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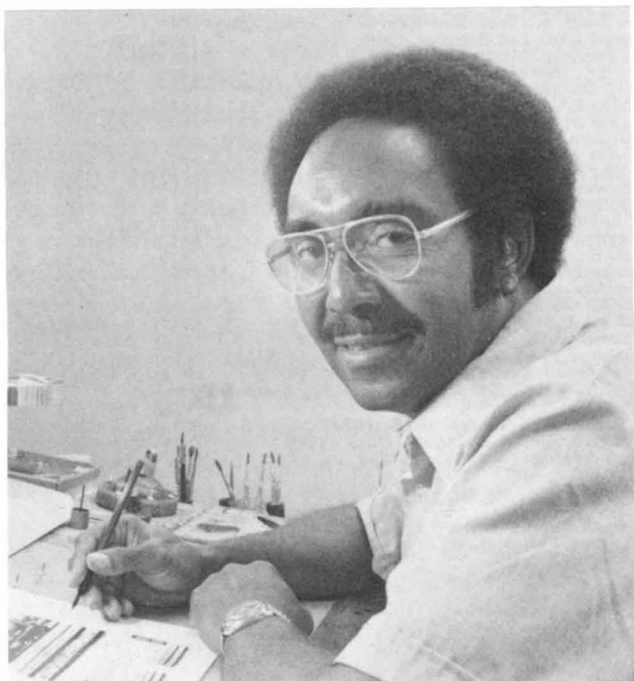
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Meet the new Deaf Lutheran Staff. . .



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Archie sends his thanks to the ILDA Board and to everyone recommending his name to the Editorship. Thanks also to our retired Editor, Uriel C. Jones for his professional help in getting us familiar with the mechanics of our positions, his love and invaluable advice, and to Mrs. Janet Hewitt who was Uriel's valued assistant, and last but not least to Rev. Herbert Rohe, Secretary for Deaf Missions for his valued assistance and suggestions...to our readers and friends who have already been sending in copy and pictures.



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RUSSELL HEALEY of St. Louis, Mo. was born in Livingston, Illinois where in his early years, he attended Illinois State School for the Deaf in Jacksonville. At the age of 10, Russell's family moved to St. Louis, where he finished his education at Gallaudet and O'Fallon Technical High School. The past 25 years found Russell employed by Universal Carloading and Distributing Company where over the years, he has risen from checker to Assistant-Cashier. Russell is married to Betty Jo Farris of Olive Branch, Illinois. They have no children. Russell is very active in Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, where he has been the holder of a number of important offices, from President to his present position as Treasurer. Also, he is very active in community affairs involving the deaf. Russell is a Board member of Telecommunicators of Greater St. Louis, Inc., Board member of the Investment Club, a gifted and talented actor with the St. Louis Drama Guild. Russell still finds time to faithfully serve as Lay-Reader in a great many Sunday services at church and is one of Holy Cross' best Sunday School teachers. Betty, his wife, is no less active in church affairs and also is a very good Sunday School teacher, Co-Director of the Church Choir, President of LWML, Assistant-Director of the St. Louis Drama Guild. She, like Russell, is also a top notch actress and arranger of the music scores. She is also active in community affairs, having served as Director on the Board of the St. Louis Chapter of the Mo. Ass'n. of the Deaf. When not busy in church or community affairs, Russell and Betty spend a lot of their spare time canoeing and camping in the great outdoors showing their appreciation also for what God has created.



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Clarence Schulz

CLARENCE SCHULZ of Warren, Mich. (a suburb of Detroit) was born in Vernon, Texas where his father was Pastor. When his father passed away a few years later, however, the family moved to Detroit. His mother was Chief Cook at the Lutheran School for the Deaf for many years while Clarence attended the school. After graduating from high school at the Flint State School, Clarence became proficient in the printing trade. Today he works for one of Detroit's city news papers. Clarence is married to Nonnie Watson, and the Lord blessed them with two daughters, Pamela and Nancy. Clarence is a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Detroit, Mich. (Rev. C. Bailey), where during the course of the years, he has held almost every office of Our Savior's Voters Assembly. Clarence is a willing worker for his church and generously supports it with his time, ability and money. Unless his health does not permit it, he is in church with his family every Sunday. He also serves his church as Lay-Reader when his Pastor is absent. Clarence is an avid reader, well informed about his church's work on Synodical, District, and Local levels. Clarence was first President of ILDA when it was formed, and today, he is Great Lakes Regional Vice-President.

Very much interested in sports of various kinds, Clarence's favorite is golf. Besides caring for his home and beautiful yard, he uses much of his spare time for family outings and activities. Although blessed with many achievements Clarence is a humble man, who gives all the glory and honor to God for the temporal and spiritual blessings that are his.

Archie, Russell and Clarence with God's help will continue the high standards of our predecessor, U.C. Jones.

