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# Deaf World Traveler Visits The Deaf Lutheran



St.Louis, Mo.

John Hoopmann of Adelaide, Australia, was on the last leg of a sixmonth trip that had taken him to many nations around the world when he came to St.Louis, Missouri, Dec.3,1977.

The reasons for his coming to this city, he explained, were to visit The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Headquarters at 500 N.Broadway, to tour the Concordia Publishing House plant, and to drop in on The Deaf Lutheran.

John Hoopmann

During his stay in St.Louis Mr. Hoopmann was house guest of Rev.

and Mrs. Martin A. Hewitt. Rev. Hewitt is the pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf of St. Louis, Mo.

The day after his arrival and following Sunday morning worship service at Holy Cross, Mr. Hoopmann gave a very interesting talk, answering many questions about his travels. He also gave some interesting facts about the Lutheran Church in Australia and how service for the deaf is conducted there. John also showed us how the sign language that is used in Australia is very much different from American Sign Language. Following this talk at

Holy Cross, Mr. Hoopmann went to the home of Editor Archie D. Marshall where this

New Year's Wishes

WHAT SHALL I WISH THEE? TREASURES OF EARTH? SONGS IN THE SPRINGTIME, PLEASURES, AND MIRTH? FLOWERS IN THY PATHWAY, SKIES EVER CLEAR? WOULD THIS INSURE THEE A HAPPY NEW YEAR?

WHAT SHALL I WISH THEE? WHAT CAN BE FOUND BRINGING THEE SUNSHINE ALL THE YEAR ROUND? WHERE IS THE TREASURE, LASTING AND DEAR, THAT SHALL INSURE THEE A HAPPY NEW YEAR?

FAITH THAT INCREASETH, WALKING IN LIGHT; HOPE THAT ABOUNDETH, HAPPY AND BRIGHT; LOVE THAT IS PERFECT, CASTING OUT FEAR--THESE SHALL INSURE THEE A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

PEACE IN THE SAVIOR, REST AT HIS FEET, SMILE OF HIS COUNTENANCE, RADIANT AND SWEET. JOY IN HIS PRESENCE, CHRIST, EVER NEAR--THIS SHALL INSURE THEE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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We Consecrate To Our Savior -

interview took place. The Deaf Lutheran has its office there.

John Hoopmann was born in Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia, 32 years ago. He is the oldest of two brothers and one sister. His father is a Lutheran minister and his mother is a school teacher. Because of an error on the delivery table, John Hoopmann lost his hearing completely. John's mother began to teach him speech and lipreading at a very early age. At first she was hampered in these efforts due to a lack of teaching and reading materials dealing with training a deaf person to read lips. After fruitlessly searching all over Australia for those vital materials, John's mother finally was able to get correspondence courses from The John Tracy Clinic in Los Angeles on how to teach a deaf child to lip-read and to speak. She learned her lessons well and today John's speech and lip-reading skills can be described as excellent.

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OUR HANDS TO WORK FOR HIM, OUR FEET TO GO ON HIS ERRANDS, OUR VOICE TO SING HIS PRAISES, OUR LIPS TO PROCLAIM HIS REDEEMING LOVE, OUR SILVER AND OUR GOLD TO EXTEND HIS KINGDOM, OUR WILL TO DO HIS WILL, AND EVERY POWER OF OUR LIFE TO THE GREAT TASK OF BRINGING THE LOST AND ERRING INTO ETERNAL FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM. AMEN.

> -Rev. Harry Fricke January 1972 <u>D.L</u>.

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### **Deaf World Traveler**

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Throughout his travels, Mr. Hoopmann experienced very little problems because of his being profoundly deaf, and in fact, most people who met him assumed that he could hear.

John Hoopmann received his education at Gilberton Oral Kindergarten and the first three years afterwards at Woodville Hard of Hearing Centre. The rest of his formal schooling was by being mainstreamed in the regular classrooms and schools in his hometown. He completed the highest educational programs available to a deaf student in Australia.

John is employed by The Lutheran Publishing House in Adelaide, Australia in the position of Quality Control Supervisor. He has worked steadily for this firm for over fifteen years. Because of the length of service, John was entitled to take six months vacation which he used for this trip abroad.

