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ERNA BARTSCH

with the group of Indian children she teaches at The Lutheran Mission, Peridot, Arizona.

THE BRIDE WORE BLACK

Such a headline would attract attention almost anywhere. It just does not happen that a bride wears black. Why? She is happy, and black is not a color that denotes joy.

Strange that the Christian religion is so frequently looked upon as something dull and drab. Sometimes when Christians complain about church and Christian functions one feels that they have forgotten that the Church is the bride of Christ and that she does not look well wearing black.

Christianity is a religion of joy, not something neurotic. An integral part of Christian faith and life is joy plus joy. "Rejoice in the Lord alway"—that is our ideal, not to groan and grumble in Christ.

Moreover, it is a privilege to serve Christ as a pastor or deaconess. It's putting a song into your life. It's reflecting a happy face and reaching out helpful hands. It's a hal-lujah-life, a grand, conquering adventure.

MAY I TELL YOU A FEW MISSION STORIES?

Deaconess Rink Touches the Heart with Living Experiences

Won't you join us this morning as we go out to Koch Hospital, the large T. B. sanatorium beyond the city limits of St. Louis? At this hospital there are approximately 575 patients.

As we enter, we go to the information desk to receive the list of names of new admissions to the hospital. Upon entering the room of Judy, one of these new patients, we find her in tears. We could tell that she was a very sick girl and that she did not feel much like talking this morning. So we introduced ourselves and let her know that we were there as a friend. With a short Bible passage we reminded her of Jesus, the best Friend, who stands by ready to help, especially in times of trouble.

From later visits with Judy we discovered that she felt that there was no hope of recovery for her, that she had come to the hospital to die because she didn't want to be a burden to her family. This alone was reason enough to feel discouraged and depressed, but there was a much deeper cause for her depression and despair. Judy felt that God could not forgive her many and grievous sins. She had no peace of mind. Together we studied God's precious promises

of grace and mercy to all who turn to Him for forgiveness. Judy accepted God's invitation and cast her burden of sin and guilt upon the Lord. She spent many hours delving into the Word of God and through this study of His Word she grew in her faith and knowledge of God. Later she was baptized and became a member of the Church. After some major surgery she gradually improved, and some months later she left the hospital to return to her loved ones.

Going to another division in the hospital, we stop to visit with Mildred, another young girl. She was a favorite of the nurses because she had a quiet, unassuming, unselfish way about her that everyone liked, but in her eyes there was an expression of deep sorrow and sadness. She seemed as if a heavy weight was resting upon her. Many a time when we stepped into her room we found her in tears. Her roommate told us that she would cry herself to sleep at night. When we inquired as to the cause of her tears, she evaded the question or remained silent until one day, as we prayed with her that the Lord might grant her that peace of heart and mind which surpasseth all understanding, she broke down and told us her story.

Mildred, like the prodigal son in the Bible story sought only to enjoy the pleasures of this world. As is usually the case, one sin led to another until she became ill and was taken to the hospital. While lying ill here, she found time and opportunity to think of her former life, and she came to the full realization of her sin and guilt. She felt that her sins were too many and too great to be forgiven, that she had committed the unpardonable sin against the Holy Ghost. We read to her John 3:16, where we are told that "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life," and also John 1:29, "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

Mildred clung to these passages of Scripture, and they brought peace and comfort to her troubled conscience and rest to her weary soul. It seemed as if an invisible heavy burden was removed from her. She could once again smile and be happy. She learned to resign her will to the will of the Lord, even though her condition gradually

became worse instead of improving. Mildred asked to become a member of the Church. As often as we visited her during this period of instructions we found Mildred depressed only once. When asked why she was crying, she said, "I was thinking of my little girl and my mother. I may never see them here on earth again." You see they were her only close relatives who were living, and they were so far away and didn't have the means to come to see her. Mildred never saw them again.

The hours that Mildred spent studying and delving into the Word of God were blessed moments for her, during which her faith was greatly strengthened. When she had finished—on the day of her confirmation—tears filled her eyes as she left the altar of the small chapel at the hospital where she pledged allegiance to her Savior, but she hastened to assure us that they were not tears of sadness but rather tears of inexpressible joy and thankfulness for blessings received.

Leaving Koch Hospital and wending our way through the busy city streets to the large Mental Hospital, in which we find 4000 patients, we visit some of the 29 women's divisions.

Upon our request to visit a certain patient there, we are told that she is very ill and much confused. We thought of Romans 1:16, that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, and being convinced that God's Word could also penetrate the darkness and confusion of mental illness, we told the nurse we would like to speak to her if that were permitted.

