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## Introducing... Mr. "NEW LIFE"



### Edward A. Trainor, Sr. Chairman- 1975 ILDA Convention

EDWARD A. TRAINOR SR. was born in Daytona Beach, Florida, June 15, 1930. He suffered a complete loss of hearing at the age 10 due to Spinal Meningitis. Attended and graduated from the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind (1948) Attended Gallaudet College and the University of Fla. Worked at 13 trades. Was supervisor at N.C. school for the Deaf 1952-53. A printer for the last 16 years. Employed by the Washington Star Newspaper Co. since 1959. Married to Ruth Ernestine Clouse of Erwin, Tenn. since 1953. Has one son, Edward A. Jr., 18 years old. Member of Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf since 1960. Elected 1975 ILDA Host City Convention Chairman December, 1973. Appointed Eastern Regional ILDA Vice-President January, 1974. Appointed International ILDA Program & Finance Director February, 1974. Appointed to the ILDA Law and Finance Committees February, 1974. Elected ILDA Eastern Region President and International Eastern Regional Vice-President May 1974. Hobbies: Writing, fishing, boating, camp-

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## Rev. Herbert W. Rohe Honored by Resolution Passed by the Board for Missions

July 13, 1974

WHEREAS, THE REV. HERBERT ROHE HAS COMPLETED TEN YEARS OF SERVICE AS SECRETARY FOR MINISTRY TO THE DEAF, AND

WHEREAS, REV. ROHE HAS WORKED IN A HIGHLY SPECIALIZED FIELD WITH OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND DEVOTION, AND

WHEREAS, PASTOR ROHE'S TALENTS AND ABILITIES HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED BEYOND THE CIRCLE OF OUR OWN CHURCH BODY, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD FOR MISSIONS EXPRESS HEARTFELT FELICITATIONS TO PASTOR ROHE FOR THE COMPLETION OF A DECADE OF FAITHFUL SERVICE, AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD FOR MISSIONS THANK PASTOR ROHE IN THE SAVIOR'S NAME, AND ASSURE HIM OF ITS FERVENT PRAYERS FOR THE CONTINUED RICH AND ENDURING BLESSING OF THE LORD OF THE CHURCH.

Yours in Christ's mission,  
Otto C. Hintze, Secretary

On the day this resolution was passed, Rev. Rohe served as Chaplain, conducting the devotions for the Board.



Rev. Rohe admiring a crystal sculpture commemorating his 25th Anniversary in the ministry. Presented to him by Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Louis, Mo. March 1, 1970.

Photo from the files of  
Archie Marshall

MY THANKS!

People everywhere in life  
from every walk and  
station,  
From every town and city  
and every state and  
nation  
Have given me so many things  
intangible and dear,  
I couldn't begin to count  
them all or even make them  
clear...  
I only know I owe so much  
to people everywhere  
And when I put my thoughts  
in verse it's just a way  
to share  
The musings of a thankful  
heart, a heart much like  
your own,  
For nothing that I think or  
write is mine and mine  
alone...  
So if you found some beauty  
in any word or line,  
It's just "Your Soul's  
Reflection" in "Proximity  
with Mine".  
--Helen Steiner Rice

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Who gossips to you will  
gossip about you.--Turkey  
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## LCMS LOAN FUND FEELS

### ECONOMIC PRESSURE

From Dept. of Public Relations, LCMS

St. Louis, Mo.-- Today's "tight money" economy is helping cause a decline in the availability of church investment loans, as evidenced in figures just released by the Church Extension Board of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The board administers the fund which makes supplemental loans available to Districts. The synodical Church Extension department also makes loans directly to self-supporting congregations on a secured loan basis.

Since March of this year, the LCMS Church Extension Board has approved twenty loans totaling over \$4.25 million, but has deferred or denied requests totaling over one-third of a million dollars for four loans that would be used in areas of specialized ministries. Such loans are provided for inner city, ethnic and campus ministries, at no interest charge but at a small annual service-charge rate.

