

# The Deaf Child's ADVOCATE



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"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15, 13.

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again." Pr. 28:27.

## THOUGHTS

### THE PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS TO THE DELEGATES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF ASSOCIATION.

Mark 8, 33-37 the Twelve were discussing GREATNESS and, in particular, who was greatest in the disciple band. Later Jesus called the Twelve around Him and taught them, 'GREATNESS IN THE KINGDOM is something utterly different from what the world counts greatness. The first man in My Father's Kingdom is he who is ready to be last, who is ready to be the slave of all. True greatness is service; service is true greatness.'

Then, setting a CHILD in the disciples' midst, our Lord said: 'He who welcomes a little child like this for My sake, welcomes Me, and he who welcomes Me welcomes My Father whose ambassador I am.'

This saying, with Jesus' other sayings about children, has had an influence for good in the world past all calculation. Says Montefiore the Jew: "Who can measure or count the deeds of sacrifice and love to which this saying has prompted? Wherever Christian men and women have sought to cherish and save helpless little children, we can almost hear the echoes of this saying."

*Teach us the lesson Thou hast taught  
To feel for those Thy blood hath bought  
That every word and deed and thought  
May work a work for Thee. AMEN!*

*Rev. H. R. Wacker, President*

### TERMINOLOGY

The terminology listed below is heard from time to time in connection with a total or partial loss of hearing: Deaf — Deafened Deaf and Dumb — Deafmute — Partially deaf — Hard of hearing — Profoundly deaf — Severely deafened — Acoustically handicapped — Auditorially handicapped — Physically handicapped.

Actually only DEAF and HARD OF HEARING cover the situation completely.

## Incidentally Yours

Vacation time — a period of relaxation and rest for some — for others a time of planning and preparation for the next year's planting and harvesting in the Lord's vineyard. . . .

The annual school-closing festival again was blessed with ideal weather and a fine attendance. — The children's program was an enjoyable one and the festival sermon by President Harry Krieger was most inspiring. The Service was beautified by the Lutheran High School West chorus under the direction of Mr. Lavern Franzen. . . .

All women teachers are enjoying an entire summer's vacation. — Principal Walter Bellhorn and his family, after attending a class reunion in River Forest, will spend a part of his month's vacation visiting his son, Lt. Dr. Roy Bellhorn stationed in New York. — Mr. Herman Holste and family are spending their month's vacation here, there and elsewhere. . . .

Among recent group visitors were Rev. Thomas Daniel, and his Confirmation Class from Akron, Ohio, the Senior Walther League of St. Peter's Church, Stratford, Ontario, Canada, and others. We welcome such visits as we do appointments for demonstrations with children and talks on our school's work. . . .

Fourteen new pupils have been accepted for enrollment in September. We regret that due to the lack of more classrooms, as well as qualified teachers, we could not accept all applicants. . . .

The 1910 Class of Addison Concordia College graduates held its FIFTIETH Class Reunion at our school in June. — The Regional Zone Conference of pastors to the deaf and delegates of their congregations held a two-day conference within our school's walls. . . .

At the Regional Conference of the Convention the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon the Rev. Otto Schroeder by the faculty of the St. Louis Concordia Seminary. . . .

The National Ephphatha Conference again held its annual week's convention at our school in July. We always are happy to meet with these men of God who come from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada to the Gulf. . . .

The Girls' Clubs of the Northeast Detroit District, with a membership of 270, held their two-weeks Day Camp on our campus. Day camps are held sufficiently near to the girls' homes so that they can go home for the nights.

### GLEANINGS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS

**SUCCESSFUL YEAR** — The 1959-60 school-year again was a blessed one. The entire property is in excellent state of repair — Thanks to God the health condition of the entire School family was phenomenally good. . . .

**STAFF** — The school's staff of forty-four members worked diligently, effectively, and faithfully, always having the interests and well-being of our pupils and the school in mind. — A great number of volunteers, both men and women, gave much assistance from time to time in the performance of tasks for which we did not have sufficient help. . . .

**SPECIAL HONORS** — Mrs. Ernest Martens and Mr. Henry Nielsen, two of our many volunteers were declared Volunteers of the Week by the Central Volunteer Bureau of the United Foundation. — Dr. Chas. Sharrer, one of our school's physicians whom we nominated for the special honor of being "Detroit's Father of the Year" was so honored by the Detroit Central Business District Association. . . .