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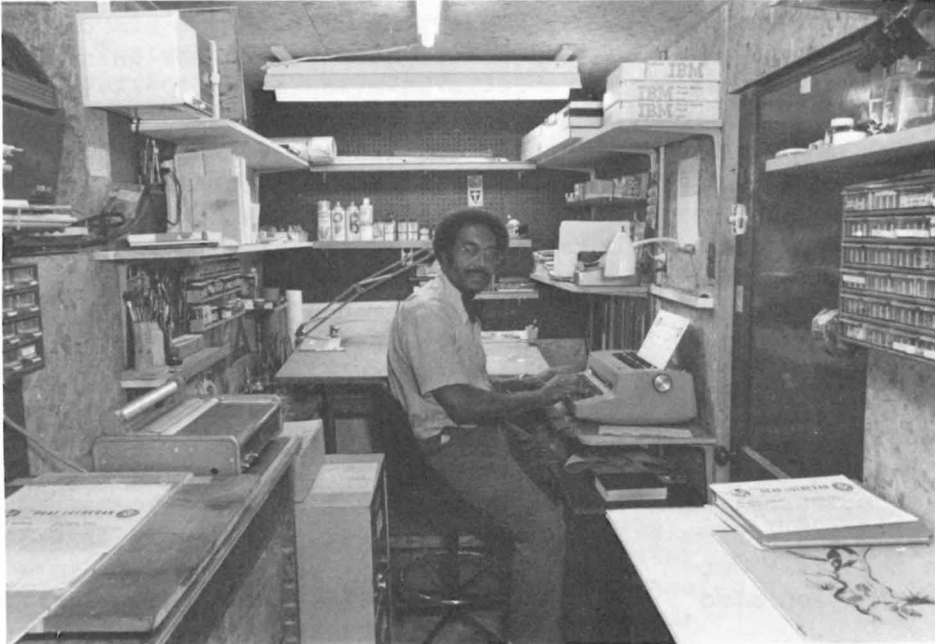
by ARCHIE D. MARSHALL

Hi Readers and Friends....All of us can now breathe a sigh of relief! My first edition of the Deaf Lutheran is now completed and in your hands. It is my hopes that this issue meets your approval, both in context and in its new format. Nevertheless, I am open for criticism and suggestions, so do not hesitate to take pen in hand and send in your thoughts, which I promise you, will receive every serious consideration.

From page 1 of this issue, you received the details of how I came to head this fine journal, so no more will be said here about that subject.

It was inevitable that this issue would be late in going out to our readers due to several reasons. First was the job of moving all this journalistic paraphernalia from the outgoing Editor's apartment down into my basement. It

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MORE NEW LIFE
FOR THE ILDA

by Edward A. Trainor Sr.

The Lord needs willing servants to serve Christ's church. In the church we are led and taught by the clergy. Outside the church, the deaf need our Christian lay people to lead them and encourage them in Christian living...to show them how to develop in spiritual growth...live lives that are purposeful and full of meaning...and through the grace of God and our loving Savior, learn to love one another as Christ loved us. Our church also needs us for strength and support, for without faithful people, the church would die and the word of God would fail to reach many. For these reasons, our church and its deaf lay people founded the International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA)

The ILDA is still in its infancy--the idea about four years old--but much progress has been made in the past year towards making the dreams of our founders come true. Many in our flocks still are not aware of the magnitude by which ILDA can serve our Lord, His church and our deaf brothers and sisters. The purpose of this article is to help update all as to the progress of the ILDA and bring to light the need and value for your cooperation, participation and support.

On June 22 and 23, the Law Committee of the ILDA, consisting of Acting President, Elmer Francisco; Regional Vice Presidents Clarence Schulz and Ed Trainor; and assisted by the Secretary for the Ministry to the Deaf, the Rev. Herbert Rohe; and Washington, D.C.-Baltimore, Md. pastor, the Rev. Robert J. Muller, met at Washington, D.C. to work on a newly proposed constitution for the ILDA. The proposed ILDA Constitution was derived from the old one, however, 46 pages evolved from the 13 pages of the old constitution. There are 20 articles on nine pages in the new constitution and 17 articles on 36 pages of by-laws.

Then the ILDA Board of Directors, consisting of four Officers, seven Regional Vice Presidents and two Representatives from the Lutheran Church-MS, met at Concordia College in St. Paul, Minn. July 12, 13 and 14. At this meeting, many exciting things happened for the glory of Christ and for the progress of the ILDA.

While at St. Paul, the ILDA Board appointed a new Editor, Assistant Editor and Business Manager for The Deaf Lutheran to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of a true soldier of Christ and beloved friend, Uriel C. Jones, who was forced to resign due to health. The Board also: 1) Revised and approved the new ILDA Constitution, 2) Resolved to have the Program and Finance Director (P&FD) work out a basic program for the ILDA for 1974-1975, 3) Worked out the budget for 1975, 4) Resolved to have the President appoint a Public Relations man for the ILDA and 5) Resolved to give better effort and more attention towards coordination of all involved in our mutual purposes.

Archie D. Marshall, a highly skilled artist by trade and also the ILDA Secretary was appointed Editor of The Deaf Lutheran. Clarence Schulz, the ILDA past President and also the Great Lakes Regional Vice President was appointed Assistant Editor. Russell Healey, Central Regional Vice President was appointed Business Manager. Archie and Russell are from St. Louis, Mo. Clarence hails from Warren, Mich. All are devoted laymen, very qualified for the work and nominated by letters to the ILDA President from our Congregations. We are certain we have a team here that is capable of continuing the quality and high standards of The Deaf Lutheran so faithfully maintained by Uriel C. Jones. Archie is a man of a thousand talents. Clarence is a man of a million words and Russell really knows his business.

