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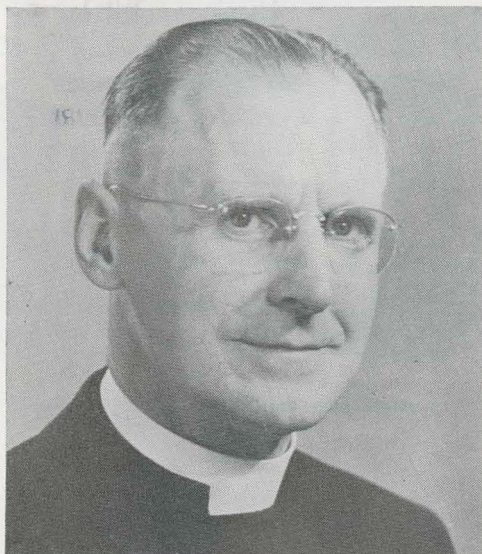
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1961 Deaconess Graduates Valparaiso University



Third row, left to right: Jackie Haug, Elizabeth, Illinois; Betty Bader, St. Libory, Neb.; Pat Astalos, Monroe, Mich.; Sharon Thompson, Wyandotte, Mich.; Second row: Dolores Seyfert, Humboldt, Kan.; Lucy Wiese, Geneseo, Ill.; Margaret Heine, Garden City, Kan.; Edith Hovey, Westlake, Ohio; Gretchen Gaver, Columbus, Neb.; Barbara Amt, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Maureen Smith, Midland, Mich.; Joan Cole, Overland, Mo.; First row: Laurie Gruenbeck, Lakeland, Fla.; Pat Downey, New Rochelle, N.Y.; Winifred Messner, Williston Park, N.Y.; Pat Martin, Forest Park, Ill.; Beverly Rear don, Fargo, N. Dak.; Lila Zingerline, Auburn, N. Y.



DIRECTOR KRENTZ

Early on the morning of Wednesday, March 15 it pleased the Lord to call a halt to the labors of our Executive Director for almost twenty years, the Rev. Arnold F. Krentz. He had been ill for some time and in spite of that still tried to keep up in his enthusiastic energy with the program as it developed.

His enthusiasm and dedication to the cause is well known to those of us associated with the LDA, so much so that he was often referred to as "Mr. Deaconess." Under the blessings of God, it was during his administration that the training of Deaconesses developed and grew into the expanded program which it now enjoys with training headquarters at Valparaiso University and auxiliary training available at our Junior Colleges in the United States and Canada.

Only eternity will reveal all that has been accomplished during his administration to the Glory of God and the welfare of countless numbers of souls. It behooves us to continue with the same dedication and zeal the work so definitely advanced by him and so blessed under the Hand of God.

Funeral services were conducted at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, where Pastor Krentz held membership with the Pastor, the Rev. Herbert Lindemann, conducting the service. Pastor George Maassel, First Vice-President of the Cen-

tral District, represented President Ottomar Krueger and expressed the sympathy of the District. The Lutheran Deaconess Association was represented by the Rev. Edgar H. Albers, President of the Association, and Valparaiso University was represented by Prof. Kenneth F. Korby. The honors of a Christian burial at the new Concordia Cemetery were given by Pastor Lindemann.

Surviving Pastor Krentz are: his wife, Magdalene Droegemoeller Krentz; three sons, the Rev. Arno Krentz, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Cleveland, the Rev. Edgar Krentz, associate professor and librarian at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and Richard Krentz, a Mobile, Ala. businessman; a daughter, Miss Agnes Krentz, a Gary teacher; his mother, Mrs. Freda Miller, Cumberland, Wis.; two brothers, Walter, Los Angeles, and George, Frederick, Wis.; a sister, Mrs. Esther Jeppesen, Minneapolis, and nine grandchildren.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth."