**SPECIAL MENTION** — One of our very faithful and long-time volunteers was recently called to his heavenly home. Mr. Carl Witt is now in heaven with his Savior whom he served so faithfully and unselfishly during his sojourn here on earth by being a real friend of the cause of our many handicapped children.

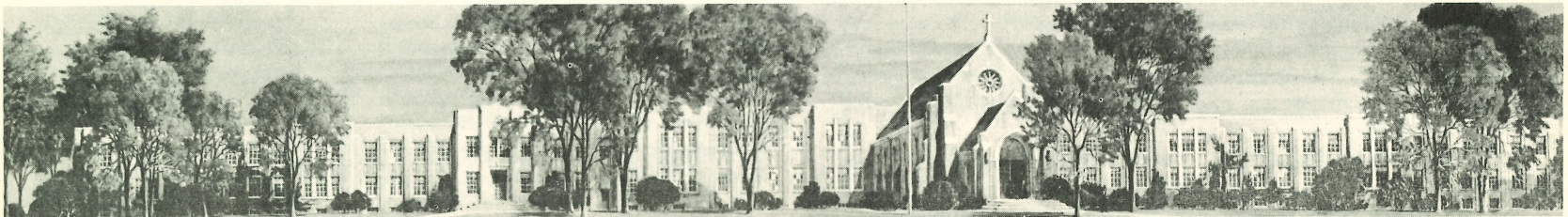
**LADIES AUXILIARY** — The school's two Ladies Auxiliaries, the Detroit and the Macomb L. S's rendered valuable volunteer services and provided funds for pupil scholarships, needed replacements of household and other items. The Detroit organization also paid for an Oldsmobile Station Wagon. . . .

Our gratitude goes to the many friends of our school and especially also to the Readers of THE ADVOCATE for their continued financial support. May they be blest most bountifully. . . .

**FINANCIAL** — The financial reports also revealed the fact that our School was the beneficiary of a number of legacies. In this way saints in heaven lend their assistance at bringing deaf children to the knowledge of their Savior. . . .

**NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT** — Since our furnace stokers require extensive repairs and replacements, and since coal prices are mounting ever higher the delegates instructed the Board to convert our heating system from coal to gas. This conversion will cost between \$10,000.00 and \$12,000.00. The purchase of a power mower and other necessary equipment as well as painting and decorating was also authorized.

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Mr. Carl Witt, friend of our deaf children, called to his heavenly home.

### ARTGLASS WINDOWS FOR THE CHAPEL

Our beautiful Clara Elizabeth Knudsen Gloria Dei Memorial Chapel, the gift of General William S. Knudsen, has served us for our daily morning devotions and every Sunday for divine services for the past twenty years. It, therefore, is one of the most important buildings on our campus.

For all that time we hoped that some day we might be able to replace the plain glass windows with stained glass windows depicting our Savior's love for children, the sacraments and other scenes especially interesting to children. Such windows would be of great value to our pupils because, being deaf, they can learn only by seeing.

We are, therefore, happy to tell our friends and readers that our hopes and wishes will soon be fulfilled because several kind and generous friends of our school have dedicated special memorial offerings of \$750.00 per window for the desired beautification of our House of God. After the ten windows have been installed and dedicated to the glory of God and the memory of sainted loved ones, we shall with their permission make the names of the generous donors known to our readers.

### OUR ANNUAL LETTER

Postage being as high as it is, paper and printing cost mounting ever higher, and efficient help for stuffing and mailing rarely available when needed, our readers will receive our annual fall communication in a patented envelope. This envelope, if properly used will bring you our message printed on the inside of the envelope. And we ask that our friends will use the very same envelope in which to send us their offering. All they need to do is to insert their gift, refold, seal and mail it.

By using this form of envelope we not only save money for paper and printing but we will require no help at all for inserting and sealing the letter. We are confident that our readers will be more than willing to cooperate with us in this matter so vital to us by following the simple directions for the use of the envelope.

