

## Incidentally Yours . . .

Summertime is vacation time when a haltime staff works double time to save time and keep expenses down. --

All teachers are spending some time away from school enjoying periods of relaxation here, there, and everywhere in this beautiful country of ours. --

Our principal, Mr. Bellhorn, after attending a class reunion at River Forest, spent several weeks at the lake in Oscoda with his family. --

Mr. and Mrs. Ravell moved into their new home where they found sufficient work to keep them occupied for the rest of the summer.--

The members of the household staff, too, are vacationing. Deaconess Marie Twenhafel is in Cleveland where she and Deaconess Marie Bliefnick also attended the Deaconess Association convention. — Miss Handschin and Mrs. Murphy, our bookkeeper, are touring the East with headquarters in New Jersey. — Deaconess Marie Bliefnick will spend some of her vacation with relatives near Springfield, Ill. — Mrs. Tegeuder and children visited her home near Jacksonville, Ill., while her teacher husband, together with Mr. Ravell and the writer attended the convention of the American Instructors for the Deaf held at the American School for the Deaf at West Hartford, Conn. --

On the way to Hartford we also stopped at the Clarke School for the Deaf in Northampton, Mass. Here we met Dr. Pratt, the principal, who took us on a tour through this historical school and which ended in Dr. Hudgins' laboratory. Dr. Hudgins is an audiologist who is noted for his research work in auditory and auricular training and is regarded an authority in this phase of deaf education. The educational information we gathered in that hour spent with Dr. Hudgins alone was worth the expense of our trip to the convention.--

The convention attended by more than six hundred administrators and teachers of the deaf from all parts of

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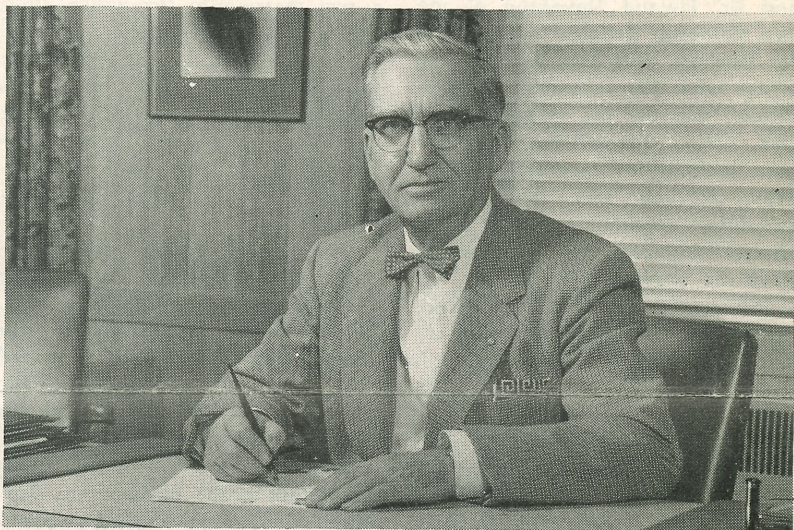
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## LL.D. Degree Awarded Director J. A. Klein

On the occasion of its 1955 graduation exercises, June 10th, the faculty of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., bestowed upon our Director the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, the first that the College has ever conferred on anyone. No one is more deserving of such singular honor for during his 47 years of notable and unselfish service to the Lord, Dr. Klein has been teacher, principal and director of the school and counselor and friend to hundreds of deaf children throughout our land. Under his able leadership the school has developed into one of the most modern and best equipped schools for the deaf in America. It is for his outstanding achievements in this highly specialized field of education that Mr. Klein was awarded the Doctor's title.