John is a member of the Lutheran Church in Australia and says, "there are about 700 to 1,000 deaf residing in Adelaide and out of this number, about 25 are in attendance when we have service for the deaf once a month, but there are only 2 other deaf who are confirmed members of the Lutheran Church."

Three methods of conducting church service for the deaf are used. 1) microphones and ampifiers hooked up to headphones are used for the hard-of-hearing, 2) overhead projectors to aid lip-readers, and 3) interpreting in sign language.

John says, "Although the deaf in Australia enjoy very much the same privileges and living standards as American deaf, there definitely is a meed to improve the quality of education for the deaf there, especially in English skills."



During the six months John Hoopmann has traveled abroad, he has visited: Israel taking in the Biblical cities of Old Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth (seeing Jesus home where he lived as a boy), Hebron (Inn of the Good Samaritan), Capernaum, Cana and Jericho. John has traveled extensively throughout England, Scotland, Wales, every country in Western Europe, Russia, Poland, East Germany including East Berlin, Morocco, Denmark, Spain, and much of the United States.

John Hoopmann returned to Australia on December 6th. His favorite hobbies besides traveling are swimming and 10 pin bowl -ing.

**Did You Know** that the Football Huddle was invented by Paul C. Hubbard from Gallaudet College for the deaf, who played football from 1892 until 1895. The purpose of this huddle was to prevent the other team from reading his signs, therefore, the team 'huddled together'. The idea worked out so well that the other teams began adopting the plan of huddling all 11 together.

-from NEWSLETTER - The New Jersey League for the Hearing Handicapped, Inc.

# "And Make Them Full of Joy In My House Of Prayer"

Isaiah 56:7

-written by Mary Jane Rhodes

I used to bow my head and pray And bear a burden every day. For Jesus was a distant friend, My road was long - without end.

One day I heard some people say, That Jesus walks with them today. How silly they should think that He Would want to come and walk with me.

So as they danced and celebrated, I knew that we were not related. Jesus was their friend but He Was long ago and far away from me.

In church each Sunday morn I prayed. My head was bowed...my burden stayed, For Christ was dead upon a cross;

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John Hoopman at the desk of the editor reading one of the recent issues of <u>The Deaf Lutheran</u>.

(photos by Archie Marshall)

The world must weep and mourn His loss

And then the Holy Spirit came, He knew my soul - he called my name! And with Him came a joy and peace To lift my heart, make sorrow cease!

He showed me paths I had never walked, He gave new words, with God I talked. He filled me up, I overflowed -To share His gift, with Love I glowed!

I used to bow my head and pray And bear a burden every day. But now I lift my face and share With a living God my joy or care.

I dance with joy, I celebrate -Now with Jesus I relate. He is my brother here today As I lift hands and face to pray!



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# A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

- from The Silent News Letter Delavan, Wisconsin Rev. Martin G. Kosche

In my personal Bible reading I have been reading the new Living Bible translation. The book is really a paraphrase of the Bible, not a literal translation. This means that Ken Taylor, the man who prepared this new book, does not give an exact translation from the Old Testament Hebrew or the New Testament Greek but he uses his own words to try to give us the real meaning in today's English. Sometimes he misses much of the beauty and power of the older translations, as the King James version. But often he does make it very plain and opens the real meaning. One section that impressed me was I Chronicles 4:10. Here, in a list of family names that seems to be very uninteresting, is a beautiful prayer of one of the descendants of Judah. It is an excellent prayer for each one of us at the beginning of a new year:

"He was the one who prayed to the God of Israel, 'Oh, that You would wonderfully bless me and help me in my work; please be with me in all that I do, and keep me from all evil and disaster!' And God granted him his request."

May God bless you and help you in your work and defend you from all evil in 1978.

## A New Year's Resolution

like Joseph, TURN my back to all evil advances and temptations. like Aaron and Hur, UPHOLD the hands of my pastor and spiritual leaders.

like Isaiah, DEDICATE myself to do God's work.

like Andrew, STRIVE to lead my brother, my friend, closer to Christ.

like John, LEAN upon the bosom of God and receive His Holy Spirit.

like Stephen, SHOW a forgiving spirit to all who seek to hurt me.

like Timothy, STUDY the word of God.

like the heavenly host of angels PROCLAIM the message of peace on earth and God's love toward people.

like my Lord Himself, OVERCOME all earthly temptations by refusing to give in to them.

