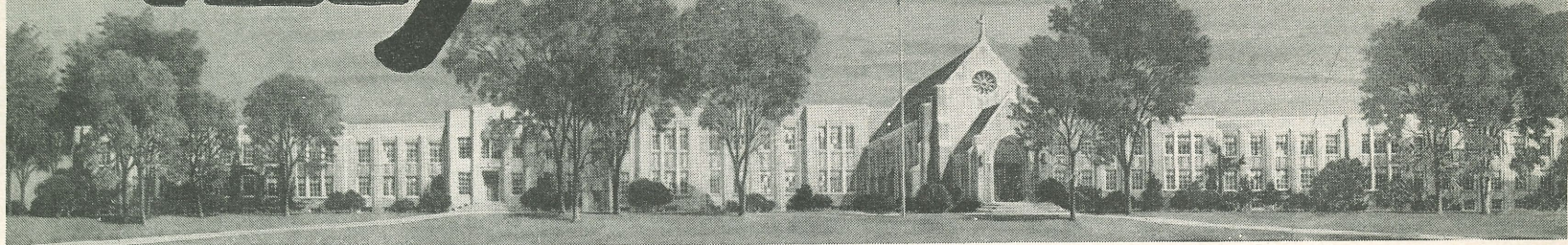


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Incidentally Yours...

The 1957-58 School Year in Review -

During the entire year the school's family enjoyed many blessings. Among the greatest of these were the marvelous health condition, the fine financial support of our many friends, -- the many gifts for our home and children in the form of bedding, clothing and household equipment, -- treats for the children, such as favors, toys, parties, trips away from school, the circus, and visits in homes of friends; -- the many volunteer workers without whose assistance many tasks would have remained uncompleted, -- the apples, potatoes, tomatoes, the groceries and the vast amount of baked goods offerings which assisted so much in helping us to keep our cash expenditures to a minimum, -- and last but not least the many prayers which ascended to the Throne on High from Christians near and far in behalf of our handicapped children.

Pastors Krach, Nietzke and Borchardt, who constitute our Board of Education, were most helpful to our teaching staff. They, the Director, the Principal, and some teachers filled many speaking engagements for the purpose of bringing our agency's unique missionary endeavor to the attention of fellow-Christians. -- Many groups as well as individual visitors were our guests in the course of the year. And all went away convinced that deaf children put forth tremendous efforts in order to obtain an education which normal hearing children acquire so easily. And they too, the teachers and household personnel at work giving their all to rehabilitate these handicapped little ones educationally and spiritually.

-- Twelve new pupils were accepted for enrollment in September.
- Fourteen were confirmed on Palm

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"AS I HAVE LOVED"

Our Savior spoke some very significant words in the upper room on holy Thursday evening just prior to His suffering, death and crucifixion. He said: "A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE UNTO YOU THAT YE LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU." He wanted His followers of that time and His followers for all time to receive the impetus and example from Himself for their lives of love.

The incident connected with these words was the lowly task which He undertook in washing the feet of His disciples -- even those of Peter, who was to deny Him, and Judas, who was to betray Him. This foot washing was, of course, a physical thing. It helped to make life more comfortable and pleasant. But let's not forget that our Lord spent a goodly part of His public ministry doing just these things -- healing the sick and the crippled, giving hearing and speech to the deaf, sight to the blind, and feeding the hungry. He was very definitely concerned with the physical welfare of people. His greatest concern, however, was for the salvation of souls. That is why He had "compassion on the multitude" and "was wounded for our transgressions."

He now says to us: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another" -- "AS I HAVE LOVED YOU."

Much of the work of our charitable endeavors is physical too. It involves disturbed minds, twisted bodies, hungry stomachs and dirty feet. But let us never forget that meeting these needs also always involves the answering of a soul need.

These works of mercy, done out of love for Him who first loved us, are the things that please our God and the things we can point to with humble pride in this hate-filled world of ours. - - - Charity Thermostat

School Reopens September 2

All new pupils and those coming from outside of Michigan should arrive on Tuesday, September 2. All local and Michigan children may defer their coming until Wednesday.