Fred E. Lietz, executive secretary of the Church Extension Board, attributes the situation to a number of factors. "It's really a matter of simple arithmetic," he said. "All available funds for specialized ministries have been allocated and a waiting list is starting to develop," In Addition,

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by ARCHIE D. MARSHALL

...hi, everyone! Now I have some idea what an expectant mother goes through while waiting to give birth to her new baby! I must have went through it all while waiting anxiously for my first issue to come from the printers. The wait was like an eternity and all dumb ideas went racing through my head...maybe they lost it...won't print it don't like it...maybe it will come out all ugly, etc. Then I must have drove some people up the wall with my endless phone calls to the printers at Concordia Publishing House ...Rev. Rohe, and my business manager, Mr. Russell Healey. Then there it came, the Sept. issue! Needless to say, I am pleased with the way it turned out, even with a couple of boo-boos. I am not telling you what they are since proud parents do not point out defects in their first-born, but it would be interesting to know how many of you readers spotted my boners, so let me hear from you sharp eyed.

Like I said before, improvements and innovations will constantly be made in this publication from time to time to benefit our readers and add to their enjoyment.

You will find a new "Pen-Pals" column on page 3. Any one interested in joining the club may send in their name and address which will be put in the next issue. Due to space limitations, only the most interesting letters will be printed. One such letter in this issue is from Mrs. V. Smith of Philadelphia. I am also printing another letter to reply and hope that many more of you readers will send her your own letters showing that we care for each other. Please send your letters to her at her address and not to me, unless you feel they are interesting enough to be considered for inserting in the D.L. I have plenty of room in my next issues for articles of interest that are accompanied with good black and white photographs...and don't write on the back of them, but do identify your photos on a separate piece of paper and paper-clipped together.

When we get to the December issue, I hope we will be caught up and back on schedule with our printers at CPH. No more Sept. issues in Oct., I hope.....

The Editor.

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# The Pen-Pals Club

Sept. 12-74

Dear Editor,

Please print this in the Deaf Lutheran to awaken others,

I am a lonely widow of 47 and I have a teen-aged son. Two years ago after my husband passed away, friends have forgotten that I am alive. I've been lonely and nearly in the poorhouse. I have to be very careful to make ends meet. God knows I struggled alone and I've been feeling low. A widow needs help in everything any other woman needs. I need someone to cheer me up. To take an interest in my fatherless son. And someone to help me with repairs. And someone to take me out of the house. To invite me to dinner, a movie, etc. and visit me. I need someone to have conversation with. Some one to dress up for so I will know that I am alive, but the world is forgetting me. My heart aches when I go to church and watch my friends participate in it, but don't practice charity. God is love and it means to give oneself to others first the lonely, the helpless, the sick, the aged, the needy, etc. Going to church and participating in it isn't enough. It takes faith to give ourselves to others like Christ gave himself for us. 1 or 2 years I've been carrying a heavy cross all alone like Christ. Thousands watched him struggle, but few cared. In my widowhood, I am walking the same path as Christ did. The only close friend I have is the Lord.

Perhaps, somewhere there is a nice lonely widower who would like to be my friend or pen-pal.

Mrs. Valerie Smith  
2869 Gillingham St.  
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Oct. 14, 1974

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I feel compelled to write to you, just to let you know that you are not alone in this world with your troubles. We will be happy to print your letter in the paper and hope that you will receive many pen pals. This is a service and a ministry the Deaf Lutheran can perform for its readers, and we hope it will develop into an active pen pal's club.

I'm pleased to know that your faith in Christ is sustaining you. In fact, like

his disciples, we also say, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" Nobody else but Christ has the wonderful Word of Life. It is our Lord who also promises, "Lo, I am with you always even until the end of the world."

I would also like to mention another thing, namely that the Bible tells us we "must through much tribulation enter into the Kingdom of God!" Our troubles sometimes show us how frail and powerless we are so that we see how much we must depend upon our God and Savior. This really leads us to a stronger faith in Him. The apostle Paul says, "When I am weak, then I am strong," strong in the Power of Christ and in faith in Him.

Your letter also reveals how much we need one another in this world. "No man is an island!" Thus, through our church and association with fellow Christians in church we are indeed strengthened. You feel badly because some of your friends who go to church don't practice charity I think we are all "in the same boat" and we are more concerned with our own problems and overlook the problems of others. However we have to be charitable too in how much we expect from others. We all know people who expect a lot from others but do not "go and do likewise" in giving help to other people. Usually it is a 50-50 street. You get as much as you give--not money, but love friendship, kindness, helpfulness and cooperation. You can't get friends without first being a friend. Your letter tells me that you want to write to someone and they to write to you. You want a friend and want to be a friend.

I am sure you will discover a lot of lonely people who will be happy to write to you and share letters with you. "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law (love) of Christ."

