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## A New Year's Wish

May you have enough happiness to keep you sweet;  
Enough trials to keep you strong;  
Enough hope to make your heart sing;  
Enough labor to bring you sweet rest;  
Enough of the love of Christ in your soul to make  
you do your best.

## Happy New Year

Again we stand on the threshold of a new year. Our prayer is that God's choicest blessings may be showered upon all men during 1950. May we resolve earnestly to give a more sincere and heartfelt service to God for His great blessings of body and soul and for the work of His blessed Son, our one and only Savior, Jesus Christ! May the blessings of the true living God descend upon and remain with us now and forever!

Deaf Lutherans, begin the new year in a God-pleasing, Christian way by reverently attending church services and receiving Holy Communion and by acknowledging God's blessings! May you ever strive with a firm resolve to grow in grace and Christian knowledge for devout service to all men! O. C. S.

## New York Gets Third Telecast

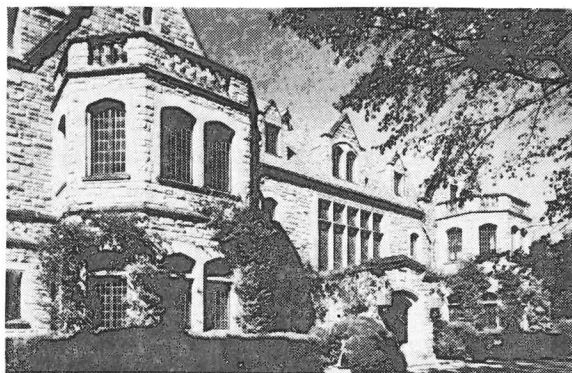
On Nov. 20, 1949, Lutheran work among the Deaf floated on the air waves for the third time in one year. This puts New York one jump ahead of Kentucky, where Pastor Kosche has had two telecasts this year. Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, Inc., a company to start the new Lutheran School for the Deaf on the Atlantic Coast, and the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau were given one full hour on Station WPIX again.

## Need for School Shown

According to the radio script, the program showed how one school in Detroit is not enough. There are many Protestant boys and girls whose fathers and mothers want a *daily* program of *Christian training*, in addition to Readin', Ritin', and Rithmetic. So a group of Lutherans started to work for such a school near New York. They called on Mr. John A. Klein, director, Ev. Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, Detroit, for advice and help. He and Pastor Possehl, Executive Secretary of the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, made trips between New York and Detroit to get things started.

## Property Described

Pictures of the large estate in Mill Neck, Long Island, were shown next. This 86-acre estate, worth \$2,000,000, was bought for \$200,000 by the Lutheran Friends of the



Deaf, Inc. The main building is stone and fire-proof. It has large rooms, which can be easily changed into schoolrooms. The living room will be turned into a chapel. The superintendent will also have a private home on the campus. A large servants' house and garage

will be made into the vocational building, where regular trades will be taught to the pupils. (See story on page 3.)

### **\$500,000 More Needed Now**

Pastor Kraus and his five Oral Sunday School pupils showed how the Deaf child is taught the Bible. He used the lessons of the "Creation Story" which he and Mrs. Kraus wrote and drew. (They are good, too; we have tried them out. — Ed.) Then he asked Protestant people to remember the New York Lutheran School with their prayers and also with their gifts. (See story on page 3.)

St. Matthew's Deaf Choir signed hymns on the program.

God bless our schools.

F. G.

### **Cleveland Celebrates Forty Years**

November 6 — The 40th anniversary of our Church work among the Deaf was celebrated here in Christ Lutheran Church. Pastor Martin Kosche of Indianapolis, guest preacher, delivered a good sermon. About ninety people attended the services; two children were baptized, and the Lord's Supper was celebrated. After the service, an anniversary dinner was served in the church hall. A number of addresses were made after the meal.

During these forty years, Pastors Boll, Schroeder, Borchardt, and Frederking have served Cleveland and Ohio, bringing God's Word and Sacraments to the Deaf. May God bless our future work in this city still more abundantly than He has blessed it during the past forty years!