INDIVIDUAL HELPS NOBUKO

We wish to thank Mr. Howard C. Huber of Cincinnati, Ohio who has sent in a total of \$260.00 to help finance Nobuko Sasaki's year at Valpo. We had \$5.00 per week arrive regularly until one day, a few months ago, we received the final larger check to complete the amount which Mr. Huber had pledged last summer.

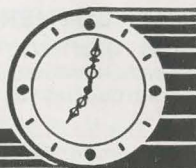
We are happy to report that Nobuko is doing very fine work at the University. However, because of the language problem, she will find it necessary to study another semester and possibly another school year in order to complete the religion requirements. The Board of Directors of the Lutheran Deaconess Association has authorized this study.

Since she will be spending more time than planned in the United States, some additional financial help is needed. We wish to thank all those who have given.

OUR REQUESTS

More and more of our Christians are planning to remember a cause such as the Lutheran Deaconess Association in their last will and testament. Would you like to help in this way? Write 3714 for more information.

The Deaconess' Day



"Lord, teach us to pray"! With these words, we began our VBS last summer. This also was the theme of our Vacation Bible School.

I would like to share a few ideas with you that I found very helpful.

PRAY for the Lord's guidance in your plans.

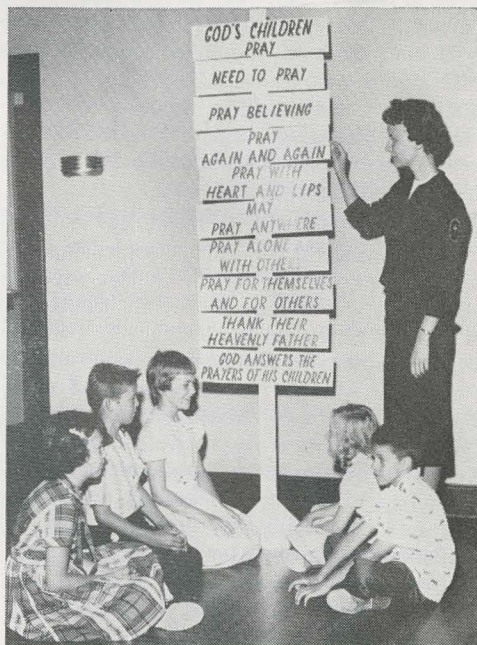
PLAN early! February is the time to choose the dates your VBS will be held. Work with your Board of Education, if possible, in planning your VBS.

I chose my teaching staff about three months prior to our sessions. We got together for the first time two months prior when we attended an area workshop. Each teacher attended the department to which she was assigned. Our handicraft teachers had an opportunity to see demonstrations on the handicraft projects. They also conducted model classes so the teachers could get new ideas. It was a terrific help in getting everyone interested in preparing for our VBS.

About this time, it is good to work up a prospect list built on last year's registration cards. During the coming months, calls can be made on these prospects.

PREPARE your teachers by conducting VBS meetings at which time objectives and plans can be made. I held two meetings in which the staff and I went over each lesson. These meetings were held one month prior at two week intervals. During these meetings I took opportunity to present audio visual aids to the teachers to be used in their classes for more effective teaching. I also gave object lesson demonstrations. Give your teachers ideas to work with!

PUBLICIZE the dates of your VBS early! Send the article to your local paper and put it in your Sunday Bulletin. I had the junior Walther Leaguers hang door-knob reminders for our VBS two weeks prior. At this time also, I sent cards to prospective children. An article was sent to the paper concerning our closing program. The week before, I called many children and asked



them to attend and at the same time I enrolled several of them.

PROCEED with the Lord's guidance and you will experience joy in presenting these children with the precious Word of God. I conducted the opening service each day. There is great missionary opportunity in the closing service.

PRESENT the statistics of your VBS. Let people see how many unchurched children are reached. The missionary importance of VBS can never be underestimated.

There is no real device or schedule that will make your VBS a success. Success comes through hard work, fervent prayer, devotion to your work and all this under the hand and blessing of God.

