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## SPECIAL MINISTRIES CLASS

by Karen Kueck  
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The Lutheran Witness

ST. LOUIS -- A "how-to" course that aids ordained and prospective pastors in counseling parents of special children has been introduced into the curriculum of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, this summer. The course will be repeated in the winter term.

Taught by Daniel H. Pokorny, assistant professor of practical theology, the course focuses on the resources and organizations available to pastors to find and then help special parishioners--deaf and blind, physically and/or developmentally disabled persons. Also, the course challenges students to respond to how they would handle specific situations during their ministries.

Representing a cross-section of the special groups involved, guest lecturers made one point clear--special people should be treated as individuals, not lumped into categories and treated as groups.

Guest lecturers agreed that one of the biggest problems they face is that most church members have little information or contact with special people. This situation leads to misconceptions about special people's needs to be accepted by the "normal" world and to receive the Gospel message like everyone else.

"Too often people are not informed about the facts of mentally retarded persons to equate them with those who are mentally ill and dangerous," said Marlys Taege, public relations director of Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wisconsin. She and Fred Stiemke, a chaplain at Bethesda, presented a two-day lecture about mentally retarded persons at Bethesda and its group homes.

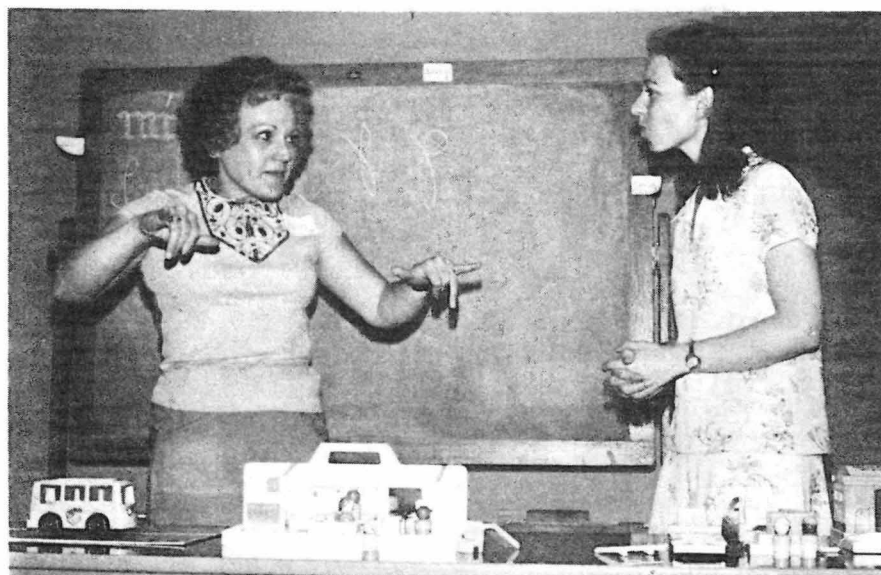
Marshall Nelson, executive secretary of Synod's Commission for Services to the Mentally Retarded, discussed the church's history and ongoing role in mainstreaming mentally retarded persons.

Russel and Betty Jo Healey, members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, St. Louis outlined the frustrations of growing up in a hearing world. Both said that they were not as well educated as they could have been.

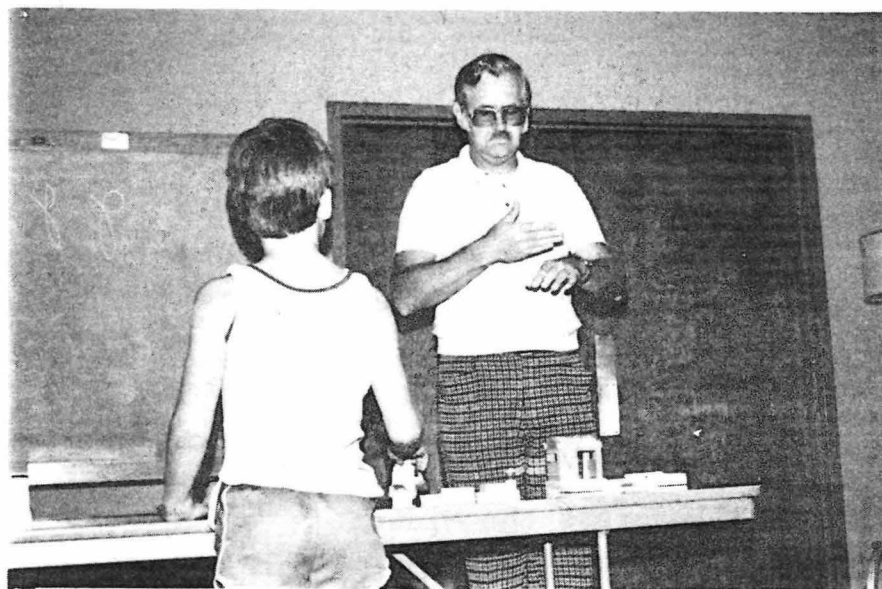
However, the Lord has been opening doors for the Healeys. They helped team teach an American Sign Language course (acquisition method) at Concordia Seminary in June. In August, they will go to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, where they will be house parents at a ranch for hearing impaired boys. They will remain there for a term of two years.