I hope I have helped you  
Sincerely,  
Sincerely, your friend  
in Christ,  
Archie D. Marshall,  
Editor, Deaf Lutheran

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No man, nor any body of men, is good enough or wise enough to dispense with the tonic of criticism.

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Everything that is done in the world is done by hope.

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## A True Christian Soldier Goes Home

by Jackie Kemper

St. Louis, Mo. On Aug. 8, 1974, Walter Viets went to rest in Jesus following a lengthy illness in which he had been hospitalized for several operations. For as long as I can remember, Walter has been a pillar of strength and hard worker in his beloved church, Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, St. Louis, Mo. He had served in nearly all offices of the church hierarchy, tirelessly and devotedly. He was also the patriarch, having been a member for 59 years. During those years he made friends with many of our present and past ministers for the deaf while they were struggling students in Concordia Seminary. He volunteered many hours, days and years of his time teaching them the sign language and philosophy of the deaf. His home is conveniently located near the Seminary, so Walter was also generous with his food whenever there was any hungry students. On Sept. 13, 1969, Walter and three other men of Holy Cross were honored in a surprise recognition dinner for having served the church a total of 182 years.



Walter was born in Lake Creek, Mo. the son of Christine and Henry Viets. He was one of 9 brothers and 5 sisters. Became deaf following an injury while in his infancy. He was baptized by Rev. Matuschka, one of the first Lutheran ministers in Lake Creek, Mo. Walter attended Deaf Lutheran School in Detroit, Mich. Was confir-

med in 1915 by Rev. Wm. Gielow. He attended Mo. School for the Deaf in Fulton, Mo. from 1916 until graduating in 1921. He became a printer, working for St. Regia Paper Co. a total of 40 years until retiring in 1965. Walter is survived by his wife, Elsie, whom he met while attending the Lutheran school in Detroit. They were married in Milford Center, Ohio on June 20, 1942. Elsie is still carrying on in Walter's place as a very active member in Holy Cross.

KEEP ON GOING!

One step won't take you very far;  
You've got to keep on walking  
One word won't tell folk  
where U R';  
You've got to keep on talking  
One inch won't make you very tall;  
You've got to keep on growin.  
One little call won't do it all;  
You've got to keep on going.

### DAILY Bible Reading FOR OCTOBER, 1974

- 1 .....Matthew 14:13-21..
- 2 .....John 6:24-35.....
- 3 .....Romans 8:35-39....
- 4 .....Ephesians 4:17-24..
- 5 .....Colossians 3:1-11..
- 6 .....1 Kings 19:9-13...
- 7 .....Matthew 14:22-33..
- 8 .....Romans 9:1-5.....
- 9 .....John 6:41-51.....
- 10.....Hebrews 11:1-16...
- 11.....Ephesians 4:30 -  
5:2.....
- 12.....Luke 12:32-48.....
- 13.....Isaiah 56:1-7.....
- 14.....Matthew 15:21-28..
- 15.....Romans 11:13-32...
- 16.....Proverbs 9:1-6.....
- 17.....Ephesians 5:15-20..
- 18.....Hebrews 12:1-6....
- 19.....Luke 12:49-43.....
- 20.....Joshua 24:1-18....
- 21.....Romans 11:33-36...
- 22.....Matthew 16:13-20..
- 23.....Isaiah 66:18-21...
- 24.....Hebrews 12:5-13...
- 25.....John 6:60-69.....
- 26.....Luke 13:22-30.....
- 27.....Jeremiah 20:7-9...
- 28.....Deuteronomy 4:1-8..
- 29.....Luke 14:1-14.....
- 30.....Matthew 16:21-27..
- 31.....Romans 12:1-2.....

ILDA



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## 1975 ILDA Convention All Set To Go With New Life

by Lydia Waters

"75 Convention Promotions Vice Chairman

Endowed with "New Life," the 1975 ILDA Convention Committee bids you all a hearty welcome to attend the revitalized International Lutheran Deaf Association Convention to be held at Washington, D.C. July 31-August 3, 1975.

Plans have been drawn up and the Convention Committee members are as busy as bees getting ideas off the ground for you to know and help you make your decision to attend the exciting ILDA Convention next year.

The theme, "New Life," is an appropriate one for our 1975 Convention as the ILDA is overflowing with new life with so many changes full of inspiring innovations.