I REALIZE THAT I CANNOT KEEP THESE RESOLUTIONS BY MY OWN STRENGTH. THEREFORE, I WILL DEPEND ON CHRIST, BECAUSE "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES ME THE STRENGTH."

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# **Rules To Make 1978** A Successful Year

-from Dear Abby column

#### JUST FOR TODAY

1. Just for today I will try to live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome "all my problems at once". I know I can do something for 12 hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

2. Just for today I will try to be happy. Abraham Lincoln said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." He was right. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

3. Just for today I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality. I will try to change those things I can change and accept those things I cannot

‱ DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE ‱ Bible Reading FOR JANUARY 1978 LIFE OF JESUS FROM MARK'S GOSPEL 1 Sunday...Mark 1:1-13..... ......Mark 1:14-20..... .....Mark 1:21-45..... .....Mark 2:13-17..... .....Mark 2:18-28..... ......Mark 3:7-19..... ......Mark 3:20-35..... Sunday...Mark 6:1-13..... .....Mark 6:14-29.....

......Mark 6:30-56..... 10 .....Mark 7:1-30..... 11 12 ......Mark 8:1-26..... 13 .....Mark 8:27-9:1..... 14 .....Mark 9:2-29..... 15 Sunday...Mark 9:30-50.... ......Mark 10:13-16..... 16 17 ......Mark 10:17-31..... 18 ......Mark 10:32-52..... 19 ......Mark 11:1-11..... ......Mark 11:12-26..... 20 21 .....Mark 11:27-33..... 22 Sunday....Mark 12:1-17..... 23 ......Mark 12:18-27..... 24 .....Mark 12:28-34..... 25 ......Mark 13:1-23..... 26 .....Mark 13:24-37..... 27 ......Mark 14:1-25..... 28 .....Mark 14:32-50..... 29 Sunday...Mark 14:26-31;66-72..... 30 .....Mark 15:1-39..... ......Mark 16:1-20..... 31 MARK - from Latin, Marcus, mean-

ing "a large hammer". The Roman surname of the son of Mary of Jerusalem. His Hebrew name was John, meaning "God has been gracious". (Acts 12:12-25) Mark was a cousin of Barnabas, was his traveling companion and that of other earlier Christian missionaries, and was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write the Gospel bearing his own name. (Col. 4:10). Mark is the John Mark mentioned in the book of Acts 13:5, 13. He was evidently an early believer in Christ. His mother's home was used as a place of worship by the early Christian congregation, which may mean that both she and Mark became Jesus' followers before Christ's death. (Acts 12:12). Since Mark alone mentions the scantily clad young man who fled on the night of Jesus' betrayal, there is reason to believe that Mark himself was that young man. (Mark 14:51-52).

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## I Will,

like Paul, FORGET those things that are behind and press forward.

like David, LIFT-UP my eyes to the Lord, who gives me help and blessing.

like Enoch, WALK daily in fellowship with my heavenly Father. like Abraham, TRUST completely in my God.

like Jehoshaphat, PREPARE my heart to seek God.

like Moses, CHOOSE to suffer instead of enjoying the pleasures of sin.

like Daniel, PRAY with my God at all times.

like Job, be PATIENT under all my troubles.

change.

4. Just for today I will try to improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

5. Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways. I will do a good deed for somebody - without letting them know it. (If they find out I did it, it won't count.) I will do at least two things that i know I should do but have been putting off. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt, they may be hurt, but today I will not show it. (please turn to page 5)



The Editor Regrets that he does not have

any ILDA news of any kind to put on this special page reserved for that purpose this month. Hopefully he will have some for the next issue from the new officers of the ILDA.

There are a few regions that have not set dates for their Regional Conferences for this year. In the interest of helping the Nominations Chairman to prepare to get involved with the Regional Conference plans, we would like the following regions to set dates and places where they plan to meet this year: CENTRAL REGION; NORTHWEST REGION; DIXIE REGION; and PACIFIC REGION. Send this information to ILDA Nominations Chairman Mr. Elmer D. Francisco,10004 East Mission, Spokane, Washington 99206 and to Editor Archie D. Marshall, 3743 Palm St., St.Louis, Mo. 63107.