Seven persons, five studying for the minis-

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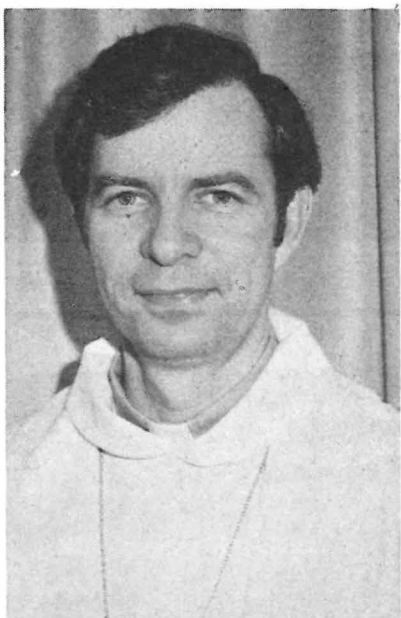


Betty Jo Healey, (left) a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, St. Louis, Mo., tells student Mary Knutson in sign language to move the toy children out of the classroom so they can play in the school yard. Mrs. Healey, who is deaf, was one of the teachers of the three-week American Sign Language course (acquisition method) held at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in June. Students enrolled in the continuing education course learned more than 250 signs during the 11-hour course. In the photo below, Mary is responding to Betty's sign language command by moving the toy children from the school into the school yard.



Russel Healey (right) tells one of the younger students enrolled in the sign language course to take the fork-lift over to the wood pile and pick up the wood. This young boy was one of the students enrolled in the silent continuing education course and learned more than 250 signs during the course.

## About Mt. St. Helens



Rev. Martin A. Hewitt,  
Pastor of  
Faith Lutheran  
Church for the  
Deaf, Spokane,  
Washington

Life in Spokane seems to have come back to some degree of normal activity. The dust is still with us on dry days. We live with it and will do so for a long time.

Everywhere I go I hear people still talking about "the greatest natural disaster in our lifetime," as one writer put it. A volcano erupted with a force far stronger than any nuclear bomb.

People were sure feeling so helpless when that ash cloud came over us. It became dark as midnight with no moon, and we could not see where we were going as the ash fell around us like in a blizzard. Insects, bees, plants suffocated to death and closer to the mountain even people and animals died. Crops are ruined, apples falling from trees, motors damaged, a way of life completely stopped for several days.

We have had to change our habits because of the dust problems. But some people are looking to God and wondering about their relationship with Him. They are looking into the Bible, because they recognize God's hand is involved in this world, too. They notice that when a natural disaster comes, God is using nature to call people back to Himself.

In the Old Testament story of God's people, how often did God let his people suffer because of their sins--sufferings that people bring upon themselves. Sometimes they suffer from natural disaster, often by human hands. (Read Numbers: 14 and 16).

Perhaps it is time for America to wake up and look at what is happening around us. This week a number of natural disasters have hit America hard--earthquakes in the Southwest, tornadoes all across the Midwest and South, a volcano here in the Northwest. Add to that the violence of the cities, the hostage situation continuing in Iran. It seems like these things are happening for a purpose.

Examine the record of the

"great USA" and you find US not so wonderful after all. The moral fiber of this nation is certainly weak! Seven million abortions (babies killed before birth) in 7 years. Divorce and family breakups higher every year. Abused children, spouse beatings, sexual "freedom." You read the newspapers. It goes on and on.

God has not destroyed us--not yet! He is calling us to change more than habits. He want us to change our hearts! Change who is first in our lives--ourselves or God.

Some of you who receive this newsletter have no close relationship with God. By letting Mt. St. Helens touch your life, God is saying something to you!



### THOUGHTS TO REMEMBER

"PRAYER IS LIKE AN ELEVATOR -  
THANKFULNESS GOES UP AND BLESSINGS  
COME DOWN."

### HOW DEDICATED ARE YOU?

"In a book called THE AGE OF LONGING an American girl married a radical revolutionary in Paris. She had lost her faith in Christ at an American university...lost all religious faith she had. She had given up all the things her parents told her. She was asked why she married such a man as the revolutionary. She said, "He's the first person I have ever known that believes something strong enough to die for it. Although I don't believe exactly as he does, I was attracted to this man who had founded a cause." I find young people today are looking for a cause...and they are not looking for something easy. A university student in Moscow, Russia, told one of my friends some time ago, "You Christians say you are going to win the world, but we Russians have done more in fifty years than you've done in two thousand years. And do you know why? It's because you are not fully dedicated and fully devoted. We Russians are. We will win, you'll see."

- Day by Day with Billy Graham

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## Dead Sheep

In the fall of the year most of our churches are planning their programs for the next year and working on budgets to support their programs. This is no small task. Taken collectively, our 1,140 congregations will be looking for approximately \$70 million to fund their programs at home and through the Synod for the next year. The other day I came across a letter which one of our pastors sent to his congregation during this period. I would like to share it with you. Perhaps it will set you thinking - as it did me!

### (Your Sheep Has Died)

Once there was a man who had a flock of sheep. He felt so good about having these nice sheep that he decided to give one of them back to God. All the sheep were of the same age and size, and value. So the man didn't bother to determine exactly which one he was going to give to God. That night one of the sheep suddenly got sick and died. The next morning the man regretfully prayed: "Dear Lord, I am so sorry to tell you that your sheep has died."

