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## Who Is the Greatest In the Kingdom of Heaven?

A few children had come down to the harbor. Some were watching the fishermen as they toiled with their nets. One little fellow had built a fairly large fort. The lad was so busy that he neither saw nor heard anything that went on about him.

Along the shore from the south came a company of men, Jesus of Nazareth with his disciples. They were strolling along in a leisurely manner, by twos and threes, marching fairly close to their Master, who was talking to them. When Jesus reached the lower end of the largest wharf, he sat down on some lumber which had been unloaded from a small vessel. Most of His disciples followed His example, although a few of the younger men preferred to stretch out on the sand where they could hear their Master with little trouble.

For awhile all were silent. Only the creaking of the gear on the ships and the lapping of the waves on the shore could be heard. But suddenly James, one of the disciples, turned to Jesus and said, "Master, some of us have been thinking about the lesson which you taught us yesterday, about the kingdom of heaven. We are not altogether sure as yet just what you meant, although we see that you are speaking of men and women, for whom you intend such a group. But now, will you not give us an answer to this question, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? Who will be regarded as the most important person?'"

Jesus looked first at James and then at the other men as they were lounging around. He was evidently planning an answer which would satisfy them all. Suddenly He looked up, and seeing the little lad working so hard in building his sand fort, He called the boy to come to Him.

The little workman was so busy that he did not hear the first call. When he finally noted that he was wanted, he looked long and carefully at the man who was looking at him in such a kindly manner. Slowly he walked over to Jesus, and one could see that he trusted this Teacher with the gentle voice. To take away even the last bit of fear from the heart of the boy, Jesus quietly laid His hand on the lad's head, and then turned to His disciples.

"Do you see this boy?" He solemnly inquired. "Truly I am telling you, unless you are converted, changing your whole mind and attitude, so that you become again as little children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as a little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Seeing the surprised look on the faces of some of His disciples, Jesus added, by way of explanation, "Little children have hearts full of simple trust in the wisdom of their parents and elders. As long as they are small, they are not concerned about being great or small. They are satisfied with the love and care which they receive from others, and they repay much of this love with trust. That is the spirit which you ought to show toward one another."

"And what is more," said Jesus as he arose from the pile of lumber on which He had been sitting, "every one who receives such a little child in My name receives Me. The love which you show to such a little one for My sake and for the sake of the heavenly Father will be looked upon as if you had shown it directly to Me. On the other hand, if anyone should cause one of these little ones to sin, while they believe on Me and accept Me as their Saviour and Master, it would be better for such a person that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

One could see that the words of Jesus made a deep impression on the men about Him. But, Jesus had not finished yet. With deep earnestness He again spoke to His disciples, "Be areful that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I say to you that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven."--Adapted

## Phonovision In Japan



Visitor to St. Louis from Japan, Rev. Jsao Uehara, pastor in Hokkaido, and close friend of Pastor Kojima who serves the deaf, stopped at our office to give us a picture and discuss the work among the deaf in Japan. The picture shows a group of deaf youth who meet at the Sapporo Youth Center, with a float which they made for a parade which was held during the snow festival before the Olympic games in Sapporo. The float, made of snow, describes a television screen and a phone. They wanted to make the public aware of their need for phonovision devices by which they can communicate with one another.

Rev. Uehara told us of other workers among the deaf. Mr. Honda teaches senior high school classes of deaf, ages 15 to 18. Miss Fukuko Suzuki, herself deaf, is a graduate of the deaf school in Tokyo, a Christian social worker among the deaf. He also told us that Pastor Kojima knows signs well and uses much drama in his worship services for the deaf. The deaf also have a Japanese dictionary of signs which they use often to keep their sign language uniform and standardized. We asked if Mr. Honda had anything to do with the Honda motorbikes which are so popular here. He laughed and said "No, Honda is a common and popular name in Japan."

--Rev. H. W. Rohe

An Editorial from Rev. Daniel Hodgson --

## "... Church OF the Deaf"

Deaf persons who belong to a church can make decisions in their church. It is wrong for a pastor (deaf or hearing) to tell (deaf) members what to do. Every member must have the right to vote and decide what he wants to happen in his church.

"Paternalism" is a big word that means one person or small group of people tells other people what to do. Paternalism is being "bossy." Paternalism in the church stops the church from growing and doing what Christ wants.

".....Church of the Deaf" means members decide by themselves what they want to do for themselves without a "boss" telling them what to do.

BUT every deaf person who wants to vote and make decisions, must also volunteer to do the work. ".....Church of the Deaf" means deaf persons make decisions and deaf persons do the work in their church. No organization can grow if people only make decisions and then do nothing.

The pastor of the church is not "the boss". The pastor  
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## Size of DEAF LUTHERAN

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Many people have asked or written me about the present size of The DEAF LUTHERAN, as compared to its past size as a small pamphlet.

