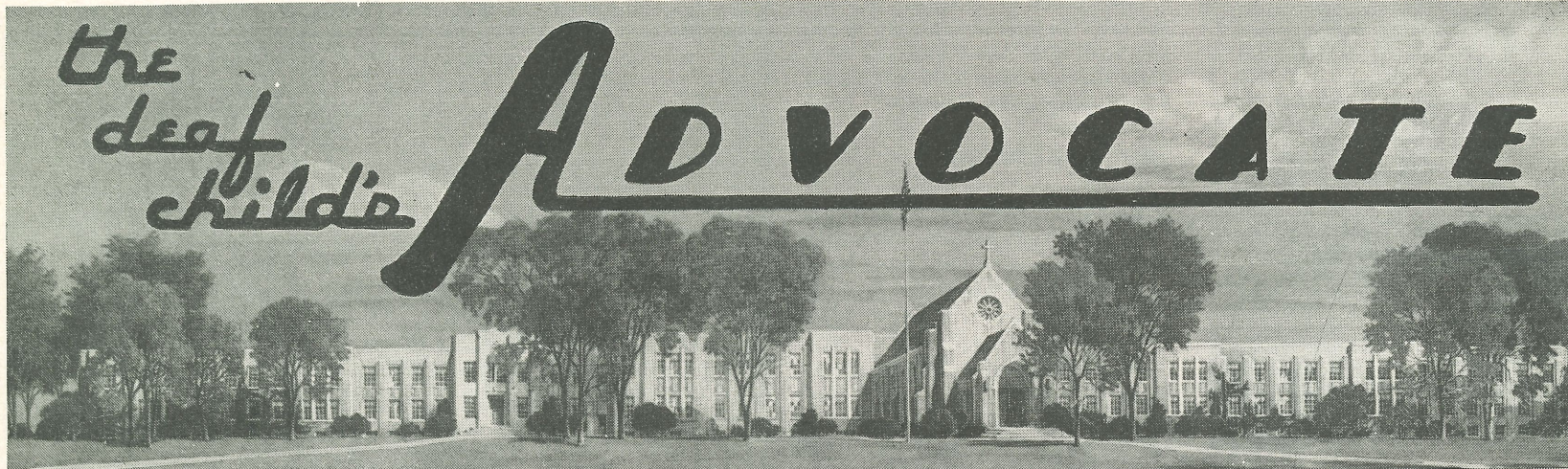


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For this issue. "Incidentally yours" might well be named "Incidentally his" as we bring our readers a synopsis of Dr. Klein's life and, under God, his accomplishments during the past 50 years.

Dr. Klein was born of John Klein and Ida Zahn Klein in Klein, Texas on January 13, 1888. He received his elementary education at Trinity Lutheran School, his home church, and college education at Concordia Teacher's College, now at River Forest, Illinois. He was trained to teach the Deaf at Wisconsin State Teachers College, Milwaukee, with subsequent training at Wayne-State University and Central Institute for the Deaf, St. Louis, Missouri.

In 1908 when our Jubilarian accepted the call to be a teacher, the school's teaching staff consisted of three teachers and an enrollment of twenty-seven pupils. Today, the school's capacity is one hundred sixteen pupils, fifteen teachers, one principal, one director and twenty-six other employees.

In 1925 Dr. Klein was appointed principal and in 1933 Executive Director of the school. Under his administration the entire school was rebuilt and greatly expanded and now is considered one of the better private schools for deaf children in America. He is listed in "Who's Who in American Education". For his outstanding achievements in the field of Deaf Education he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Concordia College, River Forest. He holds active membership in more than twenty local and national organizations related either to church activities or to the field of Exceptional Education.

In addition to being editor of "The Deaf Child's Advocate," he has done considerable writing for publicity purposes and in preparing religion

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Dr. J. A. Klein's Fiftieth Observed

On Sunday evening of May 4th hundreds of admirers and friends of Dr. Klein, Executive Director of our Lutheran School for the Deaf, gathered in the roomy sub-structure for a surprise observance of his fifty years of uninterrupted service to the deaf — at this the First Educational Charity of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

The festivities for this uncommon event opened with a Service of Praise and Thanksgiving, which was conducted by the Reverend Edwin Pieplow, the beloved pastor of Dr. and Mrs. Klein. Pastor Pieplow eloquently set forth the singular, Christian, intelligent, and wise DEVOTION and DEDICATION of the God-given talents of both jubilarian and his wife to Christ and His deaf children. He then concluded by expressing for the Honored Guests their own feelings of sincerer humility under God epitomized by St. Paul, "By the grace of God I am what I am."