Mary was much disturbed and restless, but with a little persuasion she sat down in a chair, at first nervously fumbling her hair and clothing while we read a few simple Bible passages to her, such as John 3:16 and others. Among other things we told her that God wrote those words in the Bible for each and every one of us, that He also wrote them for her. Mary gradually became very quiet and listened. She didn't say anything but tears welled in her eyes and rolled down her cheeks while we read and prayed with her. It seemed to calm her fears and soothe her troubled mind. Her tears seemed to be tears of relief rather than tears of distress and anxiety. God's Word had made an impression upon her.

Adeline Rink.



Graduation, Valparaiso University, June 3, with Deaconess Graduate Elizabeth Kujawski towards the right.

INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

Beginning with the fall semester, the Lutheran Deaconess Association will grant Annual Tuition Scholarships of \$175.00 to student deaconesses.

It needs to be reemphasized that gifts to our Scholarship Fund, which will dispense about \$8,500.00 during the next academic year are sorely needed. For that reason we are so deeply grateful to the donors to our Scholarship Fund during the months of April, May, and June. The names of these donors follow.

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**THE REFUGEE CAMP IN
HONG KONG**

Deaconess Gertrude Simon writes in the *Hong Kong-Letter*:

"Confirmation Class is attended by 25. There are 40 in the new Baptism Class. The women's class meets twice weekly with about 18 attending. We learn to sing, read, and tell the Bible story and to recite the catechism. We have over 100 in Sunday School. We have 16 teachers. We use leaflets sent from the States. We are thankful for this wonderful material.

"The students still publish their weekly paper, *The Sunday Weekly*. The material used is to save souls besides telling news from here and Formosa. We send the Paper to our Formosa brothers and sisters."

CONSECRATED, LORD, TO THEE

The 1951 deaconess graduation class requested that each member of the class be consecrated in her home congregation. This request was granted by the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Deaconess Association.

On June 17 Miss Mary Arbeiter was consecrated as a deaconess in Murphysboro, Illinois. Miss Elizabeth Kujawski was consecrated in St. Thomas-St. Peter Church in Detroit, Michigan, on July 1, and a week later Miss Ruth Berg was consecrated in Tavistock, Ontario.

The editor of the *Lutheran Deaconess* preached the consecration sermons and was assisted in the rite of consecration in Murphysboro, Illinois, by Pastor W. T. Janzow; in Detroit, Michigan, by Pastors Chester Thalacker and H. J. Riethmeier; and in Tavistock, Ontario, by Pastor Alfred Stoskopf.

A unique part of the consecration rite is the pinning-on of the deaconess cross, which serves as a symbol of the office of a deaconess. In Murphysboro, Illinois, Mrs. W. C. Boese, former president and representative of the Southern Illinois District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League pinned on the deaconess cross; in Detroit, Michigan, Deaconess Marie Twenhafel presented the deaconess cross, and in Tavistock, Ontario, this was done by Mrs. Henry Neeb, the president of the Ontario District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.



Deaconess Esther Matz with a group of her boys enjoying the television at the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, Detroit, Michigan.

PLACEMENT AND SERVICE OF OUR 1951 GRADUATE DEACONESS

Miss Mary Arbeiter has already begun service in our Lutheran Hospital, Vicksburg, Miss., where she is the assistant to Chaplain Kenneth Hoffman. Some of her services are: Play the organ at divine services; superintend the Sunday School and teach; act as Chairman of the Social Committee of Student Nurses; conduct Bible Study in children's wards; make bedside calls on patients; type correspondence and coordinate bookings of the film "Healing in Dixie."

Miss Ruth Berg will serve in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New York, N. Y., the Rev. Arthur Weber, pastor. She will assist the pastor in the work of the parish. She will teach the pre-confirmation class, work largely with the Sunday School, do calling and help with the clerical work.

Miss Elaine Davis will be stationed in Addison, Illinois, to serve in the Lutheran Child Welfare Association, under the direction of Pastor R. Marquardt. She will serve as housemother to a group of 10-15 children. She will assist them through their daily life socially, emotionally, and in their recreational life. She will counsel the individual child as needs arise.

Miss Clara Hermes will serve in the Spanish Mission, San Antonio, Texas, under the direction of Pastor E. T. Brown. She will assist in the Sunday School, do canvass work, visit the homes already connected with the Trinidad Church, and make contacts with prospective members.

Miss Elizabeth Kujawski has been placed in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Minot, N. D., the Rev. B. G. Mueller, pastor. Her services will be: Assist in parish work wherever possible; teach Sunday School and part-time classes where needed; render social service work when needed; assist in the social programs of the congregation; visit homes of enrollees, "cull" prospect list, etc.