The main reason is cost. When I was asked to move to St. Louis and take over the management, I was told that the costs were getting out of hand. I was asked to seek cheaper ways to get the paper out. I went to many commercial printing places in and near St. Louis. I got bids for different sizes and from different printing establishments. As all my old friends know I have had much experience in those matters. So, I obtained many bids for both sizes.

The main reason is cost. My second reason is that I wanted to use larger type so it would be easier for older people to read the paper. Another reason was, I wanted to print larger pictures in the paper. All of you people know that The SATURDAY EVENING POST and LIFE magazines went out of publication because of excessive printing and postal costs.

I will list some of the items in the costs of printing these papers.

1. The present size of The DEAF LUTHERAN is the cheapest and most economical.
2. The copy or paste-up is given to the printer. He takes a photograph and makes an aluminum plate for the press. This is put on the press and the paper is printed.
3. The printed papers are run through a folding machine and the paper is ready for addressing.
4. The addresses are attached and the bundles are sent to the post office. That is all.

If the paper is prepared for magazine style. The copy is sent to the printer and it is set up on a machine.

2. Then the matter is arranged in page form and then arranged according to page numbers.
3. The pages are locked up and sent to the press.
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7. Then the booklets are either wrapped or put in envelopes and addressed and/or stamped.
8. The booklets are then arranged in packages/bundles and taken to the post office.

The tabloid size is cheaper as less human labor is needed than in preparing the booklet form. Hence the cost is less because fewer people are needed to labor to produce it. The old DEAF LUTHERAN was beginning to cost so much to print and mail that I was asked to find a cheaper way so we could continue publication. A different color than black ink could be used at no extra cost, some times. But, to break for color, as I did with the December issue, costs a bit more than one color for all the paper.

I may still have to cut costs by using a thinner or light weight paper which is cheaper and then the mailing costs would be less. I prefer to use a quality and weight of paper that is easier on the eyes of the older people who read The DEAF LUTHERAN. Have I explained things clearly enough for all of you? I want to make you happy.

HOW DO THE ABOVE SUGGESTIONS APPEAL TO YOU?

## People - Letters - People - Let

After many months, readers of The DEAF LUTHERAN seem to be feelings that they know me! I am happy to feel and have the change. I have been receiving so many letters lately from new friends as well as old friends. Old friends and new friends address me in so many different ways. The most frequent seems to be "Uriel" from very young as well as old friends. Then comes "Dear Editor", "Rev. Jones", "Jones", and once "To Whom It May Concern." That was a surprise! All are acceptable, but WRITE!

One sentiment in the letters persists. They seem to want to know where I stand. They want me to write a sermon. They say the paper is full of news about churches, ministers and people--but, what about Christ? While you are wading or stumbling through all those words in the paper, remember these things:

Christ said, "He who is baptised and believeth is saved." Remember motives! One cannot do a good deed and say, "I have done for the day what I am supposed to do." Why did you do the deed; as payment for your entrance into heaven? Wrong! Remember this saying, "One can give without loving, but NO one can love without giving." That's the secret of the whole matter.

Satan is around us all the time! He tells us to go to church so we will be sure of going to heaven. That's wrong! You have all heard the old saying, "Don't put the cart before the horse!"

Why do we love Jesus? Simple! Because He first loved us. We do things for other people because we love Jesus and them. Do the best you can and be kind.--Uriel C. Jones, Sr.

## Calls - Changes

We have been asked to have a column in The DEAF LUTHERAN about calls and changes. I would appreciate if the person called would quickly drop me a letter or card so that it will be sure to appear in the next issue and we can always be correct. Thank you!

We hear that Rev. George Ring has accepted the call to serve the deaf congregation at Des Moines, Iowa.

## Deaths

This is another column I have been asked to carry in The DEAF LUTHERAN. I will try. I am asking the family of the deceased person to immediately send me a brief write-up of the person who has passed away--as quickly as possible as the paper comes out only once a month and the news will always be very late in reaching readers. If it happens to be a very well known person, a long write-up and picture will appear in a later issue.

## Letter Exchange

This column would carry the names of people who are lone some and want to exchange letters with members of the opposite sex. If a name is sent in, I will write directly to the person named and ask them if they give permission to put their names and addresses in this column. Hope to prevent any confusion or embarrassment by having a direct letter of permission.



# The Swans and the Goose

By CHARLOTTE EDWARDS

In the GRIT Magazine, Family Section, January 14, 1973

Where we live, on the eastern shore of Maryland, the gentle waters run in and out like fingers slimming at the tips. They curl into the smaller creeks and coves like tender palms.

The Canada geese know this, as do the fat white swans and the ducks who ride an inch above the waters of Chesapeake Bay as they skim their way into harbor. In the autumn, by the thousands, they come home for the winter.

In hunting season, the air is filled with the sound of guns. The shores are scattered with blinds, the creeks and rivers with duck and goose decoys. The swans are a different matter entirely. Protected by law, they move toward the shores in a stately glide, their tall heads proud and unafraid. They lower their long necks deep into the water, where their strong beaks dig through the river bottoms for food.

