

Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. Mark. 7:31-37



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Field Gleanings

Indianapolis, Ind. — Two new members were added to the Indianapolis congregation by confirmation on December 30. Mr. Clarence Kaufman and Miss Thelma Rhodes. May God keep them in the faith which they so gladly confessed that day. Pastor Kosche had many private classes with Mr. Kaufman at the hospital while he lay in a cast from shoulders to ankles, recovering from a badly broken leg, which he suffered in an auto accident. Miss Rhodes is employed at the Indiana School for the Deaf.



New members of the Indianapolis congregation, confirmed December 30, 1951

The pastor's mother, Mrs. Henrietta Kosche, who lives in Indianapolis and has been becoming more and more interested in the Deaf congregation, has transferred her membership from Trinity Hearing Congregation to become a member of the Deaf congregation. M. K.

Kansas City Field. — The current season finds more members and friends in our midst in the service of the Savior Jesus and experiencing the blessings of His words: "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them," John 13:17. In addition to faithful attendance at worship meetings, more and more friends

and organizations are visiting the sick, new prospects, and the like. Others help teach Bible classes in Kansas City, Topeka, Wichita, and Olathe. At the Kansas school, 150 attend the weekly Bible Classes; at the "K. C." Oral School 35; and at the Colorado School, in addition to monthly worship meetings, advanced Bible lessons are conducted with twenty seniors. A number of blind scholars often attend the Colorado services.

The Gideons Bible Society has been most kind in supplying Testaments for fifty Kansas



Colorado Springs, Colo., Bible Students

students and sixty-five Colorado students. More are to be received later. All are highly appreciated. The accompanying photograph shows the Colorado students immediately after the gifts had been received. Mr. Carl Kandt, a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs, arranged the event.

Mr. Chester Correll of Memphis, Tenn., chairman of our Lutheran Dixie Conference of laymen and laywomen, was a welcome visitor in our midst from February 23 to 25. A meeting was held with Mrs. C. Wear, the conference secretary.

About Stewardship

A copy of the annual report of the Delavan-Madison, Wisconsin, field (Pastor Robert Mackensen) has come into our hands. In it are some things worth repeating.

Pastor Mackensen has done some thinking about where the money comes from to support the work that his Deaf Church and he are doing.

Last year the Deaf in his field (12 cities) gave \$2,981.54 for church work. But, altogether, \$5,889.52 was spent (for pastor's salary, travel expenses, postage, stationery, etc., etc.)

Where did the other \$2,907.98 come from? It came from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, through its Board of Missions to the Deaf. In his report he reminds the Deaf in his field:

"This should make us:

- "1. *Grateful* that other Christians love Jesus and us enough to give us that much money.
- "2. *Humble* because we do not deserve such kindness.
- "3. *Respectful* to the Mission Board and its guidance and suggestions.
- "4. *Determined* to give more and more money ourselves so that the Board can use its money to begin new fields."

Another statement worth thinking about: "*Never boast*: 'We give more money to church than other Deaf. We are better than they are.' No, no, that is a fearful sin. Give all praise and glory to God alone and Jesus if you give much money to church."

The report also tells that the Madison congregation voted to pay \$50 a month toward the pastor's salary in 1952. (Ed.—That means the Mission Board will subtract \$50 from every monthly salary check they send Pastor Mackensen. How much does your congregation give every month toward your pastor's salary?)

Pilgrim Church feels grateful that *the American Institute of Architects*, in its K. C., January, 1952, bulletin, gave Pilgrim Chapel complimentary mentioning.

FIELD GLEANINGS

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barthel of Topeka, Kans., recently observed their 56th wedding anniversary.

All the scholars from this area who attended the *Students' Institute* at Gallaudet College in January are members, either active or affiliate, of our Lutheran Bible classes, in the Kansas City field. They are Barbara Stanton of Missouri, Gerry Graner of Kansas City, Emilia De Santis and Antoinette Kaess of Colorado.

Mr. Roy E. Branton of Streator, Ill., and Miss Kathleen Y. Thate of Carrollton, Mo., were united in holy marriage by the undersigned on March 2. May God richly bless all our friends!

