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WALTER BELLHORN APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In the Annual Meeting of the Association, held June 7th, Mr. Walter Bellhorn was elected Executive Director of the Lutheran School for the Deaf, succeeding Dr. John A. Klein, who retired. Mr. Bellhorn has served at the school for 32 years, the last 12 as Principal. He was born in Armada, Michigan and received his elementary education in St. Peter School, Richmond, Michigan. Immediately thereafter he entered Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois, where he completed the high school and college requirements. In 1930, upon graduation, he accepted a call to the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf. To prepare himself for this special field of education, he trained for one year at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in Pittsburgh.

In 1950, Mr. Bellhorn was appointed full time principal. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Wayne State University and will complete his Masters program this Fall.

Mr. Bellhorn's wife is the former Miss Alma Junke of Hadley and Richmond, Michigan. They have four children, Roy, Donna, Dean and Janice.

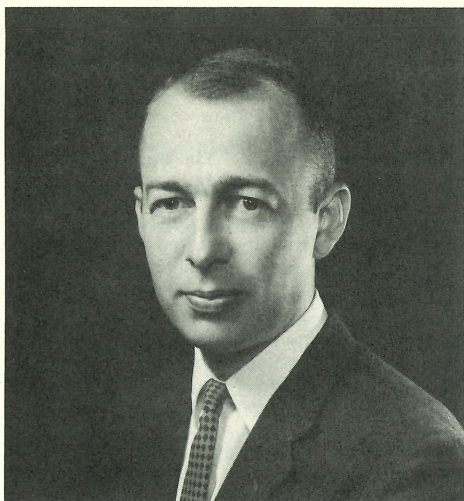


HERMAN HOLSTE — NEW PRINCIPAL

Mr. Herman Holste was elected to the office of Principal in the Annual Association Meeting. He has served the school as teacher of deaf children as well as Aphasic children since 1957. Our new principal was born at Ludell, Kansas, where he received his elementary schooling in Immanuel School. Upon graduation from high school, he served two years in the U. S. Navy. Having received his honorable discharge, he entered Concordia Teachers College at Seward, Nebraska, where he was graduated with a B.S. degree in education. He accepted a call to St. Andrew's Church, University City, Missouri, where he taught school for four years.

Being intensely interested in the field of special education and especially in the teaching of the deaf, Mr. Holste resigned from his teaching position at St. Andrew's to take up post graduate work at Washington University and Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis. Upon graduation and receiving his Master of Science Degree in Speech and Hearing, in 1957 he accepted a call to Detroit school where he has since taught both deaf and aphasic children.

Mr. Holste's helpmate is the former Miss Barbara Neinas of East Detroit, Michigan. Their two children are Jimmy and Theresa.



DR. JOHN A. KLEIN RETIRES

Dr. John A. Klein, after 54 years of most efficient and faithful service as a teacher, principal and executive director of the Lutheran School for the Deaf, announced his retirement at the Annual Meeting of the Association held at the school on June 7th. His final message to the Board of Directors follows:

MY FAREWELL MESSAGE

This being my last meeting with you men, the members of the School's Boards, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere and heartfelt gratitude. This I owe first of all to Almighty God, Who, in His great mercy, permitted me, an unworthy individual, to serve Him at your School for so many years and Who during all this time so mercifully overlooked my manifold transgressions, shortcomings, and mistakes. For the latter I truly and sincerely pray Him for pardon and forgiveness.

Second, I want to thank all my associates for the kindly patience they had with me and for their constant and fine cooperation. This particularly pertains to Mr. Walter Bellhorn who has been my "right hand" these past many years.

Third, I owe unstinted thanks to the officials and all the wonderful members of the School's two marvelous and everwilling Ladies Auxiliaries. These consecrated and loyal ladies unselfishly and most generously rendered your School untold and invaluable "Martha Services" throughout my entire administration. May they be blessed beyond measure for the services they rendered unto some of "the least of our Lord's brethren."

And last but by no means least do I want to convey to you, the members of the Boards of Management and Education, my deepest and most heartfelt gratitude for your very generous and ever-ready encouragement, forbearance, cooperation, assistance, and kindly advice, without which, humanly speaking, the work of your School would not and could not have been carried on successfully. And I especially also want to thank you for always having had patience with me for having on many occasions, overlooked my many weaknesses.