The Committee on Placement of Graduate Deaconesses met the many requests for deaconesses with mixed emotions; happy to place graduate deaconesses in child welfare, missions, and parishes; sad that all requests for deaconesses by parishes and institutions could not be granted. All of which emphasizes the need of educating a larger number of young women for the diaconate.



Introducing Deaconess Clara Hermes who addressed the Convention of the Texas District

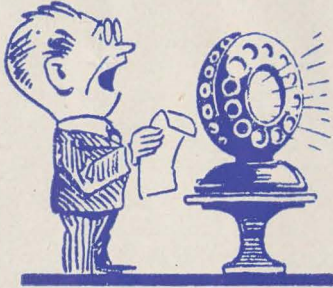
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TUNE IN

●The Assistant to the Superintendent of the new school for the Deaf on Long Island, New York, will be Deaconess Marie Twenhafel. For this new position Miss Twenhafel brings a rich background of experience since she served as a housemother to deaf children in the Lutheran Institute of the Deaf, Detroit, Michigan, for almost twelve years. One aim of the Lutheran Deaconess Association is to train deaconesses for service in such institutions of mercy.

●Deaconess Marian Epp will leave for Japan in July to serve in our mission there. Ever since her high school days Deaconess Epp has looked forward to serving in Japan. We rejoice every time a deaconess goes into mission work, whether it be in Japan, Hong Kong, India, or whether she serve in city or institutional, Negro or Indian Mission work in our own country. To train young women for missions is a part of the Deaconess program.

●To continue about mission services of our deaconesses. We quote from an airmail letter received from Deaconess Boss in Hong Kong, "I feel that I should stay here as long as God will permit me to work here . . . Pray for China daily. None of us can hardly imagine the trying times our Christians are facing in China. They are living in constant uncertainty, never knowing what will happen next." Your appeal will be heeded.

●While we sit in session of the Northern Illinois District in River Forest, Illinois, there comes a long-distant call from Minneapolis, Minnesota, for a parish deaconess. During the sessions two pastors of the Chicago area plead for parish deaconesses.

FROM APACHELAND IN ARIZONA

God has shown His love to the Apache Indians. His Word is preached in various places on this large reservation consisting of over 6,000 people. At East Fork, White-river, Peridot, and other remote places it has been His will to bring the Word of Truth to awaken faith and love in sinful hearts.

There are joys and sorrows every day on a mission field. Perhaps you will experience some of these emotions through reading the following excerpts taken from the *Apache Scout*, the monthly magazine published in the interest of the Gospel of Christ among the Apache Indians by the Evangelical Lutheran Missions of Arizona.

APACHE CUSTOM. When an Apache married, the mother of his bride became a mother-in-law on whose face he was never to look, and she was ever to be out of his eyesight as long as they lived. This, of course, has been done away with, with few exceptions. A mother-in-law sits at dinner table with a son-in-law in most instances these days.

WHAT THE MISSION SCHOOL MEANS TO ME. Five years ago I used to go to school at the Bylas Day School. I attended that school for three years. After that I came to the most important school, that is, the Bylas Mission School. Here I could learn about my Lord Jesus Christ. I found the Way, the Truth, and the Life. I don't claim that I found it by my own power. I am so thankful that my Lord Jesus helped me to find the True Way. I had never realized that there was anything that could make me happy for the rest of my life. I had been like a lost sheep.

What a glorious day it will be for all of us Christians when the trumpet calls. We shall stand on our Lord's right hand. We all shall be glorified. We are just strangers on earth, heaven is our home. So let's follow our Savior and never turn away from Him. The Lord says: "Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed." (Written by an Apache)

Many happy days have been spent in Apacheland. The sad ones will be forgotten in eternity. His Word prevails and bears fruit among His people.

Erna Bartsch.



DEACONESS CONFERENCE
VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE

Deaconess Conferences are annual occurrences, but this year's saw many changes. Held in the Faculty Lounge on the Valparaiso University campus, June 14-16, the Conference utilized some of Synod's foremost clergy, professors, and deaconesses as speakers on vital topics. Well attended by deaconesses in almost every field of the profession, the 1950 class merited the attendance record with 100% of its 6-member class present.

Opening devotions were conducted by Dr. Luther Koepke, academic advisor of student deaconesses. After the address of welcome by Prof. Walther Miller and the response by Deaconess Frieda Bremermann, the Rev. G. H. Naumann presented the topic "Ministering to the Sick, the Shut-ins, and the Aged," stressing the need for a lifelong study of the Scriptures in order to have the appropriate passage at the right time.