Is that what happens when inflation strikes your house? For example:

"You must understand, dear Lord, how prices have gone up! Everything I buy costs so much more these days! I am so sorry to inform You that there was nowhere else to cut except my offerings."

"The refrigerator just broke down, Lord (or the car or dishwasher or color TV or washing machine), and that will have to be replaced right away. Part of the cost will have to be taken from what I had planned to give to you."

### (Your Sheep Has Died)

There is no doubt about it: it's TOUGH to make the paycheck do any more stretching to cover all expenses. We get tired of scrimping. We get tired of doing without. We get tired of waiting for things we have wanted for a long time. We get tired of making sacrifices all the time.

Yet...consider once again:

"He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and was raised again" II Cor.5:15.

"My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from Me. Yet, not as I will, but as You will" Matt.26:39

Our Savior, according to His human nature, was "in an agony" as He foresaw the cost to Himself of our salvation. But out of love for us and out of obedi-

ence to His Father He did it anyway - and thereby rescued us from the eternally damning effects of sin, death, and the devil.

The writer of Psalm 116 asks: "How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?" That's a good question to be asking ourselves as we come once more to budget time in our church. Our 1980 budget is now being prepared. Soon you will be asked to indicate your support for the church's program. As we prepare for that time, let's keep our heads clear and our priorities straight!

-copied from L.C./M.S. Newsletter



## THE IDEAL FATHER

A survey was taken among high school students on the question, "What qualities do youngsters desire in their fathers?" The reported results of the survey were as follows:

(1) UNDERSTANDING, (2) COMMON SENSE, (3) ACTIVE INTEREST IN FAMILY AFFAIRS, (4) LOYALTY TO FAMILY MEMBERS WITHOUT FAVORITISM, (5) GENTLEMANLY CONDUCT, (6) LEADERSHIP - HE TALKS THINGS OVER WITH HIS FAMILY, BUT THE FINAL WORD IS HIS.

The above are commendable ideals, but no father can anywhere near approach an ideal standard unless he is the HIGH PRIEST OF THE HOME (the spiritual advisor). He must know Jesus Christ as his own personal savior and then take the leadership in spiritual training and family worship. The above "Ideal" left out the "ONE THING ESPECIALLY NEEDFUL!"

-The Good News Beacon - June 1978

## THOUGHTS TO REMEMBER

"Cold prayers shall never have any warm answers."

Thomas Brooks

"Time spent on the knees in prayer will do more to remedy heart strain and nerve worry than anything else."

George David Stewart

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## IF JESUS CAME TO YOUR HOUSE

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two--

If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.

Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored Guest, And all the food you'd serve Him would be the very best, And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there-- That serving Him in your own home is joy beyond compare.

But--when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door With arms outstretched in welcome to your Heavenly Visitor?

Or would you change your clothes before you let Him in?

Or hide some magazines and but the Bible where they'd been?

Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard?

And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, hasty word?

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?

Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?

And I wonder--if the Savior spent a day or two with you,

Would you go right on doing the things you always do?

Would you go right on saying the same things you always say?

Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace?

And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?

Would you sing the songs you always sing, and read the books you read?

And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?

Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go?

Or would you, maybe, change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends?

Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on?

Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?

It might be interesting to know the things you would do

If Jesus Christ in person came to spend some time with you.

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## DON'T WORRY

The best "Don't Worry" appeal has been issued by the United States Public Health Service. In a statement presenting statistics on nervous diseases and showing the tendency of the worry habit to shorten life, this service says:

"So far as is known, no bird tried to build more nests than its neighbor; no fox ever fretted because he had only one hole in which to hide; no squirrel ever died of anxiety lest he should not lay by enough nuts for two winters instead of one, and no dog ever lost any sleep over the fact that he did not have enough bones laid aside for his declining years."

- The Herkimer Citizen



## 1981 ILDA Convention Committee Meet

The I.L.D.A. 1981 Convention Committee met again on May 3rd. Eighteen members were present. This meeting was held at the convention site, The Los Angeles Hilton Hotel. A big room and refreshments were provided by the hotel. After the meeting the group went on a tour of the hotel. The convention theme: **BE OPENED!** was discussed as the convention must follow it fully. Also discussed was the duties of the various committees. The next committee meeting will be held on July 26th.

## Pilgrim Moves Forward!

-by Rev. August Hauptman  
Pilgrim L.C./Deaf  
Los Angeles, CA

I have heard many fine comments about our Twentieth Anniversary Celebration on May 18th, and I, personally, enjoyed the day very much. Someone said to me that "it was a perfect day." I want to thank all of you who worked so hard to make the day a huge success. Above all, I thank our gracious God who has been with our congregation these past twenty years through the Word and Sacraments to bless us and give us so many talented and dedicated members. His many mercies are always in our minds as we look back over the years, and may we go forward in doing His work in the future years.

This reminds me of the **FORWARD**

This reminds me of the **FORWARD IN REMEMBRANCE APPEAL** which our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has launched recently. This is a very special appeal to help all of us rededicate ourselves to the Lord's Great Commission, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19), and to receive a special offering of at least \$40,000,000 from the members of our Synod. The money from this offering will be used for special mission projects abroad and in North America and also for training of pastors and missionaries for special ministries such as Hispanic and Black, Korean, and many others.