And there is, between the arrogant swans and the prolific geese, an indifference, almost a disdain.

Once or twice each year, snow and sleet move into the area. When this happens, if the river is at its narrowest, or the creek shallow, there is a freeze which hardens the water to ice.

It was on such a morning near Oxford, Md., that a friend of mine set the breakfast table and poured the coffee beside the huge window which looked out from her home on the Tred Avon River. Across the river, beyond the dock, the snow laced the rim of the shore in white. For a moment, she stood quietly, looking at what the night's storm had painted.

Suddenly she leaned forward and peered close to the frosted window.

"It really is," she cried aloud. "There's a goose out there."

She reached to the bookcase and pulled out a pair of binoculars. Into their sights came the figure of a large Canada goose, very still, its wings folded tight to its sides, its feet frozen to the ice.

Then, from the dark sky, white against its lackluster, she saw a line of swans. They moved in their own singular formation, graceful, intrepid, and free. They crossed from the west of the broad creek high above the house, moving steadily to the east.

As my friend watched, the leader swung to the right. Then the white string of birds became a white circle. It

floated from the top of the sky downward. At last, as easy as feathers coming to earth, the circle landed on the ice.

My friend was on her feet now, with one unbelieving hand against her mouth. As the swans surrounded the frozen goose, she feared that what life he still maintained might be pecked out by those great swan bills.

Instead, amazingly instead, those bills began to work on the ice. The long necks were lifted and curved down, again and again, as deliberately as picks swung over the head of a fisherman cutting a free space for his winter rod. It went on for a long time.

At last the goose was rimmed by a narrow margin of ice instead of the entire creek. The swans rose again, following the leader, and hovered in that circle, awaiting the results of their labors.

The goose's head was lifted. Its body pulled. Then the goose was free and standing on the ice. He was slowly moving his big webbed feet. And the swans hovered in the air over him, watching.

Then as if he had cried, "I cannot fly," four of the swans came down around him. Their powerful beaks scraped the goose's wing from bottom to top, scuttled under its wings and rode up its body, chipping off and melting the ice held in the feathers.

Slowly, as if testing, the goose spread its wings as far as they would go, brought them together, accordionlike and spread again.

When at last the wings reached their full, the four swans took off and joined the hovering group. They resumed their eastward journey, in perfect, impersonal formation, to a secret destination.

Behind them, rising with incredible speed and joy, the goose moved into the sky. He followed them, flapping double time, until he caught up, until he joined the last of the line, like a small dark child at the end of a crack-the-whip of older boys.

My friend watched them until they disappeared over the tips of the farthest trees. Only then did she realize that tears were running down her cheeks and had been for how long she didn't know.

This is a true story. It happened. I do not try to interpret it. I just think of it in the bad moments, and from it comes only one hopeful question: "If so for birds, why not for man?"

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## Our Profound Sympathies to the Luebke Family and Mill Neck School

We were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Melvin W. Luebke, superintendent of our Mill Neck Lutheran School for the Deaf in New York. Mel suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on Wednesday, October 25, which paralyzed the entire right side of his body. On Friday morning, October 27, he lapsed into a coma and died Friday evening. The funeral was held on Monday, October 30 at the Mill Neck School. He was buried in the family plot in Watertown, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers for God's strength and comfort to his wife, Lucille, and the four children, Leah Ann Klungness, Patricia Ellen, Mary Elizabeth, Melvin Jr., and to his mother, Mrs. Leona Luebke, and his only surviving sister Arlene Hines.

Mel began his labors at Mill Neck in 1951 and was headmaster of the school for 22 years. The service bulletin that was distributed at the funeral services contains the following: "The church needs to be reminded that, for the redeemed of Christ, time possesses not merely a quantitative but a qualitative value. It needs to be stated clearly: He had lived his full time for our common Lord. He had served the church and the deaf with the talent that God had given him. In his own hour Christ took our brother to His nearer presence."

--Letter from Rev. H. W. Rohe

Character is the capacity to conduct one's self with restraint in times of prosperity and with courage and tenacity when things do not go well.

## Dr. Louis Nau Named To HEW Post

St. Louis, Mo. --- Commissioner Edward Newman of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare Rehabilitation Services Administration recently announced the appointment of Dr. Louis Nau, as special assistant to the Commissioner for Coordination of International and Domestic Programs.

Dr. Nau will be responsible for development of RSA input into international research coordination and drug abuse programs, as well as other programs of national significance.

Dr. Nau most recently was president of Arizona Job Colleges, Phoenix, Arizona. Previously, he spent nine years in missionary work among the Igorot tribes in the Phillipines and served as president of the Lutheran Phillipine Mission during that time.

Herbert W. Rohe, secretary for ministry to the deaf for The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, said, "The 60 LCMS workers among the deaf will be delighted to know that a fellow Lutheran is working at the federal level, especially one who has had experience in missions."

Knowledge without common sense is folly. Without method it is waste. Without kindness it is fanaticism.