T. F.

### **"The Light Shineth in Darkness"**

For almost a quarter of a century our Church has published literature for the blind. Today this literature has readers on all continents of the earth. Many more blind, in *spiritual* and physical darkness, sorely need the light of the Gospel. We cannot enumerate the thousands of frustrated souls who have found comfort and courage by reading the Word of God in embossed type; yet our literature has accomplished that in thousands of cases as is verified in letters to the editor. A blind man in England wrote only last week that he loves our publications because they

always strike the right note for all those who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity.

We deeply appreciate the publicity given our work. Because of the deficit in Synod's treasuries no representative of the Mission to the Blind was present at the Oct. 2 broadcast. Thanks to all who made the program a success!

O. C. S.

## **New Testament Reading**

### **THE LETTER OF JUDE**

(A modern translation by the Rev. George Kraus, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Jackson Heights, N. Y., to help the Bible reader understand the meaning of the King James Version [1611 A.D.] language.)

Verses 1-2: Jude a slave of Jesus Christ — and a brother of James — to the people whom God the Father loves, and to the people He has called and kept in Christ Jesus. Let Him multiply grace, peace, and love to you.

#### **Verses 3-4: DEAR FRIENDS:**

With all zeal I began to write to you about our salvation, which belongs to us all. But then I understood that I must write to you and urge you: — fight for the faith which God once and for all gave the saints. Because some people have entered secretly. (A long time ago God wrote their names for this verdict.) They are people without fear of God. They change the grace of our God to sinful living. And they deny our Lord and Master — Jesus Christ.

Verses 5-7: I want to remind you of something you already know: First, that the Lord saved His people from the land of Egypt. But afterwards He destroyed those people who did not believe. Secondly, that the angels who did not keep their first rule (but left their true home), He keeps [them] in eternal chains in darkness until the judgment of the Great Day. Likewise [also], Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities near them stand before us as a warning example: they gave themselves up to sexual sins and unnatural vice [crime] and suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

Verses 8-10: In the same way these dreamers make the body filthy with sin. They don't care about His rule. They speak shamefully against His glory. But Michael, the archangel (when he argued and debated with the devil about the body of Moses), did not dare to call [name] the devil a blasphemer. But Michael

only said, "The Lord judge you." But these men speak evil things they cannot understand. Physical [bodily] things are all they understand. (Animals without reason know such things also.) In these physical things they destroy themselves.

Verses 11-13: Woe [awful trouble] to them! Because they go in the way of Cain. They give themselves to the error [mistake, wrong idea] of Balaam for wages. And they die in a rebellion like Korah's. These are filthspots feasting in your Christian feasts. Without fear they feed themselves. They are clouds without water. The wind carries them around. They are autumn trees without fruit. They are twice dead. They are pulled up by the roots. They are wild waves of the sea, and they cast up their shameful sins as foam. They are wandering stars. God keeps the blackness of darkness for them eternally.

Verses 14-16: Enoch (the seventh from Adam) prophesied about them. He said: "Look, the Lord comes with His holy thousands. He will judge all. And He will convict [judge guilty] all people who do not fear God because of all their works against God (they did these with hate against God). And He will judge all the hard things these godless sinners spoke against Him." They are never satisfied, but complain. They follow their sinful wishes. Their mouths speak boasting words. They flatter people for profit.

Verses 17-19: But you — dear friends — remember the words of the Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. They spoke these words before. Remember what they told you: "At the end of time, mockers will come. They will follow their own sinful wishes because they have no fear of God." They are the ones who make divisions. They are worldly people. They are without the Spirit.

Verses 20-23: But — dear friends — build yourselves by your most holy faith. Pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in the love of God. Wait with hope for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, for eternal life. And correct some people — those who argue; and save them — snatching them from the fire. Pity some with fear. And hate even the clothes filthy with sin.

Verses 24-25: Now to the One who can keep you from stumbling and make you stand before His glory without blame, in joy; to the

only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, glory, honor, power, and rule — before time began, now, and to all eternity. Amen.

(Thanks to the Rev. Martin H. Franzmann, professor of New Testament Interpretation, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., who edited and amended this translation for us.)

## The New Lutheran School for the Deaf

The picture on page 1 is the new Lutheran School for the Deaf at Mill Neck, Long Island. Mill Neck is just a few minutes' drive from New York City. This fine, stone, fireproof building will be dedicated next September as the first Lutheran School for Deaf children in the East. The 86 acres surrounding the school will afford ample grounds where the children can play without the dangers of a big city.