Dynamic, recharged with "new life" is the ILDA Convention Chairman, Edward Trainor, who heads the committees of six vice chairmen. Mr. Trainor at the helm brings with him a good head of experience to direct our committees. Ed, as we call him, currently is the ILDA Program & Finance Director who planned and directed the first organized membership drive of the ILDA. He also is President of the ILDA Eastern Region.

The Convention Chairman naturally cannot do everything, hence he selected six "helpers" from Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf of Washington, D.C. and St. Marks Lutheran Church for the Deaf of Baltimore, Md. to work with him to make the ILDA Convention inspiring and exciting.

William Martini, as treasurer, is kept busy counting the assets, keeping the finances well secured and seeing to it that funds are accurately recorded. He brings with him his many years as the financial secretary of St. Marks Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Baltimore, Md. He also has served as treasurer of other deaf organizations in the Baltimore area.

In order to see that all ILDA delegates to the convention are properly registered at Stouffer's National Center Inn, the 1975 ILDA Convention headquarters, Mrs. Louise Milligan is in full charge of registrations. She brings with her a wealth of experience as a counselor at the Maryland Rehabilitation Center and she also is the Secretary of St. Marks Lutheran Church for the Deaf. With her is her other half, Roger, who contributes a great deal of energy to push the registration wagon forward.

The Rev. Robert Muller, or Bob as we call him, has been assigned the task of handling the programming for the convention. He is quite active in his ministry and social work with deaf Lutherans and other deaf people of the Washington-Baltimore areas. His "baby," The Official ILDA Program book, is coming along very nicely with the aid of Bill Crume, a commercial artist and excellent designer.

Activities at the convention are the job of Gary Schlub. He will see to it that each and every ILDA Conventioneer is well entertained. Field tours, a buffet, dramatics and other activities, both, at and away from the hotel, are in the offering.

The banquet Vice Chairman Anna Snyder is doing her utmost best to make the banquet a MUST on every ILDA Convention goer's list. She promises inspiring decorations and entertainment as well as a delicious meal for all who attend this affair.

Due to her recent marriage, Lydia Abbott is now known as Mrs. Waters. She is in complete charge of handling the advertising and publicity department. She has written to each and every deaf

Lutheran congregation in an appeal to secure their support of the ILDA Convention and responses are coming in very well. Complete plans have been drawn up and mapped for advertising the convention

Headquarters for the 1975 ILDA Convention will be Stouffer's National Center Inn at Crystal City, Virginia--a stone's throw from Washington. Stouffer's is located in a very prestigious area amidst beautiful high rise apartments, luxurious hotels, shopping centers and near the highways as well as the air, railroad and bus terminals. Stouffer's boasts a restaurant, 24-hour coffee shop and game room, a lounge with live entertainment, a gift shop and a roof-top swimming pool. The hotel is brand new, a real palace and you would never believe the incredible low rates of \$25.00 per day, double occupancy that we were able to obtain.

More details are coming in future issues of The Deaf Lutheran and other media for the deaf. INTERESTED? COMING?? MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND NOW!!!

(Chairman's note: Lydia Waters deserves much credit for her efforts and appeals to make YOUR ILDA Convention a success. God bless her.)

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### INTRODUCING... MR. "NEW LIFE"

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ing, cooking and photography. Lost right hand at the wrist from a blood clot after elective surgery on right shoulder in January, 1972. Favorite chapter in the Bible, Romans, Chapter 8. Favorite books in the Bible, Acts, Titus, John James and Timothy.

(Editor's note: Mr. Trainor has not ceased

to amaze me since I had the good fortune to meet him at the first meeting of the ILDA Board last January. I might have met him at the ILDA Convention in Kansas City, but it was not until the Board meeting here in St. Louis that I really realized how unusual he is. Rev. Herb Rohe puts it all together perfectly when he wrote me that ...the Lord always comes up with an answer to our needs- in His own mysterious way. We never know

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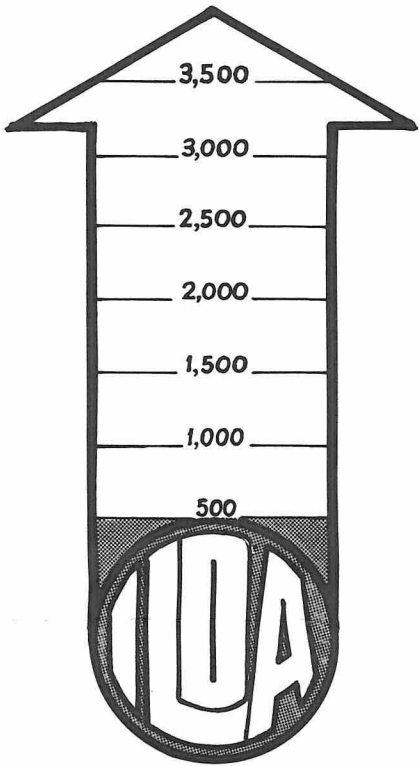
INTRODUCING...

