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Mission Work at the Lutheran Hospital Vicksburg, Mississippi



DEACONESS MARY ARBEITER teaching colored and white polio children at the "Sunday School" which meets on Saturday afternoon. The children eagerly listen to the Bible stories, sing and learn to pray — many for the first time.

KOREA THE POWER OF THE BIBLE

An early Bible Society man in China spent his vacations in Korea. He used to take his Bibles on his trips. He brought his Bibles to Korea in 1873. It was not long before the authorities heard of this and proceeded to set fire to the ship, on which he had come, for Bibles were not allowed in Korea. Mr. Thomas—that was his name—was killed. But the deed was done—the Bibles had washed ashore from the ship.

A young Korean who was walking along the shore, found one of these Bibles, which was written in Chinese, and took it home with him. This was something of real interest, he thought, as he knew the book had been forbidden in Korea; he rushed home to tell his brothers. He also told his relatives in secret about this book, and they studied the New Testament together. This was the beginning of Christianity in Pyongyang.

A UN officer said the first Sunday after Pyongyang was liberated the most striking thing happened. The streets were filled with people carrying their Bibles to church. He said it was the most outstanding thing he had seen in Korea.

—Bible Society Record.

I SERVE AT OUR LUTHERAN HOSPITAL IN VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

"I want to go to church." "Miss Mary, when do we have Sunday School again?" These words from the mouths of the little colored and white polio patients at the Lutheran Hospital of Vicksburg, Mississippi, make me thankful to God many times for being privileged to serve the Lord in this new mission in Dixie.

Through the direction of God I came to Vicksburg after my consecration as a Lutheran deaconess. Here with divine help I am employing the energy and the talents which Christ has given me. My duties and activities are quite varied and interesting, and often very heart-warming. Working very closely with Chaplain Hoffmann and the student assistant, my heart is filled with joy when the blessing of the Lord is very evident in the spiritual ministry of the Chaplain's office.

Much of my time is spent at my desk and typewriter. Daily a number of letters cross the Chaplain's desk. Perhaps it's a mother

seeking help for an invalid child. Or it may be a request for the Chaplain to speak at a rally so that more people may learn of the two-fold healing program of the Hospital. Or it may be a request for the Hospital film. Or anxious parents may want to know the condition of their child who has been stricken with polio. So my day begins with, "Mary, how about taking a letter?" and ends with "Very cordially yours."

I also work with the student nurses as social director and part-time faculty member. But the most enjoyable part of my hospital work is the "Sunday School" which is held on Saturday afternoon. Both colored and white children attend and eagerly listen to the Bible stories, sing, and learn to pray,—many of them for the first time.

On Sunday morning and Wednesday worship services are conducted by the chaplain for the Hospital patients. This entails moving apparatus into the polio ward and setting up chairs. Then with the help of the student nurses we bring the patients in wheelchairs, or on stretchers, if they are not ambulatory.

Immediately following these services, services are held in the Nurses' Home, the temporary worship center for Messianic congregation. Since the congregation has been organized, I have had the added advantage of doing some parish work, such as keeping church records, superintending the Sunday school, and playing the organ. Although still in its infancy, the congregation is growing steadily. A Ladies' Guild has recently been organized and it is my honor to serve as secretary-treasurer.

It is only with the promises of the Bible, "With God nothing shall be impossible," that I feel that I can serve as the deaconess at the Lutheran Hospital. Without taking God by the hand, it is difficult to enter the room of a suffering patient and to give encouragement and comfort through prayer and the promises of God's Holy Word.

—Mary Arbeiter.

STUDENTS PRESENT THE DEACONESS PROGRAM

Our student deaconesses are very desirous of addressing women's groups or Walther Leagues on the Deaconess Program. Why not give the student from your vicinity the opportunity to address your ladies' aid?