Our congregation has established a Leadership Team as part of our effort to implement the Forward In Remembrance appeal.

I have agreed to serve as Director. Charles Kotal will serve as Lay Chairman. Diane Foster will be the Education/Motivation Chairman, and Arthur Green will serve as the Secretary.

Pilgrim is one of eight congregations in our area of the city organized into an "Action Group". We had our first Action Group meeting on May 4th, here at our Parish Hall. The congregational Leadership Teams from each of the eight churches in our Action Group attended. There are over 900 Action Groups throughout the Synod, and they enable Synod's congregation to follow a common plan and schedule for both educating members about their mission opportunities and for raising funds.

At the request of our Southern California District President, Dr. Arnold Kuntz, I have agreed to serve as the Director of our Action Group. This, of course, means additional responsibility and work for me. Since Easter, I have spent at least ten full days working on the Forward In Remembrance Appeal. I have accepted this added workload because I am convinced that our Lord wants our Synod to wake up and go forward in the mission work. Dr. Billy Graham has said that the Missouri Synod is a "sleeping giant." I agree with Dr. Graham. I think our Synod can do much better than it has been doing lately. I want to help our Synod "wake up" and get going forward.

Also, how could I say "No!" to the President of our District? Believe me, I wanted to say, "No" and avoid all the extra work and problems, but the Spirit would not let me. More important, how could I say "No" to Jesus? Could you? So I accepted the extra responsibility and work. Now I am glad that I did. I am also pleased that the other members of our Pilgrim Leadership Team have agreed to accept their extra work for this very special appeal.

I accepted to be an Action Group Director also because I have faith in you, the loyal members of Pilgrim. I am depending on each one of you to continue doing your regular duties as you have in the past and done so well. God bless you! Yes, I am depending on you to work even a little harder to help relieve me so I will have the extra time and energy to give to this Forward In Remembrance Appeal during the next year.

I realize it will be difficult especially since we are also, at the same time, getting ready to host the ILDA Convention in July of 1981. But we can do it if we all work together and pray for the Lord's blessings.

**REJOICING**  
**IN MERCY**

## Signs Alive With Power!

-from Pilgrim Torch Newsletter  
Los Angeles, CA

She stood beneath the podium as District President, Rev. Dr. A. Kuntz and Dr. O. Hoffmann addressed the convention. Her gaze was toward her deaf friends. Her hands and body reacted as sensitive instruments to nuances of the unseen speakers' voice. Hoffman played his voice like an organ. When he dropped to his guttural whisper, her hands whispered. When he thundered and roared, her hands jabbed and body pounded out the emotions and the meanings in fitting signs.

Like Marcel Marceau, she is a poet who puts full ranges of meanings into gestures and signs and she is a silent violin played by the bows of the unseen speakers' voices. Her name is Jean Addis. Her home base is Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in San Diego.

Jean began learning the silent language of the deaf after she graduated from high school. After basic training in an adult school at night, she began work as an interpreter in college classes. Speed came as she worked to communicate the lectures to deaf students.

The past four years Jean has worked as assistant to the pastor in developing a ministry to the deaf at Our Redeemer. The worship of the church is conducted in an intergrated manner, deaf people participating with those who can hear.

A couple of years ago she had the opportunity to sign for the National Television Productions of the Benji and Waldo programs.

Jean was at the convention as a lay delegate. Her hope in modeling a style of ministry at the convention is to stimulate the use of a pair of staff interpreters at future gatherings of this kind. They would make possible a more complete participation by the deaf in the entire proceedings of the convention.

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# McNair-Sting Wedding



\* \* \* \* \* LINDA McNAIR \* \* \* \* \*

-by Meta Luetzow  
Seattle, Washington

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Seattle, Washington was the scene of the June 7th, 7:00 p.m. wedding of Linda McNair, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence McNair of Lander, Wyoming and Kenneth T. Sting, son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Sting, Sebawaing, Michigan.

The Reverend William A. Ludwig also deaf and pastor of the young couple officiated. Miss Candice Serhdal was the pianist. Mrs. Alvin Luetzow and Mrs. David Harmon sang and signed "OH, TAKE OUR HANDS DEAR SAVIOR," and Mrs. Janice McNabb sang and signed "THE LORD'S PRAYER." Miss Kathy Mack interpreted the entire service for the hearing guests.

The bride wore a gown of sheer cotton with scooped neck chantilly lace bodice and ruffle. Her soft illusion veil was edged in chantilly lace and the Camelot crown was covered with lace embroidered with seed pearls.

The bride carried a bouquet of white Roses, Carnations, Baby Breath and Stephonitus. The groom presented the mothers with Cymbidium Orchids.

The Matron of Honor, Mrs. Edward McNair, sister-in-law of the bride, wore a gown of pale blue and carried a bouquet of white Carnations, Daisys and pale pink Roses surrounded by lace.

Ronald Sting served his brother as best man with Edward McNair, brother of the bride, Jim Genow, brother-in-law of the groom, and Gregg Deeth, friend of the bride and groom, as ushers.

Interpreters for the couple were Michael Hughes and Mrs. Arlene Motulsky, Deaf-Blind Specialists and Teachers at the Lighthouse for the Blind, where Linda and Ken are both employed.