STATEMENT BY DEAN SCHMIEDING at the presentation:- Mr. President: May I now present John A. Klein, an alumnus of Concordia Teachers College, with continued study at Milwaukee State Teachers College, Detroit Teachers College, Wayne University, Central Institute for the Deaf, St. Louis, Mo., since 1933 Director of the Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, in Detroit, Michigan. His distinguished service as a Christian



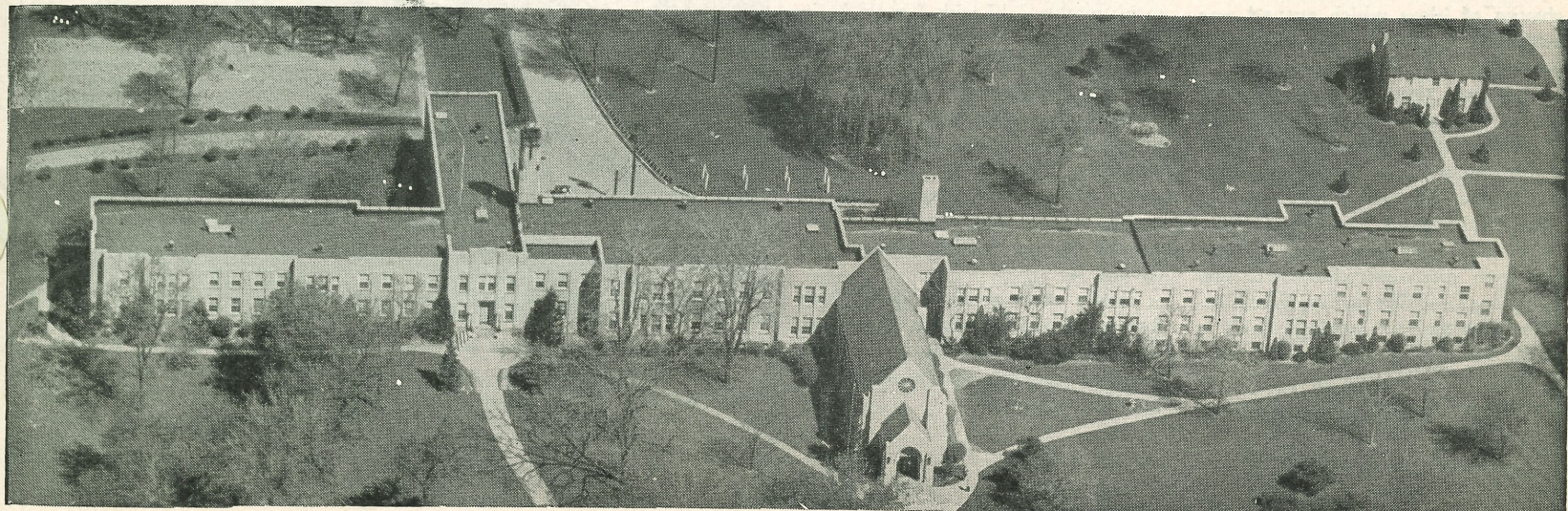
Dr. John A. Klein

teacher, his humanitarian services to the deaf, and his work among them as a faithful servant of the Word have become known throughout and beyond the Church. The Faculty and Board of Control of Concordia Teachers College have duly recognized this outstanding service to the cause of His Savior and recommend that he be granted the honorary degree of Doctors of Laws.

RESPONSE BY PRESIDENT KOEHNEKE: By authority

vested in me as President of Concordia Teachers College and upon recommendation of the Faculty and the Board of Control, it is my joyful privilege to grant the honorary degree of DOCTOR OF LAWS to John A. Klein, in recognition of his distinguished service and inspiring leadership in the education of handicapped children, particularly the deaf, so that they might receive the Gospel message and share in the joys of a Christian faith and life.

—Walter J. Bellhorn





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the U. S. and Canada was a grand success educationally and socially. Much credit for this is due the Dr. Boatner and his good helpmeet. --

The many essays read and method demonstrations with classes of deaf children were of inestimable value to the assembled instructors. The many fine exhibits of teaching devices and auricular training units plus the large display of school books, workbooks, tests, etc. gave proof of the alertness of the manufacturers and publishers to the needs of such materials in this field of special education. And there is no doubt that, having seen and heard, superintendents, principals, and teachers went back to their respective schools resolved to do even better jobs of teaching the deaf. --

**Every superintendent at the convention exceeding Dr. Richard Brill, and Dr. Elwood Stevenson of the two California Schools was looking for teachers. This also included the writer who was successful in "capturing" one for his several vacancies. --Why weren't the California men looking for teachers, too? -- Well, if you saw their salary schedule, together with their climate inducements, you would have the answer.--**