We prefer that no pupils be returned before Tuesday, September 2. 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 immunizations including tetanus inoculations before they are returned to school.

85th Festival A Success

The 85th anniversary celebration of the Lutheran School for the Deaf will be long remembered by all who found it possible to attend. Although the skies were overcast, the day was almost perfect for a successful open-air service.

An audience of thousands listened with rapture to the inspiring sermon preached by Dr. E. T. Bernthal and the singing of his church's choir directed by Mr. Louis Beer.

The deaf children's program which preceded the service was outstanding and brought high compliments to both pupils and teachers. The festival committee, under the management of Mr. Elmer Engel and the Ladies Auxiliaries, who served and fed the many visitors, too, deserve high praise for a job well done.

One of the highlights of the festival was the dedication of the new utilities building to the glory of God

NEW FURNITURE

Several years ago Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Bernthal visited us in our office. And, after having talked and looked around for a few moments, both concluded that our office made a poor impression on visitors and that it was inadequately furnished. I agreed with them but stated that the School had no funds for new and better furnishings. Whereupon Dr. Bernthal said: "If I get someone to supply what is needed, will you accept it?" We assured him that anything that would improve our facilities would be accepted wholeheartedly. Thereupon Dr. Bernthal asked a member of his church, Mr. M. A. Ellmann, who is in the office furniture business, to visit our office and see what was needed to modernize it. Mr. Ellmann not only did this but he also supplied all necessary equipment as a gift to the School from him and Mrs. Ellmann.

Very recently Mr. and Mrs. Ellmann paid our school another visit. And before they left, they decided that our reception room needed modern furniture. They further agreed that the facilities in our three offices were antiquated and unsuited for efficient work, hence should be replaced. And they offered, with our permission, to supply all new furniture for the four rooms as an Eighty-fifth Anniversary gift to the school. The offer of their very generous gift was most gratefully and wholeheartedly accepted. And, as a result, our principal, Mr. Bellhorn, and our office employees are proud to be working with modern and efficient equipment in well-arranged offices. And our matrons are happy to receive visitors and the parents of our pupils in the newly furnished reception room. -- And we say to Mr. and Mrs. Ellmann, THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS AND PROSPER YOU BEYOND MEASURE.

and the memory of Mrs. Linda Ritter by the school's president, the Reverend H. R. Wacker.

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Sunday and so became communicant members of the Church. -- Nine pupils who came to us from unchurched families were baptized. -- Four new teachers were engaged to fill vacancies. -- The positions, which were left vacant when several teachers terminated their services with us in June of this year, have been filled. --

Miss Joan Kern accepted our tuition scholarship and is training at Wayne State University to become a teacher of the deaf in our school -- Miss Joan Dailey of Cleveland and Miss Dana Jorns, who for several years has taught in a parochial school in California, have also accepted tuition scholarships. They will enter upon a two-year training course next September. -- Our agency continues to offer such tuition scholarships to girls having completed two years of college work. It does this in order to meet our ever-growing need for more teachers in this special field of education. --

Our school's two Ladies Auxiliaries were active in supplying many needs in our home. And they also provided scholarships for two of our indigent pupils. -- An Oscilloscope for our class rooms was the gift of Mr. Emerson Dunbar of Lombard, Illinois. --

Exchange, Lions and Kiwanis service clubs again rendered our school many valuable services. Among these were dental services, eye glasses for pupils, "Y" memberships for all children from the 3rd grade up, swimming, "gym" and health instructions. -- Our school's dentist and doctors did much for the physical well-being of our family. --

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Ellmann supplied new furniture for our reception room and the three offices. -- The Board of Management had the new utilities unit erected and equipped with modern appliances. This added unit enabled us to enlarge our dining room facilities. --

Our maintenance men did much painting and other work in order to keep our buildings presentable and in good repair. -- The school's name now appears on a new sign built of masonry on our front lawn.

