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LUTHERAN FRIENDS OF THE DEAF and MILL NECK MANOR AWARD MAJOR GRANTS TO THE DEAF MINISTRY

\$5,000 to The Deaf Lutheran
\$5,000 to Deaf Student Scholarship Fund
Ft. Wayne Seminary
\$5,000 to Deaf Student Scholarship Fund
St. Louis Seminary
TTYs to Deaf Congregations

- by Archie D. Marshall

St. Louis, Mo.

One evening a few days ago, I received a TTY call from Deaf Lutheran Business Manager, Russel Healey. Judging from the way the TTY keys were clicking, I could sense something important

had happened... "hi, Archie," the call began, "this is Russ. Could I come over to your house tomorrow evening after work? I have something good to tell you." "Sure, I replied, "come any time you are ready!" "O.K., be expecting me at your house around nine-thirty as that is about time I'll be getting off work", Russ typed. Then after a little while more of unrelated TTY chatting as the deaf are wont to do with their TTYs, we said good night to each other and hang up.

The next night and somewhat a bit earlier than expected, probably due to

Russ's eagerness to tell me whatever good news he had, he handed me a letter which read:

July 14, 1978

Mr. Russell Healey
The Deaf Lutheran
737 Cumberland Avenue
St. Louis, MO. 63125

Dear Mr. Healey:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Board of Directors of Lutheran Friends of the Deaf and the Board of Trustees of Mill Neck, at their respective meetings in June, 1978, resolved to provide a one-time grant of \$5,000.00 to The Deaf Lutheran to assist in the publication and ministry of The Deaf Lutheran.

Enclosed herewith is our check in the above amount. We ask only that we be informed as to how you will expend these funds.



MILL NECK MANOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - Mill Neck, Long Island, New York.

It is our fervent prayer that our gracious Father continue to bless the program of The Deaf Lutheran.

Sincerely,
HERBERT J. ARKEBAUER, Ph.D.
Headmaster

Russ then showed me the check. My heart was filled with joy and thanksgiving about what had happened. The last time I felt like that was when at the last ILDA convention in Spokane so many of my fellow Lutheran-Christians answered my appeal for equipment funds for The Deaf Lutheran by many generous donations. As if that wasn't enough joy for one night, Russ handed me three other letters that were even more astonishing. One by one I read:

July 14, 1978

President Ralph Bohlmann
Concordia Seminary
801 DeMun Avenue
St. Louis, MO. 63105

Dear President Bohlmann:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Board of Directors of Lutheran Friends of the Deaf and the Board of Trustees of Mill Neck Manor, at their respective meetings in June, 1978, resolved to provide a grant of \$5,000.00 to our

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THE DEAF ARE HEARD IN NEW JERSEY!



The convention interpreter, Vicar Dayton Williams (right). In the photos of the church service, he is interpreting for Second Vice-President of the Synod, Rev. Guido Merkins, who was the convention preacher.

The photos show that many deaf people were interested and attended and took active parts in the New Jersey District convention that was held in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Deaf adults and youth along with many voting delegates from the Philadelphia/Trenton and Newark fields were present. An outstanding event of the convention was the St. Philip choir from Delaware Valley congregation that sign-sang "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY" at the opening eucharist service. The congregation's processional cross was used during the service, and throughout the convention.

The convention was held on May 19-21st.

Two resolutions submitted by St. Matthew's, Newark were passed. These resolutions were requests to the Synod to 1.) keep separate the deaf and blind ministry departments, and 2.) create a commission for the Deaf using RAC members.



Sparky, the boy on the far left is deaf. Ms. Rosie Suita, the girl fourth from the left with her hand up is hearing. Her parents are deaf. The young people were making a presentation to the convention.



Civil Service Commission Announces Appeal Procedure for Handicapped Individuals

The U.S. Civil Service Commission has established an appeals system for hearing complaints of discrimination based on physical or mental handicap.

The new appeals system for handicapped individuals will extend the coverage of existing procedures for discrimination complaints based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, and age to include complaints based on physical or mental handicap.

It is the first uniform administrative complaints process ever established for handicapped applicants and employees of the Federal Government.