For our own school our attendance at the convention is already resulting in plans for the soundproofing of some of our classrooms with soundproofing materials on the ceilings and rugs on the floors in order to obtain more efficiency from our fine trainear equipment. Better lighting is also being considered in order to conserve the sight of both the pupils and the teachers. Reports on the convention essays and demonstrations will be discussed in regular teachers' meetings and we hope that good will also result from these in teaching procedures and efficiencies. --

**The writer recently was invited to the Rackham School for Special Education at the Michigan Teachers College at Ypsilanti, Michigan, to meet with parents of acoustically handicapped children and to lead in a discussion concerning methods for the Religious Training and Education of deaf children. The exchange of ideas which ensued was both very interesting and, we hope, profitable.**

Only two times in eighteen years has it happened that our annual festival was rained-out. However, many of our Institute's friends came in spite of the rain. We call that REAL LOYALTY. In fact so many came that there was even a financial gain after everything was said and done. -- Our ladies served between five and six hundred meals at noon. The services, which on account of the rain were held in our Gloria Dei Clara Elizabeth Knudsen Chapel

and by amplification in our basement auditorium, were well attended. Even several numbers of our children's program were staged in the basement auditorium to the delight of all who viewed them. --

**In the chapel service Dr. Albert Huegli, professor at our River Forest Concordia College, for the faculty and in the name of President Koehneke of Concordia, repeated the act of conferring the LL.D. degree upon the writer which had taken place at the occasion of the 1955 graduation exercises. For this kind consideration shown our Institute and its friends by the River Forest faculty, our Institute's Board of Management is most appreciative and grateful.--**

Meeting his old professor and friend, Prof. Albert Miller, at the occasion of his recent visit to River Forest and seeing him so well preserved physically and mentally was a real pleasure to the writer. Prof. Miller, now 93 years old, and Prof. F. Schmidt are, to our knowledge, the only living members of the old Addison Concordia faculty. May our dear Lord continue to grant these veterans of the cross health and happiness in their well-earned retirement. --

**Our school closing festival annually draws together not only our hearing friends from far and near, but especially also many of our former pupils who are scattered over the length and breadth of the United States and Canada. And this year's festival was no exception.**

Names of such pupils which we can recall at the moment are Rose Marie Bier, Monica Gable, Nancy Coston, Grace Meilander, Eileen Snyder, Charlotte Johnson, Joyce Rossow, Roberta Clawson, Estelle Provow, Joyce Nagel, David Bromberg, Ronald Backer, Paul and Nelson Finks, George Schreiderer, Raymond Much, Clarence Allmandinger, William Noel and his wife (Donna Lee Beck) and their four children and of course all the many local deaf who at one time attended our school. One, Clarence Allmandinger, came all the way from California, others from the many intervening States. We are confident that all the rest were here in thoughts as Bruce Becker from Nebraska expressed it to his mother:-- "I wish I could be in Detroit today. I wonder how many former pupils are at the festival and what they are doing and saying." --

**Those of our former pupils who know Dean Hofman of Indianola, Nebraska, should send him "Get-well" cards. Dean has undergone some serious operations and we should all pray for his complete recovery. --**

Letters were received lately from Barbara Brauer, Barbara Gossmann, Toni Laro, Lois Brandes and others. All will receive our reply within the near future. --

Every now and then our Institute is the fortunate recipient of gifts from anonymous donors. One of these who has repeatedly remembered our cause so generously is a friend in Janesville, Wisconsin. Since it is not possible to acknowledge such gifts by mail, we take this occasion to thank all such donors and especially also again our Janesville friend. The Lord saith, "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth. That thine alms may be in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. Matth. 6.4. Surely the Lord will also abundantly reward our secret but loyal friends.

## School Reopens Sept. 6

All new pupils and those coming from outside of Michigan should arrive on Tuesday, September 6. All local and Michigan children may defer their coming until Wednesday. However, all pupils must have been registered no later than three o'clock on Wednesday.

