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THOUGHTS

ABIDE WITH ME

On a late Sunday afternoon about a century ago a lone solitary figure might have been seen walking along the cliffs on the South coast of England. It was Henry Lyte who only a few hours before had delivered a farewell sermon to his beloved congregation of fisher folk. He was now walking alone and for the last time along his beloved cliffs. The next day he would leave England to seek healing in the sunnier clime of southern France.

Far below him in this moment the waves of the English channel rose and fell. Behind him were the hills of Devon. God had never seemed closer to Henry Lyte than in that hour. He hastened home, secluded himself in his study and emerged a short time later with the words of a hymn which thousands since that time have named their favorite sacred song: "Abide with me!"

A few weeks later the invalid poet departed this life, strengthened in his last moments by the closing verse of his hymn:

"Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies,
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee,
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me."

That hymn takes us back to the first Easter. Two disciples were approaching Emmaus when suddenly and silently a mysterious stranger greeted them on the dusty road. To heal their hearts, wounded by the apparent death of Jesus, their new companion proved to them from the prophecies that, as Christ had to die, so He had to rise from the dead. And He comforted them with such heart-warming truth that "they constrained Him, saying, Abide with us! For it is toward evening and the day is far spent."

The story of Emmaus has been repeated countless times since that first Easter morning. By the grace of God it is also your story and mine. Its courage and victory has come again and again to us who live so far down the ways of time. Knowing this every one of us should repeatedly voice that prayer: "Abide with us."

But if we thus pray with the Emmaus disciples, and with them receive blessed answers to our prayers, — as we repeatedly receive them — can we refrain from doing further what these disciples did? As these disciples with new-born faith showed their zeal for Christ by hastening to proclaim: "The Lord is risen indeed", so you and I must do everything we can to the end that He might ABIDE WITH OTHERS.

It is the Christian's obligation and privilege to urge men and to help men, including deaf children, to seek the Kingdom of God, to prepare for the next world and to do this through Christ. Knowing what Christ's presence means for us, we can never be half-hearted in our efforts to help Him abide with others.

—CHARITY THERMOSTAT

GIFTS OF LOVE APPRECIATED

We gratefully acknowledge the fine response of the many Advocate readers to our Annual Appeal for support of the kingdom work being done at the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf.

Your gifts of love did not "swamp" the Detroit Post Office as a hope mentioned in the December issue of the Advocate but the returns proved to be a generous outpouring of financial help to the school. All thanks and praise be to God for opening the hearts and hands of His people so that these children who live in a world of silence might continue to grow physically, mentally and SPIRITUALLY. May the Lord bless you richly for heeding our annual appeal.



Dr. Klein and Miss Elsie Forsberg admiring the beautiful scroll executed and donated by Mr. H. G. Bierlein of Adrian, Mich. and presented to Miss Forsberg in appreciation of her 25 years of service to the school.

25th Anniversary Observed

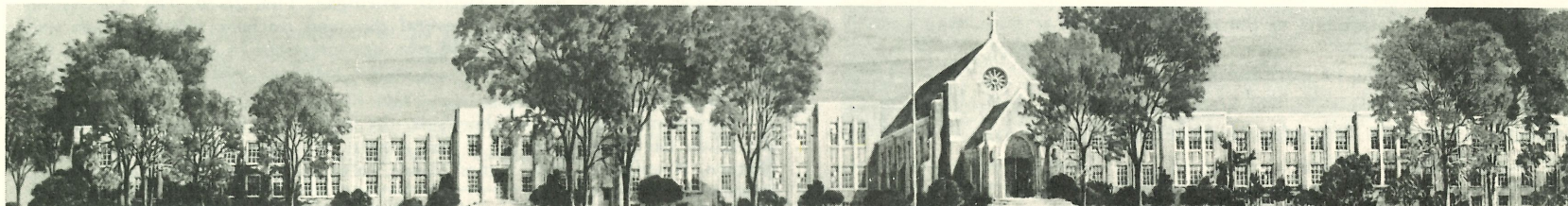
On January 15th a surprise anniversary was celebrated at the school honoring Miss Elsie Forsberg, who completed 25 years of faithful service as a teacher in our midst. The occasion began as Dr. Klein's annual birthday dinner and then to the complete surprise of Miss Forsberg it was announced as her 25th anniversary celebration.