Effective April 10th, the new appeals system is a result of a growing concern on the part of the public, the courts, and Congress over a lack of effective remedies for Federal employees and job applicants who have suffered discrimination because of a physical or mental handicap. No single review system currently exists for discrimination based on handicap.

Establishment of a single review system initially was urged by the Interagency Committee on Handicapped Employees and the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals.

The Interagency Committee is co-chaired by Ersal H. Poston, U.S. Civil Service Commissioner, and Hale Champion, Under Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The White House Conference, held in May 1977, was a meeting of delegates from each State to make recommendations on a broad range of topics of concern to handicapped individuals.

The Civil Service Commission authorized the new system through a change in its regulations regarding discrimination complaints.

The change, an amendment of Part 713 of Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, has been published in the Federal Register.

The proposed change was published September 16, 1977. Comments on the proposal were invited and received between that date and December 15, 1977.

Nearly all the 85 comments received from individuals, consumer groups, and other interested parties were in favor of establishing such a discrimination complaints procedure.

The final draft of the new

This deaf choir performed while the hearing congregation sang and the organ played. Sing-signers are (left to right): Mr. Dan Glenney, Mr. Nick Gabrielle, Mrs. Kathy Glenney, and Mrs. Vern Pruchniewski. They did a fine job.

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regulation was discussed at a public meeting March 9, 1978, and subsequently was approved by the Commission.

BELTING AFTER MARRIAGE - Marriage makes a difference when it comes to seat belt use. According to a recent study by John Hopkins University researchers, young men wear seat belts more after marriage, while women's seat belt usage declines from 50 to 40 percent. Researchers wisely decided not to speculate on the reasons.

A Letter from Mrs. Louis R. Jasper

May 16, 1978

Dear Archie,

Greetings from New York!

I would like to comment on an article in the March, 1978, Deaf Lutheran, Volume 70, No. 3, regarding "Reaching Out to The Deaf Overseas", and the item under Hong Kong.

You mentioned that Rev. George Winkler was one of the early workers with the deaf in Hong Kong. That is true. I thought you might have mentioned that Louis Jasper served the deaf in Hong Kong for eight years, and was instrumental in building the Mongtok Lutheran School for the Deaf (which was mentioned in the paragraph). He was also a founder of the Hong Kong Society for the Deaf, which is still very active, running their programs for the deaf there. Louis is still advisor of this work in Hong Kong, and communicates with the workers there frequently. The work there is expanding under the guidance of the Lord and plans for expansion and/or additional locations for the school are now under way.

Rev. Jasper is currently working on his doctorate in Special Education at Columbia University, and is Dean of Students at the Lexington School for the Deaf in Jackson Heights, New York. He is also working part-time as DCE for the Atlantic District, and is writing religious instruction materials for Lutheran Friends of the Deaf. His course work for the doctorate has been completed; he is now working on his thesis.

We hope to return to Hong Kong to work with the deaf again, in the not-too-distant future.

I thought you might like this update for some future issue of your excellent publication. Keep up the good work!

May the Lord bless you in all your work. Please give our regards to all your family, if they remember us.

In Christ,
Joan Jasper
(Mrs. Louis R. Jasper)

Editor's Comments: Thank you, Mrs. Jasper for calling to my attention this serious omission and for providing us with this valuable information. May God continue to bless you, Pastor Jasper, and the work you are doing for His glory! Please continue to keep us informed!

AWARD MAJOR GRANTS

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seminary in St. Louis and a grant of \$5,000.00 to our seminary in Ft. Wayne, to provide scholarship assistance to students who are deaf and in need of financial aid to obtain their theological education and prepare for full time ministry.

It is our understanding that your selection and determination of the specific students to whom aid is to be given will be at the discretion of the Student Aid officers at the respective seminary. We ask only that we be informed of the students selected to receive the benefits of these grants.

Enclosed herewith is our check in the above amount.

With the fervent assurance that our mutual efforts in bringing Christ to the deaf will continue to be blessed by our Heavenly Father, I remain,

Sincerely,
HERBERT J. ARKEBAUER, Ph.D.
Headmaster.

The third letter was similar in content as the above, but was addressed to:

President Robert Preuss
Concordia Seminary
6600 N. Clinton St.
Ft. Wayne, IN 46825.