Mrs. Klein and I also are most grateful to you for the very generous pension arrangements you have made for our benefit. We want to assure you that this kindness on your part will never be forgotten by us.

In my expressions of gratitude I must not and can not fail to include my good, loyal and faithful wife who, during the many years stood by me and assisted me wherever and whenever there was a need. May God richly bless her for this, and may He grant her a peaceful and happy evening of life in our hope for a new home in the faraway South, a strange land for her.

For my very capable and worthy successor, Mr. Walter Bellhorn, his good wife, his fellowworkers, and you, the members of the Boards, I pray God for a most bountiful measure of His Holy Spirit in order that He may guide and direct you properly in all the important affairs pertaining to the future welfare and success of the School.

And now Farewell, and may GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

John A. Klein.

The Reverend H. R. Wacker, Chairman of the Board, on behalf of the Board, the School and its loyal Supporters expressed thanks to Almighty God for the great blessings bestowed on this special ministry of mercy to the Deaf through the untiring labors of Dr. Klein over the period of 54 years and then closed with these words: "All of us PRAY that the Lord of the Church will grant to Doctor and Mrs. Klein the inspired BENEDICTION of HIS Apostle, 1 Peter, 5,10:

"The God of all grace, Who has called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that you have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever," AMEN!"



GLEANINGS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS

From a list of forty-five applicants, the School, for various valid and obvious reasons could accept only eighteen new pupils last September. And so the total enrollment for the year was one hundred and two (102).

Confirmation—A class of eleven pupils was confirmed on Palm Sunday by Pastor Borchart. And six of the newly enrolled children were baptized in the course of the school year . . .

Staff—The School's entire staff consists of forty-two people. Of these, fifteen were members of the Faculty. In addition to these, many faithful volunteers gave the School much valuable service . . .

School Is Recognized—It is most gratifying to know that our school enjoys a very enviable reputation in the field of special education. Wherever one comes in contact with persons acquainted and familiar with the education of the deaf, Lutherans are always being complimented on the fine School they operate. And as a result the School has many visitors from other schools and parents of deaf children . . .

Family Health and Care—Due to the Lord's rich blessings and the excellent care of our housemothers our school's large family of deaf children can look back on a most enviable health record during the past year.

Most valuable free services were made available to the school by eight professionals who again were at the school's disposal at all times. These benefactors are Physicians, Charles H. Sharrer, and W. A. Huegli. Otolgologist, Dr. Floyd A. Seyfried; Dermatologist, Dr. Alice E. Palmer; Chiropodist, Dr. Lester C. Kreis, and Dentists, Dr. Carlisle Rueger and Warren D. Bruland. In addition to these, free services were also given by Roentgenologist Dr. Henry Ulbrick and a number of Optometrists . . .

New Installations and Replacements—On account of the Chicago School fire resulting in a great loss of lives, the Detroit City Council passed stringent fire preventive regulations, one of which pertained to more adequate fire alarm systems for schools in general but especially also for boarding schools such as ours.

In consequence of this new ordinance your Board was compelled to install very elaborate alarm and intercommunication systems at a total cost of \$9508.20.

To this cost will have to be added the expense of connecting the new fire alarm system with the City Fire Department. This work will be done by the City, but at our expense, as soon as the new installations in the building have been inspected and approved . . .

The furniture in two of the boy's dorm living rooms, having become quite rickety after more than twenty years, had to be replaced. The school's consecrated and ever-willing Ladies Auxiliary supplied this needed equipment at an approximate cost of \$2500.00 . . .

Publicity—The School's publicity work so necessary for the in-gathering of the required operating funds again consisted of the one appeal letter per year to pastors and other individuals, four issues of the quarterly periodical "The Deaf Child's Advocate," its motion picture, "The World of Silence", memorial folders, other informational pamphlets, speakers and demonstrations with children for all manner of programs, for meetings and services, broadcasting of radio interviews and TV programs and visiting days for group visitors. The latter came from many far and near points . . .

Film—The film, "The World of Silence" is still in great demand. And the reports we receive concerning it are always most complimentary . . .

