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## Ephphatha Conference

Kansas City, Mo.--The annual Ephphatha Conference of Lutheran pastors and workers of the deaf (LC-MS) met on the campus of St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City, Mo., July 16-19.

This year's program focused on the language of sign with three guest workshop leaders. Mr. Willard Madsen, director of the sign language program at Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C., laid the foundation for the workshops in the first session. He briefly described the Gallaudet College sign language program, reviewed some of the books available and the techniques used to teach signs, and discussed the peculiarities of deaf and English idiomatic expressions.

In the second session Mr. Gil Eastman, chairman of the Gallaudet College Drama Department, presented his workshop on non-verbal communication--gestures and pantomime.

Dr. Harry Hoemann, our third workshop leader is a professor of psychology at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. With the able assistance of Mrs. Shirley Prok, a daughter of deaf parents and a pastor's wife in Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Hoemann demonstrated some of the results of his research of the American Sign Language (Ameslan) as a language structure. As he shared his insights, Dr. Hoemann helped the conference translate English short stories and Bible verses into Ameslan. As one pastor put it, "I still feel frustrated in my own ability to sign Ameslan, but now I better appreciate the subtleties, peculiarities and nature of Ameslan as a language in its own right."

Between workshop sessions the visual aids committee set up a fair to demonstrate projection equipment and the potential uses of the slide medium and overhead projection. The members of the conference explained how they developed their

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## Convention Thoughts

Many people gave much time, effort, and money for the ILDA Convention in Kansas City last month. Some members from Nebraska attended. We hope they had a good experience and came away glad and renewed in spirit.

Is a national convention of Lutheran deaf laymen worth the effort and expense? I would like to give some reasons why I think it is worth it.

1) ILDA can help deaf Lutherans see what they can do for their church on a national level. An evangelism program that works is a great need of our deaf congregations. This year ILDA took the first step toward developing an evangelism program for deaf congregations. There are other programs needed by deaf congregations.

2) ILDA can develop leadership among deaf Lutherans. As the previous officers found out, running ILDA is not child's play. It's a challenging job. ILDA will be more challenging and more demanding of good leadership in the future.

3) ILDA brings Lutheran deaf Christians together so they can see their strengths and their weaknesses and do something about them. A congregation working alone may not understand some of the things it should be doing. When members of congregations meet one another and "compare notes", they learn what can be done.

4) ILDA can speak to the "hearing" Lutheran church about the concerns and needs of the deaf. The voice of Lutheran deaf members, spoken through ILDA, is a voice your "hearing" brothers and sisters will listen to.

I'm sure that those who went can think of more reasons why ILDA was worth it for them. The next two conventions are scheduled to be held in the East and the West, so for us in the Midwest they are going to be more difficult to attend. We hope, however, that many will see the value in having this experience and make plans to attend in two years.

--Pastor W. H. Lange in *The Silent Visitor*, Neb. Field

## 350 Attend International Lutheran Deaf Convention

Kansas City, Kan. (RNS)--Some 350 persons, including Kansas Gov. Robert B. Docking and Dr. Theodore Raedeke, national director of Key 73, attended the second biennial convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association here.

Dr. Raedeke spoke on the convention's theme of "Sharing Love in Christ," and told the audience, "You and I have been chosen, empowered and sent by God to fulfill a mission which is summarized in your theme."

An international flavor was provided when the Rev. Phillip Luttio of Tokyo, Japan, brought greetings from Japanese deaf Lutherans, and presented ILDA with three books of Japanese sign language. ILDA represents more than 6,000 deaf Lutherans in the U.S., Canada, Japan, and Hong Kong.

Among the recommendations made at the gathering were that deaf Lutherans take part in local Key 73 programs and that the two Lutheran schools for the deaf, in Detroit and New York, utilize Total Communication in the education of deaf children. This means to make use of all methods of communication so that the child will not be limited to just one.

Uriel C. Jones, Sr., of St. Louis was installed as president; Elmer Francisco of Spokane as president-elect; Archie Marshall of St. Louis as secretary and Robert Case of Memphis, treasurer.

--*The Lutheran Layman*, August, 1973

ILDA

## Manual Communication Aids Some Do's and Don'ts for the Beginner

1) When talking with the deaf, DO face this person and make sure your hands and face are in front of him. Remember that the majority of deaf prefer to focus their eyes on the lips of the person who is talking so DO move your lips when you communicate, whether you use your voice or not.

2) DO talk naturally and look pleasant. A pleasant person is much more fun to talk to than a grouchy or expressionless person. Some people think that a person can read lips better if you open your mouth more and talk very slowly. This is not true. DO talk naturally and use expressions often. DO give clues whenever you can.

3) DO keep your hands at a position where they will not shield your lips. A good rule is to keep them chest-high as most deaf people watch your lips and hands simultaneously.

4) DO be aware of the intellectual differences of the deaf people. Deaf adults are found to be in a wide range of intellectual ability - from dull to brilliant. DO attempt to learn the ability of the person you are talking to and talk to him in a manner you will be understood and enjoyed.

5) Conversations DO NOT have to be in sentence form. Often the exchange of an idea may be accomplished in a few words. Sentences like "Do you bowl tonight?" and "How do you feel?" may be asked in a simpler way for the low-verbal deaf like - "Bowl tonight?" and "How feel?"

6) Since conversation is a two-way street, receiving messages is as important as sending them. DO NOT hesitate to ask a deaf person to slow down or to repeat when you do not fully understand. By all means, DO NOT nod your head and pretend to understand something you do not. It is embarrassing to the sender as well as to the receiver. DO NOT be suspicious and guess the meaning of signs you are not

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familiar with. Ask what they mean. When you ask a deaf person what a "new" sign means, he will know right away that you are interested. You cannot fool even the low-verbal deaf person.

7) DO NOT be afraid to talk in public. Manual communication is not disgraceful. Although manual communication attracts eyes when in public places, you should be proud that you have the necessary skills to communicate with a deaf person. DO try to interpret what others say and to tell the deaf what public address systems announce. The deaf do appreciate this and it develops rapport. You do not have to interpret everything, but just give the main idea.