Approximately 10 hours were spent discussing and revising the "already revised" constitution. The result was a very effective and beautiful document that will soon be transmitted to the membership and all people interested which means that everyone reading this will soon have a copy of the new constitution. The new constitution will be

presented at the 1975 ILDA Convention in Washington, D.C. for ratification. The ILDA Board has resolved that all questions of repeal, alteration, modification or amendment to

the new constitution be signed and submitted in documented form to the Law Committee of the ILDA at least ninety (90) days prior to the 1975 ILDA Convention in order to save precious time at the Convention.

This writer is presently busy gathering the thoughts and wishes of the Board to prepare the 1974-1975 basic program for the ILDA. Two of our biggest goals are to establish the ILDA in regions and place an ILDA representative in each congregation. Our programs will include: 1) Encouragement of active participation in the ILDA by lay people, 2) Programs to assist Pastors that will reduce his work load by delineating work that can be done by lay people, 3) Encourage Bible study and Bible Classes in our congregations. 4) Help young people of all ages to have every opportunity to develop Christian leadership through religious education programs, 5) Pursue the possibilities of setting up classes in congregations which study the doctrines of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at a more advanced and higher level and, 6) Develop programs of evangelism to spread the Holy Gospel to all Deaf people inside and outside the church.

PROJECTED BUDGET OF THE ILDA FOR 1975

ANTICIPATED INCOME:

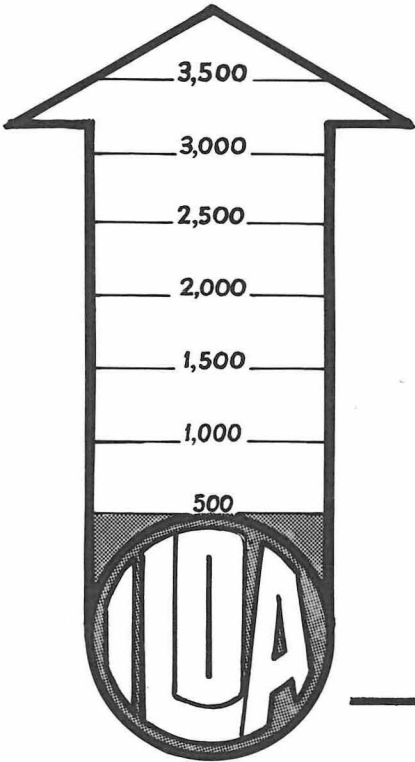
Subscriptions to <u>THE DEAF LUTHERAN</u>	\$ 6,000.00
ILDA Membership Dues.....	2,000.00
Subsidy from the Board for Missions.....	10,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$18,000.00

OPERATIONAL COSTS:

Administration.....	\$ 5,000.00
Cost of Publishing <u>THE DEAF LUTHERAN</u>	10,000.00
Programs and Appeals.....	3,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$18,000.00

In conclusion, beloved friends in Christ, you can see that there is much work and great work we can do for our Savior and our Church...but we need the cooperation, participation and support of everyone to truly become task forces for the glory of God. Let us roll up our sleeves, open our hearts and pocketbooks and serve God as true Christians should...and love one another as Christ loved us!!

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR THE DEAF BREAKS GROUND. . .
TO BEGIN BUILDING THEIR NEW CHURCH FOR THE DEAF IN DES MOINES



Left to Right: Marvin Neuschwanger, Donald Kissell, Arleen Van Hemert, Bill Kautzky, Dorothy Landsverk, Kathleen Kautzky, Marlene Wiener and Lester Ahls.

The Ground Breaking for Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf took place on August 18th at 2P.M. Participating in the Service were: Rev. George Ring, local pastor; Lester Ahls, president of the Iowa Association of the Deaf, who gave the Address for the occasion; Rev. R.G. Dohrmann, Chairman of the Missions Committee of the Iowa District West, who spoke on behalf of the District; Mrs. Rachel Taylor, President of the Des Moines Zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, who announced that the District LWML had voted a \$5,000 grant for furnishings for the church for the Deaf; Rev. Norman Raedeke, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church, who led the congregation in prayers for the day; Marvin Neuschwanger, treasurer of Calvary congregation, who was honored for nearly 25 years at his post and given the honor of turning the first spade of dirt; Don Kissell, chairman of Calvary, who turned a spade of dirt and introduced the members of the Building Committee - Darrel Wiener, Wilbur Sawhill, Dale Van Hemert, Bill Kautzky and John Hendricks, who also took turns with the shovel; Marlene Wiener, Dorothy Landsverk, Kathleen Kautzky, and Arleen Van Hemert, who signed the hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us".

The shovel used on the occasion was a gift from Mr. & Mrs. George Hagen. It is the plan of the congregation to keep this shovel on display in their new church to remind the members of God's blessings to them.

The new church will be built at 3909 E. Forty-second St. Officials said the Des Moines group will be the first to build a church specifically for the deaf. Rev. Ring said the new church will have several special features relating to its use by deaf persons, including a white brick backing on the chancel and fluorescent lighting to permit easier reading of sign language.