A. E. F.

Austin, Tex.—January 23, 1952, Pastor DeLaney conducted funeral services for Mrs. Viola Katherine Seal of Oklahoma City. Mrs. Seal was born March 8, 1912. She was received into the Church by Baptism on August 11, 1940, under the ministry of Pastor Floyd Possehl. She was always a faithful member of the Lutheran Church until death. Three days before her death, Pastor DeLaney visited her. Viola Seal gave a wonderful testimony of her faith in Jesus Christ. Her Savior called her home from her cancer bed Sunday, January 20. She is survived by her husband, Robert Allen Seal, and son Bobby. About 60 deaf friends and 90 hearing friends and relatives heard Pastor DeLaney speak Jesus' own words of comfort—John 11:25-26.

San Antonio has Deaf Lutherans from far away: Mrs. Clara E. Thompson, Santa Ana, Calif., is at Brooke Army Medical Center, recovering from serious surgery. Robert O. Felts is again escaping the snowy-cold winter of Michigan farm life.

E. T. DeL.

Cleveland.—During 1951 the following were baptized: April 1, Daren Valerie Reinbolt,

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Bible Readings for April, 1952 *

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Read Luke 9:18-21

The Suffering and Crucified Jesus Is the Christ

Often Jesus was alone praying. He tells us to do the same. Often we should go into our room and pray to our heavenly Father in secret. Are you doing that? Do it every day, and many blessings shall be yours.

The disciples were with Him, and He asked: "Whom say the people that I am?" People said different things about Him. Some said that He was John the Baptizer; others said He was Elias; and some, that one of the old prophets was risen again. So today people have many different ideas about Jesus. They say that He is a very good man, or a wonderful teacher, or a way shower telling us how to do good and go to heaven. Now, if Jesus is only that and nothing more, then we have no Savior, and we must die in our sins. *Jesus must be more than a man to save us.*

And what is that? Jesus asked His disciples: "But whom say ye that I am?" Peter answered: "The Christ of God." *Christ* means the promised *King* who should come and save the world. The Jewish leaders and teachers did not believe that Jesus was the Christ. They believed that the Christ would save the Jews from the Romans and then rule as other kings in this world. But they did not understand the words of the Prophets. Jesus understood. After He was risen from the dead He said to His disciples: "Thus it is written, and thus Christ must suffer and must rise from the dead the third day." Indeed, the Old Testament tells us that Christ must suffer and die for the sins of the world. All was fulfilled in Jesus. Therefore Peter believed that his Lord Jesus is that Christ, the One God promised in the Old Testament. Receive Him as did the people on Palm Sunday. Welcome Him with singing into your heart and home. "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord."

PRAYER: Jesus, who didst suffer for us on the Cross, Thou art the Christ, the promised King and Savior; thou didst come to suffer and die for me. Help me in life and death to trust in Thee. Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Read Luke 9:22-27

Be Not Ashamed of Your Crucified Jesus

On that first Good Friday Jesus willingly went into His suffering on the Cross. From the Old Testament He knew that the rulers and chief priests and teachers would not accept Him, but kill Him. Then He would be raised from the dead the third day. And look and see! He does not run away and hide. Gladly and willingly He lets wicked men nail Him to the Cross. Why? For you and me. Oh, see how He loved us! This Good Friday, yes, every day, let us thank Him for His great love, for His death on the Cross for us!

And now let us gladly suffer shame with Him. He says that anyone who follows Him will forget himself, suffer for Jesus daily, and obey Him. Perhaps he will lose his life for Jesus on earth, but he will save his life for heaven. If a man will not give his life for Jesus and so save it, he will lose his life. For what will it help a man if he gain the whole world and lose himself and be thrown into hell?

Very many are ashamed of Jesus and His Cross and so will lose their life. When Jesus comes again on the Last Day in all His glory and His Father's glory and with His holy angels, then He will be ashamed of them. Be not ashamed of the crucified Jesus, but rejoice in Him. Then He will not be ashamed of you, but welcome you before His heavenly Father. They that believe in Him and speak good of His name shall not taste death, but live forever.