The fourth letter bearing the same date as the other three was sent to Russel Healey at his home address in care of The Deaf Lutheran. It

read:

Dear Mr. Healey:

We are requesting that the following announcement be placed in The Deaf Lutheran publication:

Lutheran Friends of the Deaf and Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf are providing grants for the purchase of T.T.V. machines. The Boards of Lutheran Friends of the Deaf and Mill Neck Manor, at their June meeting, allocated funds to help deaf congregations provide T.T.V. machines for new pastors and church workers. The machines are to remain the property of the congregation.

Deaf congregations needing a T.T.V. machine for a church worker who is without such equipment may send their request to: Lutheran Friends of the Deaf

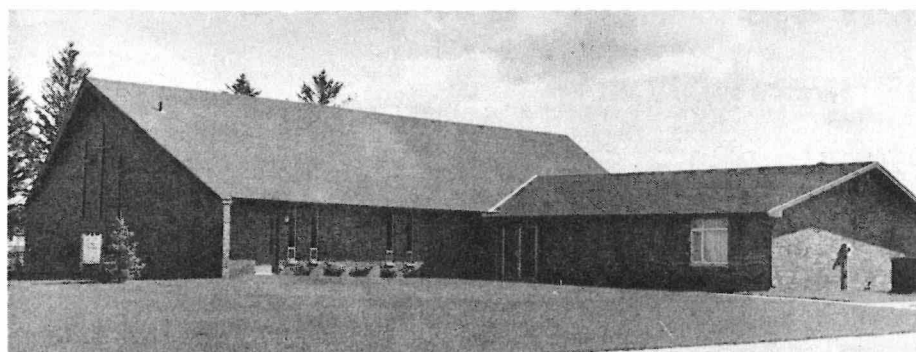
Mill Neck Manor
Box 12
Mill Neck, N.Y. 11765

Sincerely,
HERBERT J. ARKEBAUER, Ph.D.
Headmaster

Now if this news doesn't gladden the hearts of deaf Lutherans everywhere, I don't know what will. Russ Healey and I have already sent off a letter of thanks to Dr. Arkebauer thanking him and both boards for their generosity and acts of love for the deaf. We hope that it will inspire our readers and congregations to do likewise in sending their thanks.

The Editor

CALVARY of DES MOINES CELEBRATES 5th Anniversary of its Relocation



Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf. 3909 East 42nd St., Des Moines, Iowa. . . . Rev. George C. Ring, Pastor

Des Moines, Iowa

Sunday, April 23, 1978, Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf celebrated the Fifth Anniversary of their move from 7th & Forest to E. 42nd St. One hundred and ten (110) members and friends were in attendance.

Guest speaker for the day was Mr. Archie D. Marshall, editor of The Deaf Lutheran. He gave a fine testimony of his Christian Faith, telling

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Ladies of Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf who handled the pot-luck dinner. They are shown with a sheet cake with a picture of the old church and the move to the new church.

ILDA



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First Report - 5th Biennial ILDA Convention

Memphis, Tenn. June 21-24, 1979

-by LORDY REVELS, Convention Committee Reporter



at the beautiful HOLIDAY INN-RIVERMONT

CONVENTION

The next convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association is scheduled to be held June 21 - 24, 1979 in the beautiful city of Memphis in the state of Tennessee.

CONVENTION SITE

The site of the convention is the Holiday Inn - Rivermont, Memphis. Memphis is conveniently located in the south-central part of the United States within easy reach from any point in the country. The beautiful state, Tennessee, is often referred to as the "Volunteer State" because of the large number of volunteers during the War of 1812 and the Mexican War. It is adjoined to eight other states - Mississippi, Missouri, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Arkansas, Kentucky and Alabama. The name, Tennessee, is of Indian origin and is derived from the name of an ancient Cherokee capital. Tourists love to visit the thirteen beautiful National and State parks, especially the Rocky Mountain National Park, which is situated on the eastern boundary of Tennessee and western North Carolina. The Rocky Mountain National Park is in fact one of the most beautiful of all the national parks in the United States.