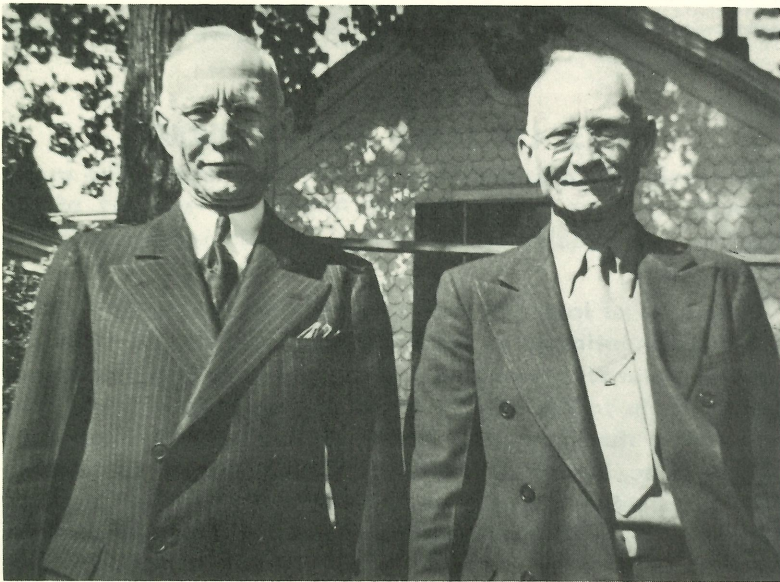
Present were members of the Board of Management, Board of Education, their wives, members of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf, the children and Staff of the school and friends.

A beautiful scroll and a wrist watch were presented to her on behalf of the school by the Rev. Carl Nietzke, member of the Board of Education and Dr. Klein. The Rev. H. R. Wacker, Chairman of the Board of Management, reviewed her excellent record of service to the school for the past 25 years.

Miss Forsberg, a native of Upper Michigan, was confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bessemer, Michigan. She was graduated from Bessemer High School and continued her education at Northern Michigan University where she received her B.S. degree. Her first teaching position was at Trout Creek, Michigan, where she taught a Kindergarten class of hearing children.

Then she became interested in the education of the deaf and trained at the Michigan School for the Deaf at Flint. She began her teaching career in Special Education at the Flint School and later taught at the Day School for the Deaf in Rochester, Minn. In 1937 she accepted a position at our school where she has continued to labor in the Lord's Vineyard with outstanding success. We hope and pray that she may remain active in the school for many more years to come.





HENRY — THE NIELSEN TWINS — CHARLES

1878 + HENRY NIELSEN + 1962

On Sunday, February 4th, the Lord called to his heavenly reward one of His very faithful servants, Henry Nielsen.

We of the Lutheran School for the Deaf have lost a close and personal friend and benefactor. However, our loss is heaven's gain where joy and gladness now are his forever. Mr. Nielsen rendered outstanding service for more than 30 years as a member of the School's Board of Management. During much of this time he held the office of Treasurer. He was also one of the oldest members in years of service on the Annual Festival Committee.

In 1906 Henry and his twin brother, Charles, founded the C & H Nielsen Cartage Company which is now being operated by their sons, Edwin and Carl. Brother Charles preceded Henry to his heavenly home four years ago. During all these years whenever there was any hauling to be done for the school, the Nielsen Cartage Company did it free of charge. In the fall of every year the two brothers together with their wives followed their large semi-vans to the Lutheran Churches of the Thumb district of Michigan where they called for the ingatherings of farm produce and canned foods for our school. Also every year they made the more than 200 mile trip to the Rogers City - Belknap area where they got our year's supply of potatoes which were donated by the Christians of those Churches. Trips into other sections of Michigan and into Ohio also were made from time to time and at no time did the school ever receive a bill for services rendered. The sons have assured us that the traditional service begun by their fathers will be continued.

To Mr. Nielsen's son and daughter-in-law, Edwin and Vera, to grandson, Paul, to his nephew, Carl and his family, and to his brother, George and sisters Elizabeth and Mary, we extend our heartfelt sympathy and comfort them with the assurance of a happy and blessed reunion in the presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our beautiful Memorial Wreath folders are always available free and postpaid.