ALL REGIONS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS OF ILDA OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED AT THE 1979 ILDA CONVENTION. THIS MUST BE DONE AT REGIONAL CON-FERENCES THIS YEAR AND IMMEDIATELY SUBMITTED TO THE EDITOR OF THE DEAF LUTHERAN FOR PUBLICATION. NOMINATIONS WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES: 1. PRESIDENT-ELECT 2. SECRETARY 3. TREASURER AND 4. PASTORAL-ADVISOR

# "Talking Dog" Joins Speech Department

- from Bethesda Lutheran Home Watertown, Wisconsin

A "talking dog" now encourages residents of Bethesda Lutheran Home to speak correctly.

The three-foot-high stuffed animal was designed by the Rock Valley Council of the American Telephone Pioneers as a learning device for people with communication disorders.

The dog is equipped with an intercom system that allows a speech therapist to talk "through" the dog. A long cord from the intercom system enables the speech therapist to stand out of the resident's sight. The therapist can also hear what the resident says to the dog.

"We love the dog! We've had it for about two weeks and we're using it with three verbal and four non-verbal residents," explained Mary Beth Sowinski, Bethesda's supervisor of Speech Therapy. "We use the dog in articulation therapy -language therapy, and as a general reinforcer." The Rock Valley Council, which created and donated the talking dog, has members from the Beloit, Janesville, Jefferson, Oconomowoc, Watertown and Whitewater areas.

The Pioneers have developed buzzing baseballs, basketballs, and footballs for the blind. They have also given Bethesda a "blinking owl, which is used in the speech therapy program with the talking dog. The owl's eyes light up when someone speaks to it.

Bethesda is a home, school and treatment facility for 600 mentally retarded and physically handicapped children and adults.

# **Reintroduction of TTY Tax Bill Planned**

Washington, D.C. (November 17, 1977) Congressman Paul Findley (R-IIL.), a leading Congressional proponent of assisting handicapped people to lead normal lives, today called for a tax credit for deaf people who use special telephones. "My bill," Findley said, "would allow deaf users of teletypewriters or TTY's an income tax credit for the cost of long distance calls placed with these machines." A TTY is a device used chiefly by the hearing and speech impaired to communicate with each other and with the nonhandicapped.

"The initial response to my proposal," Findley said, 'has been surprisingly favorable.

"The telephone is a vital instrument in communication today and its use is too often denied to the very people it was intended to help. Even a proficient TTY user can take as much as five times longer to make a call that could be spoken in just a few minutes. It is so unfair that a segment of the population whose income is substantially lower than the national average should have to suffer these additional costs."

Citing President Carter's pledge to the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals to make life better for the handicapped, Findley said, "This is something that can be done now.

"The time is right for this legislation. In the next month or two the President will submit his own proposal. This bill could and should be considered along with all other tax legislation. I hope the President will see fit to support this important initiative."

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Articulation therapy helps the residents pronounce letter sounds correctly. "We have the dog say a word and the resident has to repeat it. By listening through the dog, we can check the resident's articulation," she continued.

In language therapy, residents learn to associate words with appropriate objects and to use speech expressively. "We might have the dog ask the resident to describe a picture or point to a certain object," Miss Sowinski said.

To reinforce good sessions, residents are allowed to pet or cuddle the dog. "In the future we'll probably find additional areas in speech therapy where we can use the dog," she said.

The American Telephone Pioneers is a nonprofit organization of Wisconsin Telephone Company employees who have been with the firm 18 years or longer. There are 39 chapters in the state.



### JUST FOR TODAY

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6. Just for today I will be agreeable, I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk softly, act courteously and speak ill of no one. Just for today I'll not try to improve anybody except myself.

7. Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it, thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

8. Just for today I will find at least ten minutes to relax alone. During this time I will reflect on my behavior and will try to get a better perspective on my life.

9. Just for today I will be unafraid. I will gather the courage to do what is right and take the responsibility for my own actions. I will expect nothing from the world, but I will realize that as I give to the world -the world gives back to me.