PRAYER: Dear Savior, crucified for me, help me never to be ashamed of Thee, so that Thou needest not be ashamed of me on the Last Day. Amen.
J. L. S.

Bible Readings for May, 1952

Come, Holy Spirit,
Convince us of our sin,
Then lead to Jesus' blood,
And to our wond'ring view reveal
The mercies of our God. Amen.

SUNDAY, MAY 11

Read Luke 9:49-50

Rejoice when the Gospel is Preached

Jesus taught His disciples, and also us, that if we would be great we should humble our-

* Inadvertently omitted in April issue. — C. P. H.

selves and be the least among others. John had not yet quite learned that lesson. He said: "Master, we saw one casting out devils in Thy name." This man did miracles in the name of Jesus Christ, the mighty God and Savior. But John thought that the disciples were better than this man. Therefore he said to his Lord: "We forbade him because he followeth not with us." He thought only those that followed the disciples and stayed with them should do these things in the name of Jesus. So today many preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and they do not belong to our church body. Now, we must not say: "If you want to preach the Gospel, you must follow us and stay with us." That is pride. Jesus wants us to be humble.

So Jesus said to John: "Forbid him not; for he that is not against us is for us." There are many who are against Jesus. They preach not the Gospel of free grace, but tell men to save themselves by doing good. These are not for Jesus. But if anyone preaches the good Word of salvation by faith in Jesus and His blood, although he does not follow us, that one is not against Christ. Paul therefore also says: "Notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice," Philippians 1:18. So let us rejoice if other ministers and churches preach the Gospel, although they are not with us and sometimes have false teaching. We rejoice whenever others preach Christ Crucified.

PRAYER: Dear Savior, thanks that Thou hast given us Thy pure Word and the sweet Gospel of salvation by faith in Thy blood. May this Word of salvation be preached in all the world. Amen.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Read Luke 9:51-56

Jesus Sends Us to Save People by His Word

Jesus now knew that soon He must go into suffering and death and then be received up into heaven. So He continued to set His face to go to Jerusalem. He was eager to do His Father's will and finish His work. See His great love to His Father and also to us. He sent His disciples before Him. And they went into a city of the Samaritans to make ready for Him. So Jesus is coming again for the last Judgment, and He sends us to make people ready for His

coming. We should say: "Watch, therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come," Matthew 24:42.

But the people in that village would not receive Him, because He had set His face to go to Jerusalem. So today many will not receive this word of Jesus about His coming to judge the living and the dead. They will not listen. What shall we then do? Not what James and John wanted to do. They asked Jesus: "Lord, wilt [wish] Thou that we command fire to come down from heaven and consume [destroy] them, even as Elias did?" When the king of Israel sent a captain with fifty soldiers to take him, Elijah commanded fire to fall down and to destroy them. This he did twice. Now the disciples wanted to do the same. So someone today might think: If people will not receive the Word of Jesus, it would be better to kill them.

But Jesus said that this is not the right spirit. He came not to destroy men's lives, but to save them. So He sends us not to destroy people, but to save them. We are in this world to win souls for His kingdom. If some will not listen to the Word of Jesus, let us do as the disciples then did. They went to another village to make ready for Jesus. So if some will not receive the Word of Jesus, let us go to other people.

PRAYER: Thanks, dear Lord Jesus, for giving us this wonderful work of preaching Thy Word of Thy cleansing blood to win souls for Thee and Thy kingdom. Help us gladly and diligently do it. Amen.

ASCENSION DAY, MAY 22

Read Luke 9:57-62

Seek Heavenly Things

Forty days after Easter our Lord went up into heaven, and He now sits at the right hand of God and with power rules over all things for His Church. And now Paul says: "If ye, then, be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection [love] on things above, not on things on the earth." Colossians 3:1-2.