COMING EVENTS

Besides the many scheduled group visits, talks and demonstrations and special conference dates, there are coming events which may be of special interest to many of our Advocate Readers:

- April 1 to 6 — Convention of Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf, Austin, Texas. Dr. Klein will attend.
- April 13 — Annual Festival Committee meeting at the School.
- April 15 — Palm Sunday — Confirmation of Eleven Deaf Children in our Gloria Dei, Elizabeth Knudsen Chapel.
- May 8 — Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf Bazaar.
- June 1-2 — Michigan Teachers of the Deaf Conference at Flint. Our teachers will attend.
- June 6 — Annual meeting of the Association at the School.
- June 10 — The Annual Festival, which also marks the end of the School Term.
- June 20-30 — Synodical Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. If planning to attend, visit the School's exhibit.
- June 26-30 — A. G. Bell Association for the Deaf Convention in Detroit.

School Presents T.V. Programs

TV cameras are focused, the music is softened, the Bible is slowly opened as the announcer begins — "Jesus said, 'I am the way, the Truth and the Life: no man cometh to the Father but by Me'. Tonight the Lutheran Schools of Greater Detroit present . . ." . . . and the program titled "The Way of Life" is on the air. This occurs every Monday evening, 7:30 P.M., at Television Station WTVS, channel 56, Detroit.

During the month of January deaf children and members of the faculty presented three programs depicting daily scenes at the Lutheran School for the Deaf. Principal Walter Bellhorn introduced the series of programs by showing the school movie "The World of Silence" which gave the television audience a broad overview of the many activities of the deaf students both in and out of the classroom. The motion picture also emphasized the goal of every child enrolled which is confirmation and active church membership.

The second program in the series was presented by Mr. Herman Holste, assistant principal, with his class of aphasic and deaf aphasic pupils. He explained the problems which these brain-injured children face in acquiring an education and demonstrated the methods used to teach them speech, language, reading and religion.

Dr. J. A. Klein, together with kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Nutt, and some of the deaf pupils appeared on the air in the last of the series of programs. He related the historical facts surrounding the school, its purpose and then explained how lipreading speech and language are taught to the young deaf child as Mrs. Nutt demonstrated each step with her children.

The program closed with several children from the upper classes demonstrating their knowledge of the Christian doctrines by answering catechism questions put to them by Dr. Klein.

Another TV program depicting the school's activities is being planned for next May and will originate from Toledo, Ohio.

Open Dates now available for scheduling the School's 16 mm, all color, sound movie titled "The World of Silence".

SPRING CONFERENCE

A group of Michigan Administrators in the field of deaf education and members of the Department of Public Instruction held a planning session for a Statewide Spring Conference to discuss the Educational Problems of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. In attendance were Dr. Klein and Walter Bellhorn. Several of the many important problems to be discussed at the two day meeting are:

1. Language problems and curriculum development for hearing impaired children and youth.
2. Needs of the multiple handicapped with severe problems.
3. Teacher recruitment and education.

Dear Reader, you can help in solving the problem of recruitment by letting it be known that there is a real shortage of teachers in this area of Special education and by sending us the names and addresses of interested young people who plan to enter the field of education or better still, ask them to write to the school for particulars pertaining to a tuition scholarship.

FUNDS VOTED TO TRAIN TEACHERS OF THE DEAF

The 87th Congress passed a bill for a new two-year program authorizing a total of \$3 million for scholarships and direct assistance to colleges and universities specializing in the training of teachers to work with deaf children. The program will provide training for about 700 teachers in these special techniques.

Congress has authorized a supplemental appropriation of \$1.5 million for operation in the first year.

The U. S. Office of Education, which will administer the program, estimates that there are 35,000 deaf school age children in this country. At least 8,000 of them are receiving little or no special training to help them adjust to their world of silence. Many of the other 27,000 are receiving inadequate training.

In all, there are only about 2,700 teachers trained to work effectively with deaf children. Only about 150 to 200 teachers are being trained for this purpose each year. Estimated need is for 500 a year.

Under the new program about 360 teachers will begin or complete their training during the next academic year and 340 the year after.

As an early step in launching the new program, Dr. Sterling M. McMurrin, U. S. Commissioner of Education, has named a 12-member National Advisory Committee to help him organize the project. This committee includes representatives of institutions approved for training teachers of the deaf and other experts in this field.

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SUMMER MEETING

The 1962 Summer Meeting of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf will be held in Detroit, Michigan, June 26-30. The Association is an organization composed of several thousand teachers, administrators and parents from all parts of the world who are interested in the education of the Deaf. The major topic for the Convention meetings will be "Verbal Communication Skills".