> -from the credo of Overeaters Anonymous

## "YEAR of the SUNDAY SCHOOL"

Jackson, Mississippi

The "Year of the Sunday School" started with a bang for the Mission to the Deaf in Jackson, Mississippi. Seventy-one children from the Mississippi School for the Deaf signed for the Lutheran Sunday School. This caused great joy for Don Fairman, Missionary, but also caused a problem. How to transport that many students from the school to the church?

A request was made to Christ Lutheran congregation, whose building the deaf use, and they agreed to purchase a large bus. A 1969 GMC bus was found that was no longer used at a neighboring church, so now the children can be transported.



# More Late News-Stories -

**ST. MARK WELCOMES THREE NEW MEMBERS** 



Three new members of St.Mark are here pictured with Pastor Schnepp (rear). Front 1. to r. Mr. Alvin Fisher, Ms. Ernestine Mallard, and Mr. Harold Williams.

#### -by Rev. Kenneth E. Schnepp

On Sunday, June 5, 1977, St. Mark Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Manhattan, New York accept ed three new members by the Rite of Confirmation. The three members are: Mr. Alvin Fisher, Ms. Ernestine Mallard, and Mr.Harold Williams.

Pastor Schnepp instructed his members, both and old alike to "Grow in the Faith." His sermon illustrated the idea that all of us are constantly growing in the faith. Therefore, baptism and confirmation are not the end of faith, but rather only the beginning for faith. He compared us to babies who first learned to drink milk and as growing up into mature Christian adults became ready for meat. The same idea is applied to

all of us new and old Christians who are always growing in the faith for God and for one another. It was a joy for us when all of us ate and drank the Lord's body and blood together as God's family. It brought to There are many deaf individuals living in New York who do not know Jesus. St. Mark hopes to be the future church home for many more deaf New Yorkers soon. As we think and pray about this, may we always remember Pastor Schnepp's inspiring words so that we will "Grow in the Faith."



Mr. Albritton Randolph (far right), President of St. Mark welcomes the new members.



New members of St. Mark proudly showing the beautiful and delicious chocolate covered-pineapple filled cake.

## "YEAR OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL"

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A request for volunteers went out to help teach. A staff of eighteen are now on hand. (see picture on page 6).

Thanks to Pastor Clifford

Jackson, Mississippi bus used to bring 71 deaf children from the state school for the deaf to Christ Lutheran Church for Sunday school classes.

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mind Pastor Schnepp's words that we "grow in the faith."

St. Mark is proud of their new members. To celebrate the day a special coffee and cake hour was prepared in their honor. All members brought different home-made foods for everyone to sample and taste. The highlight of the coffee and cake hour was a specially ordered sheet cake from a neighborhood German bakery. It was a large chocolate cake with pineapple filling. Needless to say, not a crumb was left!

It is hoped by Pastor Schnepp and his congregation that this will only be the beginning of church growth for St. Mark. Herd, Christ congregation of Jackson, and the deaf and hearing teachers these children will hear, with their eyes, about Jesus their Lord and Savior.

## THE FORM OF LOVE

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has the eyes to see the misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like! -St. Augustine

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CAMPING FOR THE HANDICAPPED on a year round basis has begun in Wisconsin thanks to the impetus of an \$80,000 Wisconsin Elks donation to the Easter Seal Society. The 400 acres of Pioneer Camp near Wisconsin Dells provide facilities for small groups of handicapped persons to enjoy recreation and socializing in the outdoors even in winter. The grounds adjoin those belonging to the previously existing Camp Wawbeek, serving the severely handicapped. For more information contact The Easter Seal Society of Wisconsin, 2702 Monroe St., Madison, Wisconsin 53711, 608-231-3411.

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#### WOMEN WORKERS AVAILABLE

A position teaching English as a second language, or teaching multihandicapped individuals, particularly those who are deaf, blind, aphasic, or autistic is being sought by <u>Miss Karen</u> Gritzke, who has had more than average experience working with the deaf. Her qualifications are "tops" and her resume may be obtained by writing to Rev. Herbert Rohe, 500 No. Broadway, St. Louis, Mo. 63102.

Royal W. Natzke, Placement Director for the Lay Ministry Program, is seeking during the month of January, 1978, placement in Ministry to the Deaf for Sally Conley of Canton, Ohio. Sally is hard of hearing, but able to use the telephone. Director Natzke explains: "The lay ministry students spend their last January in the program in some kind of full-time parish work. We wouldn't have to attach any strings to her involvement, but it would give her a chance to see whether or not the work is for her and the congregation could decide whether or not they would want to have her".Sally also has skills in music and is especially adept at the organ. Anyone able to help in providing this young lady with the needed training-experience, please contact Royal Natzke at Concordia, Milwaukee. Phone no. is 344-3400.