We prefer that no pupils be returned before Tuesday, September 6. But if it is necessary for some parents to bring their children on Sunday or Monday, (Labor Day) in order to be able to return home and be at work on Tuesday, we will arrange to receive such children on those days. All mothers are urged to have their children's names on name tapes sewn inside the neckband or other suitable part of each and every garment.

It is also expected that all pupils have had a physical "checkup" and the various disease preventive im-

munizations including tetanus inoculations before they are returned to school. It is of the utmost importance that a report of all inoculations be made to the school's office where they will be recorded on the pupils' records. -- Since bicycles are a source of accidents, we ask that none be brought.

## Motoring Vis Motoring

Motoring to the convention at West Hartford, Connecticut took us through the scenic and beautiful Berkshires and some of the mountain and hill country of New England.

However, after having passed over the first of those mountains and through its valley on the other side, all succeeding mountains, hills, vales, and valleys are to the driver but repetitions of the first one. Because of the attention he has to give to the road and traffic, he can not enjoy the sights as can his passengers. The writer, therefore, prefers the wide-open spaces of his native State, Texas, where one can look farther and see less than anywhere else, but where the motorist need not live in constant fear of meeting head-on those tons of steel, called trucks, buses and autos, hurdling towards him down the hills around bends and curves and sometimes halfway on his side of the highway at rocket speeds.

Surely we love and admire scenery and nature's beauty spots when motoring for pleasure and relaxation and, in spite of the writer's gripes, he enjoyed the trip to the convention tremendously.



What excitement that goat kid created as our friend Dr. A. Ulbrich and son brought their pets, goat, lamb, and dog, to visit our school on closing day; a real beneficial experience for our pupils. Thanks, Doctor.



## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

In response to an item in a previous number of the Advocate offering scholarships to college graduates, we received several inquiries for further information. Several of these are still undergraduates, hence, are not yet ready for the post graduate course.

We are in need of several girl college graduates now who are willing to take postgraduate work towards a Masters degree in the field of deaf education. To persons qualifying and agreeing to teach in our school for a limited time after graduation at an attractive salary the Institute offers scholarships for the one year's course necessary to train a teacher for this special work. Students may choose to attend courses in any of the following States: - Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Michigan.

Since all training classes are limited as to the number of students accepted, it is important that application for the scholarships be made as soon as possible. Address Dir. J. A. Klein, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Mich.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

"What is the purpose of history?" someone asked Gladstone. The great statesman thought a minute and said: "The conquest of the world for Christ." Gradually the circle is being completed. National, social and economical questions seem upper-most. But underneath the GREAT SPIRITUAL ISSUE is being carried out: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." This is the mighty plan of God and YOU were born to help it succeed. Who will rally around the cross?

To the Christian every hour is full of meaning. We sow in time, we reap in eternity. Touching a human hand, we realize that it is the hand of a brother. Every word we utter has an influence on immortal souls. Every experience is a stepping stone to God. The great Apostle pleads: "Let us not grow weary in well doing."

Brethren, we are here today and gone tomorrow! It is later than we think. What we mean to do in Jesus' Name, we must do quickly. The touch of human hands is fleet as the light in a sunset-sky. David realized this when he pressed Jonathan to his breast and exclaimed: "There is but a step between me and death." TODAY let us clasp that trembling hand. It has lost its grip in a selfish world. Remember "we are all living in a hospital". Who knows what it means, this "still, sad music of humanity?" Is it not the cry of souls to be loved, to be understood?

"I shall pass through this world but once,  
Any good thing, therefore, that I can do,  
And any kindness that I can show  
To any human being, let me do it now;  
Let me not neglect nor defer it,  
For I shall not pass this way again!"

"And this is His commandment, That we should believe on the Name of His Son Jesus Christ, and LOVE ONE ANOTHER as He gave us commandments." 1 John 3, 23.

By the grace of God, brethren, we again meet here at our beloved Institute for the Deaf to hear reports of the activities of the 82nd school-year, to pass judgment upon them, to elect responsible officers, and to give prayerful directions to the Board of Management. May the great Lord of the Church continue to graciously bless all our efforts in behalf of the deaf children committed to our charge.