8) DO remember that there are different signs for

different words. Some signs look similar to others. DO learn them and use them correctly. When you say something manually and the deaf person does not understand after repeating, rephrase the idea and say it differently. When in doubt about the proper sign, it is always safer to finger spell the word.

9) DO NOT make excuses for your inabilities. Just keep trying and remain cheerful. Deaf people do know that anyone with the desire to learn manual communication can do fairly well after some instruction and practice. The deaf get tired of hearing, "I am stupid and can't remember the signs," or "My fingers just won't cooperate." They would rather hear, "I must practice more so we can talk better."

10) DO get all the practice you can. When you are alone, practice by reading paragraphs from newspapers or statements made on TV. DO keep a notebook with a list of

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YOU HAVE TO BE DEAF TO UNDERSTAND

by Willard J. Madsen

What is it like to "hear" a hand?  
You have to be deaf to understand!

What is it like to be a small child,  
In a school, in a room void of sound—  
With a teacher who talks and talks and talks;  
And then when she does come around to you,  
She expects you to know what she's said?  
You have to be deaf to understand.

Or the teacher who thinks that to make you smart,  
You must first learn how to talk with your voice;  
So mumbo-jumbo with hands on your face  
For hours and hours without patience or end,  
Until out comes a faint resembling sound?  
You have to be deaf to understand.

What is it like to be curious,  
To thirst for knowledge you can call your own,  
With an inner desire that's set on fire—  
And you ask a brother, sister, or friend  
Who looks in answer and says, "Never mind!"?  
You have to be deaf to understand.

What is it like in a corner to stand,  
Though there's nothing you've done really wrong,  
Other than try to make use of your hands  
To a silent peer to communicate  
A thought that comes to your mind all at once?  
You have to be deaf to understand.

What is it like to be shouted at  
When one thinks that will help you to hear;  
Or misunderstand the words of a friend  
Who is trying to make a joke clear,  
And you don't get the point because he's failed?  
You have to be deaf to understand.

What is it like to be laughed in the face  
When you try to repeat what is said;  
Just to make sure that you've understood,  
And you find that the words were misread—  
And you want to cry out, "Please help me, friend!"?  
You have to be deaf to understand.

What is it like to have to depend  
Upon one who can hear to phone a friend;  
Or place a call to a business firm  
And be forced to share what's personal, and,  
Then find that your message wasn't made clear?  
You have to be deaf to understand.

What is it like to be deaf and alone  
In the company of those who can hear—  
And you only guess as you go along,  
For no one's there with a helping hand,  
As you try to keep up with words and song?  
You have to be deaf to understand.

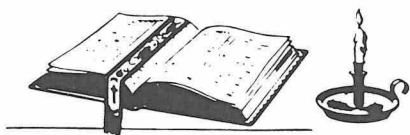
What is it like on the road of life  
To meet with a stranger who opens his mouth—  
And speaks out a line at a rapid pace;  
And you can't understand the look in his face  
Because it is new and you're lost in the race?  
You have to be deaf to understand.

What is it like to comprehend  
Some nimble fingers that paint the scene,  
And make you smile and feel serene  
With the "spoken word" of the moving hand  
That makes you part of the world at large?  
You have to be deaf to understand.

What is it like to "hear" a hand?  
Yes, you have to be deaf to understand!



Daily Bible Reading Plan  
(American Bible Society)



DEVOTIONAL IDEA

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

Then Leave It OPEN.  
Let Someone Else Share  
The Blessing of Your  
Daily Portion.

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Good News for Everyday Life

AUGUST		
Day	Book	Chapter
1	Hebrews	2:1-4, 3:7-19
2	Hebrews	12:25-29
3	Revelation	3:14-22
4	Revelation	20:11-15
For Wisdom and Guidance		
5	Sunday..Exodus	13:21-22 Numbers 9:15-23
6	1 Kings	3:7-14
7	Psalms	32:8, 37:23-25 Proverbs 3:5-6
8	Psalm	25:1-14
9	Psalm	27:7-11 Romans 12:1-2
10	John	7:17 James 1:5-6
11	Hebrews	13:20-21
For Strength and Grace		
12	Sunday..Exodus	15:1-19
13	Isaiah	40:28-31

Good News for the Troubled

SEPTEMBER		
Day	Book	Chapter
1	Ephesians	6:11-18 James 4:7
In Body		
2	Sunday..Job	1:6-22
3	Job	34:22-34
4	Job	42:1-10
5	Isaiah	42:1-9
6	Lamentations	3:22-36
7	Job	9:1-9
8	James	5:13-20
In Mind		
9	Sunday..Psalm	34:1-10
10	Psalm	39:1-13
11	Psalm	42:1-11
12	Psalm	73:21-28
13	Psalm	19:14 Isaiah 26:3-4

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Mark Twain once asked a neighbor if he might read a set of his books. The neighbor replied ungraciously that he was welcome to read them in his library, but he had a rule never to let a book leave the house. Some weeks later the same neighbor sent over to ask for the loan of his lawn-mower.

"I shall be very glad to lend you my lawn-mower," said Mark Twain, "but since I made it a rule never to let it leave my lawn, you will be obliged to use it there."

--from The Public Speaker's Treasure Chest

Daniel Webster, when asked what was the greatest thought that had ever entered his mind, replied: "My accountability to Almighty God."

--from The Public Speaker's Treasure Chest

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words you frequently forget how to sign. DO PRACTICE WITH ADULT DEAF BY ATTENDING THEIR SOCIALS OR OTHER CLUB ACTIVITIES.

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# Ministry to the Deaf by the Lutheran Church of America

The accompanying information and pictures were sent in by Mr. Richard C. Jones, Ass't. to the President of the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the LCA. One picture in a newspaper was too faint to be used, though it is very newsworthy.