Servers at the reception following the wedding ceremony were: Mesdames Janet Genow, sister of the groom; Dorothy Burns, Aunt of the groom, and LaJune Brighton, friend of the bride and groom.

The church was decorated with white Gladiolus, Carnations, Daisys, and pink Roses enhanced with Peony and Fern Greenery. Tall white candles added a final touch to the beauty of the wedding

Out of town guests came from Lander, Riverton, and Cheyenne, Wyoming, Sebawaing and Saginaw, Michigan; Denver, Colorado and Tacoma, Washington.

The bride is a graduate of the School for the Deaf and Blind in Vancouver, Washington. The groom graduated from the Detroit School for the Deaf in Detroit, Michigan. They will make their home in Seattle, Washington.

Mr. & Mrs. Sting are the first deaf and blind couple to be married at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Deaf.

## NCI Presents First "Captioning TV" To The NAD

news from national captioning institute, inc.

"Foresight, technology and dedication have brought us here today," said Frank B. Sullivan, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Captioning Institute (NCI), in presenting the world's first integrated closed-captioning television set to the National Association of the Deaf (NAD). Sullivan made the presentation at NAD's Centennial Convention in Cincinnati on Wednesday, July 2. Several thousand hearing-impaired men and women attended the week-long convention which was highlighted by the presentation ceremony.

The 19-inch "TeleCaption" color TV, sold exclusively by Sears, Roebuck & Co. and the first to come off the company's production line, contains built-in decoding circuitry which allows printed captions, or subtitles, of television dialog to appear on the screen for hearing-impaired viewers. The National Captioning Institute affixes captions to shows for ABC, NBC, & PBS television.

The occasion for the presentation was a ceremony honoring the late Frederick Schreiber, past executive director of the NAD and long-time champion of closed captioning. In a room jammed to capacity, members heard (via sign language) tributes to Schreiber and his foresighted thinking.

Frank Sullivan, Grand President of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, a Chicago-based fraternal insurance organization, made the presentation on behalf of NCI. He was introduced by Doris Caldwell, Special Assistant to NCI President John Ball.

Sullivan said, "In past years television merely brought us pictures and frustrating silence. The only time comprehension became possible was for sporting events or subtitled foreign films. Thanks in large part to the zeal of the late Fred Schreiber in his role as executive director of the NAD, we now enjoy the same educational and entertainment opportunities as the average television viewer."

The captioning television set, with its memorial plaque, was accepted on behalf of the NAD by Al Pimentel, the current executive director, and will be displayed in the reception area of Halex House, the NAD headquarters in Silver Springs, Maryland.

The new TeleCaption sets are now available through Sears catalog sales and will be sold in Sears retail stores this fall. A TeleCaption adapter unit, which attaches to any TV set and allows it to display captions, also is available through Sears catalog sales.

The participating broadcasters are currently televising 19 hours of closed-captioned programming each week, and television advertisers have begun to have NCI close caption additional programs and commercials.

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## special ministries course

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try, were members of the first course. An outgrowth of the course was a continuing education course in the acquisition method of American Sign Language, which was team-taught by Pastor Pokorny and the Healeys and Alan Champion, CSC, of St. Louis. Some 35 St. Louis area residents were enrolled in the sign language class.

For more information about future offerings of the special ministries course, write to Rev. Daniel Pokorny, Concordia Seminary, 801 DeMun, St. Louis, MO 63105.



**A FAMILY "RESPONSIBILITY CODE"**

Talk about it. Commit yourselves to help each other keep it, then tack up this code in some good spot.

- if you open it, close it.
- if you turn it on, turn it off.
- if you unlock it, lock it.
- if you break it, repair it.
- if you can't repair it, report it.
- if you use it, don't abuse it.
- if you make a mess, clean it up.
- if you move it, put it back.
- if it belongs to someone else, get permission.
- if it doesn't concern you, leave it alone.
- if in doubt, ask.

*-taken from...The Lamplighter  
Word of God LTC for the Deaf  
of Eastern Iowa - Western Illinois*

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**Cedar Rapids, Iowa ...** Word of God Lutheran Church of the Deaf had their 5th & 10th Church Anniversary celebration April 27th. They thanked God for founding a congregation on Dec. 28, 1969 and for purchasing a church building on August 16, 1974.

Rev. Richard Thompson was guest speaker for this special thanksgiving day.

This special afternoon service was followed by a potluck dinner.

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**Philadelphia, Pa...** Delaware Valley L/C Deaf celebrated installation service of their new pastor, Rev. Joseph Varsanyi, Sunday, July 20th. This service was held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia.

Preaching was by the Reverend Norman L. Johnson, Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Following installation service a reception for Pastor Varsanyi was held in the church meeting room.

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**WHERE** you go **HEREAFTER** depends on **WHAT** you **GO AFTER** HERE.

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**Jacksonville, Illinois ...** a **RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK** is being planned at the Illinois School for the Deaf the week of September 8th. There will be religious movies shown in the dorms, introductions of the work by the different churches working with the deaf. On Saturday, September 13th, special groups, choir, and witnessing & other interesting events are being planned.

On Sunday, September 14th, each church may plan their own special Sunday School, worship, and/or other events.