MR. "NEW LIFE"

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what He has in store for us next. I am convinced He has led us into ILDA and is providing us with "Man of the Hour" "for such a time as this." As far as I am concerned Ed. is our "MAN OF THE HOUR".)

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**October's Bright Blue Weather**

O suns and skies and clouds of June,  
And flowers of June together,  
Ye cannot rival for one hour  
October's bright blue weather.

When all the lovely wayside things  
Their white-winged seeds are sowing,  
And in the field, still green and fair,  
Late aftermaths are growing.

When loud the humblebee makes haste,  
Belated, thriftless vagrant,  
And Golden Rod is dying fast,  
And lanes with grapes are fragrant.

When springs run low, and on the brooks,  
In idle golden freighting,  
Bright leaves sink noiseless in the hush  
Of woods, for winter waiting;

When Gentians roll their fringes tight,  
To save them for the morning,  
And chestnuts fall from satin burrs,  
Without a sound of warning.

When comrades seek sweet country haunts,  
By twos and twos together,  
And count like misers, hour by hour,  
October's bright blue weather.

When on the ground red apples lie  
In piles like jewels shining,  
And redder still on old stone walls  
Are leaves of woodbine twining.

O suns and skies and flowers of June,  
Count all your boasts together,  
Love loveth best of all the year  
October's bright blue weather.

--Helen Hunt Jackson

**THE PERFECT CHURCH**

*I think that I shall never  
see  
A church that's all it ought  
to be;  
A church whose members never  
stray  
Beyond the straight and nar-  
row way;  
A church that has no empty  
pews,  
Whose pastor never has the  
blues;  
A church whose deacons always  
"deck",  
And none is proud, and all  
are meek;  
Where gossips never peddle  
lies  
Or make complaints or criti-  
cize;  
Where all are always sweet  
and kind,  
And all to others' faults  
are blind;  
Such churches perfect there  
may be,  
But none of them are known  
to me;  
But still, I'll work and  
pray and plan  
To make my own the best  
I can.*

(Anonymous)

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**LCMS LOAN FUND FEELS ECONOMIC PRESSURE**

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Lietz said, a certain amount of funding from the Synod's 125th Anniversary Thankoffering was to have been provided to help cover service-charge loans, but that money is not available because contributions to the Thankoffering effort have been considerably lower than originally projected. "Withdrawals from the fund have been substantial," Lietz pointed out, "and many families find it necessary to obtain increased earnings to meet rising living costs. This is especially true of those who now are retired." He also explained that church investment funds must compete with a growing number of commercial and financial institutions seeking the invested dollar.

"Requests for loan funds are on the increase," Lietz indicated. "More self-supporting congregations need and want permanent worship facilities as they grow and see growth potentials of the future."

How are the needs for increased funding to be met? Lietz foresees that if each wage earning family belonging to an LCMS congregation would respond by starting a saving account in the Church Extension Fund or by adding to existing investments, ample loan funds would be assured to meet increased opportunities. "Committed Christians should dedicate a portion of their savings and investments to the work and growth of the church, and I know of no better way than through such funds as ours," he said. "The historical record of Church Extension emphasizes the important part of this fund has played in the growth of ministries within our church body as well as aiding the membership to increase," Lietz recalled. "The Church Extension Fund has helped meet challenges of aggressive mission and ministry expansion programs since it was begun in 1902."

"Mission and ministry is still the primary emphasis and function of our church at this time," he continued. "Our goal is to proclaim the message of salvation and forgiveness, and every convention of the Synod and its 38 North American Districts affirms the need, blessing and significance of mission and ministry. We must also assist those endeavors and efforts that undergird and support this mission."

Lietz admits that financial yields from Church Extension Fund saving may not be as high as those offered by some banks and savings and loan associations on large accounts.