THE HOTEL

The convention site which will be held in the Holiday Inn-Rivermont is one of the most beautiful Holiday Inns in the United States. The Rivermont specializes in conventions and has a capacity of 2,000 conventioners or 1,700 which can be comfortably served at a banquet...this beautiful motel is located on the banks of the Mississippi River. The address is 200 W. Georgia at Riverside Drive, Memphis, Tennessee 38103. The phone number is (901) 525-0121. This motel and convention site is accessible to many major facilities in Memphis, such as, easy access from and to the main interstate expressways, one mile from downtown Memphis and the Mid-America Shopping Center, 11 miles from the International Air Terminal. There are ample free parking spaces handling appropriately 1,000 cars, which should

take care of all the delegates who plan to motor to this convention. The Holiday Inn-Rivermont catering staff is the finest in the Mid-South and the only facility that can serve a sit-down banquet for 1,700 persons. It offers formal and informal restaurants, two out-door pools, an olympic sized play ground equipment for children and a popular lobby-lounge which features the best contemporary musics.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Holiday Inn offers all the special features one would expect to find in any hotel room. It has 550 guest rooms and all will be reserved except for 50 for our convention delegates during the week of June 21-24, 1978. The special guest rates are listed below:

SINGLE ROOMS (1 person).....\$27.00
DOUBLE ROOMS (2 persons).....\$33.00
EXTRA PERSONS IN ROOMS (per person) \$4.00

Holiday Hall has portable walls which can provide up to 16 meeting rooms and is the only hotel in the Mid-South that can accommodate a meeting of 2,000 persons and a sit-down banquet of 1,700 persons. All rooms have individual controls for sound, music, climate and electricity. Everything to fit your need so that you have nothing to worry about!

THEME AND ACTIVITIES

The theme for our convention is "GO AND TELL". It was taken from the book of Matthew 28:19-20. This theme was chosen by the ILDA committee of Eternal Mercy because the main emphasis of the convention will be EVANGELISM. The word, "EVANGELISM" means to go out and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people and all nations. We are asking that all dramas, banners, and one-act plays fit the above theme. All dramas and one-act plays are limited to 10 minutes. Other competitions that are offered are Needle Craft, Fire Art painting, drawings and sculptures, and Photo-

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IT IS NEVER TOO SOON TO JOIN THE ILDA.....

Rejoice with us in Christ's love...Join Today

ILDA Membership Application

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(Check One)

Fill in your name and address on the spaces below. Use as many names and addresses as desired. Clip and mail to: Mr. Elmer D. Francisco, 10004 E. Mission Spokane, Washington 99206
Make checks or money orders payable to: ILDA Treasurer Elmer D. Francisco
\$2.00 per name...do not send cash!

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First Report - 1979 ILDA Convention Plans

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graphy. Judges will be picked at a later date with emphasis on judging winners based on creativity, beauty, and how close it comes to the convention theme, "GO AND TELL". Awards will be given winners in all of the above categories at the convention on banquet night.

Watch the DEAF LUTHERAN each month for further details.



*You All Plan To Be —————
—————In Memphis In June Next Year!*

Calvary Celebrates

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During the morning service, a Tract Rack was dedicated in memory of Fred Oelberg. It is a gift from his wife, Joyce Oelberg (right) and daughter, Judith, (left).

how he came to know his Lord and Savior or rather how God found him. Mr. Marshall told how important it is that we should tell others about our faith, especially those whom we know that do not seem to have a close relationship with God and His church. Although Mr. Marshall testified that he was a church goer and that his family were very firm believers in the Lord Jesus Christ as their savior, but since he became deaf at the age of six, going to his family's hearing church after that was not meaningful to him because of his inability to 'hear and understand' the Word.

It was not until he went off to college in Chicago, Illinois and during his senior year that a friend who was a member of St. Philip's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in that city, asked him if he had ever seen a preacher who could preach in the sign language of the deaf. Since Marshall had never seen (or known there was such a church for the deaf) such a wonder, he agreed to go with his friend the next Sunday. The minister of that church was the late Rev. Schiebert. From that day on, Mr. Marshall became a Lutheran. And God has continued to bless and lead him to do things he never dreamed of doing. So never think that when you tell someone about your Lord,

your faith, and your church your words are not effective because your words then have a special power.

God has also poured out many blessings on Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf. No wonder the congregation felt a special need to give thanks on this day of their fifth anniversary of their relocation. Five years ago, they held their last service in the old church at 7th and Forest. Since then they have worshipped on E. 42nd St. They rented the parish hall of Hope Lutheran Church and looked out the windows at a corn field. They had dreams about the building of a new church and parsonage. The Lord led them as they put their dreams into blue-prints. He directed them as the blue-prints unfolded into the beautiful buildings that they have today.