Then followed a procession of bearers of God-pleasing tributes of love for the Jubilarian on his GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY. In behalf of the Auxiliary, the gracious president, Mrs. John Loose, presented a generous check. For the staff and faculty, principal Walter Bellhorn tendered a lovely remembrance. A very special presentation in the form of a check was given to Dr. Klein by the Association of Congregations and its Board by Mr. Fred Auch, the veteran member of the Board of Control.

The Day of GOLDEN MEMORIES ended with Dr. Klein acknowledging in all humility and gratitude all tributes, gifts, congratulatory telegrams and messages. — PRAISE THE LORD!

— The Reverend H. R. Wacker, President

85 Years of Blessed Service

June, the month of roses, graduations, commencements, engagements, marriages, honeymoons, and vacation planning. Any and all of these require much thinking and work. In this our school is no exception. This year such planning includes the arranging for the 85th anniversary celebration of this, our Church's first and oldest educational charity, which for eighty-five years has served Children of Silence with the Bread of Life and habilitated such handicapped youngsters by providing for them the opportunity for an elementary education.

Because of the wonderful blessings which went out to thousands of deaf people from this agency, the School's Board of Management felt constrained to arrange for a special service of Thanksgiving and Praise to Almighty God for having blessed the endeavors of this educational charity so bountifully throughout so many years.

And to do this properly and in a God-pleasing manner it has elected a festival committee headed by Mr. Elmer Engel as chairman and manager to make any and all necessary arrangements and preparations. The School Board together with the Director and Principal of the School have been delegated to arrange an interesting program. And the entire faculty, under the direction of a committee consisting of Mr. Herman Holste, Mrs. Emily Lietke and Miss Frances Seiz, will develop a special program in which the School's entire enrollment will take part.

The celebration is scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, June 8. The program includes a dinner to be served by the School's Ladies Auxiliary from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the children's program from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., the divine service at 3:15 p.m., a band concert by the Peace-Mt. Calvary Parochial School

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THE REVEREND E. T. BERNTHAL, D.D. — Pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Epiphany and member of Synod's Board of Directors.

Band under the direction of Mr. William Moberly and an evening meal from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

The festival sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. E. T. Bernthal, pastor of The Church of the Epiphany. The choir of Epiphany Church under the direction of Mr. L. M. Beer will assist in beautifying the ceremony. And the pastors Geo. Krach, H. W. Wacker, and Carl Nietzke will be the liturgists.

A highlight of this service of Thanksgiving will be the dedication of the new utilities building to the glory of God and in fond memory of the sainted Mrs. Linda Ritter of Houston, Texas, whose bequest to the School made possible the erection of this much-needed structure.

Since the spiritual blessings that have gone out to many thousands of persons handicapped with deafness throughout our country and Canada the School's Board cordially and sincerely invites all pastors of the Synodical Conference to join it in the celebration of this memorable festival by making mention of the blessed work of Detroit Lutheran School For The Deaf and to offer a prayer in its behalf to Almighty God in their regular Sunday service for its future missionary and rehabilitation work among the Church's "forgotten children", the deaf.

HOME COMING

JUNE 8

All Former Pupils are cordially invited to attend the celebration of the 85th Anniversary of their Alma Mater on Festival Sunday, June 8th. Let's make this a special Home Coming day.

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courses for the Deaf. He has traveled extensively giving lectures and demonstrations in the interest of the school.

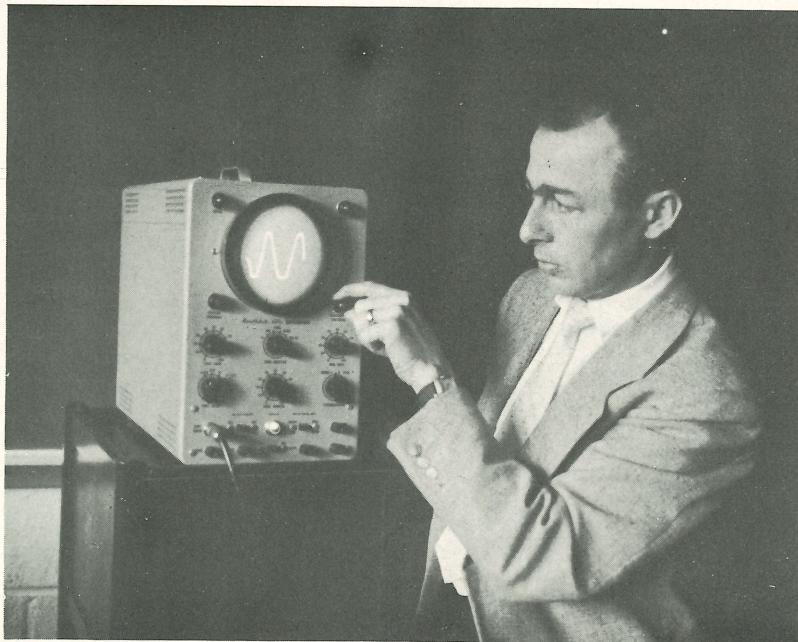
Fifty years of "Packed" activity. We say "Congratulations, Dr. Klein, and may God bless you and Mrs. Klein and keep you both with us for many, many more years."