"However," he said, "our yields are a fair return on the investment. More important, the investor knows that his savings and investments make possible the growth of God's kingdom. He knows that his investments are serving people and the church beyond their own capacities."

★★★★ Speaking of Laws ★★★★★

PARKINSON'S LAW - Work expands to fill the time available for its completion.

MURPHY'S LAW - If something can go wrong, it probably will.

MC GURK'S LAW - Any improbable event that would create maximum confusion if it did occur.

WELLER'S LAW - Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself.

CHISHOLM'S LAW - Any time things seem to be going better, you have forgotten something.

FINAGLE'S LAW - Once a good thing is fouled up, anything done to improve it makes it worse.

--Washington Ass'n Trends - Via Memphis.



St. Louis, Mo. (Holy Cross)....The Lutheran Guild elected new officers for the year 1974-1975...they are...left to right in photo above: Jackie Kemper, Treas. Marie Randall, Secretary Ruth Jones, Vice-Pres. Fred Stewart, President. Congratulations and may God bless your work in the coming year.

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Spokane, Washington... Mr. Ronald Dale Francisco, son of Mr. & Mrs. Elme Francisco was married to Pamela Ann Boots on Sat. August 31st. in Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Spokane. The young couple will make their home in Spokane where the groom is employed in a dental lab. Congratulations Ron and Pam!

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Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Word of God L.C.)... Bill Zimmerman was elected vice-president of the Mid West Region. This includes Lutherans from Iowa to Colorado and from Kansas to Canada. May God bless you as you serve your Lord! Congratulations, Bill!

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Lyndhurst, Ohio..(Christ L.C.)...The installation of our new lay-worker has been postponed until a later time because he, Mr. Oettel, has been unable to sell his home in the Chicago area. We pray that he will be successful in selling his home in the near future because he is anxious to move to the Cleveland area to begin working with Pastor Prok. The date and time of his installation will be announced later. Please remember him in your prayers.



# Field Gleanings

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St. Louis, Mo. (Holy Cross)...Thelma Marie, infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Jones, was received into God's Kingdom of Grace by Holy Baptism, Sept. 15, 1974. May God bless the child and her family..... God parents are Mr. & Mrs. Russell Healey.

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Pittsburgh, Pa. The Rev. Bruce Stam was installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh, on Sunday, July 7th. We rejoice with the members of Trinity that they now have a pastor who can serve them. We pray that the Lord will bless Pastor Stam's ministry among the deaf in the Pittsburgh area.

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RUTH PETERSON, a substitute teacher at MSSD, was the featured guest on "Profiles," a program on Channel 11 in Baltimore, this past spring. As a deaf person, wife of a deaf chemistry teacher at Gallaudet College, mother of two hearing teenagers, former art teacher at the Rochester Institute for the Deaf, volunteer worker, churchgoer, and community citizen of Beltsville, Maryland, Mrs. Peterson has a well-varied background that provided an interesting format for the show. When asked about what advice she could give both the hearing and the deaf based on her own experiences, she suggested that it was of primary importance to "develop a sense of humor". Ruth and Don are members of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf. Rev. Robert Muller.



MOTHER AND DAUGHTER ALSO SERVING...Mrs. Clark Bailey and daughter, Karen, prove themselves as reliable helpmates to Rev. Bailey. She plays the organ while the deaf choir "sings" in unison. Karen helps setting up the song sheets for her mother and using the light projector on the wall for the deaf's convenience to follow in singing.

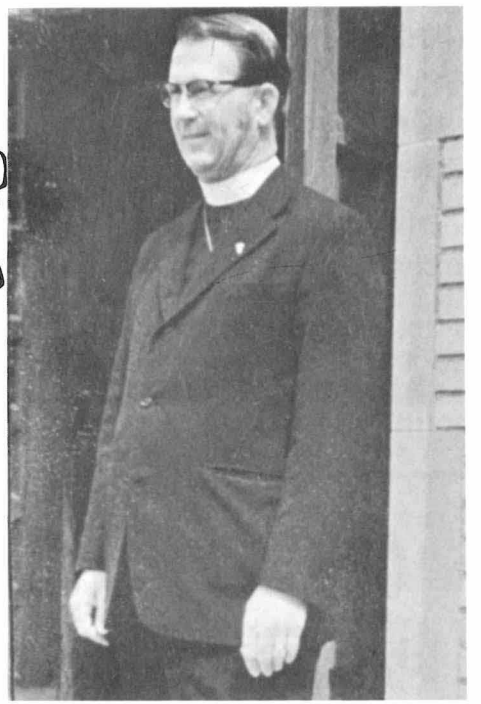
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New LLTI graduate, lay minister George Perry, was installed August 4th to serve the deaf in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

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A special ground-breaking ceremony for the new additions at the Ohio Home for the Aged Deaf in Westerville will be on Sunday, October 20th. at 1:30 PM. A beautiful new complex of buildings is planned to serve the deaf of Ohio. This is the beginning of a dream for many of Ohio's deaf who have worked hard to make this project a success.