Costs and Finance—The approximate cost to educate, house, feed and care for a deaf child in our school is on a par with other schools of similar nature, namely, \$3,000.00 per child. Since the school can expect to receive only about 1/8 or \$40,000.00 of its annual total financial needs from parents in the form of fees, much publicity is required in soliciting the support of Christians here, there and everywhere for the balance of \$260,000.00 . . .

Donations in Kind—We are again grateful for the fine farm produce and grocery donations the school received from our metropolitan and rural congregations. Such offerings are invaluable to us since they afford us the opportunity to provide our pupils with good diversified and wholesome food . . .

Improvements—In a recent meeting the need of a so-called "Activities Building" for our many youngsters was brought to the Boards attention by one of its members. And in order to explore this matter further it was resolved to appoint a committee to study the problem with a view of bringing definite recommendations to the Association in its next meeting for consideration and possible action . . .

Ladies Auxiliary—The Financial and volunteer services rendered the School by its wonderful and everwilling Ladies Auxiliary during the past year in the form of financial assistance as well as in actual Volunteer services were tremendous and varied . . .



In recognition of the Rev. George M. Krach's 30 years of service on the School's Board of Education, most of this time as chairman, a testimonial Scroll was prepared and presented to him on the day of the Annual Festival. L. to R. The Rev. Carl Nietzke, member of the Board, presenting the scroll to The Rev. Krach.

TEACHERS WORKSHOP HELD

The entire teaching staff returned from various vacation areas early to participate in a workshop on August 30th and 31st at the School. This enabled them to study and review the course of study and Language outline for all levels, become aware of existing policies and policy changes which will be occurring, carefully study and review old and new textbooks, visual aids, audio equipment and become familiar with the newly arranged children's library — activities — rhythm room.

Having taken this time for thoroughly preparing the classrooms and other physical features, the teachers were also able to make careful studies of the new classes from the files and were able to schedule materials to present a valuable learning situation as the children arrived, eager to enter into this new school year.

NEW PUPILS

A fine group of seventeen new pupils was enrolled this Fall, ranging from the ages of 4 to 11. Due to various reasons the school was not able to accept all the applicants on our waiting list. We had hoped to engage one more teacher so that more children could be accepted, but this did not materialize. The new pupils are as follows: Joseph Bell, 4 years of age, Chatham, Ontario; Ronald Berger, 9, Houston, Texas; Iain Clemerson, 5, Windsor, Ontario; Dale Decker, 8, Wyandotte, Michigan; Thomas Eisenmann, 6, Luckey, Ohio; Katherine Engel, 9, South Bend, Indiana; Alice Engman, 5, Bloomington, Minnesota; Thomas Futris, 4, Detroit, Michigan; Donald Goure, 6, Chatham, Ontario; Kenneth Hack, 11, St. Clair Shores, Michigan; Deborah Hales, 4, Gary, Indiana; Michael LaFountaine, 7, Taylor, Michigan; Durwin Rudy, 8, Lincoln Park, Michigan; Robin Jo Stein, 9, Dayton, Ohio; Laura Taylor, 5, Grosse Pointe, Michigan; Anastacia Westall, 5, Ft. Benning, Georgia; Edwin Witzke, Bay City, Michigan, 4 years old.



Deaconess Marie Bliefnick enters into her 25th year of service in the Lord's kingdom tending to the needs of handicapped children. Her most faithful labors were recognized by the School's Association at the Annual Meeting. Here Dr. Klein crowns the celebrant "Queen for a day."

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS

In the near future you should receive a check from Mr. Raymond Meyer, Treasurer of the Central District of Synod. This check comes to you as the result of a decision by the pupils of the Lakewood Lutheran School who distributed their chapel offerings for the year at an assembly held near the end of the school term.

We are sure that you will find some good purpose for this money. May the Lord continue to bless your work.
Edgar V. Tassler, Principal, Lakewood, Ohio

We, the Ladies Aid members and guests, were very impressed by your film "The World of Silence". I believe many had no idea as to the procedure a deaf child must go through. This film is just wonderful and we wish to thank you for booking it.

Mrs. Howard Telecky, Pres. Ladies Aid Society
Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Minn.

The Parent-Teacher Fellowship Forum of Faith Lutheran School would like to express our sincere gratitude for the heart-warming demonstration you provided during our meeting.

We were all taken in by the three lovely children, Donna, Corinne and Danny who are living testimonials of the wonderful work you and the staff at the school are doing.