### COMMENTS ON "WORLD OF SILENCE" FILM

"Excellent portrayal of the problem of educating deaf for Christ and your fine solution of it."—Rev. Geo. Winterstein . . . "A very interesting and excellent film."—Rev. David Kruse . . . "Most interesting and instructive."—Principal Fred Hagedorn . . . "Very enlightening."—Rev. C. G. Meyer . . . "Educational and inspirational."—Mrs. Lawrence Smuker.

This 16mm color-sound film can still be booked without rental charge.

### GLEANINGS (Continued)

**SCHOOL MATTERS — CONFIRMATION** — Seven pupils were confirmed on Palm Sunday. One of these came from Ohio, one from Indiana, one from Canada, one from Iowa and three from Illinois.

**BAPTISM** — Eight children, all from non-Lutheran families, were baptized. Such baptisms are a definite indication that our school is, to an ever greater degree, becoming a missionary agency for deaf children of non-Lutheran parents who desire a Christian education for these pupils.

**TEACHER VACANCIES FILLED** — 1959-60 teacher vacancies were all filled. One of the new teachers, Miss Joan Kern was the beneficiary of a tuition scholarship grant. — We were successful in filling the three 1960-61 teacher vacancies with qualified Lutheran teachers, two of whom are graduates of Washington University where they studied on tuition scholarships provided by our school. . . .

**ENROLLMENT** — Twenty-two new pupils were accepted for enrollment in September of 1959. They came to us from the following States: Wisconsin, Georgia, Texas, Virginia, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan and Ontario. Due to a lack of facilities only fourteen new children can be added to our enrollment in September, 1960. . . .

**APHASIC-DEAF** — Our school devotes one class-room and one teacher to true and deaf aphasics. We have many such applicants, but it is our opinion that we should not enter upon this work more extensively because we believe that as long as we do not have the necessary class rooms nor teachers our first duty and obligation is to deaf children.

**TEACHER TRAINING** — To induce students who have completed two years of college work to take training to become teachers in our school we will continue to offer tuition scholarships. As a result of our school's tuition scholarship offers two recipients of such grants will join our teaching staff in September. And we are happy to report that two more students have accepted our scholarship grants and will begin training at Washington University in September. They are Miss McFall of Oklahoma and Miss Walter of Tomball, Texas.

**PSYCHOLOGIST** — Having for a long time felt the need of the services of a psychologist and having the opportunity of obtaining such a professional we engaged Mr. Wm. S. Bowerman, formerly with the Detroit Public School system.

**FILM** — Our film, "The World of Silence" which has had approximately 7,000 showings is still in good demand. A new picture titled "And The Deaf Shall Speak" is in production.

**SCHOOL ROOM EQUIPMENT** — Due to the generous gifts of relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Koster, The Women's Guild of Epiphany Lutheran Church, and Mr. M. Ellman of Epiphany Church, our school rooms are completely equipped with proper furniture and all necessary teaching devices. . . . New U. S. flags for the 16 school rooms were supplied by the Women's Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the auditory record library was greatly augmented by Iroquois Avenue Christ Church Men's Club. . . .

**ENTERTAINMENT** — From time to time the pupils of our school were entertained with parties planned and given by Girls' Clubs, Women's Clubs, Public School Classes and many other organizations. . . . Guardian Men's Club entertained our pupils with a trip to Greenfield Village. Osborne High School students took them to the Zoo and the Chimp Show. Outer Drive Faith Men's Club gave them an enjoyable Christmas party. The Grosse Pointe Lions Club entertained them at the circus. The Grosse Pointe Optimist Club took them to a Minstrel Show and the Iroquois Avenue Christ Church had them as guests at its Father-Son-Daughter banquet. Every Sunday afternoon the school provides a two-hour motion picture for all pupils in our school auditorium.

**COMMENDATION** — A word of commendation is due our faithful house-mothers, Deaconess Marie Bliefnick, Deaconess Marie Twenhafel, Miss Vera Handschin and all their assistants for their untiring "mother" service they perform so conscientiously and unselfishly for our many handicapped children.