A large kitchen is designed for monthly dinners when Calvary will host deaf people from other central Iowa cities

The building will cost \$100,000 and an additional \$25,000 will be spent on furnishings, parking lot and landscaping.

Bible Reading
for Sept. 1974

1Ezekiel 2:2-5.....	15.....Genesis 18:1-10.....
2Romans 8:9-13.....	16.....Psalm 86:1-12.....
3Matthew 11:25-30....	17.....Jeremiah 23:1-6.....
4Mark 6:1-6.....	18.....Romans 8:26-27.....
5Luke 10:1-20.....	19.....Ephesians 2:13-18...
62 Corinthians 12:7-10	20.....Colossians 1:24-28..
7Galatians 6:14-18....	21.....Matthew 13:24-43....
8Isaiah 55:10-11.....	22.....1 Kings 3:5-12.....
9Deuteronomy 30:10-14	23.....Psalm 119:73-77.....
10.....Psalm 65:10-13.....	24.....Matthew 13:44-52....
11.....Matthew 13:1-23.....	25.....Romans 8:28-30.....
12.....Colossians 1:15-20..	26.....Ephesians 4:1-6.....
13.....Ephesians 1:3-14....	27.....Colossians 2:9-14...
14.....Romans 8:18-23.....	28.....Luke 11:1-13.....
..... go to Church	29.....Isaiah 55:1-3.....
	30.....Exodus 16:2-15.....

DEAFNESS--

The Silent Epidemic

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Loss of hearing is the most widespread malady in the United States today--and the problem is getting worse. Yet many of us refuse to admit that it exists.

It's silent, painless and invisible. Yet more people suffer from it than from heart disease, cancer, blindness, tuberculosis, venereal disease, multiple sclerosis and kidney disease put together. According to the National Institutes of Health, at least one out of 15 Americans is affected.

The problem is loss of hearing--America's largest, least recognized ailment. Despite its prevalence, we pay less attention to this affliction than to any other. It attracts fewer than one percent of the dollars spent on medical research. "When it comes to deafness," says Dr. Robert Ruben, chairman of the otolaryngology department of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, "we're hideously backward."

The afflicted themselves seem unwilling to do much about their problem, or even to admit that they have one. According to psychiatrists, deafness is associated in many minds with old age, loss of sexual prowess or stupidity. Whatever the reason, the tendency to do nothing--on the part of doctors as well as sufferers--amounts to an unwitting conspiracy.

When you had your last checkup, did your doctor examine your hearing? Probably not. I've just had an annual physical by an internist connected with one of our top hospitals and, although he routinely checked my eyesight, he did nothing--until I insisted--to test my hearing.

What does a gradual hearing loss mean? Here is what Dr. William G. Hardy, director of the Hearing and Speech Center at Johns Hopkins University, has to say:

"You turn up the radio and TV louder. You ask people to speak up. You find it more and more difficult to catch the dialogue in movies and plays. At parties, you have to concentrate harder to hear what people are saying, and you end up exhausted. Eventually, you begin to withdraw from social contacts, have a tendency to become irritable and moody, to make life difficult for those around you. You miss much of the fun of living."

The loss, of course, can be more than social. Consider the case of a bright, 27-year-old bank employee who had increasing difficulty understanding his customers. He missed key words and, worse, key figures. One day his boss warned him that his job was in jeopardy. The young man went to an otologist (ear doctor) and found he had a hearing loss that could be corrected simply by acquiring a hearing aid. He got one--a near-invisible device concealed in his eyeglasses--and his career took a surge upward. He's now a vice president of the bank.

Despite recent medical and mechanical advances, there are indications that our national hearing problem is getting worse rather than better. For example:

--Because loss of hearing is always more prevalent among the aged (nearly half of the 13.4 million Americans who need attention are over 65), and because people are living longer deafness among the elderly is growing.

--As we become increasingly industrialized, more workers are developing hearing problems connected with occupational noise. A recent Industrial Noise Conference in New York reported that one out of four job applicants in industry has a hearing handicap.

--Rising deafness statistics for the very young pose the most serious threat of all, because hearing is so crucial to learning. (Almost any ear doctor can tell of some child who was placed in a school for the retarded only because the real problem, loss of hearing, had not been diagnosed.) Studies of elementary-school children have shown as many as 25 percent with a "meaningful" (but reversible) hearing loss. And among high-school youngsters the situation may be worse. In 1968, researchers at the University of Tennessee gave a standard hearing test to incoming freshmen. High-frequency hearing impairment caused 33 percent of the students to fail it. A year later, another group of incoming freshmen was

given the same test. This time 61 percent failed it.

The Deafness Research Foundation reports that there are many reasons for these worsening statistics, including recent-German measles epidemics, hereditary factors (the "pre-lingually deaf" generally marry one another) and the greater use of powerful drugs in the treatment of illness. But, in the opinion of experts, ever-increasing noise pollution is the single greatest cause of hearing loss. Says James McMahon, administrator of the New York League for the Hard of Hearing: "If the present trend continues, by the year 2000 we won't be able to hear one another without amplification."