—Rev. H. R. Wacker

### Tentative Calendar

School Reopens .. September 6  
Registration Out of  
State Pupils ... September 6  
Registration Michigan  
Pupils ..... September 7  
Teachers'  
Convention ..... In October  
Thanksgiving Vacation ..  
Nov. 23 Noon to Nov. 27  
Christmas Vacation ..  
Dec. 17 a.m. to Jan. 2, p.m.  
Easter Vacation ..  
March 24 a.m. to April 2, p.m.  
Memorial Day ..... May 30  
Summer Vacation .... June 10

## THE WORLD OF SILENCE

Is an ALL color  
Sound Movie  
(Revised)  
Requiring 40 Min.  
Running Time  
Open Dates are now  
available  
(No rental charge)

## LEGACIES

Our Institute is always most grateful for legacies which it receives from time to time willed by friends who have gone to their eternal rest and are now enjoying heavenly bliss. Such lasting and generous expressions of Christian faith and love were received during the past fiscal year from Mrs. Elizabeth Diehl, Hanna Thoms, Reinhold Dewald, Emma Klann, Clara Krueger, George Rummel, Barbara Schuster, John Simonson, Emma Schneider, and Martha Reibling. All proceeds from legacies are designated for scholarships for indigent deaf children.

Contrary to the common saying, "You can't take it with you", these sainted friends through their last wills and testaments demonstrated that you CAN take it with you. Out of love for their Savior they "laid up" for themselves treasures in heaven by putting some of their worldly treasures which they left behind to work for their Lord and for His handicapped little ones. And, therefore, it can be truly said of them, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest of their labours; and their works do follow them. Rev. 14.13.

May love for the Savior and a desire to help less fortunate fellow-beings motivate others to emulate the example of the aforementioned saints.

## ENTHUSIASM—

### Do You Have It?

The teacher who does not bring enthusiasm into his work each day should find other work. — To children the world is full of interesting things and adventure on every hand. It will remain thus if the teacher does not put on a damper with the wet rag of sophistication, or act as if; "Oh, that's just some more old stuff to me." The teacher who can not vibrantly feel things in company with the children is lacking in enthusiasm and understanding. --

Classes mirror the teacher. The news is flashed to anyone who visits a room whether Enthusiasm rules or is cruelly smothered under the wet blanket of It's Just-the-Same-Old-Stuff-To-Me. —The Iowa Hawkeye.

### FORM OF BEQUEST TO OUR INSTITUTE

I give, devise and bequeath to the Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf-Mute Institute, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, and located in the city of Detroit, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and the receipt of the Treasurer of said corporation shall be a sufficient discharge of my executor for same.

## THE LETTER BOX

Dear Mr. Klein, Detroit, Mich.

May I express to you with this letter my gratitude and appreciation for the magnificent work that you do with those handicapped children.

I have observed with amazement the rapid strides and development of my nephew, Richard Durant, Jr. Your institution and his thoughtful and understanding teacher, Mrs. Hance, are to be congratulated for your constructive work. Please accept this check as a token of my appreciation.

Yours very truly, Palmer T. Heenen, Attorney-At-Law

Dear Dr. Klein, Decatur, Ill.

While we had your film, "The World of Silence" for our group, I hope you didn't mind that we also showed it to our two hundred Sunday School children today. I sure wish you could have seen their faces during the showing of the film. They really enjoyed it. All during the picture they were so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. As a general rule we do not have it so quiet while a movie is shown.

Pastor Frankenstein introduced the film in a wonderful way, and our children were so happy that they did get to see children who couldn't hear learn and speak of Jesus their Savior the same as they do.

May I thank you again for your kindness of letting our people see your film. God bless you in your wonderful work.

Sincerely yours, Freda Grabowski

### COURAGE

There is a destiny that makes us brothers: None goes his way alone. That which we put into the lives of others comes back into our own.