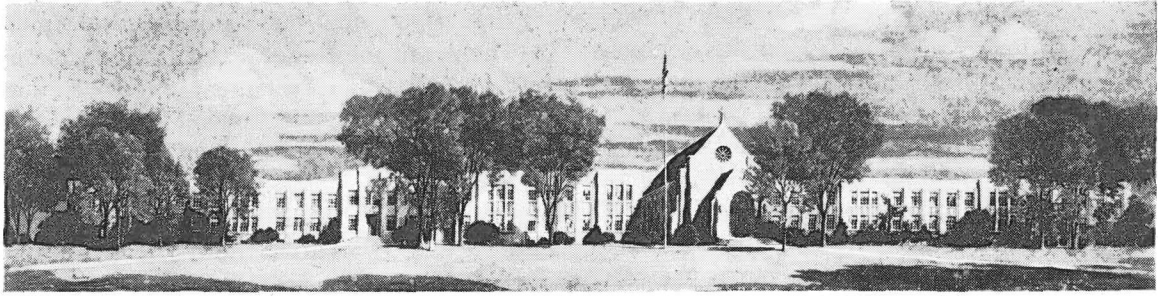
The Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, Inc., will help them find employment and in many cases will establish shops which eventually the Deaf will own themselves. The organization will also assist the Deaf in establishing churches exclusively for the Deaf.

This splendid program is worthy of your generous support. The new school was purchased at the price of \$216,000. This amount will be raised by securing members for the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, Inc. The more members we get, the more service we can offer to the Deaf people. Each person who becomes a member will receive a membership certificate showing that he has helped to establish this school. We need your help; so won't you fill in the blank today? By Feb. 1 we will need \$60,000 to meet a payment on the building. We are asking our Deaf people throughout the country to show their loyal support by raising \$15,000 this month. This is a lot of money, but we can do it. Remember to pray for the success of this new venture, and also ask God to open your heart so that you will be willing to give generously.

F. F. P.

## FIELD GLEANINGS

Cleveland, Ohio — July 24, Clarence Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baden, born Feb. 4, was baptized in our Findlay, Ohio, church; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Weitz, sponsors. Ronald Louis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jackson, was born April 22, baptized Sept. 4 in St. Philip's Church, Cleveland; Mrs. Catharine Swope and Magnolia Charles, sponsors. In Christ



Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, Michigan. J. A. Klein, Director  
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Church, Nov. 6, Antoinette Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Laro, born Aug. 3, 1940, and Martin Herman, Antoinette's brother, born Jan. 12, 1942; sponsors for both children were Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Fargo. May God keep all these newly baptized children with Christ for their final salvation!

*Dayton, Ohio*—On Sept. 22, a beautiful church wedding took place in St. John's Lutheran Church. Miss Beatrice Mae Stevens was married to Mr. Everett R. ShROUT of Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Frances Flynn was matron of honor; Charlotte Williams and Joan Kimmel were bridesmaids. Mr. Henry Stevens, brother of the bride, was best man; John Williams and James Chestnut were ushers. About 100 people attended; and after the wedding the guests enjoyed a nice reception at the Biltmore Hotel. We wish the couple God's blessing in matrimony and God's grace through Christ for their eternal happiness in heaven. T. F.

*Portland, Oreg.*—On Nov. 13, special services were held to give thanks and praise to God upon the completion of improvements in the church basement. Members of the church worked hard during the summer and fall, remodeling the social hall, enlarging the kitchen, and installing an oil-burner furnace. The morning service was attended by 64 Deaf. Pastor George Ring preached on Psalm 100. A potluck dinner in the social hall was enjoyed by the group. At 2:30 P. M., 75 Deaf met in church for worship. The Rev. E. Eichmann, former pastor of the church, preached the sermon on the text: "Thy Kingdom Come." Hymns were signed by Mrs. Clara Kreidt, Mrs. Walter Lauer, and Mr. Harold Rife. Several Deaf came from Salem and Vancouver. It was a joyous day at Hope Lutheran Church. We are also glad to report that a service is held with the Deaf in Portland every Sunday at 11 A. M. G. R.

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