DONATIONS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To help worthy students prepare for the diaconate, we need liberal support of our scholarship fund. About \$7,000 was allotted as scholarship help during the past school year. We are deeply grateful to the following fellow-Lutherans who remembered our scholarship fund during the past three months:

Mr. and Mrs. J. Woessner, Byram, Conn.	\$100.00
Trinity, Glidden, Wisconsin	50.00
LWML, Northwest Circuit, Iowa	150.00
Mrs. Louise Wanda, Fort Wayne, Ind.	5.00
Mrs. Frank Gronemeyer, St. Albans, N. Y.	2.00
Frieda Otto, Alta, Iowa	2.00
Trinity Ladies' Aid, St. Joseph, Mich.	175.00
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Oakmont, Pa.	100.00
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Saginaw, Mich.	150.00
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PLACEMENT OF 1952 GRADUATES

The Committee on Deaconess Graduate Placement, consisting of Pastors Walter Klausing and E. H. Albers, President O. P. Kretzmann, Dr. Luther Koepke, Mrs. Sylvia Trautmann, and Rev. Arnold Krentz made the following placements of the 1952 class:

Miss Valda Dierks, Parish Work, Bethel Lutheran Church, University City, Mo.

Miss Dolores Hackwelder, St. Louis City Mission, St. Louis, Mo.

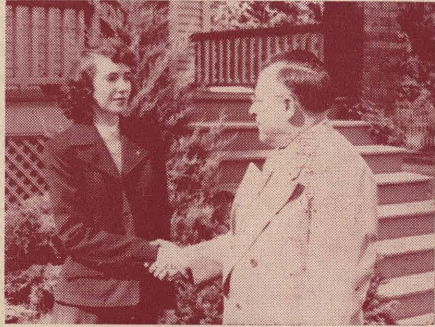
Miss Evelyn Middelstadt, Lutheran Child Welfare, Minneapolis, Minn.; expects to earn her Master's degree in social work before entering service.

Miss Anita Rentz, Lutheran Child Welfare, Natick, Massachusetts.

Miss Dorothy Stanke, Parish Work, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Rochester, N. Y.

Unfortunately, many applications for Deaconess graduates could not be supplied because of the limited number of deaconess graduates available. In 1953 Deaconess graduates will be available both in January and in June.

We wish these graduates of the Deaconess Program God's richest blessings in their new fields of labor.



MR. S. J. ROTH, Superintendent of Lutheran Schools, Michigan District, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, congratulates Miss DOROTHY STANKE on June 29 after her consecration in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, East Detroit, Michigan. Deaconess Stanke will serve as a parish deaconess in the congregation of Dr. C. A. Behnke, Rochester, New York

CONSECRATIONS OF TWO 1952 GRADUATES

A commendable custom is to consecrate our deaconess candidates before they enter service. Such a consecration during a regular divine service is quite impressive. Also, the congregation receives considerable information on the deaconess program in the sermon delivered at the rite of consecration.

On June 22 Miss Dolores Hackwelder was consecrated in her home congregation, Redeemer Lutheran, Oakmont, Pennsylvania. Pastor L. Granville Leonard assisted in the rite of consecration, and Deaconess Martha Eber pinned on the deaconess cross. After the service Mr. Charles Helwig, president of the congregation, addressed Miss Hackwelder and presented a sizeable check to the Deaconess Association for the promotion of its work. Miss Hackwelder will serve in our St. Louis City Mission under the direction of Pastor Robert Baum.

On June 29 Miss Dorothy Stanke was consecrated in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, East Detroit, Michigan. Pastor W. O. Leitz who had confirmed Miss Stanke assisted in the rite of consecration, and Deaconess Elizabeth Kujawski pinned on the deaconess cross. To help prepare more young women for the diaconate, the congregation raised collections in all three services. Miss Stanke will serve as a parish deaconess in Dr. C. A. Behnke's congregation, Rochester, N. Y.

Rev. A. Krentz, the superintendent of the Lutheran Deaconess Association, preached the consecration sermons.

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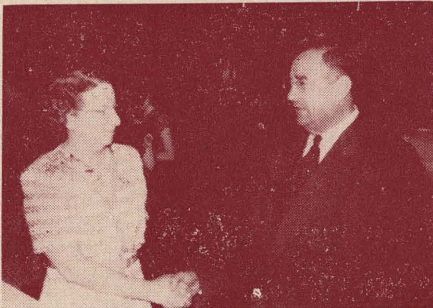
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DR. ARTHUR W. KLINCK, President of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., congratulates DEACONESS LULU NOESS on her Silver Anniversary as a Lutheran Deaconess. For the past ten years Miss Noess has served as girls' counselor and as college nurse.