— Edward Markham

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# DEAF EDUCATION IN AMERICA



**Abbe Charles Michael de L'Epee**

It was through a little girl's affliction that the first school for the Deaf came into being. One hundred and forty-eight years ago, Alice Cogswell was stricken with deafness at the age of two, and her father, Dr. Mason Fitch Cogswell, and other philanthropic citizens of Hartford, determined to do something which would aid Alice as well as other children who were similarly handicapped.

Alice's father, being a physician, knew that medical science could do nothing for her, so he wasted no time on quacks and charlatans.

Through the General Association of Congregational Clergymen of Connecticut, he ascertained that there were 84 deaf persons within the state and calculated by proportion that there must be 400 in New England and around 2,000 in the country. So he began trying to obtain a teacher.

About this time there occurred a little incident which shows the strange ways in which fate brings things to pass. Little Alice Cogswell was playing with her brothers and sisters in the garden of a neighboring family one day, when the eldest son of the family was present. This young man was home from Andover Theological Seminary, was a Yale graduate, and was even then considering what should be his lifework. Little Alice, with her quiet, pensive ways, her gestures to make herself understood, and her lack of speech, immediately touched the kind heart of this young man—Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet. He speedily made friends with her, and before she went home he had taught her to write the word "HAT" in the sand of the garden path.

So it came about that ten men met in Dr. Cogswell's house on April 13, 1815, to devise ways and means of bringing instruction to Alice and all other deaf children in America. One of these was Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet.

In this meeting it was decided to send Gallaudet to England to obtain the necessary knowledge for organizing a school for the deaf.

Upon arrival in England Dr. Joseph Watson, head of the London Asylum and nephew of its founder, Thomas Braidwood, opposed imparting of any information pertaining to methods of teaching the deaf to anyone.

Dissatisfied in England, and having been invited to the Paris School for the Deaf by its head, the Abbe Sicard, Gallaudet went to France.

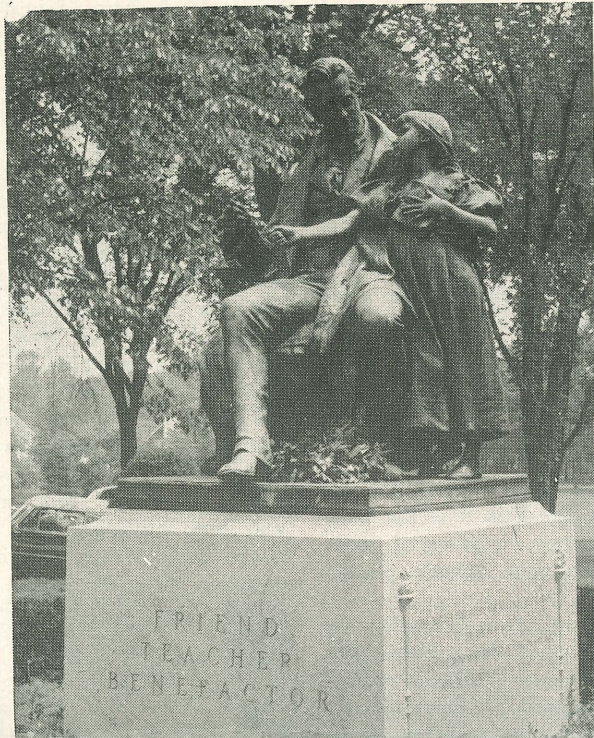
In this school which was founded in 1760 by the Abbe de L'Epee, Mr. Gallaudet was given every desired assistance for his training as a teacher of the deaf.

During Gallaudet's stay in Paris, Dr. Cogswell and his associates in Hartford made provision for a school for him and Laurent Clerc, a teacher of the deaf whom Gallaudet brought along as his assistant. This school was incorporated in May, 1816 under the name of the "Connecticut Asylum for the Education of Deaf and Dumb Persons". The name of this first school for the deaf in America now is the "American School at Hartford for the Deaf".

As other States saw the need many schools for the deaf were established in many areas of our country.

In 1864, Edward Miner Gallaudet, with the help of Amos Kendall, established in Washington, D. C. the first and only college for the deaf. This college is Gallaudet College, named so in honor of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet.

Dr. Edmund B. Boatner has been Superintendent of the American School for the Deaf for the past twenty years and to him and his staff goes the credit of operating one of the fine schools for the deaf in America.