### CHILDREN

#### Do Not Coddle Children

The first destroyers of their own children are those who neglect them and knowingly permit them to grow up without the training and admonition of the Lord. Even if they do not harm them by a bad example, they still destroy them by yielding to them (permission). They love them too much according to the flesh and pamper them, saying: They are children, they do not understand what they are doing. And they are speaking the truth. But neither does a dog or a horse or a mule understand what it is doing. However, see how they learn to come, to obey, to do and leave undone what they do not understand . . . These parents will, therefore, bear the sins of their children because they make these sins their own. — *Selected.*

### What Is A Memorial Wreath?

It is an offering given in loving memory of a departed friend or relative. Such offerings may be designated for a certain item of permanent equipment, for the education of a deaf child or if undesignated it will flow into the general operating treasury.

The Lutheran School For The Deaf supplies gratis a beautiful folder which provides a space for the name of the departed loved one to be honored as well as spaces for the donor or donors. Filled out they are to be presented to the bereaved family. The offering should be sent to us in the prestamped envelope. Write to 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Mich., for a supply.



Mrs. Ernest Martens who received the Volunteer of the Week pin award.

### OUR SCHOOL'S PROGRAM Introduction

The present program of the Lutheran School for the Deaf includes the education, both secular and religious, and the complete maintenance of deaf children, four years and older, irrespective of creed or color, coming from all parts of the United States and Canada.

The program strives to develop the **WHOLE CHILD**, that is, all facets of his well-being, educational, social and religious. This it endeavors to achieve by example, through the daily routine and the life outside of the class room, through its educational program, the extra-curricular activities, and through its general pattern of Christian family life.

To achieve its goal the School utilizes all available public facilities, installs modern equipment as it is developed, adopts the educationally approved methods as they are advanced, with the result that the School enjoys the reputation of being one of the good schools for the deaf in the United States.

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### SCHOOL OPENING

The 1960-61 school year will begin on Tuesday after Labor Day, September 6.

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS EXCERPTS

The following excerpts are from the Commencement address delivered by Dr. J. A. Klein at the Michigan State School for the Deaf, the theme of which was "GRATITUDE THROUGH SERVICE". . . .

. . . Having been honored by an invitation to give the Commencement Day address, it is, indeed a pleasure for me to be here today, and to say a few words to you, words, which I hope, you may want to take with you on your life's journey. I am especially glad to do this, because your fine school, for many years, has done such an excellent job in giving a secondary education to many former students of our Lutheran School. M.S.D. supplied them and you with skills, attitudes, and knowledge which enabled them, and now you too, to go out into the world as independent, self-reliant, and self-contained citizens, capable of standing on your own two feet, so to say, having no need of asking special favors of anyone. . . .

. . . As a result of what this school, in the course of years, has meant to you and done for you educationally, and otherwise, you, the members of the class of 1960, are this day being graduated. This is, therefore, your day, a day of which you are justly proud and for which you, no doubt, have waited a long time. It is for you a happy day, one which you will remember a long time, for various reasons, one of which is because it marks a distinct turning point in your lives. . . .

. . . To be graduated from High School signifies that you have been measured and found to have attained an established required degree of efficiency in one or another field of education or vocational endeavor. It also means that you are no longer children, but that you have reached a measure of maturity. Therefore, being educated adults, you are now expected to act and to conduct yourselves as women and men of good character, having developed and acquired acceptable and necessary virtues. . . .

. . . Today, therefore, you have attained to that period in your lives in which you can say with the Apostle St. Paul: "When I was a child I spake as a child; I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things." You, too, are now expected to put away childish things, because you have become men and women. Having required much care and assistance to bring you to this day of graduation and adulthood, you now owe gratitude to those kind folks who, for so many years, were concerned about your physical, mental, and spiritual development and well-being, and to all who were instrumental in assisting you in reaching this important milestone in your lives, GRADUATION. . . .

. . . Concerning the need for being grateful for services or benefits received the Good Book, our Bible, says: De. 8, 10: "When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord Thy God for the good land which He hath given thee." And in another place it says: "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God." Th. 5, 18. . . .

And so, today, you too, should be grateful for the many blessings you have received. Your gratitude should, first of all, be to Almighty God for having given you LIFE, the most precious gift of all gifts. You should also thank God for having given you loving, wise, and understanding parents, who, after they realized the nature of your handicap, hence, also the need of a special school for the special education which you would require, did not hesitate to make that great sacrifice of separating themselves from you for the purpose of sending you to M. S. D. in order that you might here be properly and adequately educated in preparation for your life's journey. Therefore, next to God, you owe gratitude to your loving mother and father. . . .