A man came to our Lord Jesus and said: "Lord, I will follow Thee whithersoever [anywhere] Thou goest." Jesus then showed that man that if anyone follows Him, he must not expect riches and ease and comfort, saying:

"Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head." If we follow Jesus, we must not look for many earthly goods, but for heavenly things, heavenly blessings. To another man Jesus said: "Follow Me." But that man answered: "Lord, suffer [let] me first to go and bury my father." And Jesus answered: "Let the dead bury their dead, but go thou and preach the kingdom of God." Jesus and His work must be first in our life. Jesus is ascended into heaven, and now we should set our love upon His work of winning souls for Him and His cross. Another said: "Lord, I will follow Thee; but let me first go bid them farewell which are at home at my house." Jesus answered: "No man, having put his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." If a man follows Jesus, he must not look back upon the things of this world. Christ first always, because He now sits at the right hand of God in heaven. They that follow Jesus will set their love upon things in heaven. May God help us to do that every day.

PRAYER: Ascended Savior, help my heart always to seek heavenly things, diligently do Thy work, and, at least, be with Thee in heavenly places forever. Amen.

SUNDAY, MAY 25

Read Luke 10:1-4

Pray for Workers in the Church

Jesus had twelve disciples and was preparing them for His work. Now He also sent seventy, two and two, before His face to make ready in every city and place where He Himself was to come. They were to speak to people about the coming Christ. So He sends His Christians, you and me, to go out and speak of Him and His love in every place.

But there are not enough workers. Jesus says: "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." Oh, so many people during the days of Christ knew not the true way to heaven, knew not Jesus and His love. Think of the many people, also of the many Deaf in China, India, Africa, and other countries today who know nothing of the blood of Jesus Christ, which washes away sin. And there are so few who can do this work. What can we do about it? Jesus says: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth la-

borers into His harvest." Yes, pray for more workers. Pray for more pastors and missionaries of the Deaf! Pray also that He would keep from harm the ministers of the Deaf that we now have. Pray also for your pastor.

It is not easy to work for our Savior. Jesus says that sending His Christians out is as sending lambs out among wolves. Wolves will destroy the lambs. So the wicked world hates them that come in the name of Jesus and preach His Word of sin and grace. But they need not worry. God will take care of them. They need not take a purse, nor scrip (traveling bag), nor another pair of shoes. God will give them all they need. And they should hurry in their work, and not waste time, not salute anyone on the way. So today let us hurry to bring the Word of Jesus to all the world.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, give us laborers to do Thy work, who will bring Thy saving Word to all the world, also to all the Deaf, that they may rejoice in Thy salvation now and forever. Amen.

PENTECOST, JUNE 1

Read Luke 10:5-12

Pray for the Holy Ghost to Work in Us

This is the Day of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter and ten days after Christ's ascending into heaven. He poured out His Holy Spirit upon His disciples, and they preached in many languages the wonderful works of God for our salvation. And the Holy Spirit did a wonderful work on that day. Three thousand believed and were baptized! So Jesus pours out His Holy Spirit upon us when we read and study the Word or listen to it in church. And the Holy Ghost has done a wonderful work. The Church of Jesus Christ is spread in all the world, also among the Deaf. Many believe and have been baptized in the name of Jesus. Thanks be to God!

This Word by which the Holy Ghost works in the hearts of men is a Word of peace. When these seventy went into a house, they first should say: "Peace be with this house." And if a son of peace, one that accepts this peace, was in the house, this peace shall rest upon it. But if not, then it would come back to them. So today we tell people of this peace with God through the blood of Jesus Christ. Some be-

lieve, some believe not. We that believe support our pastor who brings this peace to us. Gladly we give our money for all church work. Jesus says: "The laborer is worthy of his hire [pay]." They that teach us work for us, and we should pay them for their work. By the preaching of this peace the Holy Ghost works in our hearts, and we become God's dear children. Praise the Holy Spirit for this.

But woe to them that will not listen to the Word of Jesus and to the Holy Ghost! Jesus tells the seventy to go out into the streets and wipe off the dust against them. They should be sure that the Kingdom of God was come to them, and they despised it. They shall receive greater punishment than the wicked people of Sodom, the city which God destroyed by fire because they were wicked and would not listen. Let us watch and pray.