May the Lord bless your efforts this year in helping the children grow strong in the faith that Jesus, the Son of God, is the Friend of sinners and help them to develop the desire to live in thankful service to Him.

Deaconess Marlene Birkholz
Tonawanda, New York

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CHANGES! CHANGES!

In the interest of good stewardship of time, talent, and treasure on the part of all concerned, financial aid in the form of tuition remission by Valparaiso University to students in deaconess training at the University will no longer be granted (this does not pertain to those students now enrolled in Deaconess training at Valparaiso). Neither will the LDA **automatically** give financial aid to any student in deaconess training. Financial aid, however, will be available, God willing, for those who require it; requests for aid are to be made to the school involved and to the LDA. Scholarship and need, objectively determined, will be the chief evaluating factors.

Another change in the interest of good order is that application for enrollment in the Deaconess training program is no longer to be made to the LDA and the school involved, but is to be made only to the school, whether Valparaiso (Freshman year) or one of our Junior colleges. For further information please feel free to write the LDA.

DEACONESS-PASTOR'S WIFE WORKS IN INNER CITY CHURCH

The "Winter, 1960" issue of the **Correspondent** carried the following: "A full-time deaconess organizes the large Sunday School and assists the pastors in about everything but preaching." She is the wife of Pastor Donald Becker of First Immanuel Lutheran Church of Chicago.

LDA MEMBERSHIPS

Membership in the Lutheran Deaconess Association is \$2.00 per year. Anyone interested please write 3714 S. Hanna.

DEACONESS CONFERENCE

The Annual Deaconess Conference of the deaconesses of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod will be held July 3, 4, 5 at Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, New York.

All consecrated Deaconesses, active and inactive, and any other interested persons are invited to attend. For details regarding registration, please contact Deaconess Evelyn Middelstadt, Lutheran Social Services Inc., 1414 N. Hillside, Wichita 14, Kansas.

This year's program includes discussions of the different types of religious teaching that a Deaconess does, Bible Study every morning, and many opportunities for Christian fellowship.

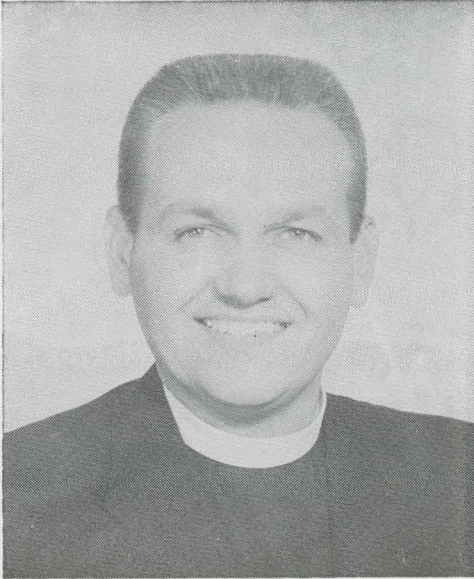
An important item of discussion in the business meetings will be the formation and effectiveness of Area Conferences. Because of recent emphasis on this topic, many new area Conferences which meet monthly or bi-monthly have been formed in the past year.

Another important area of discussion will be that of recruitment of more qualified young women and how the Deaconess in the field can help in this important task.

Following the official end of the Conference, those who are interested can participate in a "Day on the Town" in New York City.

25 YEARS IN AFRICA

Deaconess Marilyn Siewert, teacher at Timothy Lutheran School, Nigeria, is very busy at present preparing the children for the big Jubilee Service which is to be held at Obot Idim on April 25 commemorating twenty-five years of mission work in Nigeria. As a memorial of this occasion an offering will be received towards a chapel which is sorely needed at Obot Idim. On the compound is the high school with three hundred students, the seminary with forty students, but no worship facilities; not even a suitable hall where daily devotions or Sunday services can be held. The missionaries have themselves collected \$10,000 towards this purpose. They look for a generous response also from their friends in America. The chapel which will seat about six-hundred people is to be erected during the Jubilee Year.