#### TV PLAN AIMED AT DEAF

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Joseph A. Califano, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare invited television network presidents to a meeting recently to help shape a plan "to open the world of television to millions of deaf Americans.

The meeting was held to discuss the transmission of captions simultaneously with news and entertainment programs. The captions would be read through the use of inexpensive decoders now being developed.

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#### SIGNING PUPPET ENTERTAINS HOLY CROSS

Some 128 members and friends were present at the annual <u>Christmas Banquet</u> <u>and Fellowship</u> at Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Louis, Mo., December 11, 1977.

Entertainment following a delicious banquet was provided by "Barney" the signing puppet belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Gill of Dow, Illinois. "Barney" using the language of signs told the story of Christmas in a beautifully staged play that used deaf actors and actresses. Music and signsinging of Christmas songs was furnish ed by seminary students, Joe Varsanyi, Stephen Luke, Don Kluge and their friends Mr. and Mrs. Willig. More carollers taking part of this program were church members Vincent Marshall, Elma and Peggy Griffin, Shirley and Sharon Schwarz. The actors were Russel Healey and Jackie Kemper. Archie Marshall served as stage manager.

Thanks to all those fine people who worked so hard to make this day the success it was.

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Sunday School staff - Mission to the Deaf in Jackson, Mississippi: Left to right - (bottom row: Don Fairman, Dorothee Wagner, Louise Meisenhoelder, Ethel Tharp, Joan Hatten, Lois Fairman, Beulah Nunnery, Rosella Kalinoski. (Top row) Carl Huebner, Ray Reinhardt, Winnie Kay Reinhardt, Hugh Greene, Arnelda Huebner. (not pictured) Bernard Meisenhoelder, Tom Wells, Michael Dickens, Oscar Slaughter, Marshall Weathersby.

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#### NEW BABY DEPARTMENT

Joy <u>Catherine</u>, 7 lbs. 12oz.,19inches, born Sept. 16, 1977. Happy parents are Rev. and Mrs. Shirrel Petzholdt of Portland, Oregon.

George K., III, 101bs, 14oz., 21-1/2in. born October 15, 1977. Happy parents are Ministerial student and Mrs. Geo. K, Perry II, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

James Robert, 81b, 5oz, 20-1/2 inches, born November 22, 1977. Happy parents are Rev. and Mrs. Robert C. Rowland of Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

**HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS HAPPY PARENTS!** 

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#### TTY HELP ON FEDERAL TAXES

You may ask any questions about your Federal income tax to assist you in filling out your 1977 tax returns. The hours to make such calls using your TTY is from 7:30 A.M. until 5:45 P.M. There is no charge for long distance calls. The phone number is 800-428-4732.

## NEW PARISH WORKER

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#### NEW CHANCEL

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf of St. Paul, Minnesota is planning to have a dedication of the new chancel on January 22, 1978. Cost of remodeling was between \$4,500 and \$5,000. Some funds are still needed for this project and any special gifts to their Building Fund will be gratefully received.

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It seems we will have more vicars in 1978 than there are training sites as designated by the R.A.C. Both seminaries are concerned. In Fort Wayne, three vicars are to be placed; <u>Prentice Marsh</u>, a young black colloquy student; <u>LaVerne Mass</u>, deaf colluquy student.

The St.Louis seminary has two deaf students; <u>Robert Case</u>, colloquy student, former Lay-Minister in Memphis; and <u>Stephen Luke</u>, former Lay-Minister and Youth Staffer in Minneapolis.

The colloquy students will spend their final pre-ministerial year in vicarages, where afterwards they will be ready for permanent calls. It would be to their advantage (family and housing) if they could be placed in vicarages that convert to permanent call after the vicarage year.

Rev. Omahr Mørk reports that Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf of Omaha, Nebraska will have a new Parish Worker. Miss Karen Dammeyer accepted their call.