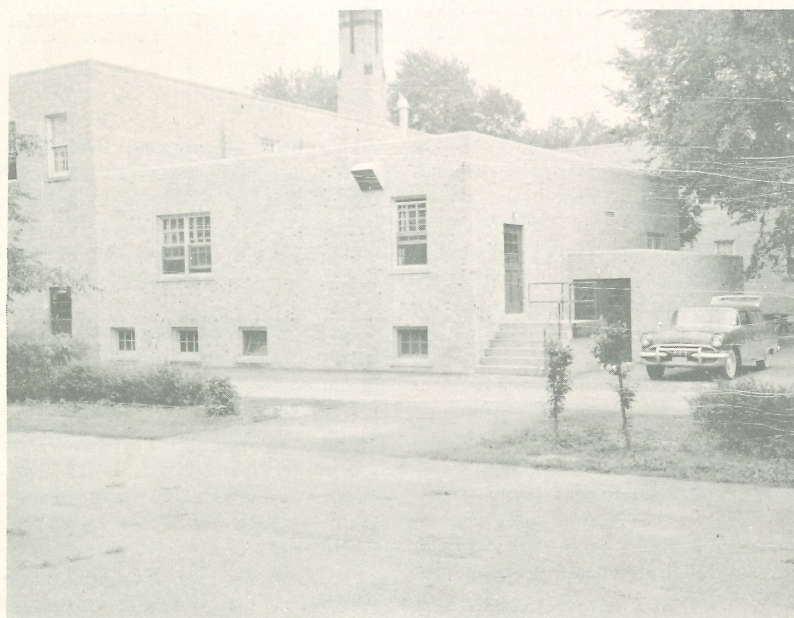
Our film, "The World of Silence" continues to keep our Christians informed concerning this so necessary work of leading deaf children to Christ their Savior. -- Memorial offerings and monies willed our cause by saints, now enjoying the bliss of heaven, assist greatly in this very costly but blessed work of our school for the deaf. --

The surprise celebration of the writer's 50th anniversary was a real highlight in his life. And he takes this opportunity once more to express his sincere appreciation for the generous gifts in the form of

checks from the Association through its Board of Management and the Detroit and Macomb Ladies Auxiliaries, for the travel items and cash from the school's staff, for the fine luggage from Iroquois Ave., Christ Lutheran Church, for a useful kitchen item from the Grosse Pointe Lions Club, for the many congratulatory communications and gifts received from friends and relatives, for the address by his pastor, the Rev. E. Pieplow, for the kind words by the president of the Association, the Rev. H. R. Wacker, who was the M.C. at the occasion, for the gift of a trip abroad from his son, Lt. Col. John J. Klein and wife, now stationed in France, and last but not least to his good wife and children who stood by and assisted him in his work during the many past years. Above all he is grateful to almighty God Who in His mercy permitted him to be active in bringing Christ and His Salvation to the handicapped Children of Silence. However, in deep humility he confesses with Jacob of old: -- "I am not worthy of all the mercies and of all the truth which Thou hast shown Thy servant." --

A blessed school year was terminated with the celebration of the school's 85th anniversary on June 8th. This was an open-air divine service at which the Rev. Dr. E. T. Bernthal preached the festival sermon. A part of this service was devoted to the dedication by President H. R. Wacker, of the new utilities building to the glory of God and in memory of Linda Ritter whose last will and testament provided the funds for the erection of this unit. --

The new school year will begin the day after Labor Day. Twenty-one new pupils, some from as far away as Texas and Montana, will be welcomed into our large family at that time.



EXTERIOR VIEW of the new Linda Ritter Utilities Building which was dedicated on the occasion of the School's eighty-fifth Anniversary Celebration, June 8th.

Rules for Daily Life

BEGIN THE DAY WITH GOD;

Kneel down to Him in prayer;
Lift up thy heart to His abode.
And seek His love to share.