Pastor Arne P. Kristo

THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF TRAINING BECOMES A REALITY

Pastor Arne Kristo of the Church of Saint Mark, Port Credit, Ontario, Canada, has accepted the call to become Director of Training of the Lutheran Deaconess Association. This is a newly created post that has been necessitated by the growth of the program of the Association.

Pastor Kristo's responsibilities in his new position will include supervising the field work program of the LDA, establishing a closer liaison with the Deaconess students at Junior Colleges, advising the deaconess students at the University, and other duties cognizant with the training program.

Pastor Kristo will also assume teaching duties with the University.

Detroit, Michigan, is the former home of Pastor Kristo. He graduated from Wayne State University in June, 1942, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. In July, 1945, he graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, with a Bachelor of Divinity Degree.

Pastor Kristo began his service in the Kingdom at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Harbor City, California. There he organized the congregation and saw a church building become a reality.

In 1953 he accepted the call to his present charge in Port Credit, Canada, where he has

also organized the congregation and guided them in the erection of the church building.

He is at the present time Vice-President of The Lutheran Church — Canada. He is also Chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the Lutheran Church — Canada, a member of the National Religious Advisory Council of the CBC, a member of the Toronto Chapter of the National Religious Publicity Council, Chairman of the Canadian Council of the English District from 1958 to 1960, and Pastoral Advisor of the English District LWML.

In accepting the call, Pastor Kristo made the following statement, "It will be a privilege for me to be associated with the Lutheran Deaconess Association in the training of women for professional service to Christ and the Church through the office of Deaconess."

THE "WORD" WORKS AT BETHESDA

One of the most pleasant memories of my work at Bethesda concerns a girl named Sue. She was a fine Christian girl with a genuine desire to share her good fortune with others. One day, a very bitter and unhappy girl named Esther was admitted into our ward. She had a vicious temper and a sharp tongue. One of the reasons her family decided on Bethesda was the hope that she would try harder to concentrate on religion and thus learn to love instead of hate.

When Esther, in instruction class, found out that she would be expected to learn the whole catechism, she was very upset.

"I won't do it!" she said bitterly.

"We will help you, and the Lord will too. With His help, who knows what you can do?" I coaxed.

"But how can I?" she cried.

"Well," I said, "One of the big sisters or I will say the lesson and then you repeat what is said."

And that's the way we did it. I helped her with the first few lessons and after that Sue took over. Soon Esther knew the whole catechism by memory.

This is not the end of the story however, for although Esther reached her goal of being confirmed, she also, by seeing and learning developed a new disposition, for she was made new in Christ, her Savior.

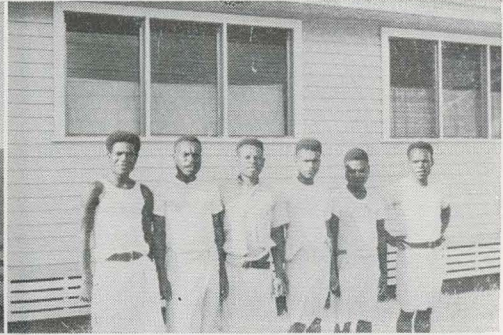
Erna Heck, Ward Mother-Adult Girls



DEACONESS-NURSE IN NEW GUINEA

Deaconess Edith Casson, R.N. sent us the above pictures of her work in New Guinea. The first is taken in the dispensary where a small girl is being treated by Miss Casson. Her father is watching very carefully. Please notice the picture of Christ blessing the children of many nations that hangs in the dispensary where many can see it. Miss Casson writes this is a favorite picture of all at the mission.

Above are some of the "doctabois" who are trained to work at the Mambisanda



Hospital. Edith, in her position of Head Nurse at the hospital, which she has just taken over, is responsible for the training of such "Doctabois" and "Doctameris."