**Rochester, New York ...** Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf has a very interesting Wednesday Night Bible Study. In recent weeks they have studied topics "Death and the Christian," "Once Saved, Always Saved?," "Baptism." Upcoming topics are "Divorce, Widowhood, and Remarriage", "Grief", "Fear", and "A Christian/Jehovah's Witness Comparison".

Another recent event at Alpha was The Strawberry Festival which was a smashing success! Over 90 people came and enjoyed the delicious homemade strawberry shortcakes and the fellowship. More than \$125.00 profit was earned for our ILDA convention fund. The ladies enjoyed cleaning, cutting and preparing the strawberries the night before the festival. They are all eager to have another one next year!!

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**Fort Wayne, Indiana ...** The congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church of the Deaf will begin to enjoy regular worship services on August 3, 1980. Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Rev. George K. Perry will begin morning service in the library of Concordia Lutheran Church.

The St. John's congregation deeply appreciate the warmth that Concordia has extended to them these past four years. There is a good chance that Concordia will allow them to use their Choir Room when the building has been finished. St. John's congregation send special thanks to Pastors Thomas and Fick for their desire to see the congregation grow as a body of Christ. They also wish to take this time to thank Rev. Bob Muller for his support and willingness to help out when Pastor Perry was out of town.

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**Aurora, Illinois ...** Hope Lutheran Church, Aurora, will share a "vicar" (student pastor) half-time with Ephphatha Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Chicago. Vicar Prentice Marsh will be with Hope and Ephphatha one year to learn more about being a pastor, and to help them with their deaf ministry. Vicar Marsh will start his work with both congregations in September.

The field congregations of Rockford and Aurora will sponsor the Central Regional Conference of ILDA nine years from now. Betty Musgrove has an idea to save money for this event.

**DON'T THROW AWAY THOSE TIN CANS!**

Don't throw away tin cans! Wash them out, take off the label, cut out the bottom, squash the can flat, and save them in a box. Then we will take them to a recycling center for cash. Help us earn money for ILDA Central Regional Conference, plus conserve our natural resources!

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**PLANNING TO FLY?**

American Airlines now has a toll-free TTY number to help deaf people make plane reservations:  
(1)-800/543-1586

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Our ancestors had to haul the wash water from the well, but they didn't have to sit up nights figuring how to meet the payments on the bucket!

**Omaha, Nebraska ...** On Sunday, July 20th Bethlehem Lutheran Church/Deaf celebrated Installation Service for Mr. Robert Oettel who will serve as their Lay Minister.

Rev. Walter Uhlig, who enthusiastically served Bethlehem as Vacancy Pastor was the guest preacher for that day.

Following installation service a delicious salad luncheon was served which in turn was followed by a meeting of the voting members of the congregation.

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**Jacksonville, Illinois ...** On Sundays, July 13, 20, 27, while Pastor Anderson was on vacation, Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf saw the return of one of their former pastors and friend Chaplain Del Thies who came to be guest speaker and worship leader.

The lessons and sermon text and theme were: July 13 ...

"An Invitation From God"

July 20 ...

"The Faith Of The Woman of Canaan"

July 27 ...

"The Lord Is Good"

Rev. Del Thies also took care of the pastoral care of congregation members of Christ L.C./Deaf. He is chaplain at Passavant Hospital in Jacksonville.

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**Spokane, Washington ...** Rev. Martin A. Hewitt, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church of the Deaf, never arrived in the Tri-Cities area last month. Mt. St. Helens erupted first and closed all the roads to travel between him and Tri-Cities.

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**Los Angeles, California ...** On May 18th, Pilgrim Lutheran Church of the Deaf celebrated its' 20th anniversary with a special worship service and banquet. More than 175 persons attended this special event. Rev. Arnold Jonas preached the anniversary sermon and the Rev. Donald Zuhn, executive secretary of the Deaf and Blind Ministry, L.C./M.S., spoke at the banquet. Our ladies cooked a delicious home prepared meal which everyone enjoyed. There were a few brief skits performed by some of the members. Rev. & Mrs. Jonas were presented with a beautiful painting by the members of Pilgrim for their many years of faithful service to Pilgrim. Pastor and Mrs. Hauptman were also presented with a lovely plaque of appreciation for their present services at Pilgrim. It was a joyous occasion which all in attendance will remember!

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**San Francisco, CA ...** The Pacific Region of the ILDA held its biennial convention June 26-29th at San Lorenzo CA. Memorial Lutheran Church of the Deaf was the host. Plans were discussed in the business meeting on ways to make the region grow. One of the highlights of the convention was a tour of San Francisco. There was the usual banquet on Saturday night followed by outdoor Worship Service and picnic on the last day.

Several members from Pilgrim in Los Angeles were in attendance.

## 116th Commencement For Gallaudet College

News from  
Gallaudet  
College

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Gallaudet conferred more degrees upon graduating students on May 19, 1980 than it has any time since Abraham Lincoln signed the legislation making Gallaudet College an institution for higher learning for the deaf. That was in the year, 1864. The largest group of graduates consisted of 149 students receiving bachelor's degrees, 87 master's degrees, two doctor's degrees and nine associate of arts degrees for a total of 247.

For the first time Gallaudet granted M.B.A. degrees and A.A. degrees. The new graduate program in Business Administration has come about as a result of the cooperative efforts of the college and universities in Washington, D.C., through the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area. Candidates for the degree must meet the requirements for the program by taking courses at other universities in addition to their studies at Gallaudet.