OPEN THE BOOK OF GOD,

And read a portion there;
That it may hallow all thy thoughts,
And sweeten all thy care.

GO THROUGH THE DAY WITH GOD;

Whate'er thy work may be;
Where'er thou art -- at home, abroad,
He still is near to thee.

CONVERSE IN MIND WITH GOD,

Thy spirit heavenward raise;
Acknowledge every good bestowed,
And offer grateful praise.

CONCLUDE THE DAY WITH GOD,

Thy sins to Him confess;
Trust in the Lord's atoning blood,
And plead His righteousness.

LIE DOWN AT NIGHT WITH GOD.

Who gives His servants sleep;
And when thou tread'st the vale of death,
He will thee guard and keep.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give, devise and bequeath to The Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, a corporation duly organized in the State of Michigan, and located at 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit, 34, the sum of \$ dollars.

The receipt of the Treasurer or Executive Director of said corporation shall be sufficient discharge of my executor for same.

We, Too, CONGRATULATE

The board of control and faculty of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, having announced the names of seven men who received their D.D. degrees at the commencement exercises June 6, we, too, want to congratulate the men so honored. They are:

The Rev. William H. Bewie of Austin, Texas, who supervised the translation into Spanish of Luther's catechism, a hymnal, and many tracts; --

Prof. August C. Hardt who served two congregations in Milwaukee from 1916 until 1927 and then was called as Professor of Classics and Religion at Concordia College Milwaukee, which position he still holds; --

The Rev. Paul L. Kluender, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Melrose Park, Illinois, who served a congregation in Albion, N. D., from 1908 until he was called to his present pastorate in 1923, and who is a member of the mission board of the Synodical Conference and a member on the board of directors of the Northern Illinois District since 1951; --

The Rev. Edward J. Kroencke who is a colonel in the Chaplain Corps of the United States Army Reserve and who since 1947 has been Assistant to the Director for Supervision of the Veterans Administration Chaplain Service, supervising more than 200 chaplains in 59 veterans hospitals; --

Prof. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel, who has been head of the Department of Music at Valparaiso University since 1943. He was graduated from Concordia Seminary, Adelaide, Australia, in 1915, and director of Music at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, from 1928-41 and at station KFUD, from 1941-43; --

The Rev. William H. Schweppe, a 1932 graduate of Lutheran Theological Seminary, Thiensville, Wisconsin, who now is in the missionary service of the Synodical Conference in Nigeria; --

The Rev. Walter O. H. Speckhard, pastor of St. Martin Lutheran Church, Clintonville, Wisconsin, since 1929, was graduated from Concordia in 1917 and served a pastorate in Battle Creek, Michigan, until his present call. His grandfather, The Rev. G. Speckhard was the first director of the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf; --

The Rev. Roland P. Widaeraenders, president of the Texas District since 1950, who has served congregations in Texas and St. Louis and now is pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi, Texas.

THANK YOU

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the members of the 85th anniversary Festival committee for a job well done.

LETTER BOX

Dear Dr. Klein: Pittsburgh, Pa.
My brother, Albert Orth, has been receiving your paper "The Advocate" for a long time. And I am writing to let you know that he died April 3 of this year.

He entered your School for the Deaf when he was seven years old, and came back to Pittsburgh when he was fifteen. Last March 24, he was ninety years old. So, you see he must have been one of the first pupils to be enrolled in your school.

When he had completed his studies at the school his teacher, Mr. Uhlig, came to Pittsburgh with him and examined him after which he was confirmed in St. Matthews church here in Pittsburgh. Some of our folks and I are still members of the same church. -- Sincerely, Clara L. Orth.

Dear Dr. Klein: Houston, Texas
We are sending a check for "Scooters" airplane ticket. -- We want to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you up there for the many fine things that have been done for our boy. It is impossible for us to find words to tell you how thankful we really are for your school.