Following the devotions next morning by Dr. Erhardt Essig, Dr. O. P. Kretzmann in presenting the "Future of Deaconess Work" pointed out that world suffering, the need for a "serving church" as well as a teaching and preaching church, and the lasting satisfaction of a career in Deaconess Work should effect the rightful establishment of the deaconess as the "Third Profession" in every parish. Though deaconess training is yet in its pioneer stages, the continued need for a high level of education combined with a life of devotion and set aside for service for the Church was emphasized by Dr. Kretzmann.

Discussing the problems inherent in dealing with delinquent children, Dr. Frederick Kruger, head of the Sociology Department

of Valparaiso University, stressed ways the deaconess could assist the juvenile courts in their task of remolding the lives of delinquent children rather than subject them to further degradation behind bars.

The Rev. Walter Klausing, President of the Lutheran Deaconess Association, conducted the devotions on Friday afternoon. Much personal research went into the paper delivered by Dr. Carl Gieseler in his paper "Team-Work between Pastor and Deaconess." Basing his data on questionnaires sent out by himself, Dr. Gieseler concluded that fine team-work rested on the deaconess's understanding of her sphere, her recognition of the pastor as the shepherd of the Church, the pastor's recognition of her as a trained and able co-worker, and a relationship of respect and loyalty with both pulling together in public and private.

Deaconess Marian Epp, who is soon to sail to become the first deaconess of our Church in Japan, presented a paper on, "The Services of Biblical Women." Mrs. Sylvia Trautmann, Housemother, reported on "Activities at the Chapter House." In the evening Pastor Otto Toelke addressed the group in the vesper service. Following the service deaconesses who had served 25, 20, 15, and 10 years were given special recognition. Special mention was made of Deaconess Amelia Doctor who this year celebrates her silver anniversary as a deaconess after having served our Church as missionary in India for a span of years.

● After Dean Walter Bauer had conducted the devotion on Saturday morning, Mrs. Margaretta Tangermann, Valparaiso's Dean of Women, explained how to utilize the agencies in one's community for social welfare. A paper written by Deaconess Amelia Doctor on "Applying Proper Scripture Passages to Felt Needs" was read. Deaconess Lulu Noess, R.N., began a paper on "Nursing and Deaconess History" which she is to enlarge upon during the next Conference due to the interest of the group.

Following the closing devotion by Rev. Arnold Krentz and adjournment, there came a flurry of train-catching as deaconesses journeyed back to their respective fields of labor in New York, Missouri, Indiana, Iowa and elsewhere—all wishing the Conference hadn't come to a close so soon.

Kathleen Gaudian.



CONSECRATIONS. Upper: Detroit, Mich. Left to right: Pastors H. J. Riethmeier, Chester Thalacker, Deaconesses Marie Bliefnick, Esther Matz, with Deaconess Kujawski kneeling. Lower left: Murphysboro, Ill. Left to right: Rev. A. Krentz, Mrs. W. C. Boese, Mr. R. Arbeiter, Deaconess Mary Arbeiter, Rev. W. Janzow. Lower right: Tavistock Ontario. Mrs. H. Neeb pinning the cross on Deaconess Ruth Berg.

SUMMER FIELD WORK 1951

Our student deaconesses are receiving valuable work experiences in a variety of church services.

The fields of service are the following:

Camps:

Camp Arcadia, Arcadia, Mich., Verne Scheiderer.

Camp Pioneer, Angola, N. Y., Joan Gilmore, Joanne Wagner.

Institutions:

Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wis., Betty Buss, Gloria Guetzke, Naomi Schubkegel.

Home for Aged Lutherans, Wauwatosa, Wis., Ardele Stodieck.

Lutheran Child Welfare Ass'n., Addison, Ill., Ione Driver.

Lutheran Child Welfare, Bay City, Mich., June Finger.

Lutheran Child Welfare, Staten Island, N. Y., Shirley Marks.

Lutheran Association for Works of Mercy, Roxburg, Mass., Evelyn Middelstadt.

Lutheran Haven, Slavia, Fla., Fern Falkenstein.

Missions:

Institutional Mission Work, Indianapolis, Ind., Irma Thoel.

Institutional Mission Work, St. Louis, Mo., Marilyn Heather, Dorothy Villard.

Negro Mission Work, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dolores Hackwelder.

Southern California District Mission Board, Natalie Gruner.

Parishes:

Trinity, San Bernardino, Calif., Dorothy Jordan.

Trinity, Centralia, Illinois, Shirley Groh. St. John's, Meriden, Connecticut, Anita Rentz.

Charity, Detroit, Michigan, Dorothy Stanke. St. Philips, St. Louis, Mo., Lucille Zimmermann.

Immanuel, Brooklyn, New York, Eleanor Weidner.

Good Shepherd, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Rose Marie Harms.