months, and some have survived a couple of years. Medical history has been made!

The heart is an amazing machine. Though the Bible tells us that the life is in the blood, we are still lost if the pump breaks down. Actually, the heart is two muscle pumps, placed side by side. The right pump sends the blood to the lungs, while the left pump receives the blood back from the lungs and sends it to all parts of the body. The blood moves through a marvelous system of tubes called blood vessels. As the heart muscles relax or expand, they keep the blood moving. This pumping action is what we know, feel and hear (if we are able) as the heartbeat. Both sides of the heart fill, pump, and relax at the same time. So we feel (or hear) only one heartbeat. In children the heart beats about 90 times a minute, but as we get older the heart slows to between 70 and 80 beats a minute. If the heart stops beating, the blood ceases to flow, and the person dies in a matter of minutes.

Two sets of nerves running from the brain to the heart control some of the heart's activity. This is why the heart beats faster when we become frightened. Vigorous exercise also causes the heart to beat faster. When we run, we use extra air. The blood rushes to the lungs, takes oxygen from the air we breathe, and the nerves telegraph a warning message to the brain to "take it easy." Smoking speeds up the heartbeat, giving the heart less time to rest. Worry may slow down the heart action, making us feel "heavy-hearted," and a deep fright can cause the heart to stop beating altogether.

The Bible has much to say about the human heart. Jeremiah 17:9 says: "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately corrupt." When the Bible talks about the heart this way, it is not talking about the muscle that pumps blood through our body. Rather it is talking about our mind, our will, and our desires. These indeed are sinful and can only be cleansed by Jesus' blood. When we have faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit makes our "heart" pure. And Jesus promises: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." (Matthew 5:8).

It's important to have a healthy pumping machine in our body. It's far more important to have the kind of pure heart the Bible talks about. For if we have such a heart, we go on living with God even when our blood pump stops.

We're off to see the wizard...



Shelagh Dwyer spells out "Wizard" with three fluid hand movements. (B.C. Jennings photos)

-news from British Columbia, Canada

Hundreds of children in the Lower Mainland have been off to the theatre to see the wizard during the last few weeks - a communications experience that's even more precious because they are deaf.

The children have attended special performances of "The Wizard of Oz" which, thanks to Company sponsorship, have included a sidelines sign-language interpreter.

The play is the presentation of Carousel Children's Theatre, a professional theatre company located at the Waterfront Theatre on Vancouver's Grandville Island. Artistic director is Elizabeth Ball, who also teaches drama at UBC.

"I think it's very sensitive and appropriate for a communications company to be helping people who have a communications handicap," said Elizabeth. "The gift B.C. Tel is providing is touching. It affects the children's spirits, especially important at Christmas."

In the province of British Columbia there are approximately 58,000 people with hearing handicaps, and 90 percent of them live in the Lower Mainland. Almost 5,000 of those are children. The hearing-impaired comprise a section of the world that is sometimes overlooked or forgotten by the hearing world.

Elizabeth said most deaf children are cut off from participation in society by their handicap. There aren't many things that hearing and deaf children can do together.

"This may be the only time the family has ever been to the theatre together. Participating together makes such a difference in terms of the handicapped child's integration into society. It's an education for the hearing child as well."

Sign language is an ancient system of communication. The face as well as hands and arms are involved.

"It's a very beautiful language to watch, and is very lively looking. It's not that difficult to learn. I learned it in about three months, and while it's slow-going for me, I don't do too badly," said Elizabeth.

The special sign-language interpreted productions were December 15 and 27, with the last performance scheduled for January 23. Employees wishing to attend public performances had the following dates to choose from: January 12, 19, or 26, or February 2.



"Looks like Harry took it with him."



Children's Page

The Remarkable GIRAFFE



Most everyone thinks that the giraffe's neck is his most remarkable feature. Strange as it seems, this is not as remarkable as his eyes. They protrude (come outward) and are so located that the giraffe can see everything around him. He can see not only in front but in back and on both sides as well!

God made all animals to help make us happy. Some animals can do tricks. What animals can you see at a circus? Some animals make good pets. What animals can you buy at a pet store? Some animals are wild. We can have fun watching them at a zoo. Can you name some of these animals?

The giraffe is one of the animals you can see at a zoo. Do you think the giraffe looks strange? Why? God made the giraffe just as He did all the other animals. And He blessed each animal with certain gifts. Can you tell what special blessings He gave the giraffe?

First, the giraffe has a long neck. It helps him to see very far. He can see over tall grass and bushes. Then the giraffe also has long legs. They too help him to see a long way. They also help him run very fast.

But, like we said at the beginning of this story, the giraffe has wonderful eyes. Because these eyes stick out from his head he can see on both sides, in front, and behind him without turning his head.

The following verse describes another remarkable feature about giraffes. See if you can tell what feature that is.

Of all the animals of the field,
Giraffes alone the scepters wield.
The lions roaring loud beneath
Can only boast of claws and teeth.
Giraffes, though, towering to the sky,
Behold the place where elephants die;
And this great virtue they possess:
To none their secret they confess.
Though scraping horns on heaven's hem
With distant horizons near to them
And seeing all that does transpire,
To boast and brag they've no desire.
Though all the earth with gossip's fraught,
This virtue note: giraffes say nought!

Did you get the answer? Giraffes don't "talk." When would this be a nice thing to imitate? When would it not? For some clues read: Proverbs 10:18; 11:13; 19:5; 27:1-2; 29:11; 31:8-9; Psalm 145:21; Isaiah 63:7; Romans 10:9.

-from His People

A first grader told her teacher that she was one of eight children. "My, but it must be expensive to have so many children," the teacher said.

"Oh, said the child, "we don't buy them; we just raise them."

THE POWER OF SALT



You know that Jesus often talked about the things of this world to help people understand what He wanted them to learn. One day Jesus told them how they should live as His followers. What would you have said? Jesus used a wonderful example. He told them to be like salt.

Immediately the people understood how Jesus wanted them to live. Like salt they should live and work quietly. By their lives of kindness and good works Jesus' followers keep sin from making this world completely evil.

But Jesus' words had another meaning also. Today people might not think of this meaning. Long ago salt was even more important than it is today. Salt was often used as a medicine to heal wounds and stop infections. Salt that was no longer good did not have this power to heal. When it had lost its taste, it was worthless.

Jesus said, "This salt is to be thrown away." And so it is with people who have refused God's love. They no longer have the power of God in them. They are worthless, and because they refuse to act like salt, God rejects them from eternal life.

During Jesus' time good salt was scarce. But it was so important that people sometimes fought wars over it. At one time the Roman soldiers were paid in part with salt. At another time salt was so precious that anyone caught smuggling it was punished with death. Probably because salt was so expensive, some people became superstitious about it. These people said that spilling salt would bring bad luck.

When Jesus told His followers, "You are the salt of the earth," what did He mean? Read Matthew 5:13.

-from Young Explorers

Let It Be

"Let it be, and it was.
The flies flew, the bees buzzed.
"Let it be," it was there,
Day and night, wind and air.

"Let it be" were the words
That God used to make birds,
To make cows, to make frogs,
To make cats, to make dogs.

These three words, "Let it be,"
Were God's words to make me.
To make me, to make you,
To make green, to make blue.



-Deana McAmis
Iligan City, Philippines
1969



"I'm proud to be able to say that I've never been late for a Sunday morning service! . . . would you care for a piece of toast?"