God blessed Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf over and above their dreams! Indeed the congregation have shown that they are grateful to God for the facilities He has given them. But as Pastor George Ring said, "Our greatest thanks to God is for His Word that is taught and learned here. God's Word assures us of the forgiveness of all our sins and gives us life and salvation. His Word promises each of us a Home in Heaven. May we believe His Word so that our hearts continue to overflow with thanksgiving."

After the morning service, there was a delicious pot-luck dinner, a celebration of Rev. Ring's birthday, and awards were presented to special members of the congregation that have served many years.



Ladies of the congregation surprising Rev. Ring with a birthday cake during the 5th Relocation Celebration.

did you know that - - -

Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf owns 3.2 acres of land, a church and a parsonage valued at over \$200,000.00?

Calvary has over 150 members and that 1/3 of the members live more than 100 miles from their church?

Calvary has preaching stations for the deaf in Boone, Cedar Falls, Fort Dodge, Mason City, and Oskaloosa?

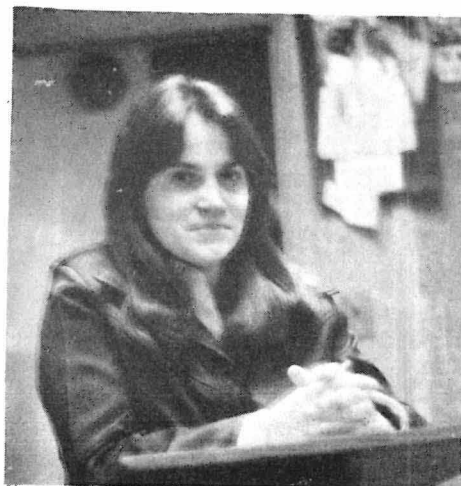
There were more than 300 in attendance in the morning worship when the church was dedicated on June 2, 1974 and more than 250 stayed for the afternoon services?

Calvary was organized in 1947 in a meeting called by Rev. Ernest G. Mappes, who previously held a preaching station in Des Moines, Iowa besides his church, Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Omaha, Nebraska. In that meeting the first slate of officers was chosen?

In 1949, a church building at 7th and Forest Ave. was purchased from Trinity Lutheran Church. The purchase price was \$10,000.



Former Assistant to the Editor Weds



Janine Ruth Wehrmeister Williams



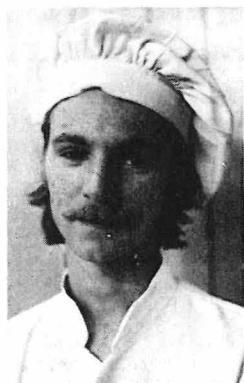
Dayton Alan Williams

A CHEF'S TREAT

Philadelphia, Pa.

On April 23rd, Delaware Valley was honored with an unusual social: a big feast prepared by a professional chef!

Steve and Janet Muir, son-in-law and daughter of Dan and Kathy Glenney, hosted the huge buffet dinner. They had all



CHEF STEVE MUIR

worked for a few days prior to the meal to prepare all the various dishes. The food and fellowship was held after the Sunday morning worship. More than 70 people enjoyed the meal of ham, turkey, chicken caccatori, newburg, cheese bursts, salads, and fresh-prepared vegetables.

A special surprise was a birthday cake for Vicar Williams. He had turned 27 three days before.

Everyone had plenty to eat and had a fantastic time renewing old friendships. One man age 90 met two of his former students (age 70 and 76) They hadn't seen each other for 20 years!



The Chef with his work. Steve works professionally as a chef.



left to right: Dan Glenney, Kathy Glenney, Steve Muir, and Janet Glenney Muir.

CALLS...

The voters assembly of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Louis, Mo. accepted Mark Willig as summer vicar. Mark's wife, Paula was also given an appointment to assist as an interpreter. Rev. James Taglauer, of St. Stephens (a hearing congregation in St. Louis) is Holy Cross vacancy pastor. The first call from Holy Cross was extended to Pastor Charles Jones of Foxboro, Mass. who has since declined the call. The second call is being extended to Rev. Frank Gehrs of Delta, B.C. Canada.