Several members of the school's faculty are serving on various committees. Dr. Klein has been appointed to the general advisory committee, Miss Grace Mannen, Hospitality; Mrs. Agnes Hance, Information, and Miss Helen Szajna, Registration.



Recent Lutheran visitors from foreign lands were the Rev. Mauri Alasaari of Eastern Finland and Dr. Mickilo Kaji of Japan. Both were greatly impressed with the work being done at the school, especially in the area of religious education and training for deaf children. Here pictured are (left) faculty member Miss Helen Szajna explaining to Dr. Kajo procedures in the use of reference books in the upper classes.



Lion E. Singelyn (left) congratulates Lion J. A. Klein after presenting the Texas stetson.

the LETTERBOX

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS

Last September we received a certificate of award which was a surprise both honorable and undeserved, for we are still indebted and grateful to you for the excellent education our daughter got at The Lutheran School for the Deaf. . .
Mr. Andrew Fabry, Chicago.

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. . . Certificate of Award received and I am very proud to know I was remembered. Wish I could do more. . .
Mrs. R. M. Rowland, Detroit, Mich.

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. . . Skip has had a wonderful time this vacation. I am so pleased at Skip's progress. Each time he comes home he performs for everyone. His writing has improved, also. He seems so happy. I have never before seen him quite so happy. It must be a wonderful feeling for a teacher to see such a change in a child. . .
Mrs. Nancy Short, Bay City, Mich.

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. . . The color film was an excellent orientation for what we were to see. Actually seeing and hearing the children and the explanations by the teachers spoke eloquently of the work accomplished by your school. We shall long remember the happiness and contentedness of the children. . .
Girls' Work Council of Detroit, Juanita Charlson, Pres.

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. . . It gives me great pleasure to write you how much our members, as well as the Blue Star group enjoyed both the luncheon and tour we had on the 25th. . .
Lutheran Gold Star Mothers, Hilda Mauer, Sec'y.

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. . . We enjoyed having Tim home for the holidays and seeing how he had improved since September. He looks so good and we are so glad that he likes it and is so willing to always go back. Just hope and pray everything keeps going so well. . .
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fellwock, Evansville, Ind.

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. . . My sister and I received the Awards from your school. Thank you very much. We do feel that this recognition should not be ours. This belongs to you and your school. . .
Minnie Reabe, Trenton, Mich.

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. . . Please accept our thanks for the three telecasts which the Lutheran School for the Deaf presented on Channel 56. I feel that the telecasts were excellently presented in showing the methods used in dealing with the problems of the deaf. . .
Lutheran Schools of Greater Detroit
Victor Brott, Producer, Educational TV Committee

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.

DR. KLEIN HONORED

A surprise testimonial dinner was given at the school in honor of Dr. J. A. Klein on Feb. 1st by his fellow members of the Grosse Pointe Lions Club. The occasion was in recognition of Dr. Klein's 54 years of service to the school and to the education of deaf children in general. The affair was planned by Lion Freddie Meyer, well known florist in Detroit and a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, East. Incidentally, some of us will remember Mr. Meyer's father, who was School "Inspector" of the Michigan District for many years. Freddie thought of everything necessary to make the party a complete success. Dr. Klein's sons, Robert, cashier of Mt. Clemens Savings Bank and Col. John J. of Birmingham, Ala., together with his family, were in attendance. Daughter Ethel of Houston, Texas, was unable to be present with the rest of the family for the special occasion but did send her father a lovely letter of congratulation.

It is no secret that Dr. Klein is a native of Texas and every Texan loves to be identified with a big wide brimmed hat. So the Lions Club ordered a ten gallon Stetson from Texas and presented it to the honoree while the group sang "Yellow Rose of Texas".

Dr. Klein's Pastor, the Rev. Erwin Hartman, related several incidents which happened in the celebrant's youth. It seems Brother Alvin Klein of Klein, Texas, supplied the Pastor with these anecdotes and, needless to say, they brought forth loud applause from the group.