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THE NEW PASTOR SERVING.. Rev. Clark Bailey assumed his duties on March 17, 1974 as pastor of Our Savior's Church of the Deaf (Detroit mission). He is a veteran with 20 years working with the deaf and is very versatile in various areas of church work

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Sign language ranks third as a foreign language in the U.S. Just under 500,000 deaf persons use sign language. Research connected with proposed federal legislation to include deaf persons in the Bi-lingual Courts Act, disclosed this information. Users of Spanish in the U.S. number 4 1/2 million; 631,000 speak Italian. The third "other language" is sign language, followed by French 414,000; German, 251,000 and Yiddish, 126,000. ILDA is urging our church schools and colleges to offer sign language as a credit course!

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Memphis, Tenn. (Eternal Mercy)...Just purchased a second church bus. The color of this one is white. We will try for a third bus soon and hope it will be blue so with our present red and new white one, we will be the most patriotic deaf church in America. \*\*\*\*\* Cedar Rapids, Iowa... Word of God Lutheran C. will dedicate a new church building on Sun. Oct. 27th. Springfield Seminary Candidate Robert Rowland was installed Aug. 18th to serve the Central Ill Field with Pastor O. Anderson. Pastor Rowland will also serve on the faculty of the Springfield Seminary in the Audio-Visual Department.

# A Symphony Without Sound

By Meta Luetzow

I rested on the daveno after a very busy morning, listening to my favorite records on the stereo. Music relaxes me and I forgot the tiredness in my body as I listened once again to the haunting melody of a famous symphony.

Then, like a shadow crossing the room, the little ache that came into my heart so often the past year, plagued me again and my mind whirled round and round as I tried to think of a way to describe the sound of the music I loved so well to my newly found deaf friends.

I wondered if it was possible to put into words so the deaf would understand, the beautiful sounds I was hearing? Could I explain to those who live in a world of silence, what the music and orchestra sound like? Would they "hear" if I used picture language describing God's creation as a symphony?

I am often reminded of the things God created when I listen to certain selections of music. Beethoven's "Pastoral Symphony" reminds me of the sun rise, and suddenly seeing the sky become alive with color filling the whole earth with its warmth and glow.

Sometimes a symphony with its changes of mood and rhythm would be like a sunset over a body of water, dropping suddenly out of sight and yet still there stirring my soul with it's crescendo of color covering everything in its path.

A sunset of deep red, rippling on the waters of Puget Sound, playing a melody all its own. Fading into a shade of rose and orchid and rising slowly to the top of snow-covered Mr. Rainier, making the whole mountain blush a rosy glow of pink. It changes and like the melody of a symphony it is constantly moving.

Each instrument picking up the music until the song seems to be heard everywhere; like the sun turning the city on the waterfront into pure gold and then fading into the night and all is still; as if the creator like the conductor lay down his baton and the song is ended.

In each symphony there is usually one melody hidden somewhere in the music, a melody so beautiful you don't want it to end. The touch of a babies hand on my face reminds me of such a melody. Tiny hands so tender and soft, caressing my face with love in each touch, sending a thrill of happiness over my whole being.

Walking through the forest on a quiet summer evening also reminds me of such a melody. Everything in God's creation bringing out the melody to feel and touch, to see and enjoy, for God was remembering you my deaf brethren when He created all things. He was giving you the "melody" to enjoy too.

The feel of wind making the trees bow gracefully in their full skirts of green. Wheat fields moving like ocean swells. Leaves and blossoms floating gently down, kissing the earth and rising swiftly to find a place to rest. Clouds moving in varied patterns across the sky. Rivers and streams flowing down to the sea and snow flakes dancing to and fro. All creation in beauty and movement describing "a symphony without sound."

Each composer like the artist puts his innermost feelings and life into the piece he is creating. Through the music we can hear the composers dreams, his hopes, his anger, his despair, his triumphs, all portrayed through the many instruments that make up the orchestra.