The Associate of Arts program in Interpreting has been established to prepare people to meet the growing demand for professional interpreters. Newsweek reported this year on the burgeoning interest in sign language in the U.S. and the new career opportunities created by new legislation and increased awareness (January 7, 1980). While Gallaudet has always welcomed hearing students to its graduate programs, the A.A. in Interpreting is the first undergraduate degree program to which hearing students have been admitted as candidates.

The speaker at Gallaudet's 116th commencement exercises was Eleanor Holmes Norton, chair of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Norton also received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Gallaudet for her work in extending the guarantees of human rights to minorities and women.

A second honorary Doctor of Laws degree was conferred on Edna Paananen Adler, consultant, Office of Deafness and Communicative Disorders, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services -U.S. Department Education. Deaf herself since the age of 10, Adler is sought out by U.S. and foreign governments for her assistance in designing and establishing rehabilitation services.

Thomas S. Spradley received the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. An educator who is the parent of a deaf child, Spradley co-authored Deaf Like Me. His book, which has been translated into several languages, is the true story of his family's struggle through anguish to the

love and acceptance they share.

President Jimmy Carter signed all degrees, a tradition which had been followed by each President since Ulysses S. Grant. Gallaudet is still the world's only accredited liberal arts college for deaf students.

The well-known Gallaudet Dance Group provided entertainment during the ceremonies, which were held in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The commencement exercises were conducted simultaneously in spoken English and the language of signs.

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## THE QUIET CHAMPION

THE QUIET CHAMPION, a documentary program for public television, is finally ready to be shown by the majority of educational television stations all around the country. It is a lyrically beautiful film about sports, a story of the World Games for the Deaf. But more especially it is the true story of Dan Fitzpatrick, deaf, independent, and determined to win.

THE QUIET CHAMPION reveals not only Dan's physical strength (6'3", 255-pound shotputter and discus thrower), but also the inner strength which allows him to reach "toward something grand". Filmed at the XIIIth World Games in Romania, at Gallaudet College where Dan was a history major and football star with "the possibilities to be an excellent pro," at home on the farm in central Illinois, and at the training camp in North Carolina, THE QUIET CHAMPION documents the hard work that goes into achievement and conveys the excitement of competition.

The film is a production of the Office of Educational Technology, Gallaudet College. It is being distributed to public television stations by the Eastern Educational Television Network.

work. THE QUIET CHAMPION carries open captions. Letters to program managers at local public television stations would help ensure that the film is shown on TV.

## Smithsonian Offers Programs For The Deaf

Smithsonian  
Institution  
News

Hearing-impaired visitors to the Smithsonian may now make arrangements for oral or sign-language interpreters to accompany them to a variety of activities, including museum tours, lectures, concerts and Resident Associate classes and trips.

Arrangements must be made

in advance through the tour scheduling offices of individual museums through the Smithsonian's Coordinator for Special Education.

These services are free and cover activities at the Smithsonian's museums in Washington and at the National Zoo.

Two Smithsonian museums offer regularly scheduled sign-language tours conducted by docents who are themselves hearing-impaired. Tours of the Museum of Natural History, lasting approximately one and a half hours, will be given every Sunday through July at 2 p.m. On June 22 and July 27, the docent will be accompanied by a sign-to-voice interpreter for the benefit of hearing visitors. One-hour tours of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculptured Garden begin at 12:30 every Sunday.

The Special Education program of the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education offers creative activities for hearing-impaired children throughout the year.

For information about this and other Special Education programs, call 357-1697 (voice) or TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) 357-1696. The TDD is attached to a recording device when the office is closed -or write: Coordinator for Special Education, Room 1163, Arts and Industries Building, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560.

The education office also has available a portable loop induction system, which will amplify sound for people whose hearing aids have a "T" (telephone) switch. The system may be borrowed for use at any Smithsonian event.

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## Signs Alive With Power!

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Not only would they interpret what is happening for the deaf; they could also make it possible for the non-speaking deaf to share in discussion and debate as they desire.

A broader goal Jean Addis seeks is understanding on the part of the whole church that the deaf are people who simply cannot hear. Their intelligence is not a function of how well they speak. Their gifts are many and can be made more fully available to the whole church.

One of Jean's discoveries about her ministry is that she can stimulate others to reflect on theirs. She says that when she intends to do an excellent job of interpreting, it often limps and she does poorly. When she simply prays, "Lord, these are your hands," she finds He does marvelous things with them. The phrase from St. Francis come to mind, "Lord, make me an instrument".