SUMMER FIELD WORKERS

Highly important in the educational process of our student deaconesses is summer field work. During the summer our students learn by doing, receive valued guidance from experienced pastors and superintendents of our mercy institutions.

As you will notice from the list of our 1952 student summer field workers, several students are being given experiences in child welfare work. This is important since child welfare offers a tremendous challenge to our deaconesses.

We feel that it would be beneficial for our Deaconess training program if more applications would come for summer field workers in parishes. Quite a few more students would gladly have served in parishes this summer, had they received opportunity to do so. Since more and more congregations are asking for deaconess graduates, it is imperative that our deaconesses be given the opportunity to get an understanding of parish work during their student days if they are to serve effectively as parish workers after graduation.

The following students are doing field work this summer:

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Md., Irma Thoele.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., Dorothy Murphy.

St. Louis City Mission, St. Louis, Mo., Shirley Groh.

Camp Arcadia, Arcadia, Michigan, Verne Scheiderer.

Camp Pioneer, Angola, N. Y., Florence McElroy.

Lutheran Old Folks Home, Monroe, Mich., Fern Falkenstein.

Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wis., Mary Andert, Vivian Larsen, Barbara Rupnow, Betty Schmidt, Mary Siegert.

Lutheran Child Welfare, Addison, Ill., Naomi Schubkegel, Lucille Zimmerman.

Lutheran Child Welfare, Indianapolis, Ind., Ardele Stodieck, Eleanor Weidner.

Lutheran Child Welfare, West Roxburg, Mass., Marilyn Schulz.

Lutheran Child Welfare, Staten Island, N. Y., Eunice Weidner.

Prior to her service at Concordia College, Miss Noess served as a nurse and then as superintendent of nurses at our Lutheran Hospital, Alamosa, Colorado



Four Silver Anniversary Deaconesses. From left to right, DEACONESS CLARA STREHLOW, now serving as parish Deaconess, Grace Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Mo.; DEACONESS ERNA HECK, who serves at Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wis.; DEACONESS IDA STOLTE, who serves in the Home for Aged Lutherans, Wauwatosa, Wis.; and DEACONESS LULU NOESS, now college nurse at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill. Three other Silver Anniversary Deaconesses were unable to be present for the testimonial dinner: Deaconess Louise Moehlenbrock, supervisor at the Home for the Aged, Monroe, Mich., Deaconess Henrietta Nanke, What Cheer, Iowa, and Deaconess Johanna Schmidt, Velva, N. Dak.

SEVEN SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

Seven deaconesses: the Misses Erna Heck, Louise Moehlenbrock, Henrietta Nanke, Lulu Noess, Johanna Schmidt, Ida Stolte, and Clara Strehlow were consecrated in 1927 and are therefore celebrating their silver anniversary this year as deaconesses in our Church.

Special cognizance of this epoch-making event was taken on June 26 by a testimonial dinner held in St. Paul's Parish Hall, Melrose Park, Illinois. Since the Deaconess Conference was in session at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois, at the time, all deaconesses attending Conference were able to be present.

The main speaker of the evening was the Rev. Paul Kluender who had confirmed one of the celebrants, Deaconess Lulu Noess in his former congregation in Dakota. Prof. E. E. Foelber, member of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Deaconess Association, served as the toastmaster. Prof. Foelber had helped prepare Miss Noess for the diaconate by serving as teacher at the deaconess school in connection with the Lutheran Hospital, Hot Springs, S. Dak.

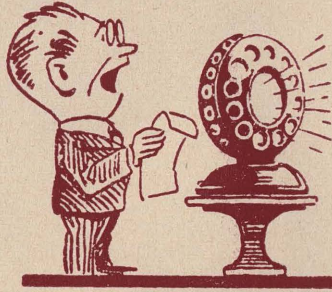
These seven deaconesses have rendered approximately 150 years of service in city missions, Indian missions, child welfare, homes for the aged, parishes, Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wisconsin, and the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, Detroit, Michigan.

The Rev. H. B. Kohlmeier, Superintendent Emeritus, was a guest of honor at the dinner. Rev. A. Krentz gave a summarized report of the services rendered by these silver anniversary deaconesses.