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The Advisory Committee on Ministry to the Deaf has provided leadership for worship, counseling, and services for the deaf persons of Central Pennsylvania. The committee meets three times a year--January, May, and September. It represents congregations in Altoona, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lewisburg, and York areas. We also cooperate with the Lutheran Ministry to the Deaf in Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and with the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod on the territory of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

Pastors and laypersons of our synod who are involved in the ministry include the Reverends Alfred A. Ambrose, Kendig W. Bergstresser, F. William Brandt, Preston H. Dusman, Walter J. Emswiler, Emil J. Engelman, William A. Hower, Robert J. Johnson, Richard C. Jones, Robert H. Logan, Larry A. McConnell, C. Albert Wagaman, Earl W. Zellers; Messrs. Donald R. Gallion, James R. Graham, Henry Keene, Michael Mitchell, David Kieth, Don Mordan; Mrs. William H. Geisler, Jr., Miss Glenda Swanson.

Church services are held in the various areas on a regularly scheduled basis. There are church school classes in some of the areas for the adult deaf and also classes for the deaf children. The Rev. Jerold Munz, Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, conducts religious classes in the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf at Philadelphia. Most of our deaf children from the Central Pennsylvania Synod attend this school.

Captioned films for the deaf are shown in the areas served by us. The films are provided through the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Sign language classes are conducted in different areas for persons who are working with the deaf: parents of deaf children, teachers, audiologists, counselors, and any person who might be interested.

The Advisory Committee is interested in arranging that deaf people within their areas will have an opportunity to secure Teletypewriters for use to communicate with other deaf persons who would have similar equipment over their regular telephone lines used by hearing persons.

The committee is also interested in rehabilitation and education of deaf persons. Donald Gallion, who is the rehabilitation specialist for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, works closely with the committee as does Terry Arnold, who is a rehabilitation counselor in the Harrisburg area. Different pastors are members of the Professional Rehabilitation Workers with the Adult Deaf and work closely with them.

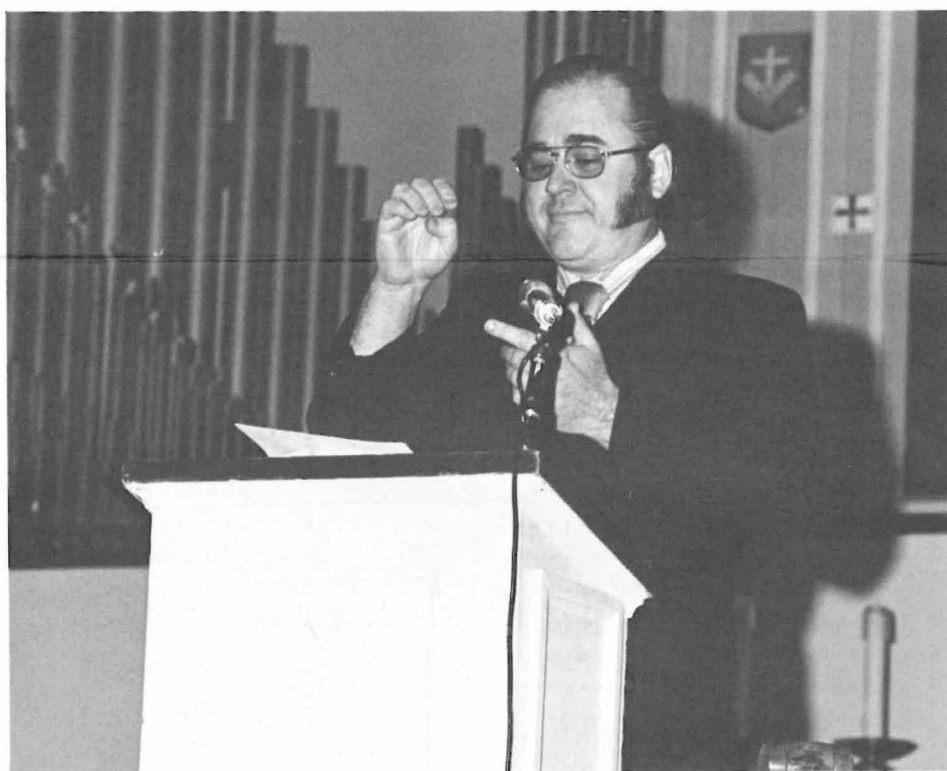
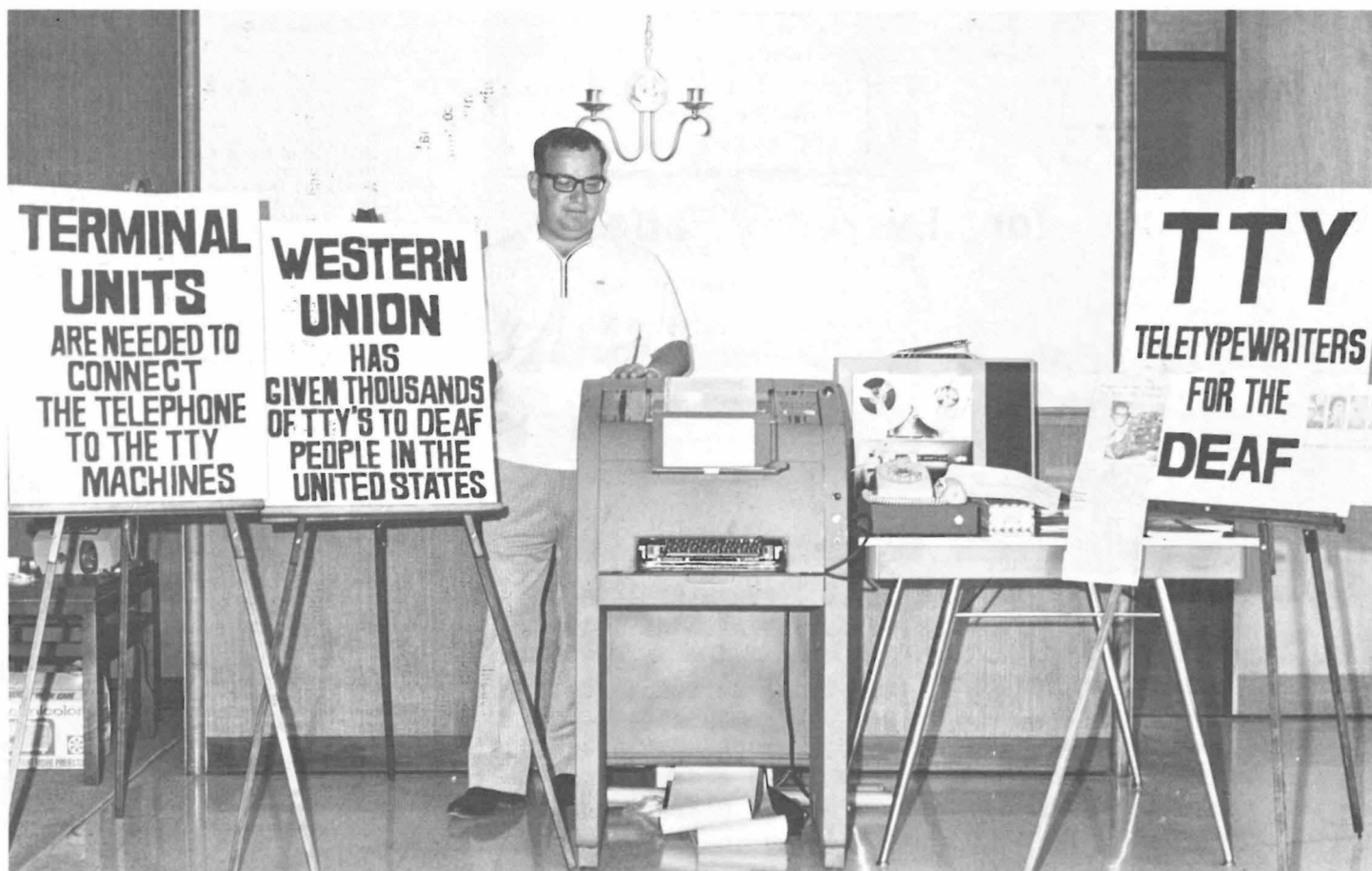
In the matter of education, members of the Advisory Committee, Mr. Gallion and Pastor Bergstresser, have been on the regional committee of the Ad Hoc Committee for Deaf Education for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Pastors are also active in the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf, which is an organization made up primarily of deaf persons who are vitally interested in what is happening in the educational field of the deaf.