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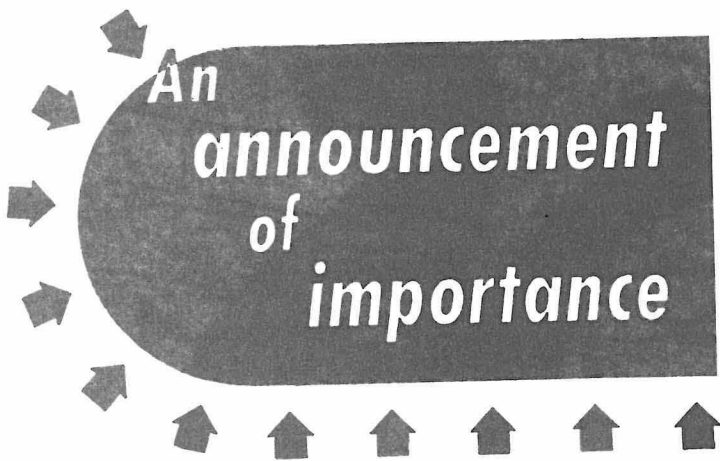
No business can progress and grow without leadership. In the final analysis, leadership is the only real advantage one organization has over another in a competitive society.

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It seems to me that people who admit they're wrong get a lot farther than people who prove they're right.

--Beryl Pfizer





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### At the Hotel Muehlebach In Kansas City, Missouri



### Omahr Mørk Appreciates Help of Many Kind Friends

February 15, 1973

Dear Friends in Christ:

Permit me to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have replied to Pastor Rohe's request on my behalf. I should have written each of you individually, and I sincerely hope you will not find me ungrateful and "cheap for thanking you in this manner.

Special thanks go to Robert Muller of the Baltimore/Washington field for his untiring efforts. It is mainly because of him that I have been able to start my studies here at the Seminary at all.



K. Omahr Mørk

You may be surprised to learn that also "outsiders" have contributed, notably a retired Norwegian-American now living in Arizona, and the California/Nevada Districts of the LWML.

I am sure you may want to know how I am doing in my studies. Frankly, not too bad! I received a "C" average in the first quarter. Hope to do better this quarter. Greek has been my main problem, these two quarters. I hate to study grammar but love to do practical linguistic work like translation, writing, speaking. Because I don't like grammar I haven't done too well in that area. But the professor says my translations are very good. With the Lord's help I hope to do better next quarter.

Thanks to you, I have been able to go to the dentist again. Had not been there since my prep year at Gallaudet. The doctor, whose wife works here at the Seminary, gave me a healthy discount, about 1/3 of the bill. I used the money saved on the dental bill to buy myself a new, black suit. I have two others, but one is too small and heavy, the other is getting worn out!

The quarter ends February 23. We will have a break until March 4. I shall have to shape up my Hebrew so that I will be prepared for Spring quarter when we start with exegetical work (that is--translation and explanation of Biblical text from Hebrew and Greek.)

I am sure that some of you have been asking yourselves,  
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OMAR MØRK APPRECIATES . . .

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"Are we helping Omahr to help us or to help the deaf in Norway?" Only time can tell. I will go where the Lord sends me. Pastor Andrew Chiu, the President of the Lutheran Church in Hong Kong, told me that maybe Pastor Jasper will have to come home because of a bad knee. He asked if I wanted the job! Now, I hope that the Jaspers don't think I am trying to pry the job from them! However, I hope that you, Pastor Jasper, will give my best wishes to Miss Kay Ho. And thank you for your generous contribution!

There are some specks of snow outside here--not enough to suit my tastes! Wish we had 3-4 feet. Here we haven't got enough for a snowball fight--far less for skiing. I really hope that some deaf congregation in a snowy place will apply for a vicar when my time comes up. I should like to take up skiing where I left off about 16 years ago.

I now have been in America for about five and one-half years and feel more American than Norwegian, to the extent that I have forgotten most of my native sign language. And I feel comfortable over here. What I need is a good wife. At my age--I will be 29 this summer...it is no fun being alone any more. Therefore, I hope He will see fit to find one for me before I get much older.

Coming here to the Seminary has been a blessing in disguise. I've lost weight! At Gallaudet food was included in the fees. Here we buy food on a per meal basis. Therefore, I eat less and have had to make three new holes in my belts so far. Hopefully, by the time I finish school I will be back to my pre-Gallaudet waistline of about 34 inches.

Many of you may be concerned about the apparent power struggle within our church--that is, the struggle between the "orthodox" (Preus, et al) and the "liberals" (Lueking, Frey, Tietjen, et al). My advice to you is that you cast your vote for Oswald Hoffmann for president in New Orleans. I am sure he can bring us together again.

SEND IN MORE NOMINATIONS, PLEASE!

NOTICE: ALL CONGREGATIONS FOR THE DEAF ARE URGED TO SEND IN NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS OF THE ILDA IMMEDIATELY TO MR. CLARENCE SCHULZ, 27212 ELCAPITAN, WARREN, MICHIGAN 48092.