The woodwinds and strings, like the beauty and movement of God's creation expressing the melody and main theme of the symphony; the brass, cymbals and drums providing the depth, power and excitement to the music, like powerful forces of nature adding might and mystery in God's world of beauty.

Mountains reaching high in the sky, with waterfalls cascading down its steep slopes, forming whirlpools of water rushing over rocks and ridges. Flashes of lightning bringing storm clouds and winds to stir up mighty ocean waves. Winds of hurricane force bringing torrential rains in the jungle and raging blizzards across the plains, all joining in to show you the whole melody you can't hear, but one you can see.

Although some of you might proclaim as one deaf lady proclaimed, "You could write us ten thousand words to describe sound and music and we still would not hear one sound."

Perhaps she is right, yet I have a feeling some of you do understand "music". Not the music I hear, but a "music" that comes out as you sign in your beautiful Language of Signs, for I see beauty and rhythm in your hands in each

word you sign to me. I see it in your face and expressions for your eyes see far more than my eyes see.

Now you must be content to "hear" a symphony without sound, but someday you too will hear a song far more perfect than any song I could hear. Then my heart will be glad and I will seek you out to watch the joy that will fill your heart when you stand with all believers and hear and sing for the first time, the song of all songs as found in Revelations 7:12 when John wrote, *Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.*

## Handicapped, But He's A Winner!

LEARY -- Georgia's Acreage Winner in the 1972 Money-Maker Peanut Club is a man who prefers to emphasize what he can do instead of what he can't.

Bill Jordan Jr. has a college degree in forestry, a wife and two children, and he farms nearly 3,000 acres of peanuts. Yet strangely enough, some people would call him handicapped.

Thirty years ago Jordan was born a deaf mute, but he does not consider himself handicapped simply because he cannot hear. With one or two possible exceptions, he probably grows more peanuts than any other person in Georgia and possesses as much knowledge about row crop production as any other grower in the state.

JORDAN RECENTLY was named the Georgia Acreage Winner in the Money-Maker Club with a yield average of 4,583 pounds of peanuts per acre of 242 acres of his total 1,363 acre allotment.

An expert lip reader, Jordan attended Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis for nine years as a child and then graduated from Abraham Baldwin College and the University of Georgia.

Jordan took over the sprawling Calhoun County farming enterprise when his father, the late state Sen. Harvey Jordan, died. Today he operates the Jordan farm in a highly efficient manner despite what some people might call a handicap.

"I'd like for you to include the fact that I'm a deaf mute in the story," Jordan said. "It will show others that mine was no handicap."

Jordan chose to study forestry in college because, as he describes it, "Daddy asked me to learn forestry to use on our timber. He taught me row-cropping."

Last year irrigation played a big role in the 4,583 pounds per acre yield which made him the high acre award winner in the Money-Maker Peanut Club. A center-pivot, circular-type irrigation system was installed during the fall of 1971 and was used to irrigate a 242-acre circle which produced the winning yield.

THE AVERAGE YIELD on his entire allotment was only slightly above 2,000 pounds per acre, and he considers this pretty good in view of the extremely dry weather last year.

Following his success with irrigation last year, Jordan added more irrigation systems this past fall and will be able to add supplement water to 502 acres this year. Addition of these extra systems will give him crop rotation capabilities which he considers important because of the wide range of crops grown on his soils.

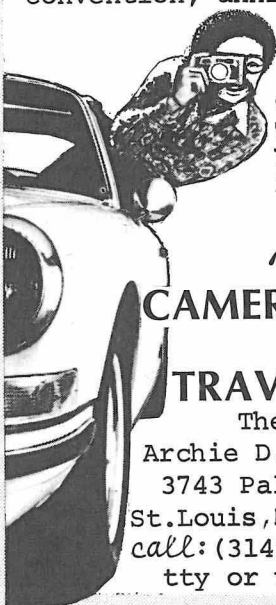
Plans this year call for 1,000 acres of soybeans, 250 acres of corn and 175 acres of snapbeans. Perhaps this planting season will even yield another award winning crop for a man who prefers to do the most with what he has.

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A movie buff was quietly enjoying an X-rated flick when the fellow in the next seat exclaimed, "In thirty years, I haven't seen anything like this!" "You've been a movie fan for thirty years?" "No, a gynecologist."

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