The committee is interested in legislation as it relates to the deaf in educational, vocational and cultural matters.

Love cannot be wasted; where it is bestowed, it always brings rich returns.

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God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers. --Grit



Henry Holt III (shown in the picture above) has made Lutheran church history by being the first deaf person to address the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church of America. The Synod, meeting at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove Saturday, heard Holt's sign language address through the translation of Bulah Eberly, a partially deaf person who retained sufficient hearing to have learned the spoken language.

In his address, Holt, an active member of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lancaster, said that the church must upgrade its service by providing "full-time, full-salaried, and well-trained specialists", and specially designed facilities to serve the needs of the "silent minority" he represents in Pennsylvania.

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He said that the most critical need for the deaf in Pennsylvania is an opportunity for social and religious interaction. A positive step in this direction, according to Holt, would be the establishment of a "mini-bus" system to transport deaf persons safely to and from social and religious functions. (Ed. Note: Some churches for the deaf have already had this system in operation for years.) The National Association of the Deaf, (main office in Indianapolis, Ind.) has a subsidiary group that arranges for TTY's for those deaf people who request them. They also have trained deaf people who service them at a reasonable charge. Regular telephone rates must also be paid by the users.)--The Editor.



## An Eagle Scout



BRIAN RASMUS

The California School is proud to announce the advancement of Brian Rasmus to the rank of Eagle Scout.

Brian is a profoundly deaf 17-year-old high school junior at the California School for the Deaf, Berkeley, California. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rasmus, also deaf, residing at 2826 Derby Street, Berkeley, California.

Brian's participation in scouting began as a Cub Scout in 1964. He is the ninth boy scout in Troop 11, California School for the Deaf, Berkeley, since the troop was chartered in 1916. The last Eagle Award obtained by a scout in Troop 11 was in 1952.

Brian and his family are members of Memorial Lutheran Chapel for the Deaf, Oakland, California. Mr. Rasmus is the secretary of the congregation.

## A Plan of Administration

Rev. Lange reported to the field meeting held in Lincoln in June about the proposed plan of administration that the regional advisors have been discussing in their meetings during the past year. The members at the field meeting asked Rev. Lange to share this information with all the members of the field through the *Silent Visitor*.

At the field meeting a year ago it was decided that Bethlehem and Hope congregations and the members of the field apply to the Nebraska District to become members of the District. As was pointed out at the time, this would mean we would have to write a new constitution for the congregations and the field. When Rev. Lange learned that the regional advisors would be discussing a different plan of administration for national deaf missions, it was decided to wait until a national plan was decided upon.

The new plan is now being proposed to the Board for Missions of the Lutheran Church. The goals of the new plan are: 1. To have a closer relationship between the deaf congregations and the hearing districts; 2. To include the hearing districts in the planning and administration of the Lutheran Ministry to the Deaf; 3. To avoid isolating deaf congregations from one another and preserving the relationships neighboring deaf congregations have with one another, especially in a region; 4. To involve ILDA as a national Lutheran deaf organization in the planning of the Lutheran Ministry to the Deaf.

In general it is thought that many small local business matters that have to be decided in a field need not be brought to the attention of the Secretary for Ministry to the Deaf or the Board for Missions. These local matters (such as a leaky roof on the church building, setting up a new Sunday School program in another city, paying the monthly subsidy, small legal matters) can best be handled by a deaf congregation and district working together.

It is also thought that the local district and the deaf congregation ought to work together on the budgeting of deaf missions in the field every year. This way the district learns about the needs of the deaf mission, and both district and deaf congregation can work together in planning for the future of deaf work in the field.

Since every deaf congregation except one or two is subsidized, i.e., is not able to pay for all its work by itself, but needs financial help from the other congregations of the Lutheran Church, the deaf congregation must have some supervision of its business affairs and its budget. This is a rule of the Lutheran Church that applies to all congregations, both hearing and deaf, who receive financial help. It is thought that the district in which the deaf congregation is located could supervise the business affairs and budget of the deaf congregation with more understanding than the more distant Board for Missions.