IN THE NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE OF THE DEAF LUTHERAN, WE WILL HAVE ALL HOTEL RATE INFORMATION AND ALL OTHER INFORMATION OUR VISITORS WILL NEED.

This has been a rambling letter. Hope it has made you learn a little about me. The reprint from the Seminary News-letter has additional information.

Allow me to close with some words I spoke during chapel service here at the Seminary last month: "the Word is not preached to you hearing people alone, but also to the deaf: Ephphatha, that is, be opened (Mark 7)--"That they all may be one, even as your Father, are in me and I in you; that they may all be one in us, so that the world shall know that you have sent me!"

May His Peace and Love stay with you forever.  
K. OMAHR MØRK

I Know Something Good About You!

Wouldn't this old world be better  
If the folks we meet would say--  
"I know something good about you!"  
And treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy  
If each handclasp, fond and true,  
Carried with it this assurance--  
"I know something good about you!"

Wouldn't life be lots more happy  
If the good that's in us all  
Were the only thing about us  
That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy  
If we praised the good we see?  
For there's such a lot of goodness  
In the worst of you and me!

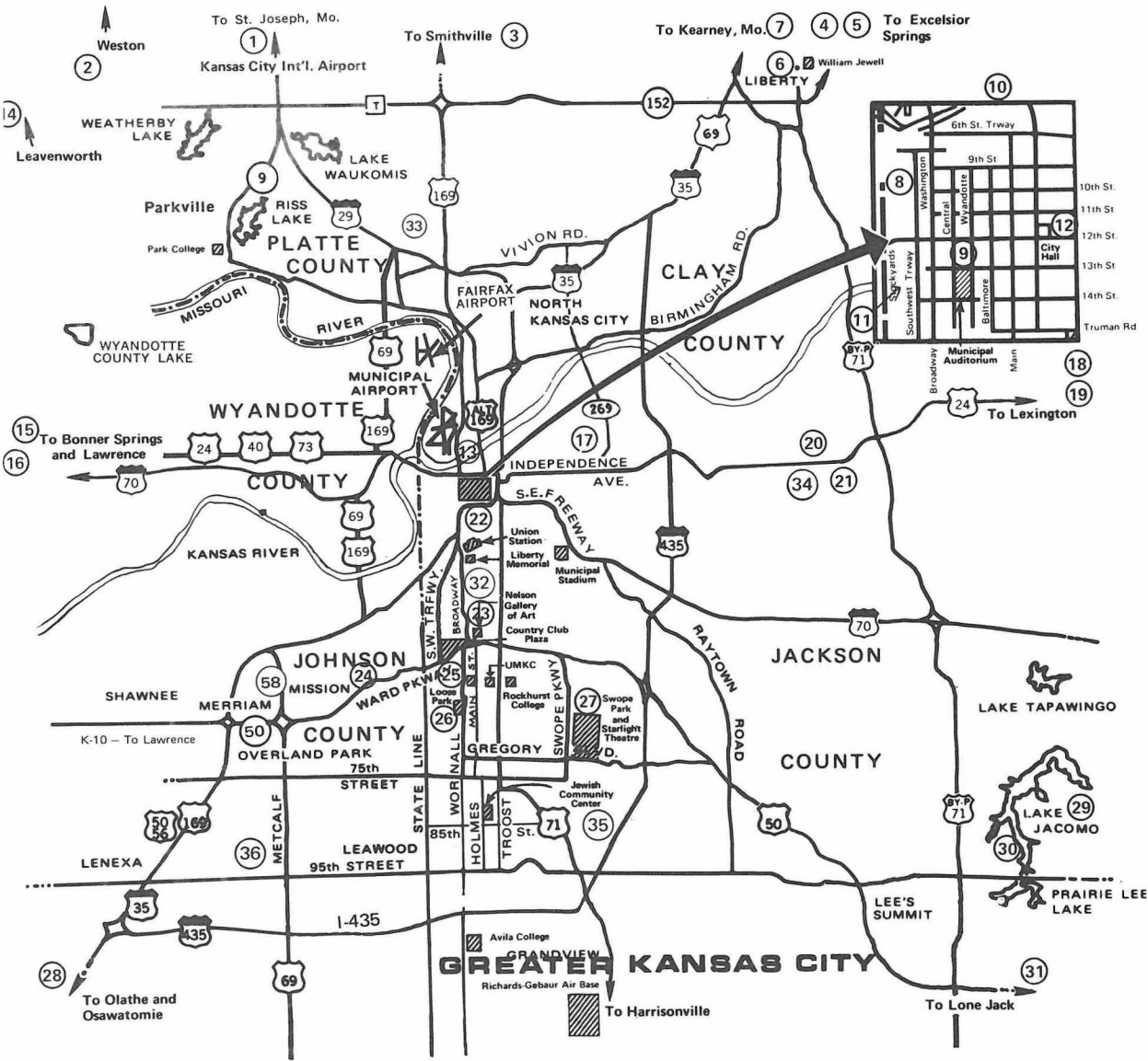
Wouldn't it be nice to practise  
That fine way of thinking, too?  
You know something good about me,  
I know something good about you?