Before that happens, of course, government will step in to control noise. It has already accomplished some curtailment. Three years ago, for example, Congress passed a law limiting the number of hours that workers may be exposed to high levels of occupational noise--for example, eight hours at 90 decibels and two hours at 95 decibels. Increasingly, too, cities are adopting such measures as anti-horn ordinances. But most communities have a long way to go before they're hearing-safe. A passing motorcycle still attacks our ears with a 90-decibel roar, a diesel truck with 100, a subway car as much as 106. A rock-and-roll band can assail us with 120 decibels (one deafness expert says that tickets to such events should be labeled: "Warning--This concert can be hazardous to your ears"). Even at home, we don't do much of a job protecting ourselves. A noisy power mower produces 105 decibels, an electric shaver 85.

Ironically, although the conditions that lead to ear damage have never been so prevalent, the opportunity to do something about the resultant hearing loss has never been better. The introduction of the transistor into hearing aids in 1953 was a major breakthrough. This, plus the miniaturization made possible by space technology, has enabled manufacturers to produce smaller, tougher, more sensitive hearing devices. Today the entire hearing-aid system--microphone, amplifier, battery, receiver and controls--can be contained in a button-size package weighing no more than an ounce. It can fit in or behind the ear, in one's pocket or eyeglasses.

A corresponding advance on the surgical side--also developed in the '50s--is the now-famous stapes operation. The stapes, or stirrup bone, located in the middle ear, is the smallest bone in the body (one eighth of an inch long) and just about the most important. Its vibrations against the "oval window" of the bone housing the inner ear are vital to hearing. When it "freezes" and no longer moves freely (a condition called otosclerosis), sound fades away.

During a stapes operation, surgeons remove the bone and replace it with an artificial device. Very often, the other bones (the hammer and the anvil) that form a "chain" in the middle ear also become locked. Surgeons today can reconstruct the whole system, plus the eardrum, by what is called a tympanoplasty. Unknown a generation ago, procedures of this type are now successful in 90 percent of the cases attempted.

Only a small percentage of the 13.4 million Americans suffering from a significant hearing loss can be helped by surgery. The majority must eventually turn to amplification (hearing aids), lip reading, sign language, or a combination of these things. Yet despite all the advances in miniaturization and inconspicuousness, men and women are reluctant to try hearing aids.

Sen. Charles Percy's experience has been typical. His hearing was impaired in World War II by the continuous noise of planes at a Naval air base. Advised to get an aid, he did nothing about it. "I thought hearing aids were for old fogies," he recalls. He went on for 20 years telling people to speak up, asking them to repeat, pretending he'd heard when he hadn't. Several years ago, at the insistence of his wife, he finally bought a hearing aid. "What a relief!" he told me. "You can't believe how much pleasanter life has become--especially for my family." According to industry calculations, only about 2.5 million Americans currently wear a hearing aid; about ten million more could use one.

What can the average person--young or old--do to protect what hearing he has, or make up for what he has lost? The experts advise:

1. Have your hearing checked regularly--at least once every two years, and by an ear specialist, if possible. If you have a child, have his hearing tested at birth, and frequently thereafter for the first several years.
2. Avoid unnecessary and prolonged exposure to loud noise. If you must expose yourself to sounds of power saws, subways, jet engines, etc., wear properly fitting ear plugs or ear protectors.

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Bethesda Celebrates 70 Years of Service...

Watertown, Wisconsin -- A new and distinctive type of ministry began back in 1904 when the doors of Bethesda Lutheran Home swung open for the first time.

Doubters in those days strongly questioned the wisdom of attempting to teach and train people whose potential was so obviously limited. The subsequent decades, however, have proved the fallacy of such a position.

Bethesda has not only survived, but has grown to a position of leadership in its field.

The nationally known haven for victims of mental retardation will observe its 70th anniversary on April 21, playing host to friends and supporters in day-long activities at the Home.

Ceremonies scheduled for 3:30 p.m. in the Activities Building will commemorate seven decades of service, during which more than 2,500 mentally retarded and physically handicapped persons have received spiritual and academic training, as well as total physical care.

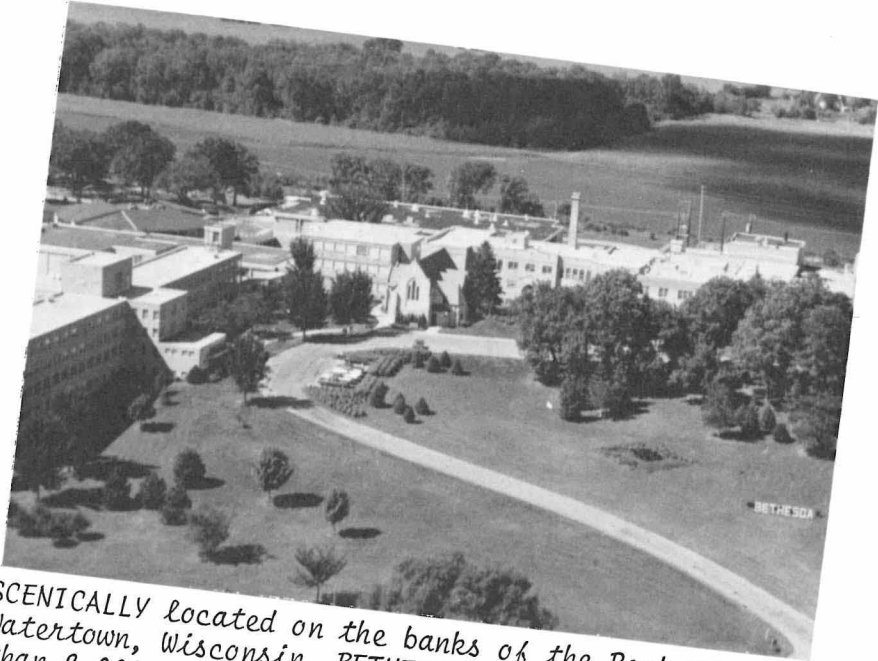
The program will feature Dr. August Bernthal, Winter Haven, Florida, newly appointed vice-president of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and former president of the Florida-Georgia District. Liturgists for the service will be Rev. Richard L. Schlecht, president of the Michigan District, and Rev. Edmund H. Happel, president of the Northern Illinois District.