It may be of interest to know that in 1927 there were four deaconess schools within the Synodical Conference located in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Watertown and Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and Hot Springs, South Dakota. In 1935 the schools in Watertown and Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, were consolidated with the school in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and in 1943 deaconess education was transferred to Valparaiso University.

This testimonial dinner will long remain a pleasant memory to all who were privileged to attend.

STATION LDA



TUNE IN

● Recently while we were driven 50 miles to catch a train after having preached in the Midwest, we noticed a fine herd of Hereford cattle along the road. We commented on this fact, whereupon the owner of the cattle said: "That herd of cattle is worth about \$30,000." We scratched our head and thought that is \$5,000 more than the entire budget of our Deaconess Association for this fiscal year.

● She sat across from us in the railroad coach. Although the coach was very crowded, no one sat next to her. You see, she did not happen to have the same skin color as others in that coach. A little later we saw this young lady reading her New Testament. We arched our eyebrows and thought: It would have been an honor to sit beside this Christian lady for all those who walked past the vacant half of her seat. At any rate, the Church ought to be color-blind.

● Miss Betty Wulf was a member of our 1946 class in "Principles of Religious Education" at Valparaiso University. She was a student who gladdens the heart of a teacher, modest, determined, analytical, goal-directed. After her graduation, she volunteered for mission service in India. In a tragic plane accident she met her death in India on April 30, while bound for her vacation. "And now her witness is on high, and now her record's in the sky." We shall never forget this sainted young lady.

● By all means read the revealing article by Deaconess Mary Arbeiter on her work at our Lutheran Hospital in Vicksburg, Mississippi. She is the assistant to Chaplain Kenneth Hoffmann. After Miss Arbeiter completed the two-year pre-deaconess course at St. John's College, Winfield, Kansas, she

came to Valparaiso University to complete her deaconess course and was graduated in 1951. How did she happen to take up deaconess work? We preached in Murphysboro, Illinois, a few years ago, which gave her the idea of the glorious opportunity to serve our Church as a deaconess, and Pastor E. H. Bohrer, now Mission Director of the North Dakota District, encouraged her to take up this work.

● Miss Evelyn Middelstadt, 1952 deaconess graduate of Valparaiso University, has been given a scholarship by the Lutheran Children's Friend Society, Minneapolis, Minnesota, so that she can study on for her Master's degree at the University of Minnesota in Social Work. In this way she will become a recognized social worker. We like the idea of having deaconesses, who intend to go into child welfare work, study on to acquire their Master's degree. Thanks, Pastor Glabe.

● You have just read how one deaconess will go into child welfare work, how another deaconess is doing spiritual work in a Lutheran Hospital. This is what makes deaconess service appealing: So many different kinds of service are open to the deaconess. She may serve in a parish, in city mission work, in foreign mission work, at Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wisconsin, at the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, Detroit, Michigan, in child welfare, in a home for aged Lutherans, in a hospital or health center, in Indian Mission, and so on.

SHIRLEY GROH ATTENDS WASHINGTON SEMINAR

Miss Shirley Groh, a Junior student deaconess at Valparaiso University, attended the third annual Washington Seminar for students from Lutheran colleges, universities, theological and deaconess schools. The purpose of this Seminar was to acquaint the students with the working of our national government.

Miss Groh reported that she heard Dean Acheson speak, visited the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Pentagon. The meeting closed with an enthusiastic evaluation session by the Rev. Oswald C. Hoffmann, Director of Public Relations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. To our student deaconess the whole experience proved broadening, informative, challenging.



Evening Devotion of Student Deaconesses, Chapter House, Valparaiso, Ind. Because of congested conditions some students cannot be seen who sit in the dining room, others sit on the floor in the reception room to save space.

LUTHERAN DEACONESS CONFERENCE

(Synodical Conference)

River Forest, Illinois - June 25-27

Eph. 6:7

Conference Motto: With Good Will Doing
Service

Wednesday, June 25, 1952

1:30 PM Opening Devotion.

Rev. Paul Roeder

1:45 PM Address of Welcome.

Dr. Arthur Klinck

1:55 PM Response. Deaconess Dorothy Gohr

2:05 PM President's Address.