--Louis C. Shimon

"Man dwells apart, though not alone,  
He walks among his peers unread;  
The best of thoughts which he hath known  
For lack of listeners are not said.  
--"Afterthought," by Jean Ingelow

"There is a mystery in human hearts, and though we be encircled by a host of those who love us well and are beloved, to every one of us, from time to time, there comes a sense of utter loneliness."--Anonymous

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# " . . . CHURCH OF THE DEAF"

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is a helper. He explains what Christ wants His Church to do:

- Worship and Bible Study
- Teach Children
- Visit the sick and elderly
- Visit people who don't know Christ
- Support the church with offerings

Do you want a "Church of the Deaf"? Yes? OK! Then YOU COME TO VOTE... COME TO WORK...

WHAT DO YOU THINK? AGREE? DISAGREE?

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## Bequest Helps School Complete Drive

Detroit, Mich. A \$40,375. 15 bequest from the estate of a Walled Lake, Mich. resident has helped the Lutheran School for the Deaf Centennial Fund Raising Drive top its \$750,000 goal. Elmer W. Engel, Centennial Steering Committee chairman, reported that total donations had reached \$797,938.90.

Mrs. Eleanor Klink Reese, a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Walled Lake, requested in her will that a Lutheran charity be remembered. Her attorney, Gene Schnelz, an Elder at St. Matthews, fulfilled Mrs.

Reese's wishes by making the donation to the Lutheran School for the Deaf. Although Mrs. Reese, who died in 1970, and her late husband, Francis A., had no children of their own, her will specified that the Lutheran charity selected must involve children.

The Rev. Lawrence A. Kinne pastor of St. Matthews, remembers Mrs. Reese as a quiet lady, who showed her very real feelings for God in her desire that her estate be used for the advancement of the Lord's Work.

--The Lutheran Layman

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## COSD Forum Focuses On "Deaf Child and His Family"

Join the action in Williamsburg, Virginia on March 14-16, 1973, when the 6th Annual Forum of the Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf convenes for in-depth discussions on "THE DEAF CHILD & HIS FAMILY". Registration will begin on Tuesday afternoon, March 13, with Forum activities scheduled to start at 9:00 A.M. Wednesday. Everyone interested in deaf children is invited to share their feelings, beliefs and recommendations on such varied topics as "The Deaf Child's Right To Be Himself".... "Crisis Points".... "Family Patterns".... "Moral, Spiritual and Emotional Values".... "Communication".... "Family of the Multiply Handicapped Child".

Informal discussions will provide a time and place for all participants to express themselves. Deaf persons will be encouraged to share their own experiences as hearing-handicapped children. Professionals will be invited to suggest ways in which parents can make a deaf child's life more productive. Brothers and sisters of deaf children can be valuable contributors when they discuss their own views of deafness in the home. It is expected that the deliberations will be further enriched by the input from grandparents, cousins and a variety of other relatives and friends of deaf children.

ATTENTION PARENTS: One of the best ways to show how you are solving the handicap of deafness in your home is by sharing in these forum activities with your deaf child. Special motel facilities are available for families. Supervised programs for boys and girls of all ages will be available during the day. The COSD encourages you to bring both your deaf and hearing children to Williamsburg.

Caution please! Many of the participants at the 1972 Forum failed to pre-register and were unable to find convenient motel accommodations. Don't let this happen to you. An early registration will help us to make necessary arrangements for you, and would assure you a room reservation as well as save you money. Registration fees (not including room) before February 15 are \$15 for one person

## Mill Neck Seeks Headmaster

Following the untimely death of former headmaster, Melvin Luebke, the Board of Trustees of the school has been meeting in emergency sessions seeking a replacement for Mr. Luebke. Nominations and applications are solicited for the position. Interested individuals are requested to send biographical resume and references to the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, Board of Trustees, Mill Neck Lutheran School for the Deaf, Box 12, Mill Neck, New York 11765. Persons having education and experience in public relations, fund-raising, administration and special education, ages 35-45, are preferred.

and \$25 for a husband and wife. After February 15 the fees will be \$20 and \$35 respectively. Students under the age of 12 may accompany parents without charge while those over 12 will pay \$10. Pre-register NOW by sending your check to:

Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf  
"THE DEAF CHILD & HIS FAMILY"  
Wilde Lake Village Green, Suite 310  
Columbia, Maryland 21044

## A Truly Silent Minority

By Dr. Larry G. Stewart, who is deaf, and is associate director of the New York University Deafness Research and Training Center.

Scattered throughout the land but gravitating toward the larger cities where jobs are more abundant and fellowship with their own kind possible, a silent minority is growing restless under the yoke of centuries-old discrimination and denial of their right as Americans to equal treatment under the law.