The Oscilloscope

Recently our good friend, Mr. E. A. Dunbar of Lombard, Illinois, presented an Oscilloscope to our school. This instrument is of tremendous value in making electrical measurements of equipment used in electronics in repair and testing. This forerunner of a television tube shows a picture in wave form of the electrical voltage generated by a particular instrument. Although designed for use in electrical laboratories by electrical engineers and used at our school in testing equipment, we are examining its possibilities and usefulness in working with the speech of deaf children.

Because of the transient waves from speech, it is of little or no use in element development. But some valuable aid has been found in developing a "big" voice in a child, because the loudness of the voice can clearly be seen by the amplitude or height of the waves. It may also prove to be a great aid in developing accent of a syllable in a word or the stress of a word in a sentence. Thus it may help to change the deaf child's voice from a monotone to a more acceptable pattern.

We hope that, after having exhausted all the possibilities of this instrument, we shall find that it will assist us greatly in producing more natural speech. And we are most grateful to Mr. Dunbar for his gift and for thus assisting our teachers in their very difficult work of teaching deaf children to speak.



TEACHER HERMAN HOLSTE adjust the signal on our new oscilloscope.

REGISTER NOW

Pre-registration is now underway for the 23rd Summer Meeting of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, to be held June 22-27, Pittsburgh, Pa. The five-day program will include such speakers as Dr. S. Richard Silverman, Director, Central Institute for the Deaf; Dr. Louis M. DiCarlo, Executive Director, Gordon D. Hoople Hearing & Speech Center, Syracuse University, N. Y., Dr. Freeman McConnell, Director, Bill Wilkerson Hearing & Speech Center, Vanderbilt University, and Dr. Robert Frisina, Director, Hearing and Speech Center, Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C. The Rev. Fr. Bernard Tervoot, of the School for the Deaf, St. Michielsgestel, The Netherlands, will also speak.

Of special interest to parents will be a one-day session devoted to the organization of the newly formed Parents' Section of the Association. Under the chairmanship of Dr. William G. Hardy, Hearing and Speech Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital, parents will elect officers and plan action to improve the education of deaf children.

Parents Conference Held at Detroit

The Fourth Annual Conference for Parents of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children sponsored by the two Detroit Public Schools and our Lutheran School was held Tuesday, May 13. Miss Alice Streng, Chairman, Department of Exceptional Education, University of Wisconsin, was the keynote speaker. Her subject was on "What is a Good Program for Deaf Children?"

An Address by Miss Mary K. Van Wyk, Executive Secretary, Volta Bureau, Washington, D.C. was a feature of the afternoon session. She spoke on the topic: "Are You

LETTER BOX

Dear Mr. Klein, Kansas City, Kan.

We shall always remember Karen's confirmation Service on March 30. It was so very nice. It showed that you people had worked very hard to make it very special. And it was just as you had planned it.

The teachers, housemothers, office folk, and the Ladies Auxiliary made the day a very happy and memorable one for the children and their parents. It was a most blessed day. And to end it with that big family dinner gave the entire affair just the right touch.

We were happy that we could be there. And we are so proud and grateful to you all for the interest and love that everyone showed for the children.

The confirmands, too, did fine. It truly was a wonderful day! A day to be remembered and for which we are, indeed most grateful to you all.

Sincerely,

Minion and Leonard Carr

A FORMER PUPIL WRITES

Dear Mr. Klein: Dallas, Texas

Just a few lines to let you know how happy I am that you are doing so fine in your school. And I also want to tell you how happy I am that I hear so much about the school through the Advocate which you send me. And I am surely glad to know that you are still at the school to teach children God's Word.