Sincerely, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lee

Dear Supt. Klein:

Your film was shown to two hundred-thirty persons including men, women and children. We were very pleased with it. Among our audience we heard such comments as "It's remarkable." "It's almost unbelievable." "How can they really talk." "Are you sure they can't hear anything?" I can say that our audience was amazed and highly impressed with the work you are doing. And they are proud that our Lutheran Church can provide such services to deaf children. To assist you in your difficult but blessed work we are enclosing a check for your school. Thank you again for your promptness and kind service.

Sincerely, Mrs. Harriet Roger

OTHER FILM COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM FAR AND NEAR ARE "photography is beautifully done;" "Very good in all respects;" "People were spellbound;" "Most heart-warming and informative -- Keep on giving it publicity;" "Very good, much discussion;" "It will stimulate interest in and support of the school."

Dear Dr. Klein: Kansas City, Mo.

I wish it might have been possible to attend the 85th anniversary celebration, we are at home, thinking of you and remembering last year's, and knowing we are missing a fine program; for last year's was far more than our expectations, indeed, it was inspiring.

Again, we do thank you, and all those who have a working part with the children. We do especially thank

those who have been teaching Karen, they did a fine job. We estimate them as "tops." I cannot find words to say the kind of, Thank you, I wish from my heart, or to express my gratitude. I only wish Karen might have been able to have graduated from the school. It would have been an honor.

Sincerely yours,

Minion and Leonard Carr

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM
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I'VE TRAVELED THE WORLD
OVER BUT NO WHERE HAVE
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TRUE FRIENDS AT THE LU-
THERAN SCHOOL FOR THE
DEAF. THANKS FOR A WON-
DERFUL PARTY.--UNCLE OTTO

Our beautiful Memorial
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CURRENT EVENTS

By the time this edition of the Advocate goes to press its writer hopes to have returned from a seven weeks tour of European countries. This treat was an anniversary gift to him by his son Lt. Col. John J. Klein. --

August 5 and 6 our School will be host to a reunion of the members and their wives of the Addison class of 1908.

August 12, 13, 14, Synod's Urban Life Institute will hold its annual convention within our School's walls.

August 17-21 are the dates for the Michigan District convention in Kalamazoo, Michigan and August 22-26 the Ephphatha Conference convenes in St. Paul, Minnesota.

September 2 the new school term begins. And with that the vacation days, or shall we say the days of changed activities, will again have come to a close.

SURPRISE GIFT

We were pleasantly surprised several weeks ago when Mr. T. C. Diggles, district manager of the General Electric Co. walked into our office and stated that his company had decided to present the school with a large Thinline Air Conditioner. Two days later it was installed in our girls' hospital room where it will add immeasurably to the physical comforts of those in need of hospital care.

We are most grateful to Mr. Diggles and the General Electric Co. and take this opportunity to express our thanks for contributing to the health and comfort of our children.

News About Former Pupils

William Ludwig of Denver, Colorado, who completed a successful year as vicar in the St. Paul, Minnesota (deaf) congregation was married in June. After another year's study at our Springfield Concordia Seminary he will be ready for ordination in the holy ministry.

Barbara Brauer of Evanston, Illinois, was graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio. She now plans a solo-journey to Europe for a more broadening education. And after that, she will continue her higher education towards a M.A. degree. Being profoundly deaf, herself, Barbara's life ambition is to be of some real service to the deaf.

Nancy Coston of Indiana, Gayle Knaspe of Wisconsin and Richard Nicklai of Michigan, were graduated from Gallaudet College in June. And Richard has accepted a teaching position in a State School for the Deaf.

Diane Foster of Indianapolis was married to a Springfield Seminary graduate. They will live in Boston, Mass., where her husband will be the missionary to the deaf.

Bruce Becker of Nebraska was graduated with highest honors from the Omaha Nebraska High School for the Deaf. He also passed the college entrance examination and will enter Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C. next September. He definitely plans to follow in William Ludwig's footsteps and become a Lutheran missionary to the deaf.

Monica Gable of Fort Wayne, Indiana, is studying at St. Francis College.