Therefore it is proposed that each deaf congregation work closely with a representative from the District, especially when it is time to plan the work for next year and the budget.

It is also proposed that a Regional Board of Deaf

Missions be set up in each region. The members of this Board would be all the district representatives who have been working with the deaf congregations in their districts the national ILDA Regional Vice President, the President of the Regional Conference of the ILDA, the Regional Advisor, and the Secretary for Ministry to the Deaf (Rev. H. Rohe). This Board would discuss and plan the work among the deaf that is being done in a region, such as the Midwest Region, and would also make the final decision about the future work and budget of each deaf congregation in the region. Since some fields are located in more than one district, this meeting would help to decide any matters in regard to the future work in a field and how it should be financed. If there is a problem too large to be solved by the Regional Board, the Board for Missions still has the final decision.

Together with this plan, the ILDA should be supported and strengthened as much as possible and all deaf members encouraged to make this a worthwhile organization for doing the work of the Lord among the deaf.

At the last ILDA meeting in Chicago last year, it was decided to support ILDA with membership dues of \$1.00 for each member each year. At the last field meeting it was decided that a representative from each deaf group in the field be responsible for gathering these dues from the members. It was suggested that each member pay \$2.00 for this year and the next year. A record will be kept of your dues payment.

--from the Nebraska Field *Silent Visitor*

## Friend of the Deaf Killed In Illinois Auto Accident



"A three-vehicle accident on the Illinois Northwest Tollway August 4 claimed the life of a career Missouri Synod woman missionary, deaconess-nurse, Martha Boss, and two former short-term Hong Kong missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Oestmann of Valparaiso, Indiana.

"Miss Boss, 60, home on a three-month furlough, was scheduled to leave the States again August 19 for Hong Kong, where she had served since 1949.

"Miss Boss was riding to Valparaiso with the Oestmanns in order to attend the annual Lutheran Deaconess Conference held at the University, August 6-8. Miss Boss had graduated from the Lutheran Nursing-Deaconess program in 1938, and plans had been made to recognize and celebrate the 35th anniversary of her deaconess service at this year's conference.

"A brief memorial service was held Tuesday afternoon at the deaconess conference, and the conference mission offerings were designed toward a diaconate program in Hong Kong.

"A service of 'Blessing, Thanksgiving and Resurrection' was held in Miss Boss' memory on August 8 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in West Dundee, Illinois, where her brother, the Rev. Walter Boss is pastor.



"During her 24 years of service in Hong Kong Miss Boss was involved in a wide variety of ministries: doing congregational and school work (particularly in Rennie's Mill refugee camp); teaching Sunday School, teaching English Bible classes nursing, supervisory duties and training volunteer evangelistical visitors at Haven of Hope Sanitarium; working with women's groups, serving as friend and helper to young people and old, widows, and orphans, the blind and the deaf, the poor in general and to many needy students."

The above news release says simply that Miss Boss was involved in "serving as friend and helper to. . . .the deaf

Though she touched the lives of many people in all walks of life, I feel we should point out that Martha had more than a passing interest in the deaf. She would be the last to mention it, yet nevertheless she had a great deal to do with the deaf. In fact, we wonder if she is not largely responsible for initiating work among the deaf in Hong Kong. In the early years when the work among the deaf needed an advocate, some one to "push" it, someone to get others involved and interested, we know Martha was there. She worked very closely with Rev. Phillip Ho at whose church the deaf work began. She saw to it that deaf girls found employment in several church projects. She was instrumental in providing employment for the mother of a young deaf boy whose father was an opium addict and whose mother had to pay his tuition in a local deaf school. The Alpha Ladies Guild in our Rochester, New York church responded to Martha's plea for help and sent tuition for Ku Chi Kang, the deaf boy, several years.

Back in the early 40's, before Martha went overseas, when she was serving the City Mission in Cleveland, Ohio, she assisted Rev. Theodore Frederking in teaching religious classes at the deaf school on 55th Street in Cleveland. Thus, many deaf children were also touched and helped by Martha's love and zeal for her Lord.

"In 1964 Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, presented its Christus Vivit (Christ lives in me) medal, awarded for the first time that year, to Miss Boss. The award is given for 'singular type of service for the benefit of the church ... services marked by personal consecration over many years and in times of great difficulty.'

"The citation accompanying the award, 'Concordia Seminary expresses the gratitude of its entire church in awarding this distinction to a self-sacrificing and intrepid missionary worker, a deaconess who honors her profession, a Christian who shines forth the light of love with which she has been loved.'"



# Prize Easter Exhibits



Each Thursday religious classes are conducted at The Austine School for the Deaf of Brattleboro, Vermont, by

# Celebrate 50th



Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Young, of Philadelphia and members of the Lutheran Mission to the Deaf, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 27th in San Juan, Puerto Rico, with some close friends.

There was a celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary at their home on June 3rd with members of the church. Pastor Munz helped make the party a big surprise to both Mr. and Mrs. Young with a surprise open house.

The Youngs took an auto trip to Miami, Florida, flew to Puerto Rico, and then enjoyed a 3-day cruise to the Bahamas - Nassau and Freeport - before coming home to Philadelphia.

In the picture above Mrs. Young is holding a gold Fiftieth Anniversary Cross.

Western Metropolitan New York Lutheran Mission to the Deaf.  
He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Schnepf, Centereach.

Twenty-six years of age, Mr. Schnepf is married to the former Jeanne L. Hill of Midland, Mich. They were married at Fort Wayne, Ind. on March 21, 1970. They have a nineteen month old daughter named Mary Linette.

Mr. Schnepf entered Concordia College, Bronxville, N.Y., in 1967 and completed his Bachelor of Arts program at Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind. Mr. Schnepf enrolled at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., in 1969.

While at the Seminary he was a member of the Tour Choir and the Bach Chorus for several years.