Music for the event will be furnished by Bethesda's combined choirs. A postservice program will include remarks by Roland F. Dierker, chairman of Bethesda's Board of Directors, and Henry M. Stoeppelwerth, executive director of the Home.

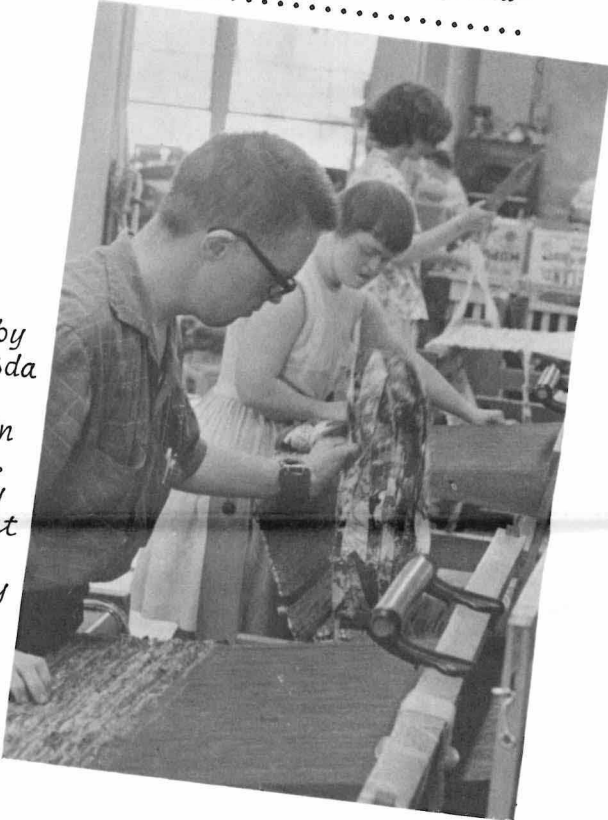
Guided tours will be available to visitors throughout the day until time of service.

Populated initially by two girls and three boys, the Home was originally known as the "Evangelical Lutheran School for Feeble-Minded and Epileptic Children."

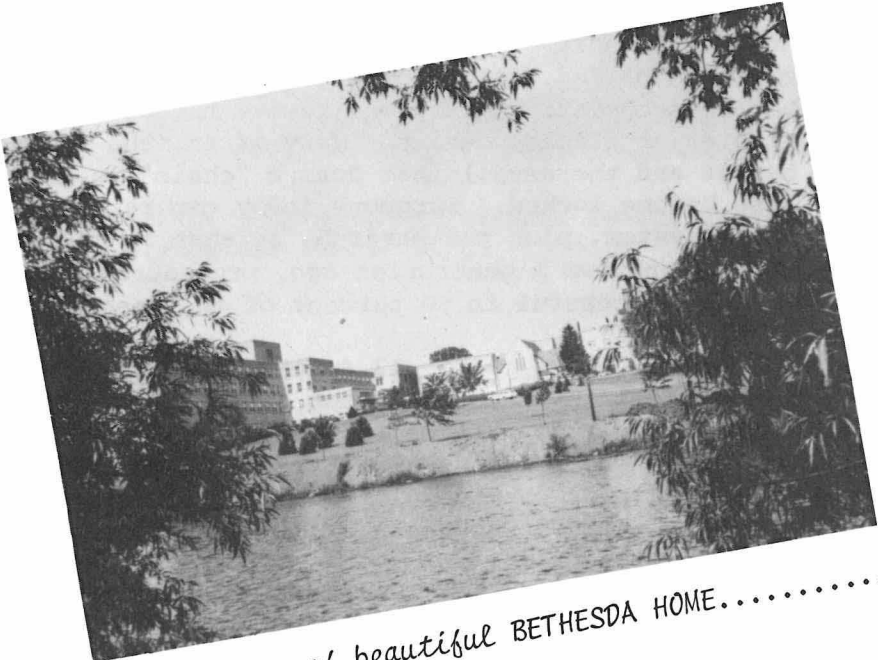
Today the Bethesda family numbers 660 residents, ranging in age from eight to over eighty and emanating from 37 states. All are mentally retarded, many also physically handicapped and epileptic. Approximately 400-500 are wait-



SCENICALLY located on the banks of the Rock River in Watertown, Wisconsin, BETHESDA HOME has served more than 2,000 men, women, and children since its founding in 1904.....