Dean Hoffmann of Nebraska also was graduated from the Omaha High School. For a graduation present his parents gave him a new Chevrolet in which he and his classmate, Bruce Becker, drove to Detroit to be present at our school's 85th Anniversary celebration.

Donald Griffin and Lorna Shankin were graduated from the High School Department of the Michigan State School for the Deaf at Flint, Michigan.

Karen Eustice of Galena, Illinois, was graduated from the Galena High School for hearing students.

Aileen Snyder of Ohio is now Mrs. Gore having been happily wed in May to a Mr. Gore.

Eugene Winans and his wife the former Shirley Hubberd, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, are the proud parents of their first baby. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKenney have their second child and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holle now have three tots.

Judy Johnson of Houston, Texas, was married in June. Roberta Clawson of Detroit was bridesmaid at the wedding.

George Scheiderer of Ohio delivered the baccalaureate address to

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the High School graduates at Columbus, Ohio.

Raymond Much attended the International Olympics for the deaf held in Germany last year and then toured European countries.

Kenneth Thorpe of Chicago, who, while in the High School Department at Jacksonville, greatly assisted the missionary to the deaf, plans to study for the ministry after having been graduated from Gallaudet College.

Our school's recent 85th anniversary celebration was a real homecoming for nigh unto a hundred of our former pupils, some of whom came from as far as Nebraska to be with us and their former schoolmates on this memorable day.

Having read about the fine accomplishments of many of our former pupils, we are confident that you, dear readers, are happy and feel real warmth in your hearts, knowing that you, through your contributions, had a real part in the successful educational and spiritual rehabilitation of these so sorely handicapped people.

Teacher Scholarship Offer

The Lutheran Institute for the Deaf offers two types of scholarships. One a three hundred dollar annual scholarship to girls having completed two full years of college work toward a B.S. degree; and a six hundred dollar scholarship to girls having a B.S. degree for teaching in Elementary Schools.

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Scenes of Eighty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration



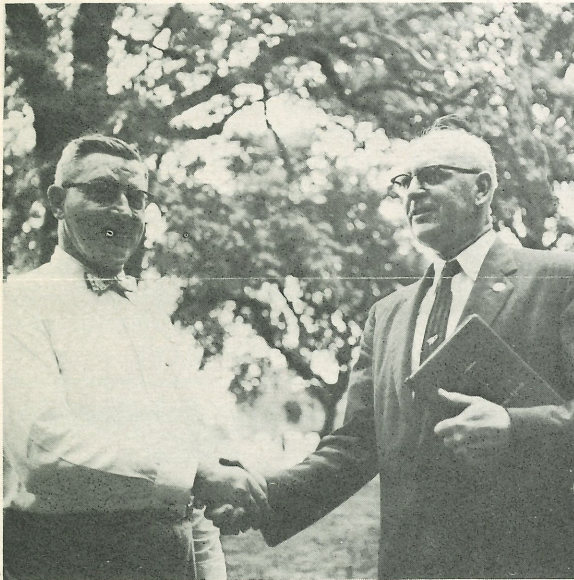
FESTIVAL SERVICE OFFICIANTS: Left to Right: Dr. E. T. Bernthal, Reverend G. M. Krach, Reverend C. Nietzke, Dr. J. A. Klein, Reverend H. R. Wacker.



MR. LOUIS BEER, Epiphany Choir director and organist served as Music Director for the day.



DR. BERNTHAL delivering his Anniversary sermon -- Epiphany Church Choir in the background.



THE REVEREND H. R. WACKER, President of the Board of Management congratulates Mr. Elmer Engel, Festival Manager and member of the Board on a job well done.



LEFT -- MR. FRED AUCH, senior member of the Board discusses the happy occasion with Dr. Klein.



LEFT TO RIGHT -- The Reverend C and Mrs Engelder meet old friends in "Uncle" Henry Nielsen, former board member, and Mrs. Walter Bellhorn.



THE COLORFUL HOUR LONG program executed by the deaf children was one of the highlights of the day's festivities.