Members of this silent minority are denied employment by some of our largest corporations. They are rejected by the military service and are not permitted to serve jury duty. They rarely achieve public office, and are not to be found among legislative bodies although they number 300,000 nationwide and 14,000 in the New York City area. Those within the silent minority are made to feel different from childhood, even by members of their own families. They sit silently apart, ignored or glanced at uneasily. Children tease and ridicule them. In school they are taught in a language they do not know well, by teachers who seldom understand the conditions these children will face as adults. The lucky ones have teachers who are themselves members of the silent minority. Ironically, many schools disqualify such teachers from employment. To deepen this tragedy, schools specifically for children in this silent minority rarely have administrators or board members who are among this minority group. The exception to this is in trade schools and colleges, where pragmatism rather than dogmatism prevails.

After ten to fifteen years in school, members of this silent minority have reading skills at the fifth-grade level on the average and spoken language that is difficult if not impossible to understand for the man in the street. They are then exposed to the full force of public prejudice. Members of the silent minority, although they have normal strength, physical mobility, and intelligence, are most often placed at the skilled, semiskilled, and unskilled levels. Promotions pass them by.

Their neighbors are not sure what to do with them so they usually keep their distance. Grocers, clerks, physicians, and tradesmen approach them hesitantly and are glad when the business is done.

Insurance agents often refuse them automobile insurance despite the fact that their driving records equal or surpass those of the average driver.

Television shows almost invariably portray them as dependent people who must be helped by others. Courtroom justice for them is usually a travesty. Rebuffed by the public at large, the silent minority seeks self-expression from within. They have their own national, state and local organizations as well as an international federation. Their organizational, managerial, and creative skills are reflected in the numerous

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GOOD NEWS ABOUT GOD'S MAN, JESUS

Day	Book	Chapter	
	MARCH		14.....Luke 5:17-26.....
			15.....Luke 6:6-12.....
			16.....Luke 18:35-43.....
			17.....Acts 3:1-11.....
1	.....1 Peter	1:9-20...	
2	.....John	17:1-26.....	
3	.....Matthew	25:31-46.	
	Jesus' Authority Over Nature		18 Sunday.Matthew 9:27-34..
			19.....Matthew 12:22-30.
			20.....Mark 1:21-28,32-34
4	Sunday..Mark	6:45-52.....	21.....Mark 6:7-13.....
5	.....Mark	11:12-20.....	22.....Mark 9:14-29.....
6	.....Luke	8:22-25.....	23.....Luke 8:26-39.....
7	.....Mark	14:3-9.....	24.....Luke 10:1-24.....
8	.....Luke	5:1-11.....	
9	.....Luke	9:10-17.....	Jesus' Authority Over Death
10	.....Luke	23:39-45.....	
	Jesus' Authority Over Human Beings		25 Sunday.Matthew 11:1-6...
			26.....Mark 5:21-24,35-42
			27.....Luke 7:11-18.....
			28.....John 11:14-45.....
11	Sunday.John	4:46-54.....	29.....Luke 23:46-49....
12	.....Mark	5:25-34.....	30.....Luke 24:1-12.....
13	.....Luke	4:38-44.....	31.....Luke 24:36-45.....

NEW ORLEANS CONVENTION OF L.C.M.S. is scheduled to open July 7 at 8:00 A.M. 125th Anniversary Communion Service is to be held on July 8. Theme of the convention: "Ever, only, all for Thee!" Convention essay: "The Role of the Laity" (Dr. A. Suelflow, St. Louis, Mo.) Site of the convention: Hotel Marriott.

Safety Tips for Older Drivers

Older drivers who compensate for their changing physical abilities, like a slow-down in reaction time, are less likely to have automobile accidents than younger people. That's the experience of a company specializing in insuring drivers over 55. It says the following habits are "musts" for senior motorists"

\* Break a long trip into a series of short drives. Limit your driving to five or six hours a day--no more than 250 to 300 miles--and plan to finish each day's drive by mid-afternoon.

\* When possible, use lightly traveled secondary roads rather than superhighways that require constant high-speed driving.

\* "STOP, LOOK & LISTEN."

\* Do you every time you come to an unguarded rail crossing? If you don't, be warned. On an average of 32 times a day, a train and a motor vehicle tangle at onef of the nation's 220,000 grade crossings. Result is about 30 deaths a week, plus hundreds of serious injuries. All the advances in highway construction have not eliminated the danger. So, use eyes, ears and good sense when you approach a rail crossing.

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athletic, social, and cultural activities they sponsor. They also own and operate their own insurance company.

Numerous members of the silent minority have overcome the limits imposed upon them to become successful lawyers, dentists, craftsmen, chemists, engineers, teachers and farmers. Their achievements have made them invaluable to their employers and leave no question of their potentials. Yet, because of public indifference to their needs most remain at levels of personal and vocational achievement far below their potential.

The silent minority has not yet reacted in the revolutionary manner used by some groups. They have set off no demonstrations, no violent acts, no cries for equality. Perhaps this patience led one educator, Dr. Harry Best, to dedicate a book published two decades ago in these words:

To Deaf People  
The most misunderstood among the sons of men,  
But the gamest of all.