# FCC ORDERS CAPTIONS

The Federal Communications Commission has issued an order requiring all emergency broadcasts on television to be accompanied by written captions. This ruling, effective February 1, 1978, will aid in notifying the deaf of tornadoes, floods and other disasters.

## WORLD of the DEAF

 from the column of Jake Mc Carthy

Deaf people are invisible, Brenda Schick was saying, using words and signs as if the two went naturally together. "But when they try to communicate," she said, "people get real rude to them, like making them write down things instead of trying to understand."

Using signs is habitual with Brenda Schick, ironic enough because she is of the "oralist" school of deaf education, and there is deep conflict between the "oralist" and "total communication" camps in the community of the deaf. The former says the deaf, in a hearing world, must be taught to speak before learning sign language; the latter, that they be taught both methods simultaneously.

The conflict, she says,"is of outstanding proportion." As a matter of fact, she says, there is growing militancy among the deaf at many levels of their struggle to be understood. Even to the point of rejecting hearing people.

Brenda Schick, a hearing person, brings impeccable credentials to the discussion. Both of her parents are deaf. She has a master's degree in deaf education and teaches here at Central Institute for the Deaf. Perhaps more significant, she is a hearing person who is a friend to the deaf. A rarity, she says, in a world that forces the deaf to hide among themselves. "I'm like a half-breed"in the way she puts it.

Now 25, Brenda Schick was 4 years old before she discovered that other children's parents could hear. It was not an easy childhood. "I remember crying at night and knowing it wouldn't do any good because they couldnot hear me. It made us independent, though. Mother would not take us to school to register us. You helped your parents - you did not depend upon them for moral or factual decisions." Brenda Schick had to go to her neighbor's parents to talk about her problems. When she was 8 she was handling family details

a deaf person go so far," she said. So Brenda Schick's next goal is to become a psychologist to the deaf. "The deaf are very isolated," she was saying, "even for those who know oral communication. You have to make a special effort to talk to a deaf person, and hearing people are afraid of deaf people.

So there is a sense of loss of communication with life. That's a heavy, heavy thing.

"Not only do the deaf have trouble communicating the problems they feel inside. Frequently they don't realize other people have the same problems. One of my students found out for the first time at the age of 9 that other people had dreams while sleeping.

"Imagine teaching a 9-year old the meaning of verbs like "to lose' or 'to buy' if he is deaf. Or 'to breathe.' He has to consciously learn what a hearing kid has no idea of thinking about. It takes a tremendous amount of energy for the student to learn. Imagine a little kid looking at a teacher's lips for five hours."

St. Louis has a rather large proportion among the 6,500,000 deaf and an additional 20,000,000 with hearing handicaps in America because of the location here of Central Institute and St.Joseph's Institute for the Deaf, considered among the best in the country, she said. But they live largely in a social ghetto- their own social gatherings, their own meetings, their own magazines that today preach deaf militancy. "Imagine what freedom of speech means to the deaf," she said.

There are modern-day breakthroughs, such as telephone systems using teletype. And there are oblique advantages. "Deaf people haven't learned social game-playing," she said. "They are honest and direct. And the deaf are very observant of visual symbolics- the way you crush out your cigarette for instance -and are very perceptive about the emotional lives of hearing persons."

But the hearing world still isolates them. "There is," said Brenda Schick, "a whole deaf world out there that we don't even notice on the street.

# Asks House To Install TTY for Deaf Constituents

Washington, D.C., Nov.18, 1977 - - Congressman Paul Findley (R. Ill.) today called on Congressman Frank Thompson, Chairman of the House Administration Committee, to install a teletypewriter or TTY to permit deaf constituents to call their Congressmen. "Every day, you and I, and our staffs, talk to dozens of constituents about the issues before the Congress or personal problems with government agencies," Findley told Thompson. "But the deaf, unfortunately, do not have that privilege."

Several federal government agencies currently have these machines including the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Internal Revenue Service. "Ironically," Findley said, "a deaf person can call IRS with a question about his or her taxes but cannot complain about them to his Congress -man. The U.S. Senate is now in the process of installing their own teletypewriter equipment; however, the House of Representatives has yet to decide whether to follow suit."

"The House should quickly establish its own capability of communicating with the millions of deaf Americans who, until now we have not been able to hear and who have not been able to 'hear' us."