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Rev. David Stephen Bush has accepted the call to be pastor of Eternal Mercy Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Memphis, Tennessee. He was installed there July 23rd. Rev. Bush is from Britton, Michigan. His wife, Barbara is deaf. Praise God for sending a worker and shepherd to the deaf in Memphis!

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There are 6 vacancies in our deaf churches in the United States. Rev. Myron Prok (former Advisor for GLRC) accepted a Call to Holy Cross Lutheran Church (Cleveland), a hearing congregation. Rev. August Hauptman, formerly of Toledo, Ohio, has accepted a Call to Pilgrim Lutheran Church/Deaf in Los Angeles, Calif. Deaf colloquy graduate from St. Louis Seminary, Robert Case, has accepted the Call to Holy Three-In-One Lutheran Church/Deaf and will serve in the Houston (TX) Field. Vicars we heard were assigned this year are: Brent E. Begalka, who will work with Pastor Robert Bauer in Edmonton, Alta., Canada, and Deaf student Stephen Luke who will serve in Washington, D.C.

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A sermon titled "Minus 600plus" which was given at St. Paul's Deaf Lutheran Church of Flint, Michigan, on June 11th, refers to the shortages of ministers in our Lutheran Churches-Missouri Synod today, about a 10% shortage for the more than 6,000 congregations. Also in Deaf Ministry we feel this shortage; the Rev. C.R. Bailey, Regional Advisor of the Great Lakes Regional Conference, announced at the Lansing meeting on June 3rd that three of the seven Deaf Fields in that region -- Rochester, N.Y., Cleveland, OH, and Toledo -- are or soon will experience pastoral vacancies.

Vicar Dayton A. Williams and Janine R. Wehrmeister were united in Holy Matrimony, Saturday, June 17th at Lutheran Church of St. Luke in Philadelphia, Pa.

In the past year, Vicar Williams worked with Rev. Jerold D. Munz, Pastor of Delaware Valley Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Philadelphia.

It was here that Dayton met Miss Janine Wehrmeister who was a teacher of the 6th grade at Our Savior Christian School and their love bloomed.

Many readers remember Dayton before he went off to Philadelphia when he assisted in typing up this publication.

Shortly after their marriage, they attended Ephphatha Conference in Madison, Wisconsin. They will reside in Philadelphia until Dayton finishes up his vicarage which will be around the end of July. Then Vicar Williams will return to St. Louis, Mo. and complete his Seminary training for the ministry. The new Mrs. Williams will resume teaching in some school in St. Louis and possibly pursue graduate work.

Congratulations Janine and Dayton! May the Lord bless your marriage and make it fruitful!

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Talk aids

Electronics experts have developed a hand-held device that is, in effect, a voice system for people who have lost the power of speech and are, for one reason or another, too weak to write.

The device strings together phonemes, the basic sounds that make up words. The user simply builds messages by entering commands on a calculator-like keyboard (it can store up to 40) and then the "talk" button is pressed. The machine will sell for just under \$2,000 and will be available later this year. (For that kind of money, thank God for the Sign Language).

IF a man or woman is happy in his or her work - exerting themselves to the full extent of their limitations and capacities, and enjoying it - I'd say they're a success.

Jesus speaks to your heart today when He says: "The harvest is large, but there are few workers to gather it in. Pray to the Owner of the harvest that He will send out workers to gather in His harvest!"

★ WANT TO KNOW if your youth is all spent? It is when your get up and go has got up and went.

CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE



Officers of the Central Regional Conference standing around a cross made from a Christmas tree. The ropes that hang from the cross that are linked together represent the followers of Jesus and tie in with the theme of the conference: 'WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST'. Delegates picked up a loose piece of rope and tied it to whatever another delegate's strand was convenient, thereby forming a network of disciples of Christ. The sign on top of the Christmas tree cross says: 'This happened as Jesus said it would happen. He had told what kind of death He would die.' John 18:32. 'I was born for this reason, I came into the world for this reason'. John 18:37.

Officers (left to right) ILDA President Joseph Kindred; Central Reg. Vice-Pres. Albert Reeves; Central Reg. Pres. Bettie Jo Healey; Central Reg. Sec'y. Albert Moore; and Central Reg. Treasurer Arleen Armen.