PRAYER: Come, Holy Spirit, work mightily in our hearts by Thy Word and also in the hearts of them to whom we bring this Word of salvation by faith in Jesus' blood. Grant us this, heavenly Father, dear Savior Jesus Christ, and Thou, O Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide. Amen.

J. L. S.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

Sixth Chief Part — The Lord's Supper

What Good Is This Eating and Drinking?

In the Holy Supper, Jesus seals His forgiveness to the sinner with His body and blood, which are given and shed for him for the forgiveness of sins. And with them He also gives and seals to us life and salvation. Our Catechism says: "For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation."

In the Lord's Supper There Is Life for Us

In Baptism a man is born again of water and of the Spirit. His sins are washed away. He has become a new man and does the things pleasing to His God. But as a child is weak and needs good food to make it strong, so a man born again of the Spirit still is weak. And the devil and the world try to destroy that new life in him. Therefore he also needs food to keep him in the true faith and to strengthen his faith for a God-pleasing life. This food we find in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and especially in the Holy Supper. Therefore come often to the Lord's Table. Then you will be-

come strong in faith and also increase in a good and holy life.

Salvation for Us Is in the Lord's Supper

The aim of a Christian life is everlasting life in heaven, or eternal "salvation." If our sins are forgiven, then everlasting life is ours. David says in Psalm 32: "Blessed is he whose transgression (wrongdoing) is forgiven, whose sin is covered." In the Holy Supper, Jesus gives us forgiveness of sin and so makes us sure of salvation. Therefore, when a Christian's heart begins to doubt and fear about his salvation, let him hurry to the Lord's Table and let Jesus seal to him forgiveness of all sin, life, and salvation. And he will go away strengthened in faith and hope. For this reason a Christian in sickness or near death longs for (wants) the Lord's Supper. At such a time the devil tries to make the Christian's heart full of doubt and fear. But when he again has received this precious food, the body and blood of his dear Lord, he has heard His word: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." Even in sickness and death he can rejoice and say: "Oh, sing unto the Lord, for everlasting salvation is mine!"

Often Go and Receive These Blessings

A precious Supper, indeed! Often desire and receive these blessings at the Lord's Table. Then praise the Lord Jesus for them all the days of your life. And in heaven you will sing His praises forever and ever.

How Can Eating and Drinking Help Us?

In the Holy Supper, Jesus Christ gives and seals to us with His body and blood wonderful blessings which money cannot buy. These blessings are forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. Someone perhaps will ask: "How can this eating and drinking do these great things?" Our Catechism gives the answer.

Eating and Drinking Alone Do Not Help Us

Our Catechism says: "It is not the eating and drinking indeed that does them." But there are some who think so. As the proud Pharisee hoped to get salvation by fasting twice a week and giving one tenth of all his things, so some people think they will get forgiveness by going to church and eating the Lord's Supper. As some people think they have forgiveness by not eating meat on certain days or by not drinking wine, so some think they have forgiveness

by eating bread and drinking wine in the Holy Supper. But there is no salvation by doing this or doing that. Paul (Rom. 3:28) writes: "A man is justified (just and right before God) by faith without the deeds (doing) of the Law." Eating and drinking alone therefore cannot do these great things. Truly, we should eat and drink. Our Lord Jesus says: "Take, eat; drink ye all of it." But eating and drinking alone cannot give us life and salvation.

Jesus' Words Are the Chief Thing

What, then, does these great things in the Holy Supper? Our Catechism answers: "The words here written, 'Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.'" The bread and wine are joined with the word, just as water is joined with God's word and promises in Baptism. As water without the word is only water, and no Baptism, so without the word of Jesus, there is only bread and wine, and no Lord's Supper. But we have the words of Jesus with the bread and wine: "Take, eat; this is My body, given for you. Take, drink ye all of it; this is My blood, shed for you for the remission of sins." Because He said so, His body and blood are in and with the bread and wine. Because He said that His body and blood (in and with the bread and wine) are given and shed for the forgiveness of sin, therefore we have these great blessings in the Lord's Supper. Our Catechism therefore also says: "These words, besides the bodily (with the mouth) eating and drinking, are as the chief thing in the Sacrament."