. . . Finally, you also should be grateful to this school, the teachers, the supervisors, and to all the good people who took the place of your parents during your stay here. You owe sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of these people who so patiently and kindly assisted you in obtaining your education which, today, makes you eligible for graduation. . . . Go to them and voice your appreciation, tell them how grateful you are for all the kind services you were privileged to receive from them during the time of your living and learning at M. S. D. . . .

. . . How can one best show his gratitude? A short answer to that question is, "Through Service". The Golden Rule states it thus: "DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU." Always remember that the world OWES NO ONE A LIVING. Life and success ARE and ALWAYS WILL BE EXACTLY what YOU put into it, and what YOU, YOURSELVES, make of it. In Matthew 7, 2 we read: "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again". In other words — In the manner you comport yourselves toward others, so will they react toward you. YOU will be judged by WHAT YOU DO and HOW YOU DO IT. And your compensation, or call it reward, will be measured accordingly. . . .

. . . Having received an education and having arrived at maturity, not only in body, but also in mind and spirit, certain obligations become yours. You are now expected to assume definite moral responsibilities. These include obedience to the laws of the country, responsibilities to your parents, to your employers, to your own families, to your school, to your friends, and above all to your GOD. . . .

. . . To a true Christian citizen Life should always be an opportunity for service. In order to be that, one's life should solely and consistently be regulated and motivated by the will of God. One should heed the words of St. James,



Dear Dr. Klein:

Chicago, Ill.

I am enclosing my gift to help in a small way with the financial needs to carry on the God pleasing work at our Lutheran School for the Deaf.

I have read the Deaf Child's Advocate, which reached me today, with a great deal of interest. This is the school where my brother learned to know his Savior many years ago. At that time children did not have the advantages children of today have. It was very enlightening to me to read about the methods of teaching and improving the speech of deaf children.

May God grant you and all the members of the staff, and the children His richest blessings.

Sincerely,

Hilda M. Knoelk



Dear Dr. Klein:

Columbus, Georgia

As the School term is coming to a close I'm sure that you will all be glad to rest for a while. I know Pat has made a vast improvement from this time last year. We see so much improvement from her letters. We feel so proud and thankful for the privilege of having been able to get her into your School.

I only wish that some of the other deaf children in Columbus could have the opportunity to attend your School. There are a lot of children in Columbus with as bad and some more severe hearing loss than Pat's. We have tried to induce some of their parents to send them to your School, but they can't or won't let anyone help them.

I want to thank you and anyone that has worked with Pat. We are looking forward to having her home for the Summer.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Ford



Dear Dr. Klein:

Detroit, Mich.

. . . As teachers we were awed and delighted at our recent visit at your school with the wonderful achievements and the infinite patience of your teachers. Your delightful and cheerful children have endeared themselves to our hearts. Their eagerness was inspiring.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Public School Faculty

when he says: "Go to now, ye that say Today or Tomorrow we will go into the city and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain; Whereas, ye know *not what shall be on the morrow*. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time and then vanishes away. *For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this and that*".

Remember these are words spoken by God. They express Man's Desire in Life — The Uncertainty of Life — And they speak of God's Will in Life. . . .

. . . My dear graduates! When planning for your future it is always well to keep in mind that fine phrase of yesteryear, "God Willing", and then call upon your Heavenly Father to regulate your Desires in Life in the light of Eternity; be reminded of and ponder the Uncertainty of Life, as you face the Future; and finally have a sincere Desire to pursue GOD'S WILL in Life. Your parents, your teachers, your friends, yes, all the world and, above all, your God expects this of you. Be assured that you will succeed in meeting all their expectations if you will but let your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be your example, your guide, and your God on your life's journey. If you will do that, your success in life is assured, and your rewards will be accordingly great . . .

. . . In closing, permit me to give out a definition of life as it is stated by Malthie Babcock: — "Life IS what we are ALIVE TO, it is NOT LENGTH, but BREADTH. To be alive only to appetite, pleasure, pride, money-making, and NOT to goodness and kindness, purity and love, history, poetry, music, flowers, stars, God and eternal hopes, IS TO BE ALL BUT DEAD". And now, to you graduates, with my sincere congratulations and best wishes I give a poem penned by Edith Burbank and titled:

### To The Graduates

"There is only ONE REAL HAPPINESS,  
There is only ONE SUCCESS;  
And they will surely bless you,  
If you love, laugh and give.  
It all depends on the WAY you LIVE  
And the WAY you see things through.