The people of New Guinea feel that when a person is close to death, there is nothing that can be done. Therefore it must be impressed on these native workers that 1) medicines and nursing care must be given to all men, women and children who are sick; 2) their people must be taught how to prevent sickness; 3) comfort and encouragement must be given to the chronically ill that their suffering might be eased.

FROM THE FIELD SECRETARY'S DESK

Tomorrow morning I will go to Valpo to "sit in on" the preliminary meeting to place 40 girls as Deaconess graduates and interns. Twenty years ago, when Pastor Krentz first came to Fort Wayne, there were no students to be placed and only three students in the entire program. This, and many other comparisons between "then" and "now," inevitably come to my mind as I compare the program of 20 years ago with the Deaconess Program as we know it today. Man will say that many of these changes were inevitable. The world has changed. The church itself has grown. It is only "natural" that this program should also grow.

As a Christian I have no choice but to say that the Lord made those changes. Twenty years ago, guided by the Holy Spirit, the Lutheran Deaconess Association called Pastor Arnold Krentz to be the Superintendent. The Holy Spirit moved him to accept the call. His first months with the program were so discouraging that he began to think that perhaps he could be used

better some place else. But, as he himself often said, this was the work the Lord wanted him to do. Slowly he began to envision a future for the Deaconess Program. That dream began to come true when the educational program was moved to Valparaiso University. All of the developments that have come since then, have been a part of that future for which he worked so tirelessly.

I had known Pastor Krentz a comparatively short time. I first met him as a student at Valparaiso University. The last year and half of working closely with him and coming to know him, had only reinforced my original liking for him and added a great deal to my respect and admiration for him. The Lord has called him Home. He will be missed by many.

Marilyn Brammeier

CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY

On April 9, 1961, Pastor E. H. Albers of Calvary Lutheran Church in Inpls, Ind., celebrated 25 years in the ministry. He has served as President of the LDA since 1951.



Miss Sharon Thompson and Miss Judy Calkin, Student Service Council Coordinators, meet with Pastor Ronald Goerss, Miss Streblow, and Pastor Edward Wessler, to plan future work of council. Pastor Karl Lutze leads the meeting.



FAITH AND SERVICE IN CHRIST

Here at Valpo we are in the process of learning to become Lutheran Deaconesses. We are trained intellectually in our classes, socially in our experiences with fellow students in Deaconess Hall and on the campus, and practically by such experience as holding devotions at Deaconess Hall.

We also get practical experience by working with what is called the Service Council of Pi Delta Chi. In the past we have done such things as visit the Norman Beatty Hospital in Westville, Ind., a Nursing Home in Valpo, the Lake County Jail, and also the Old Folk's Home. We have participated in canvasses in Chicago and Gary, worked with the Sunday School in Valpo, etc.

This year however, Pi Delta Chi (deaconess student organization) has revamped its Service Council program. In addition to those services mentioned above, we have expanded our program, especially in the area of parish work experience. Since the beginning of the year, students have: worked with Confirmation classes at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Valpo, observ-

ing and teaching with Pastors E. Wessling and Ronald Goerss; worked at Redeemer Lutheran Church in East Gary, Indiana on Saturdays making calls — mission calls especially with Pastor Leonard Fiene; worked on Sundays at Redeemer in East Gary with Confirmation age-Sunday School class also with Pastor Fiene, (there will also soon be a canvass made from this church); doing organ work on Sunday mornings and directing choir and doing Sunday School work (both teaching Sunday School and teaching Sunday School teachers) at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Portage, Indiana with Pastor Tom Streiter (there may be canvassing here in the future and possibly youth work).

We also have one student going every Saturday into Gary to Trinity Lutheran Church working as a Deaconess doing various jobs teaching Confirmation class, directing choir, doing some office work, etc. with Pastor W. E. Wessler.