Deaconess Lulu Noess

2:15 PM Life in Old Testament Times.

Dr. Arthur Klinck

3:15 PM Business

4:00 PM Adjournment

7:20 PM Deaconess Forum and Talent Night

Thursday, June 25, 1952

9:30 AM Devotion. Rev. H. B. Kohlmeier

9:45 AM Effective Teaching of the First-
Year Confirmation Class

Deaconess Clara Strehlow

10:30 AM Winning Souls for Christ.

Mr. Arthur H. Knopp

11:15 AM Business and Adjournment

1:30 PM Devotion. Prof. E. E. Foelber, M.A.

1:45 PM Personal Evangelism.

The Rev. Phillip Lange

2:30 PM Sentence Sermons from the Bible

Useful for a Deaconess.

Deaconess Grace Pomerence

3:00 PM How the Pension Plan Works.

The Rev. Oscar Fedder

6:00 PM Testimonial Dinner for Silver An-

niversary Deaconesses. St. Paul's

Lutheran Parish Hall, Melrose

Park

Friday, June 27, 1952

8:30 AM Devotion. Dr. John F. Choitz

8:45 AM Exceptional Children.

Dr. John F. Choitz

9:45 AM Historical Survey of the Three

Ecumenical Creeds.

Deaconess Kathleen Gaudian

10:30 AM Deaconess Service in India.

Mrs. Gertrude Stelter

11:15 AM Business and Adjournment



The Rev. H. H. BACKS is shown installing officers of the Deaconess Auxiliary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. The officers, left to right from Rev. Backs are MISS PAULINE KRUDOP, president; MRS. ARNOLD KRENTZ, vice-president; MRS. FRANK GITTER, serving committee. The Auxiliary grants an annual deaconess scholarship and furnishes equipment for the Deaconess Chapter House, Valparaiso, Indiana

HOW OUR STUDENTS EARNED MONEY FOR THE FUTURE DEACONESS CHAPTER HOUSE

Our 43 students at Valparaiso realize the pressing need of a new dormitory to house their growing number. The capacity of the Chapter House and the Annex is 27 girls. The overflow must be housed in private homes. It is obvious that this breaks the solidarity of the group and makes it difficult for the House Director, Mrs. Sylva Trautmann, to counsel these scattered students, some of whom live several blocks from the Chapter House.

So that they might do their share for the new Chapter House, our student deaconesses, Pi Delt, as they call themselves, decided to start a dorm fund collection. Team I was made up of the girls living in the Chapter House; Team II were the girls living in the Annex and Team III were the girls living in private homes.

Before going home for their Easter vacation, it was decided that each Pi Delt should earn \$1.00 for the dorm fund during vacation. Here are brief reports of unique ways in which some of the students earned their dollars. Minnesota girl: "I scrubbed the dirtiest floor in town." Massachusetts girl: "I dead-body sat." New York girl: "I cleaned blinds on 12 windows." Ohio girl: "I washed a whole car." California girl: "I helped a lady clean cupboards for

Passover." New York girl: "I baby-sat with a restless youngster." Wisconsin girl: "I cut 10 heads of hair at 10c a head." Missouri girl: "I dusted appliances in my brother's shop." Indiana girl: "I delivered some cuts on ads for my father."

Girls, we admire your resourcefulness in gathering \$72.01 for our new building. We hope ladies' aids and others will follow your lead in working hard for our new Chapter House so sorely needed.

SPEAKING IN SEVEN DIFFERENT STATES

Life is a glorious adventure. That especially, when one is privileged to present the Deaconess Program to many of our Fellow Lutherans by sermon and lecture.

It so happened that during the month of June we had the opportunity to speak on our Deaconess Cause at seven different occasions in seven different states, as listed below:

- June 1, Freeman, South Dakota
- June 8, Washington, Missouri
- June 11, De Witt, Iowa
- June 12, Waynedale, Indiana
- June 15, Cleveland, Ohio
- June 22, Oakmont, Pennsylvania
- June 29, East Detroit, Michigan

We are deeply grateful to the pastors who gave us the opportunity to preach in their congregations or invited us to speak at a Ladies' Aids Rally.