April 28, 29, and 30th found the Lutheran deaf from Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and Wisconsin together in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in a fellowship and planning and growing in Christ Conference.

The beautiful Hoffman House/Midway Motor Lodge was the site of the conference. This conference was hosted by Emmanuel Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Milwaukee, Rev. Paul Dorr, Pastor.

This conference Central Idea and Discussion was: WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST! Special attention and panel discussions were given by Deaf Youth about deaf youth; Deaf Ladies about deaf ladies and Deaf Shut-Ins/Aged Deaf by delegates fitting into that category. It was very inspiring to know about the special feelings, aspirations, frustrations, and goals of those specific groups. We went home more wiser and aware of all the different groups that make up our churches.

Banquet night Saturday found a huge crowd. Someone remarked that the size of this crowd at Central Regional Conference is comparable to the one that usually makes up the banquet at ILDA.

Following a delicious banquet, the conference goers were entertained by a group called "Revelation of Joy." For those who had enough hearing, the music and vocalists were superb! For those who couldn't hear the music, the rhythm of the

rhythm of the sign language, the ability of the signers, and the joy of motion was a thing to behold! Everyone was happy. As if that was not enough entertainment, the conference goers that night was also treated to a live clown show that was followed by a clown movie about Floyd Shaffer who worships as a clown. Several other modes of entertainment were given and it was truly "An Expe-

rience that Helped Everyone Grow Spiritually."

The last day of the conference was used to study God's Word and worship Him at Emmanuel Lutheran Church for the Deaf. Several ministers in our region conducted bible classes and afterwards we had a communion service. Following church, a noon catered dinner was served and then we all went back to our homes.



Pres. Bettie Jo Healey



Guests: Rev. & Mrs. M.E. Mueller



Part of the huge Banquet Night crowd



ILDA Pres. Joe Kindred addressing the Banquet Night crowd.

Rev. Bomberger leading the panel discussion, "Deaf Ladies".



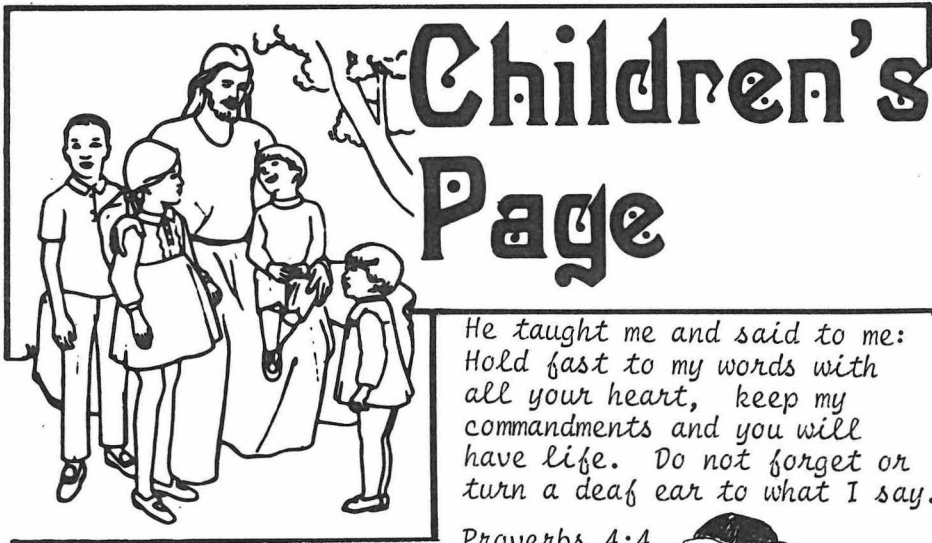
The REVELATION OF JOY group.... beautiful singers & songs



The Sunday Brunch crowd. .

Rollo and friend Jackie Kemper Perfect Bliss and Joy





He taught me and said to me:
Hold fast to my words with
all your heart, keep my
commandments and you will
have life. Do not forget or
turn a deaf ear to what I say.

Proverbs 4:4

Two Boys and God

- by Luther Engelbrecht
Missionary in India



Do people in India tell others about God? Some do, and some don't. Some know about God and keep it secret. Some don't know about God but act as if they did.

What about you? Do you tell others about God?