The patience of the silent minority is growing thin. How much longer must they wait for freedom, justice, and equality promised to all Americans?

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# Ways to Protect Children Against Possible Molesters

Many children are completely unaware that anyone would ever want to hurt them in any way, and, of course, the vast majority of persons would not. Nevertheless, child molestation is a serious problem, and parents should make their children aware of the necessary safety practices to avert molesters as soon as a child is old enough to understand.

To avoid frightening the child unnecessarily, the parent should talk with him calmly, indicating there are certain restrictions the child must observe without going into detail about what child molestation is, or that a child can be abused sexually, says Mrs. Rachael Thomas, staff psychologist for the Child Study Association in New York City and other experts in the field.

1. Never ride in an automobile or other vehicle with any one unless your mother or father has specifically named someone who will meet you.
2. Never accept gifts--candy, ice cream, money, toys--from strangers or go anywhere with them.
3. Never approach a stopped car and do not give information or directions if a stranger questions you.
4. Never take shortcuts through alleys, dark streets, wooded areas or empty lots with trees or bushes in them. And do not play near public rest rooms, in empty, abandoned buildings or around new construction areas, where there is no one to help you.
5. Always go with a friend if you are selling door-to-door, and do not go inside a house or a room.
6. Try to avoid going to movies by yourself. If somebody tries to touch you in the movie, leave your seat and tell the usher or person in charge of the theatre.
7. Do not tell a stranger at the door or on the telephone that you are alone, and allow no one to enter the house if you are home alone or baby-sitting.
8. Never permit anyone, including friends or relatives, to touch intimate parts of your body. If someone does, tell your parents immediately.
9. If a man or a woman frightens you or starts to chase you, run fast, scream as loudly as possible and head for the nearest store or house where there are adults to help you. Or, if you see a policeman, tell him.
10. Try to remember a description of the person if someone tries to get you or a playmate into a car or frightens you, and write down the license number of the car on a piece of paper or on the ground with a stick.
11. Think of policemen as your friends.--Clipped

# Test Your Bible Knowledge

(Continued from last month)

6. The tree, the fruit of which man was forbidden to eat, was the tree of (Genesis 2:9, 17)
  - a knowledge of good and evil
  - b knowledge of evil
  - c evil
  - d life
7. Of the four rivers that branched from the river of Eden, one was the (Genesis 2:10-14)
  - a Euphrates
  - b Abanah
  - c Jordan
  - d Halys
9. God made woman by taking from Adam (Genesis 2:21-22)
  - a one rib
  - b two ribs
  - c three ribs
  - d four ribs
10. In the specific language of Genesis, a man and his wife become one flesh, as the father and mother are left by (Genesis 2:24)
  - a the man, who cleaves to his wife
  - b the woman, who cleaves to her husband
  - c both the man and woman, who cleave to each other
  - d neither, who nevertheless cleave to each other

# CHILDREN'S PAGE

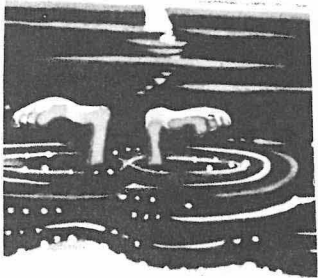


## My Dear Young Friends:

What's the matter with you all? I think you're still playing with the toys Santa Claus brought you! I thought he would have brought you some pens and paper so you could write to me. One of you sent in some puzzles for me to put on this page. I will get them in next month for sure.

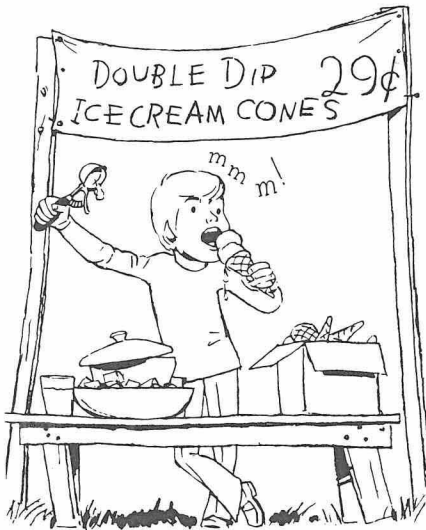
6. Robert! Don't be so selfish! Let Steven have the sled half the time!
7. Rhonda, what's the hardest thing about learning to skate?
8. What's the difference between a letter and a bag of peanuts?
9. Mom, Laura's in the sea up to her ankles. Mom: That's all right. No!No!
10. How come you never get sunburned at the beach?

Answers: 6. "I do...I have it going down." 7. The Ice. 8. What's the difference between a letter and a bag of peanuts? "I don't know." 9. Mom! Bridget's in the sea up to her ankles! "That's all right." But she's upside down! "10. How come you never get sunburned at the beach?" "Oh, I only go out at night!"



But she's upside down!

## Enjoy Your Work!



"I thought it was a nice gesture on our part—getting rid of the church mortgage!"