Also I got good news for you. I will get married after my girl's graduation from a hearing High School. She is 17 years old and she seems to be a very tender hearted and sweet girl. My parents love her very much. Her father and mother are deaf, and they really like me because I go to church every Sunday.

Just a few days ago the weather in Dallas was bad. But it has turned from cold to cool. And I am glad that I can go outside and play with my two nephews, who are almost grown up. They are 1 and 14 years old. Loren is my oldest nephew. He is almost big enough to beat me up. But I always tell him that he is a sissy and that sure makes him mad.

I will be glad to hear from you and Mr. Bellhorn. Tell him "Hello" for me.

May God give you the richest Blessing.

Sincerely yours,

Helmut Carl Quiram, Jr.

Turning a Deaf Ear to Your Deaf Child?" Dr. Bruce Graham, Audiologist, Henry Ford Hospital, discussed "The Education Implications of Diagnostic Test Results."

Principal Walter Bellhorn represented our School on the executive committee and Mrs. Karus, one of our teachers, served on the banquet committee.



PICTURED HERE WITH Freddie Meyer and Dr. J. A. Klein of the Grosse Pointe Lions Club are Judith Tower, 13, and James Johnson, 14, both of Ypsilanti, Circus queen and king, respectively, of the Lutheran School for the Deaf, displaying some of the birthday cards the school's students created to send to their friend, Otto Griebling, famous clown.

Students Make Cards for Uncle Otto's Birthday

The students at the Lutheran School for the Deaf, and members of the Grosse Pointe Lions Club joined in a big greeting card project to make a happier birthday for a sad-faced clown who has befriended them for many years.

Annually since 1947, at Circus time, Otto Griebling, famous grease-paint pantomimist of the circus world, recruited some of his clown friends to give a morning program for the deaf children at the Lutheran School at 6861 Nevada. Their hilarious performance is one of the highlights of the year for these handicapped youngsters.

Griebling also leads his comical colleagues to the "sick bay" where they distribute coloring books and other gifts.

As a result of Otto's efforts these students have adopted him as their "Uncle Otto." When they heard that his birthday was on April 28, a couple of weeks ago, they decided to make their own personal greeting cards to send to him.

Every pupil in the school got busy on the project. When all the cards were completed, each child had created the type of greeting it thought best suited to Otto Griebling. All were timely, some were beautiful, others sentimental.

The Lions then sent these hand-made cards, together with their commercial cards from each member of the club, to Otto at the Ringling Brothers circus, playing in Madison Square Garden in New York.

On Otto's birthday these cards were presented to him during the matinee performance and all performers on the Ringling show paused to sing "Happy Birthday" to the famed clown who has long been a favorite with Detroit circus audiences.

The Lions of Grosse Pointe also

made arrangements for delivery of a birthday cake to Griebling. Among the cards from the School were those from this year's circus queen, Judith Tower, 13, of Ypsilanti, and the school king, James Johnson, 14, also of Ypsilanti. Freddie Meyer, a Detroit florist, was chairman of the club's project.

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1. Mission Talks in Church Services or Meetings on the work with and for the Deaf. Sponsoring agency determines the length of the program.
2. An all-color sound motion picture — a talk — and a live teaching demonstration with deaf children. Length of entire program 1-1/3 hour.
3. Talk and live teaching demonstration with deaf children. Length of program 45 minutes to 1 hour.
4. Talk. 30 minutes.
5. Live teaching demonstration. 30 minutes.

There is no charge for any or all the offered programs. When writing, please, state a choice of several dates. This will give us a better opportunity to comply with your wishes.

Make all requests to:

J. A. Klein, Executive Director,
6861 Nevada Avenue,
Detroit 34, Michigan

All Summer visitors to Detroit are invited to visit our School and spend a night with us as the School's guests.

Summer Vacations

Vacation time is just ahead. Those long, lazy, hot days will soon stretch out like a never-ending holiday for children out of school. But, summer vacations, like all good things, will come to an end — and then it will be back to school again! If children have "forgotten" too much during the summer, teachers will have to spend too much time in a review period.

Pupils at home, away from school and classes for the summer, do not have to lose ground if their parents do some careful planning to integrate their deaf children into the routine of family life. Parents can help their children during vacation, not so much by teaching as by making daily living a part of their educational experience. All of you parents are familiar by now with the admonition to "talk, talk, talk," but with the children away from home most of the year, you may have to remind yourselves of this axiom.