Listen to this true story of Jesudoss and Abdullah in India.

Jesudoss (the "J" is pronounced like a "Y") is a Christian; his name means "Servant of Jesus." Abdullah's name means "Servant of Allah." He is a follower of the prophet Mohammed.

One day Jesudoss and Abdullah were rolling their hoops along the hot, dusty street that twisted through their small, crowded village. Their hoops were their only toys; they played with them everyday. Some cows and water buffaloes were resting in the shade of scraggly trees. The dogs had stopped their barking and were curled up in sleep.

Finally the boys decided to rest too. They found a shady spot and sat down. The smell from the open sewer nearby didn't bother them at all.

Suddenly Jesudoss asked Abdullah: "Do you believe in God?"

"Of course," his friend replied. "Doesn't everybody?"

"Do you love Him?" asked Jesudoss.

"I never thought about it. Do you think I should?"

Jesudoss didn't answer. He was watching a big, black beetle that had crawled out of a pile of trash nearby.

"Well," he said at last, "this morning, at our family devotions, my father read from the Bible. I didn't understand everything, so he explained it to me."

"We say prayers at our house too, but I can't understand any of them," said Abdullah. "They're in Arabic or something."

"Anyway," returned Jesudoss, "my father said that God not only made us but also has done so much for us. When I've been bad, my father spans me. But God - He took a licking for me. Because I'm a sinner, He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for me. I love God because He loves me. God loves you too, Abdullah. My father said I should tell that to all my friends, so I thought I'd mention it to you. You're my best friend, you know."

The tumblebug beetle was returning and rolling a big ball of manure, looking for a place to hide it.

Finally Abdullah said: "I'll have to ask my father some questions. I've heard about Jesus, but I don't know much about Him. We call Him 'Isa.' I kind of like the idea of loving God. I just never thought much about it. I guess no

BIBLE QUIZ

friends in the Bible

1. Who was David's great friend?
----- (1 Samuel 18:1-2)
2. Who was called "the friend of God"?
----- (James 2:23)
3. Jesus said, "You are my ----- if you do what I command." (John 15:14)
4. To whom did the people say, "You are not the Emperor's friend"? ----- (John 19:12)
5. What man spoke of himself as the "friend of the Bridegroom"? ----- (John 3:27-29)
6. The Bible says that a friend sticks closer than a ----- (Proverbs 18:24)
7. The greatest love a man can have for his friends is to give his ----- for them. (John 15:13)

It's A Puzzlement!!!

Here are ten men in the Old Testament and ten men in the New Testament for you to find. Circle their names. You can move across, down, forward, backward or diagonally.

OLD TESTAMENT:

Aaron
Abraham
Adam
David
Jacob
Joseph
Moses
Noah
Samuel
Solomon

BXADAMKYCJHN
DAADLLYVODAO
JIRJOHNSBQOM
AWOTLJESUSNO
MENAHPSESOML
EHLBHOOAHGPO
STERDALUUIES
ITUAATBOLLTA
LAMHVLDAMYLM
TMAAIVTJNLRO
PXSMDEZHMVWH
ANDREWBOCAJT

NEW TESTAMENT:

Andrew
Bartholomew
James
Jesus
John
Matthew
Paul
Peter
Pilate
Thomas

A Whale of a Tale!



The two humpback whales probably were cleaning the skin on their huge bodies, but to the three whale watchers who saw them it looked like a great water show.

After five days of waiting for whales to swim by, one team of whale watchers off the island of Bermuda had a wonderful treat. For nearly an hour two huge humpback whales kept leaping and twisting through the water. Again and again they shot out of the water and lifted their 40-ton bodies completely into the air. Then, as their big bodies hit the water, they landed with a crash.

Learning more about whales is both interesting and important. Whales, swimming under water, are sometimes mistaken for submarines. Some whales watchers, who have been studying these creatures of God, think that whales send sound messages to each other. If this is true, then whales can keep in contact with one another over long distances. Some sound waves that whales make travel over 200 miles through the water.

one ever told me."

Suddenly he swatted at his leg; a red ant had crawled inside his pants and was biting him.

Both boys jumped up and took their hoops and began to roll them again.

A quiet day, some shade, a sewer, a beetle, two hoops, two boys - and GOD!