# **Senator Installs TTY**

Washington, D.C. - Senator Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.) early in October, 1977 installed the TTY in both his Hartford and Bridgeport offices, a device which will make possible instant printed "conversations" with the deaf community of Connecticut over the world's most common and essential communication link: the telephone.

like buying an automobile or taking her mother to the doctor.

Many deaf people have learned to speak, but it is some -times with a heavy accent that makes hearing people, sadly enough, uncomfortable. Or absurd. As a youngster, she recalls, she answered the phone one time, "Is your mother there?" "Yes, but she is deaf." "Your father?"Yes, he's deaf, too." Said the caller:\_"I'll call back later."

So Brenda Schick today does a lot of "translating" for the deaf - going to a doctor or lawyer with them, buying a car or other things.

There is deaf bitterness, sometimes born of frustration. "The hearing world will only let When we do, we put them down."

Editor's comments on the article above. . . I find this article very interesting although I am not in agreement with everything Brenda Schick says. For example, there are countless deaf individuals who do go and register their children in school and are quite capable of seeing a doctor, a lawyer or buying a car. But still Brenda Schick does make some interesting points.

#### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Kindness is Christianity with its working clothes on.

Temper is what gets most of us in trouble. Pride is what keeps us in trouble.

By attaching a telephone handset to the portable TTY, a deaf individual can call on Weicker's local or toll-free office telephone numbers and speak" with staff members by typing messages back and forth on the TTY keyboard, which prints simultaneously at the other end. Through the use of the TTY, the deaf population of Connecticut will be able to express their opinions on federal issues and receive the same constituent services available to those who can hear.

Weicker is the only U.S. Senator to make this type of service available to his consti-(please twrn to page 8) Page 8

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TTY in his two state offices for a six-month trail period, during which time careful usage records will be kept. If the test period goes as expected, Weicker will ask his colleagues to approve funding for TTY's in every Congressional office which desires them.

"Government must be accessible to all its citizens," said Weicker. "I firmly believe the deaf community should be able to contact their elected representatives -- with a question, a problem, an opinion or a request -- just as quickly and as easily as everyone else. It is our responsibility to make this kind of communication possible."

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#### What King saw the "handwriting 1. on the wall? \_\_\_\_\_. (Daniel 5:1,5)What king chose Esther as his 2. queen? (Esther 2:1, 17) Who was the king who tried to kill the infant Jesus? \_ \_ \_ \_. (Matt. 2:16)

What king said, "You think you

country. There God promised to bless

2. "I was the first person God made. devil told us to disobey God. When we

3. "I was a hunter. I had a brother named Jacob. My father wanted to bless me. But Jacob tricked him and took the blessing. I was angry with Jacob. I wanted to kill him. But God made me willing to forgive Jacob. Who am I?"

Genesis 25-27.

4. "My father wanted me to get married. He sent his servant to find a good wife. The servant asked God to help him. God showed the servant which girl to ask. The girl's name was Rebecca. She left her home and lived with me. We knew God wanted us to live together. Who am I?"

Genesis 24. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

Deaf persons who wish to contact Weicker's office should use the following telephone numbers in conjunction with the TTY: HARTFORD: 244-2882; BRIDGEPORT: 335-0195; TOLL-FREE NUMBER FOR USE THROUGHOUT CONN .: 1-800-972-4239

Weicker and his staff have worked with a number of organizations for the deaf in both Connecticut and Washington to make this service possible. The two machines have been made available for the trial period courtesy of the Micon Corporation of Oakland, California.

will make me a Christian."

(Acts 26:28) 5. Who was crowned the first king of Israel? \_ \_ \_. (I Samuel 10:15)

Who was made a king when he was 6. only eight years old? \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Kings 32:1) 7. What king slept in a bed nine cubits long? \_\_. (Deuteronomy 3:11)

8. Who is the king over all the earth? \_ \_ \_. (Psalm 47:7)

Who was called "King of the Jews" 9. (Matthew 27:37) 

10. Isaiah had a vision the year that King \_\_\_\_ died. (Isaiah 6:1).

5. "My brothers sold me to some peddlers. I knew that God was with me. I believed what He told me. He helped me in all my troubles. He made me a great ruler in Egypt. I didn't hate my brothers. I forgave them and helped them. Who am I?"