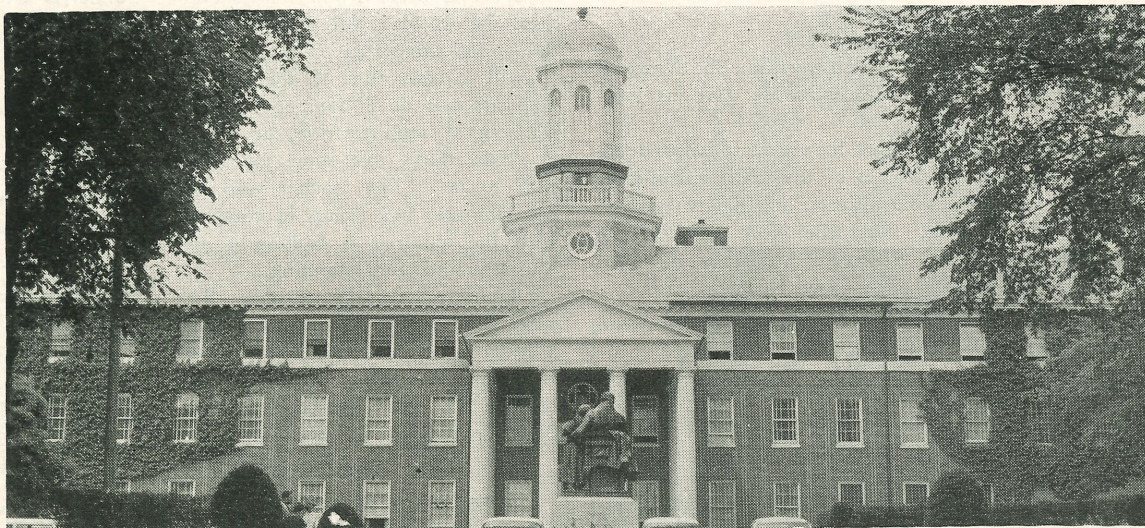


**STATUE of Dr. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet and Alice Cogswell.**



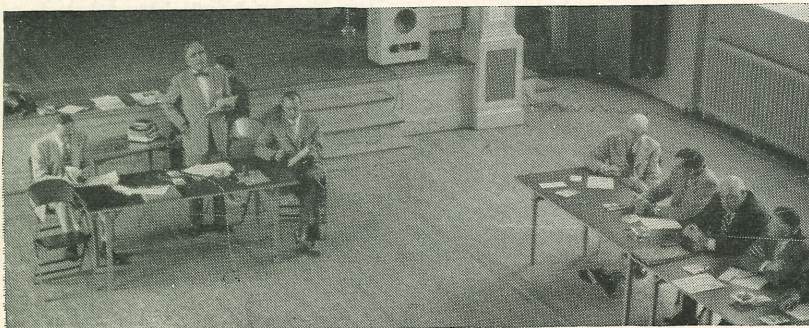
**Abbe Sicard**

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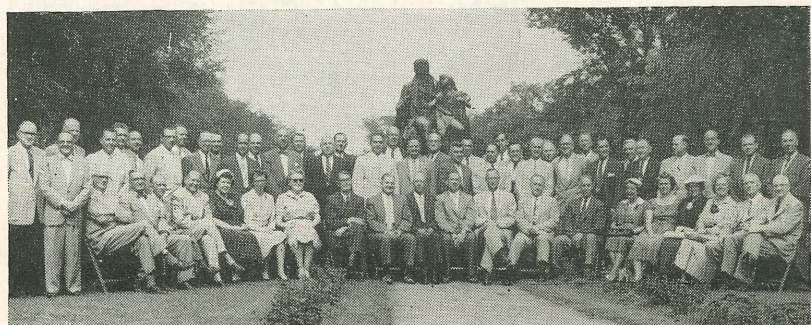


**The American School for the Deaf, West Hartford, Conn.**

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**Dr. Klein addressing the Executives of American Schools for the Deaf.**



**Conference of The Executives of the American Schools for the Deaf.**