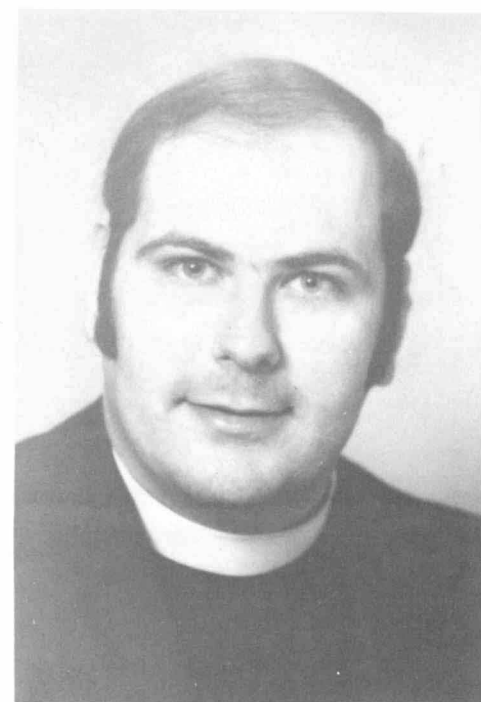
Mr. Schnepf and his wife will attend a six week post-graduate course this summer for Deaf studies at Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C.

Pastor Thaler and his staff. In addition to volunteers from several churches of the area and the staff of the school for the deaf, Pastor Horst Bandle of Trinity Lutheran Church is also a member of the staff.

Prior to Easter the Sunday School of Trinity sponsored an art contest. The art was to be related to the Easter Story. Pastor Bandle invited the deaf students to take part. They worked hard on their projects for several weeks. Art was entered by the intermediate through High School levels. Shown in the picture are a few of the many entries which won awards in competition with the hearing. Shown left to right are Carol Welsh, Arthur Challis and Polly Dicranian posing near their art entries, which are now displayed in the main hall of the academic building of the Austine School for the Deaf.

Pastor Thaler says he is very impressed with the interest the students have taken in the project and pleased that so many of them won awards.

## Receives Call



KENNETH E. SCHNEPP, JR.

Kenneth E. Schnepf, Jr., of Centereach, N.Y., has received a Call to be pastor of St. Mark Lutheran Church for the Deaf and the Western Metropolitan New York Mission to the Deaf in New York City.

One of the class of 1973 who graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., on May 25, Mr. Schnepf will be ordained at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Centereach, N.Y., on June 17 at 4 o'clock p.m. Last year he served a year of theological internship at Silent Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Madison, Wis.

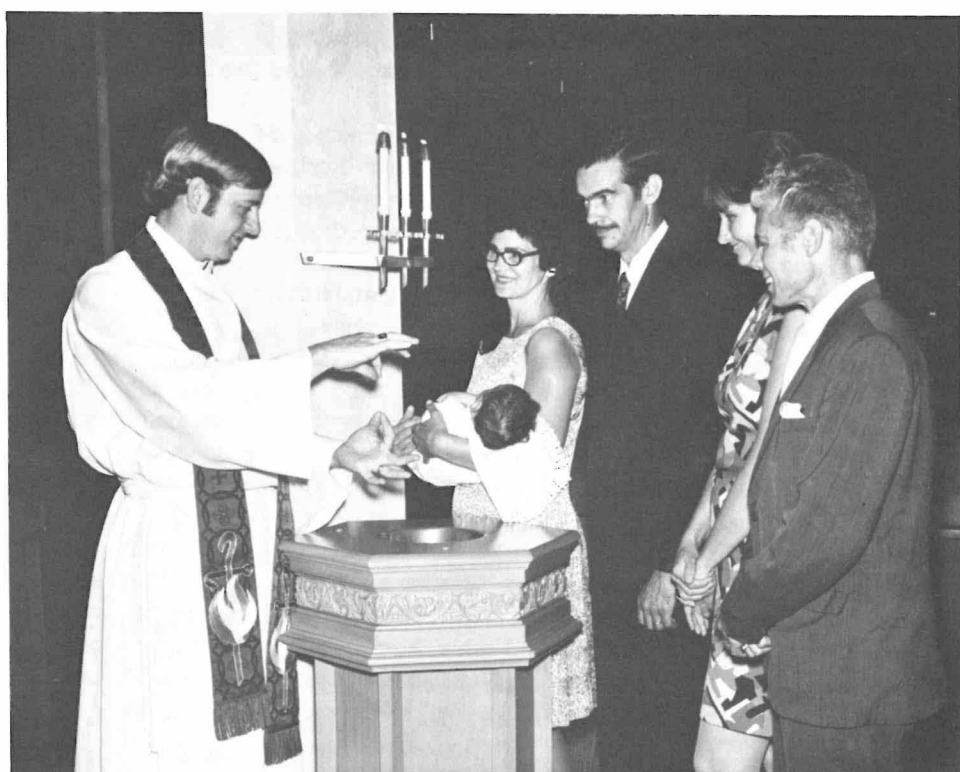
In May he completed eight years of training for the ministry in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and will be eligible to accept the call to St. Mark Lutheran Church for the Deaf and the



# Installation of Rev. Allan C. Page



Rev. Richard Osing, Rev. Paul Schedier, Rev. Martin P. Studtmann, Rev. Richard Osslund, Rev. William Lange, Rev. Allan Page (kneeling)



Baptism of Albert Robert Mass. Rev. Page, Mrs. Lester Ahls holding Albert Robert Mass, Mr. Lester Ahls, Mrs. LaVerne Mass, and Mr. LaVerne Mass.

Pastor Page was installed by the Rev. Richard A. Osing of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids, where services are held for the Deaf. The Rev. William Lange of Omaha, Nebraska was the preacher and interpreter. Rev. Lange is Regional Advisor for the Midwest Region. Also present at the service were the Rev. Martin P. Studtmann, Executive Secretary for the Iowa District-East, the Rev. Richard N. Osslund of Belle Plains, Iowa, and the Rev. Paul A. Scheidt of Cedar Rapids.

A special part of the service of installation was the baptism of Albert Robert Mass. Albert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Mass of Cedar Rapids. Mr. Mass is President of Word of God Lutheran Church, and has assumed many of the responsibilities of the Church since the death of Rev. Quintin Quade. Mr. and Mrs. Ahls were the sponsors.