Among the many congratulatory messages received were those from the honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice-President of the United States, the honorable gentlemen Ralph Yarborough, and John G. Tower, United States Senators from Texas. The honorable Price Daniel, Governor of Texas, Finis E. Davis, Immediate Past President of Lions International and "Uncle" Otto Griebing, world famous clown of the Ringling Bros. & Barnum and Bailey Circus and many times a visitor at the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

Yes, Freddie thought of everything. As the celebration came to a close, he presented Mrs. Klein with a beautiful orchid in recognition of her role as true help-meet during these many years of service at the school.



Clowns are clowning around with the crown of this year's Circus queen, Janice Dautenhahn of Arnold, Mo.

The New Editor



It is our hope and prayer that the school's paper "The Deaf Child's Advocate", now in its 32nd year, may continue to be a medium for developing and furthering interest in the physical, mental and spiritual welfare of the deaf children enrolled at The Lutheran School for the Deaf.—Walter Bellhorn, Editor.

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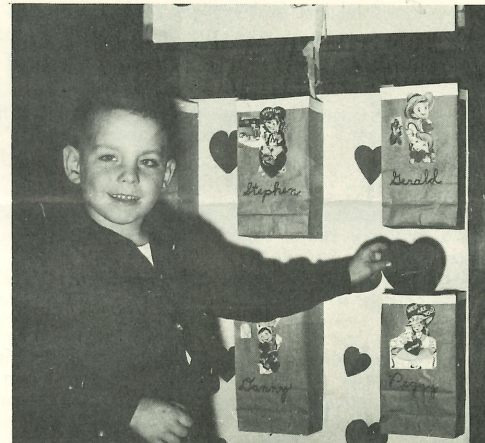
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND HAPPY INCIDENTS IN THE SCHOOL LIVES OF THE PUPILS



Bible Stories are of great interest to all. Second Grader Diane Johnson from Chicago, Ill. deeply engrossed in the story of Jesus' resurrection.



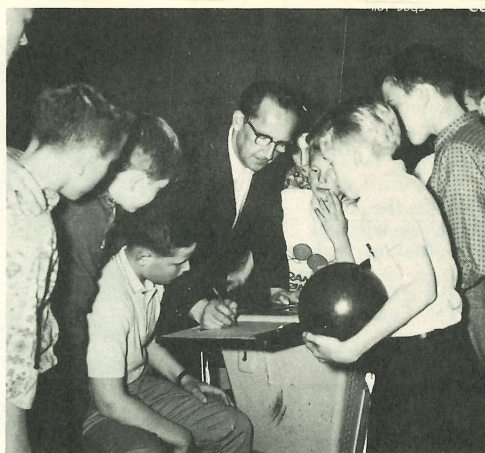
As an after school hour activity, Teacher Vilma Tinsmith instructs a group of girls in crafts. Here she is helping Connie Mathews, 8, of Canada, with her crocheting while Pamela Gustavel, 8, of Itasca, Ill. looks on.



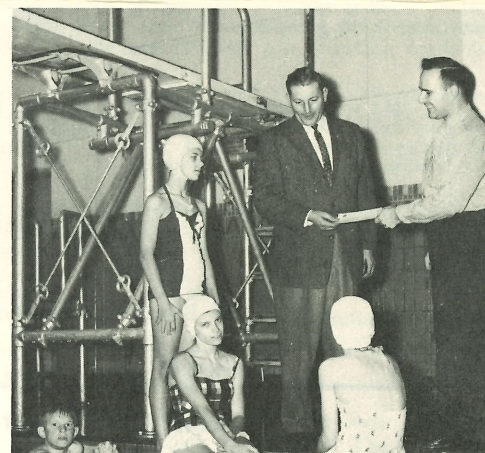
A Valentine for Peggy — Kindergartner Danny Bayle, 4, whose parents live in Puerto Rico, remembers his classmate, Peggy Nearing, 4, of Birch Run, Mich. with a valentine which he made in school.



This is anxious and serious business. Mary Jo Olsen, 6, of Minot, N. Dak. can hardly wait to see what is in her package from home as she prepares to snip the string.



Tuesday afternoons when classes dismiss there is a rush for coats and caps as the older boys and girls get on their way to the neighborhood Bowling Alley for three free games. Pictured are the boys anxiously awaiting the final results on the score sheet.



The Y.M.C.A. athletic program is assured for another year by the North Detroit and North East Kiwanis Club. Standing at the swimming pool are Sam Migliaccio of the North Detroit Kiwanis Club presenting a check to Chuck Wise to cover the membership fees of our children.