CREATIVE ACTIVITY by residents of Bethesda Home in Watertown, Wisconsin results in rugs made from rags. Occupational therapy is an important facet of the Home's ministry to the mentally retarded and handicapped.



Another view of beautiful BETHESDA HOME.....



PHYSICAL THERAPY at Bethesda for the handicapped emphasizes development of motor skills. Epileptic residents wear "football-like" helmets..

ing "on the outside" for openings to occur. Bethesda has experienced many a struggle and crisis over the years, arriving at its present size and stature in the mid-50s.

Twice the Home has been featured in recent years on national television.

Currently, an extensive expansion and replacement program is in progress, with the recent completion of the Seegers Activities Center and the Golisch Dormitory for 96 children and teenagers. Two additional dormitories will be completed this summer.

The Home is independently owned and operated by the Bethesda Lutheran Home Association, an organization whose members are affiliated with The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Staffed by approximately 400 employees, Bethesda now occupies 475 acres of land, including a 350-acre farm. Round-the-clock total care is provided in a homelike and distinctly Christian atmosphere.

The Home, in many ways, is a living monument to a vast host of friends and supporters all across the country who lovingly and generously provide the varying degrees of charitable assistance needed by 90% of its 660 residents.

In this sense, Bethesda is somewhat of a modern-day "miracle" and truly a "House of Mercy" for many of the less fortunates of this world.

Those who have made it all possible are cordially invited to celebrate the occasion with their presence, their prayers and anniversary gifts.

Rev. Rodney Rynearson Leaves Rochester To Head Detroit Deaf Lutheran School

by Mrs. Jessie R. deWitt

August 1, 1974 was a date full of memories, both happy and sad, for the members and friends of Alpha Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Rochester, N.Y.

We were all saddened knowing that today we will, with great reluctance, grant our beloved pastor, Rev. Rodney Richard Rynearson our permission to accept the call to become Executive Director of the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Michigan.

Since Rev. Rynearson became our pastor seven years ago, we developed a wonderful and close fellowship through his beautiful teaching of Christian love. So, to make this date a happy one also, we decided to have a "Farewell Dinner" for the Rynearson family. At the same time, we decided it would include celebrating Rev. Rynearson's fifteenth anniversary since his ordination into the ministry in Spokane, Wash.

Under the able direction of Mr. and Mrs. Don Grann and their committee, our plans were carried out. Many of you may remember that Mr. and Mrs. Grann came to us from Jamestown.

Under the pretext of inviting the Rynearsons to "dine out", Pastor and Mrs. Larry Guenzel took them to Alpha Church instead where over fifty guests had assembled to surprise them. The looks on the faces of Rev. Rynearson and his wife, Rhoda showed their amazement and surprise indeed.



After formally greeting the guests, the Rynearson family along with the Guenzels, were seated at a beautifully decked table containing as the centerpiece, a large cake, beautifully decorated with roses and bearing the wording "Congratulations.....15th Anniversary".

Pastor Guenzel gave Grace and the guests filed along a bountiful table, "a la smorgasbord" and enjoyed a dinner with so many different kinds of tasty foods, that it was a task to decide what food to take. At the end of the main course, the decorated and delicious cake was consumed.

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President Don Grann gave an address. It was a brief summary of the record of Rev. Rynearson since he came to Rochester. Mr. Grann ended his speech by giving Rev. Rynearson our heartfelt thanks for having served us so well as our chaplain, advisor and friend and for having chaired so many organizations serving the deaf. Mr. Grann used as the theme of his speech, the first paragraph of Rev. Rynearson's article in the July issue of The Deaf Lutheran...to quote.... "God in His magnificent love makes humans of widely-varying gifts and talents. These include different intellectual skills, various personality traits". Rev. Rynearson has truly labored hard in the vineyard of God and has reaped a fine harvest.

Pastor Guenzel then gave his address. In it he showed his appreciation of having had the privilege of working under Pastor Rynearson, and for being of service to the members of Alpha Church.

Then we presented our gifts to Rev. Rynearson which included an oil painting of Alpha Church done by one of the
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It Seems To Me Patience,

A HARD LESSON TO LEARN

By Jon Suel

I guess I would have to admit that I'm impatient. It irritates me to see the resistance to change which seems to be needed in so many places. I'm bothered by the apathy exhibited by many people over against things which need doing. It's frustrating to deal with tradition and bureaucracy when they hinder much needed progress.

I'm also quite certain that there are many like me. It isn't a happy way to live for it means living with frustration and tension. One is always chaffing about something and getting worked up over some cause. It's not even much consolation to know that there are a lot of impatient people.

It does, however, help to understand why some people with real or imagined "holy causes" begin to employ evil tactics to promote their particular point of view. It is sometimes just a step from impatience to misrepresentation of the facts in order to accomplish something which "everyone knows is for the best."

And loyalty to a cause or a person can by the same token lead to character assassination or the acceptance of strong leadership without any question concerning the leader's tactics or abilities or anything else. It's easy to convince ourselves that we are behaving properly if the cause is "right." And soon this leads to suspicion, even hatred.