As a beginning, you can talk over the daily plans, which can include such activities as household chores, running errands, cooking shopping and all the other things that go to make up the day's activities. Don't assume that a deaf child understands all circumstances. Be sure that you know that he does understand.

Shopping for groceries can be an opportunity for practice in lipreading and in arithmetic. In the supermarket your child can "shop" for all of the items on your list and can compare prices, contents, weights, etc.

If at all possible, let your child run errands and make some small purchases. What better way to learn about making change? For instance, does your child know that 25 cents can equal two dimes and a nickel, three nickels and a dime, or five nickels? Does he know how much change he should get from a dollar if he buys a 35 cent magazine?

There are so many ways to learn at home. Children can help with household chores and thereby learn many things in an easy and natural way. Counting and putting away the laundry is a good project, even for a young child. Paying the paperboy is another way of learning how to make change.

Have you tried letting your child to help in the kitchen? Cooking has been regarded by many mothers as an excellent technique for keeping up with lipreading. The kitchen is a good place to learn the difference between a quart and a pint, how many eggs are in a dozen, how to read a thermometer and many other things.

Hobbies can furnish mental as well as physical activity. If your child has the museum approach, he may want to collect such things as post cards, rocks, buttons, dolls, coins or stamps. Or he may want to make

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things, perhaps from the many model kits available. Any of these will help him to express himself. They can arouse his interest in reading and increase his vocabulary. They can also give you an insight into your child's interests that you might not otherwise learn. Let him do as much as he can by himself, but show an interest and let him know that you are ready to lend a helping hand if he needs you.

Are you taking a trip? Letting your child help you plan will give him a chance to learn a little geography. He can mark the route on a map, estimate the mileage, watch for the highway markings if you are traveling by car. You can make a game of such simple things as watching for license plates of different states. An older child can keep an expense account of the trip. This might be a good opportunity to show how to use time tables and schedules.

Vacations at home can be fun for all the family. Mrs. Isaiah Scheeline, mother of a deaf daughter, has written an article, "Home From School," for the June 1958 issue of the *Volta Review*, published at 1537 35th St., N.W., Washington 7, D. C. In it she tells of their own family experiences.

— Volta.

† HENRY REHN †

As this issue of the *Advocate* goes to Press, word was received of the death of our beloved friend and Board member, Mr. Henry Rehn. His passing will be keenly felt by the School staff, the Board of Management and the Association. We extend sincere condolence to his bereaved wife and family and comfort them with these words of Christ, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: -- enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord."

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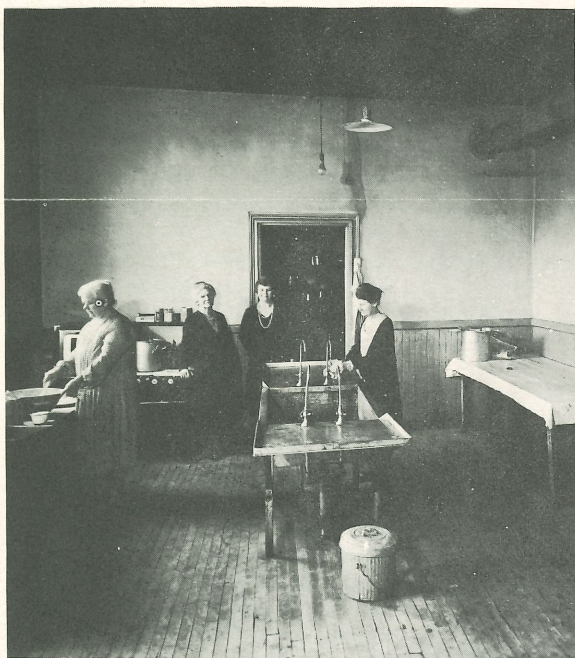
From Out of The Past



FOR MANY YEARS this old school building stood as a land mark in the midst of then an agricultural community.



Dr. KLEIN AND THE PUPILS gathered around the Christmas tree in the old Chapel.



BACK WHEN AN electric dough mixer and potato peeler were only a dream.

The Prayers

The prayers and vision that created these scenes so many years ago lived into the present — Today, our Advocate Masthead on the front page brings the modern facilities into focus. True, scenes have changed but not the purpose laid down by our founding fathers — “That Deaf Children might be brought to know Jesus, their Savior.”



THIS WAS THE OFFICE used by the five directors of the school including Dr. Klein during his first years of tenure.



TIMES HAVE CHANGED, but not the study of the four R's.



THERE WAS STILL TIME for relaxation and a quick game of tennis by teachers and pupils after a day in school.