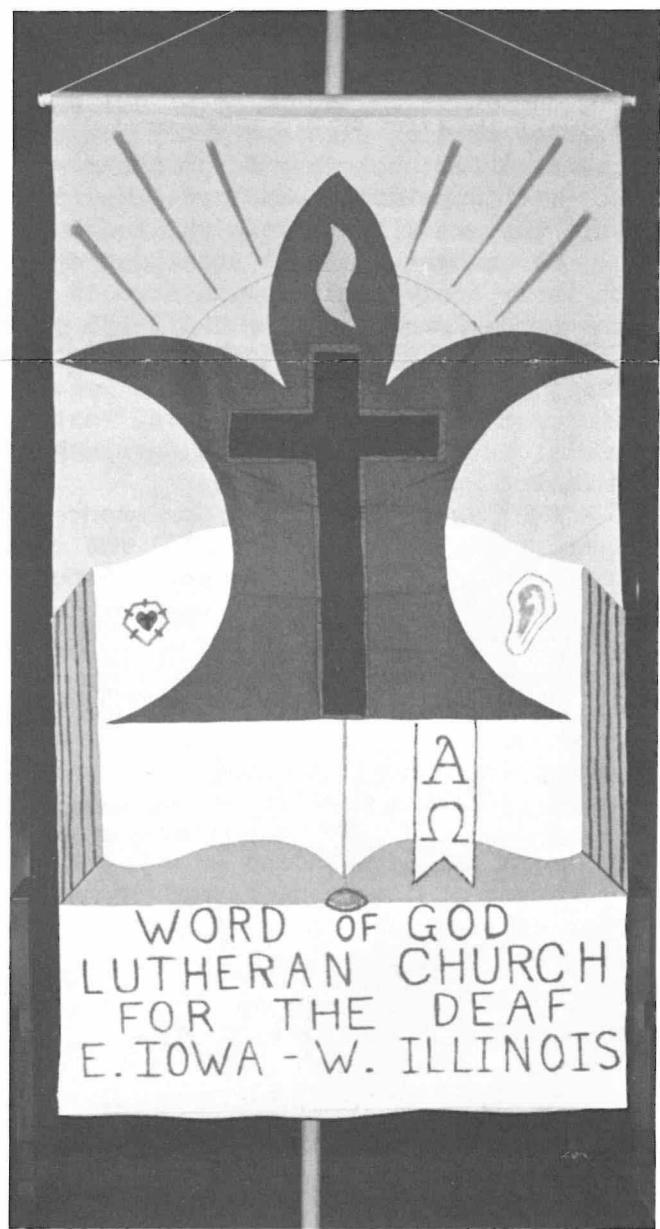
Following the service, the ladies of the congregation served a pot-luck dinner and a movie was shown to top off a very pleasant day.

On July 1st, Rev. Allan C. Page was installed as Pastor of Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois. Pastor Page is a native of New York, and served his year as Vicar in the



New York City field with the Rev. Daniel A. Hodgson. Pastor Page is married to the former Janice Drebes of Maryland. The Pages moved to Iowa from St. Louis, and are now living in Cedar Rapids.

Banner made by members of Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf.



## HEALTH HINTS FOR SUMMER TRAVELERS

With the arrival of summer, millions of Americans embark on that long awaited vacation. A little planning can help make your vacation an enjoyable time for you and your family.

The following points from the Blue Cross Association, the national coordinating system of Blue Cross Plans, can help you be prepared for unexpected illnesses or accidents during your travels.

1) A medical travel kit, including a Red Cross first aid booklet and first aid supplies, can help minimize the chance your vacation will be spoiled due to an accident.

2) Travelers with chronic ailments should carry enough medication to last the entire trip.

3) It is wise to have a brief record of any chronic ailments or serious illnesses, including blood types and allergies, for all members of the family.

4) It is a good idea to have emergency medical information engraved on specially designed bracelets or necklaces.

5) The best way to locate a doctor in any foreign country is to call the American Embassy, the British Embassy or your U.S. airline or shipping line.

If you should be hospitalized away from home, there are over 6,500 Blue Cross member hospitals throughout the United States ready to serve you. Be sure to take your Blue Cross-Blue Shield Identification Card with you when you travel. Hopefully you won't need it, but if you do, your Blue Cross-Blue Shield Identification Card can be a welcome companion on your vacation.

"Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened."--Winston Churchill

## Ephphatha - - - (Continued from Front Page)

own materials, captioned slides, and produced overhead transparencies for teaching deaf children. Needless to say, this kind of sharing is very valuable and helpful to our productive ministry.

Some time was given to the concerns of Ephphatha Conference. Officers elected were Pastor Rodney Rynearson - Chairman, Pastor George Ring - Vice-Chairman, Pastor Robert Blakely - Secretary, and Pastor David Carstens - Assistant Secretary and Exchange Editor.

The conference also adopted resolutions that (1) encouraged deaf congregations to budget costs for the conference worker's spouse to attend Ephphatha Conference, (2) extended thanks and encouragement to the Board of Directors of both Lutheran schools for the deaf as they study Total Communication, (3) delegated responsibility for providing equipment needed for Ephphatha Conference to the program chairman and the host pastor, (4) clarified the purpose of Ephphatha Conference as a professionally edifying and sharing conference, (5) opened Ephphatha Conference to all Lutheran workers of the deaf, (6) affirmed its right to determine its own program, (7) supported the Regional Advisor's Council resolution that requested the Board for Missions to encourage the seminaries to call a full-time professor for recruiting and training workers for deaf ministry, (8) urged the North American special ministries staff to sensitize the Districts and Lutheran Council of Canada regarding the new ministry among the deaf of Nova Scotia and requested some financial help from the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society, (9) encouraged each region to meet in staff conference at least once a year with next year's costs being included in the 1974 budgets, (10) urged the Board for Missions to consider changes in the transfer guidelines for the administration of deaf missions under the Districts, and (11) encouraged the secretary for ministry to the deaf, Rev. H. Rohe, to appoint a member of Ephphatha Conference to maintain contact with workers who leave deaf ministry.