There is something arrogant about all of this.

Those who deal in such tactics are saying that another

person's point of view is not worth listening to. In fact, they are saying that another person just doesn't have the ability or intelligence to make the proper decision. Ordinary people just can't be trusted to make the right decision.

It seems to me that this is what we are seeing in government these days. It has happened before, of course, but it looms as an ugly blotch especially at this time. What is of special concern to Christians is that some of the same kind of thing is happening in the church. Even churchmen resort to using unchristian tactics to war against real or imagined enemies within or without the church. This takes a special kind of arrogance. It implies that the Lord doesn't know what is best; that His timing is wrong; that He is dependent upon people.

It seems to me that we all need the reminder of Psalm 37 verse 7 - *Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him.* The whole Psalm has something special to say to people such as I. Psalm 40 has some promises also for the people who wait patiently.

--reprinted from the July, 1973 *The Lutheran Layman*

You have all heard of the FBI's list of the Ten Most Wanted Men. Well here is the first of another kind of Ten Most Wanted Men: "The man who puts God's business above any other business."

--Clipped.

DEAFNESS---THE SILENT EPIDEMIC

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3. If you suspect that you have a hearing loss, go first to a doctor, preferably an ear specialist, to see if a medical correction is possible. If not, the examiner will measure the extent of your loss, as well as the type, and determine if it can be corrected surgically or by using a hearing aid. Or contact a non-profit speech and hearing center, which generally has audiologists on its staff. (For the address of one nearest you, write to the National Association of Hearing and Speech Agencies, 814 Thayer Avenue, Silver Spring, Md. 20910, or to the American Speech and Hearing Association, 9030 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Md. 20014.) Your last stop should be a hearing-aid dealer, if an aid is recommended.

4. Above all, never try to hide a suspected hearing loss. Admit that the problem exists--and do something about it.

the Editor Signs...

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is about a ten mile distance between both places. My station wagon was loaded up to the roof and down to the hub caps. Next, I had to check everything from an inventory to know exactly what I had on hand. That followed the hardest job, which was, redesigning my darkroom-studio into a more efficient work area. This called for installing wall-to-wall shelving, an extra overhead fluorescent lamp over my work table. Then I went to work arranging things to be within easy reach, which wasn't too difficult since my whole shop only measures 6'X 15'. There is still some re-arranging to do plus some painting before I am completely satisfied. If any of you happen to come to St.Louis, be sure to pay my office a visit.

The wide assortment of mail that I had to wade through before I started actual work on this issue was enough to leave me goggle-eyed. I still have not finished it all yet so, I will have plenty of reading to do the rest of this year. Maybe a course in speed-reading will help some.

With this out of the way, I set out to re-design the format of the Deaf Lutheran. It was not that I did not like my predecessor's spread, but it is customary for a new Editor to introduce new and fresh ideas.

I am capitalizing on some very excellent ideas that were sent to me by Mr. Edward A. Trainor. My good friend, Ed Trainor, is also our Program and Finance Director(P&FD), General Chairman of the Convention Committee that is working on our 1975 Convention (ILDA) to be held in Washington, D.C., Law Committee member, and President of the Eastern Region....in fact, Ed. wears so many hats that even I have trouble remembering them all. Some of Ed's ideas were to have one page of all D.L. reserved for an ILDA "Newsline", a graph showing the result of our membership drive, and a membership application nearby. What is helping me the most in this issue is his sending me a summary of the minutes of the ILDA Board Meeting held in St. Paul, Minnesota the past July. In order to save time, I will use this summary instead of my own minutes which I have not deciphered. I want to take this opportunity to say, "Thanks, Ed." and keep sending me your excellent ideas. I have decided to use the heading, "ILDA PAGE" instead of "Newsline". You will find it on page three of this issue.

Before closing this column, I would like to send my and all of our condolences to Mrs.Elsie Viets who lost her husband, Walter, who went to rest in Jesus, August 8th. I am sure that many of you remember this faithful servant who spent many hours of his time teaching a great deal of our present pastors their knowledge of sign language.

With this, I will sign off, hoping to hear from many of you with fresh news. When sending pictures, remember that I can use only black and white prints until that day in the future when I will have the equipment to convert color pics into black and whites.

REV. RODNEY RYNEARSON- - -

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members, a newly published Biblical encyclopedia to add to his own set, an unusual gift of a small "ceramic-like" loaf of bread with grapes and ribbons adorning it, plus some money. Mrs.Rynearson received a lovely pin and a beautiful corsage which one of the ladies pinned on her dress.

Pastor Guenzel closed the program with a prayer of blessing for the Rynearson family. The guests then mixed for chats with the Rynearsons.

Rev. Rynearson preached his last sermon Sunday, August 4th. We were emotionally moved by his way of using the word "farewell". He explained that it does not mean "good-bye", but "to fare well" in our daily lives.

"Fare well and God be with you, Rev.Rynearson!"

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A Power or a Problem?
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A Booster or a Boaster?
A Peacemaker or a Strife-creator?
A Supporter or a Sponger?

Children's Page



Life with Christ is an endless hope; without Him, it is a hopeless end.
--Messenger, Grace, El Paso

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