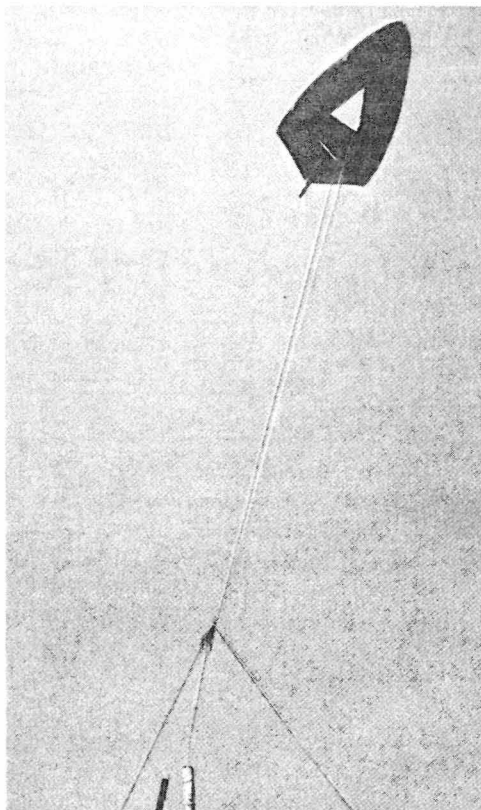
## New Work for Balloons

Big trees grow in many places. Some trees grow on flat land. Workers cut down these trees. Big trucks and trains move the logs to the saw mill. Sometimes the logs go down streams and rivers to the saw mill.

Sometimes trees grow on steep mountains. There are no roads for trucks to go on. There are no trains. For these trees the big Vee-Balloon goes to work.

Men cut down the trees. "Zzz-zzz," go the saws. Soon the trees are logs. Men tie one end of a rope to the logs; they tie the other end of the rope to the big balloon. The big balloon goes up, up, up into the air. Up go the logs too. Soon the logs are high over the trees that stand tall on the mountain side.

The balloon is pulled down the mountain to the road. Other men set the logs on trucks. Then the logs are ready to go on their trip to the saw mill.



A Balloon at Work

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## Using God's Power Wisely

You know the Bible tells us that God made everything. This means not only the things you see every day, but also the power of heat that is in coal, gas, and oil, and the power that is locked up in the atom.

Men didn't invent this power. God put it there. Men only discovered how to use it.

Atomic power is a gift from God. Followers of Jesus know that God gives only good gifts. It is only when some people turn away from God and His love and misuse His many gifts that these gifts are used to destroy. Sometimes many people have used atomic power unwisely. Instead of using it to help others, they have used it to destroy.

But men are learning better ways to control this tremendous power. Now atomic power can be used to dig huge holes in the earth. It can be used to move mountains and dig ditches like the Panama Canal and other waterways. Atomic power also can be used to make electricity.

Some people say that atomic power is the greatest of God's wonderful gifts. How well it will be used depends on how well men remember God's love and use His gifts wisely.

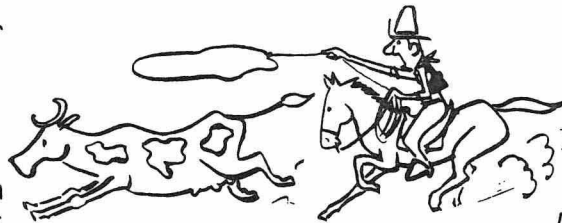
### SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT:

What other kinds of power has God given us? What is the power of the Holy Spirit? How can we use this power wisely? Why do followers of Jesus say, "The Spirit's power is God's greatest gift"?

## PUZZLE FUN!

It is fun watching young boys and girls at play trying to become cowboys, cowgirls, and Indians. Here is a puzzle that contains some cowboy, cowgirl, and Indian names you might know. See if you can find them. They may be found by reading in any direction, even backward!

Lone Ranger  
Tex Ritter  
Tonto  
Conchise  
Cisco Kid  
Matt Dillon  
Gabby Hayes

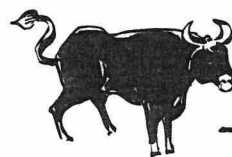


Tom Mix  
Roy Rogers  
Gene Autry  
Paladin  
Durango Kid  
Dale Evans  
Annie Oakley



T O D I K O C S I C A L  
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## Stop, Look, Listen!

Scientists warn that wild animals and birds are being destroyed to the point that none will continue to live. People are becoming aware that the animals that God created for man's enjoyment and happiness are one of God's many blessings. It is also sad to know that it is man himself who is mainly causing this destruction.

One of the latest threatened animals is the wild pony which has lived in Greece for thousands of years. Until some 60 years ago there were still more than 1,000 in all of these small and graceful horses roaming freely in the land of Greece. Today lack of food, summer heat, and winter cold with no shelter has reduced their number to about 100. They have all but lost their strength as a result of poor pastures and sickness.

But today these 100 ponies have a new chance to live, thanks to the work of the Greek people and a charity which is giving them shelter, water, and food for the next few years.

Another animal that may soon need protection is the monkey of East Africa. Today there are so many of these monkeys that bands of them often destroy food needed by the people. To stop them the people are trapping and killing them. But scientists are afraid that the people will keep on killing them until it is too late and the few that will be left will die out.

Some animals enjoy safety in national parks and reserves all over the world, but hunters called "poachers" often destroy these protected animals. In the Albert National Park in Africa an army of these poachers carrying weapons from modern guns to bows and arrows have taken a heavy toll of the hippos.

The royal Bengal tiger-perhaps the most admired specimen in the animal kingdom-is also facing hard times with more animals being killed than are born. Estimates place their remaining number at 4,000.

An estimated 75 percent of the gorillas was believed to have been wiped out by other hunters and people who wanted to settle the land where the gorillas lived.

Helping to keep these wild animals alive can be a way people who love God can show their love for others. It is each person's doing what he can that will save these animals.