Since the program is still in its infancy we have been making more plans for the future. The entire purpose of the Service Council which operates within Pi Delta Chi is to provide future Deaconesses with as much practical experience as is possible during their academic career.

The pastors with whom we are working have given generously of their time to
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guide, counsel, and help us in this work. Pastor Karl Lutze, professor in the Religion Department, has given valuable assistance. We have indeed been blessed and wish to share this blessing with all of you who read this. This is one of the ways in which we truly live our motto, "Faith and Service in Christ."

Sharon Thompson
Service Council Coordinator

(Editor's note. The Service Council is a student project and we feel that it shows a fine spirit of initiative. The pastors involved have given willingly of their time.)

WHERE IS BAOH SIU JAY?

Many times a day this question is asked at Haven of Hope TB Sanatorium, an institution for 175 patients, built among the hills 10 miles from Hong Kong. Miss Martha Boss (Baoh Siu Jay), deaconess nurse, is assistant matron here.

Early in the morning, before the rising sun has reached the lofty mountaintops across the bay, "Where is Baoh Siu Jay?" It is time for devotions with the nurses. After devotions, in Chinese, she leaves the dining room, walking through the flower garden. The head nurse from the men's ward rushes out. "Please, Baoh Siu Jay, come at once. Mr. Wong has just had a hemorrhage." Miss Boss goes to the patients behind the screen. She whispers a short prayer and calls the doctor from the dining room.

She walks through the women's ward to see Mrs. Lee, a widow, to tell her that her children will be cared for, thanks to some friends in the States. They sent a donation so that a lady could be hired. Another nurse calls, "Please, Baoh Siu Jay, just come and look at these sheets. They need mending." Miss Boss calls the sewing lady.

In the young women's ward she hears sobbing. Miss Ho feels that life is just not worth living any more. She is the daughter of a rich businessman, one of the few patients who can pay for all her treatments. She is not a Christian — never was interested. But since it seems to make Miss Wei in the next bed so happy, perhaps, she tells Miss Boss, she would now also like to see the Bible woman. Miss Boss is happy that at last Miss Ho seems interested; she has talked to her many times but never with any results.

Outside someone calls: "Where is Baoh Siu Jay? There are visitors in the office who want to see the sanatorium." She will come, but must stop to see Mrs. Kwong first. This woman is in the serious patients' ward. Six weeks before she was brought in as a tubercular drug addict, a skeleton. She is the mother of one of our church members who had been a little ashamed of her, not wanting the evangelist to call. But when our deaconess came back from furlough he asked her to visit his mother. Now that she is here, she looks like a different person, off drugs, and gaining weight. The son has so often thanked Miss Boss for "this wonderful place where you heal both body and soul."

So it continues all day. Finally in the late afternoon she sits at her desk, types records and answers a few letters. Dr. Jenkins, the superintendent, calls, "Miss Boss, where are you? We must check over these plans for the new ward."

After the evening meal Miss Boss walks to the hill in front of the children's ward. Here someday will be the chapel. What a beautiful spot! The mountains in the distance are changing color, the sun has already set. She thanks God for this Haven of Hope to many a sick and weary soul.

Her thoughts wander as she meditates in the peaceful twilight. "How is mother (Mrs. Emilie Boss) in far away Van Wert (Ohio)? Does Lorraine (now Mrs. Sonnenberg of Westminster, Calif., and Parish Deaconess) miss us since resigning from the Hong Kong mission staff?" Her reverie comes to an abrupt end when someone calls her.

"Oh, there you are, Baoh Siu Jay," a nurse from the ward calls. "Please come and listen to the children sing their evening prayers."

"Where is Baoh Siu Jay?" She is out here in Hong Kong doing the work of the Lord.

Clara Seltz — Hong Kong

Editor's note: We want to thank the editor of the LWML quarterly for letting us use the above which appeared in their April issue. Mrs. Seltz as was pointed out, is well qualified to write of this work as she was a deaconess in China before her marriage.