So go your way with laughter and smiles,  
Help others over the weary miles.  
Be loving to one and all.  
Put your hand in God's and tread  
Where Jesus, our Master, led.  
Then will you RISE, NOT FALL.

### FORM OF BEQUEST

I give, devise and bequeath to the Lutheran School for the Deaf, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Michigan, a duly organized and incorporated, non-profit corporation, the sum of \$..... and/or the following described real estate and/or stocks and bonds.

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

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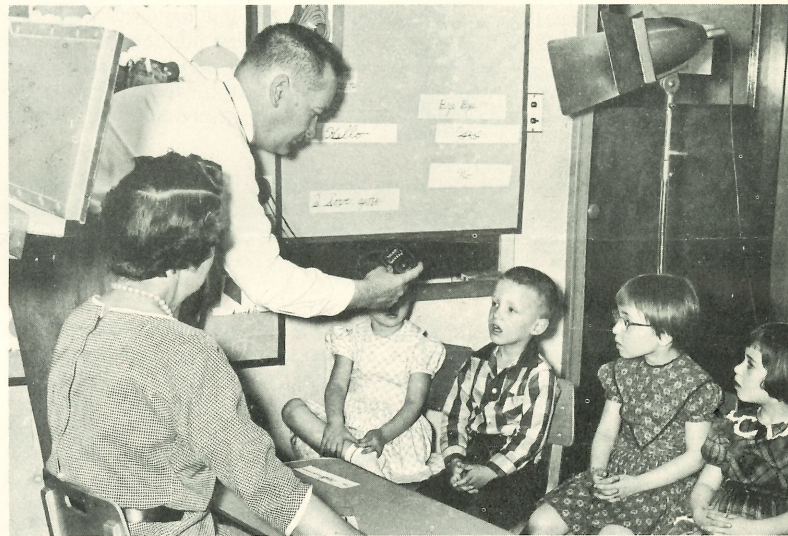


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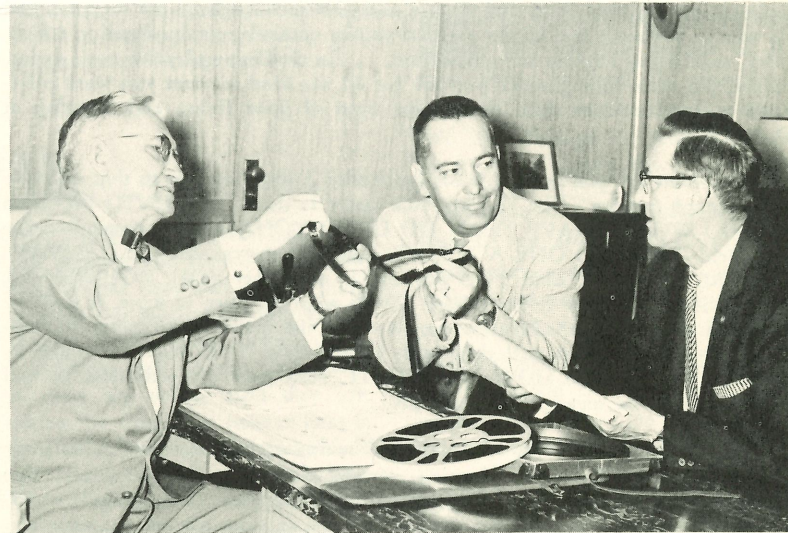
The Script is ready for Acceptance. L. to R. Producer R. J. Anderson, Dr. J. A. Klein, Scriptwriter Granville Ryan and Principal Walter Bellhorn.



Picture Production. Checking the lighting before action begins in Mrs. Nutt's Kindergarten Class.



Religion plays an important part in the new Movie. Dr. Klein's Confirmation Instruction Class prepares for the bright lights.



The Final Product. Mr. Anderson presents the first working print for Director Klein's and Principal Bellhorn's appraisal.