We congratulate our pastors and workers who were honored on their anniversaries with scrolls for their service to the Lord: Pastor Walter Uhlig--35 years, Pastor August Hauptman--25 years, Pastor Clark Bailey--20 years, Pastor Ervin Oermann--20 years, Pastor Donald Leber--10 years, Pastor Martin Hewitt--10 years, Pastor George Natonick--5 years, Lay Minister Gilbert Berninghaus--5 years, and Lay Minister Don Fairman--5 years.

Next year's Ephphatha Conference will meet in St. Paul, Minn. (date to be set later). The conference program committee, Pastor John Nickerson, Pastor Fred Allen, and Lay Minister Robert Oettel, represent the Central Region. Next year's program may include (1) a study of the national and the Lutheran censuses of the deaf, (2) a marriage and family counseling workshop, especially as counseling deals with parents and deaf children, and (3) a study of ministry in general crisis situations.

--Ephphatha Conference release

No single great deed is comparable for a moment to the multitude of little gentlenesses performed by those who can scatter happiness on every side and strew all life with hope and good cheer.

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## TC vs. TLC

TC is Total Communication. Among the Deaf this means communicating by all the methods--lip reading, finger spelling, hand signs, and other symbols. TC refers to the methods.

But there is communicating, and there is COMMUNICATING. TLC refers to the content. TLC is Total Loving Communication; TLC says what it means and means what it says! No curves! TLC has four points as follows:

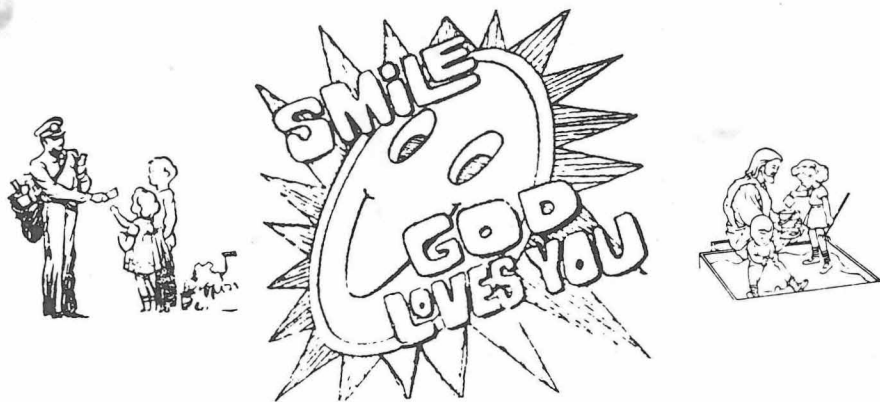
1. Who says
2. What
3. To Whom
4. In what situation

If one point is missing or garbled, it is not TLC but TMC--Total Mis-Communication!

We have a perfect example of TLC in St. Matthew 28:18-20: And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, "All Power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." Amen.

NOW THAT'S TLC. AMEN!!! ----ETCETERA

## CHILDREN'S PAGE



## My Dear Young Friends: Jesus Welcomes Jimmy

A young boy would daily dash into church, bow his head momentarily, then race out again. One day he stayed long enough to tell the pastor he was moving to another city.

"Tell me," the pastor said, "what kind of a prayer can you say so quickly?"

"Well, sir," the boy answered, "Between school and work, all I've time to say is, 'Jesus, it's me, Jimmy.'"

Some time later, in a conversation with another minister, the pastor learned of Jimmy's death.

"It was the strangest thing," the minister said, "but just as this boy drew his last breath, I could swear I heard a voice say, 'Jimmy, it's me, Jesus.'"

--Clipped

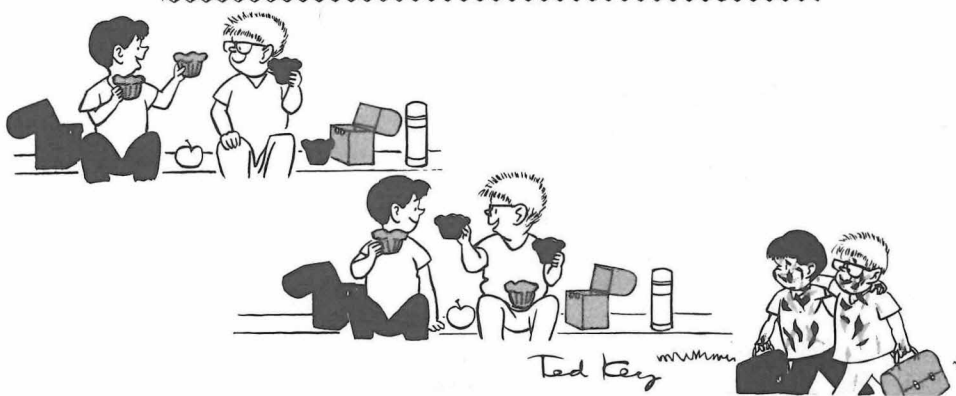


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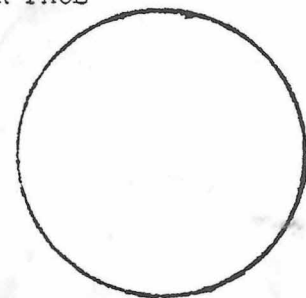
As the little girl tripped along at her father's side on an evening walk, she kept looking up at the stars. Though apparently fascinated, she made no comment. Finally her father asked what she was thinking about.

"If the bottom side of Heaven is so beautiful," replied the child, "how wonderful the other side must be."

--W. E. Golden



HOLD THIS PAGE CLOSE TO YOUR FACE  
AND BLOW ON THIS CIRCLE



IF THE CIRCLE:

Turns YELLOW, then see your doctor.

turns PURPLE: then see your dentist;

turns RED, then see your banker;

turns BLACK, then see your undertaker;

doesn't change color, you are perfectly healthy, and we will plan to see you in church on Sunday.

(From Trinity Parish Paper - Pittsburgh, Pa.)