Thank God for Blessings in the Holy Supper

These blessings are in the Lord's Supper for you. Often go to the Lord's Table, and receive them, and give thanks to God. J. L. S.

FIELD GLEANINGS

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daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reinbolt; May 6, Murrell Leland and Roland Boyce Garnet, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Garnet, Sr.; October 7, Paul Allen Conner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Conner, Sr.; November 23, Leland Franklin Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Thomas; December 25, Peter Oliver Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jackson, Barbary Ann Eaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Eaton, Richard Bolton, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas; December 28, William Leonard Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Thomas.

In Mansfield, April 21, Mrs. Mildred Beatrice Kaler was baptized. In Akron, September 23, Harold George Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander, and Kimberly Eugene Kress, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Kress, were baptized. May God keep all these newly baptized in the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The following were *received as full members* into Christ Lutheran Church, Cleveland: May 6, Mr. and Mrs. John Dunham, Mrs. Melde Heidinger, and Miss Frieda Heidinger; and on December 2, Mrs. A. F. Laing and her daughter, Miss Alma Ruth Laing. We welcome these new members and implore God's abiding grace upon them. May they remain faithful to God and the Lutheran Church.

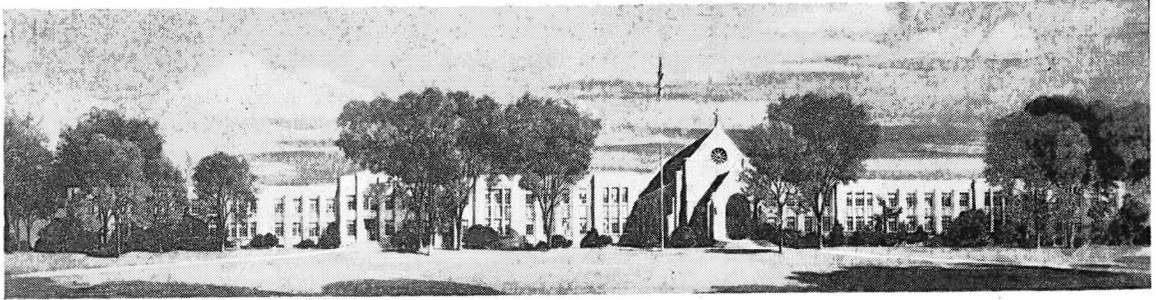
On October 20, in our Lutheran Church of Canton, Ohio, Miss Rohrer was *married* to Mr. Robert Lynch in a private but very impressive ceremony. The couple has moved to Cincinnati. We wish them all the blessings of God in their marital life. T. F.

Southern Vicar Weds. — Vicar Lee Lennon, missionary in Jackson, and Mrs. Dora Brown of McComb, Miss., were united in marriage in Our Redeemer Lutheran Church here, by Pastor Norman E. Gardels. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon R. Summerville witnessed the private ceremony. The couple will make their home at 1409 Peach Tree St., in Jackson, until Vicar Lennon returns to the Seminary in Springfield.

On Thursday, January 24, 14 Deaf members of the Bible class in Jackson had a shower for the newlyweds. L. W. L.

Guess Who!!

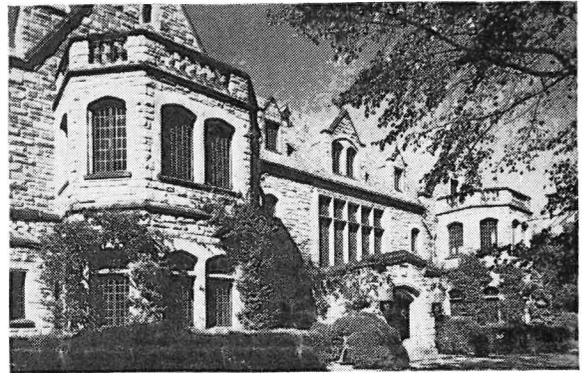




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DEAR READER:

Can you tell us about the picture below and the one on page 27?



Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf
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Two boys from the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, having built their own soapbox racers, preparing for the big race