All of our membership is indeed blessed in having children that are able to hear, and since your appearance I am sure all of us have given thanks for this wonderful gift.

Gloria M. Routzahn, Corg. Secy., Livonia, Mich.

Ever since I received the Certificate of Award in June, I have been wanting to write and thank you for it. I humbly acknowledge this award and thank God that there is such wonderful help for these handicapped children and the wonderful work you are doing for them.

I will keep the school close to my heart and send a gift whenever I can.
Mrs. William Wilke, Arlington Hgts., Ill.



Mr. Morris Geiger, Supervisor of the older boys and Deaconess Marie Twenhafel admire the new furniture for the boys' living rooms which was purchased from the Ellman Furniture Company, Detroit, by our ever active Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf.

NEW TEACHERS

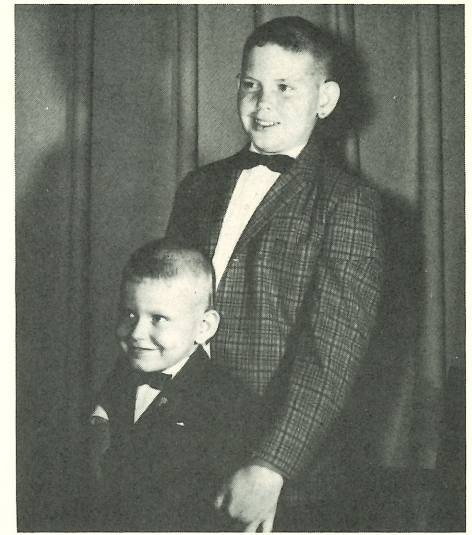
In view of the tremendous shortage of teachers for the deaf, throughout our country, the school was, indeed, fortunate in securing three new teachers for the 1962-63 school year. They are Miss Elaine Walter, Miss Judith McFall and Mrs. Harriet Watson.

Miss Walter, daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Alvin Walter of Tomball, Texas, after graduating from Concordia College, Austin, Texas, studied for two years at Central Institute for the Deaf and Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, to prepare herself for a teaching position in our school. She received her bachelor's degree from Washington University last June.

Miss Judith McFall of Santa Monica, California, a graduate of Concordia College, Winfield, Kansas, also took her training at Central Institute for the Deaf in conjunction with Washington University, St. Louis, and received her bachelor's degree in June. Both of these fine young Christian girls trained under our School's scholarship program.

Mrs. Harriet Watson of Belleville, Michigan, who has had years of experience, taught at the Michigan School for the Deaf in Flint before joining our staff.

All three are fully qualified and certified by the State Department of Education to teach in our school.



Deaf brothers—Tommy and David — Watch for their picture and story in the Annual Appeal letter.

Dear Reader:

When our Annual Appeal letter arrives at your home late this Fall you will learn why Tommy and David (pictured above) and many other deaf children need your wholehearted support so that they may learn to know Christ and grow in Him.

The Lord has worked miracles through your prayers and your offerings in bringing the saving Gospel to thousands of His "Children of Silence."

We are depending on your gifts of love to make it possible for this blessed mission endeavor to continue serving the deaf.

If you place a 4c stamp on the return appeal envelope, you will save the school 6c. However, most important is that you return the self addressed, pre-paid envelope with your gift.

Incidentally, all gifts to the school are tax exempt for income tax purposes.

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF

Several hundred parents and educators of deaf children from all areas of the United States banded together in Detroit for five days of study and discussion, June 25-30, to improve and continue the promotion of speech for deaf children. The theme for this year's meeting was "Effective Verbal Communication". The papers presented ranged from the diagnosis of the problem of deafness and/or language difficulties to demonstrations with the latest teaching aids, including closed circuit television.

The reading problems were given one entire day. Authorities in this field presented results of research and practical aid to more effective reading — the key source of a deaf person's information. The discussion periods by panelists for each major topic helped to reinforce the materials of the presented papers.

To keep us well informed about current research, Friday was crowded with several sections for Speech, Language, and Audiology, each having research reports which should help us in the work of deaf education.

The two special days for parents were well attended. The parents' section is only a few years old and gaining momentum. An alumna of one of the schools for the Deaf encouraged parents to continue promoting speech by her wonderful example of addressing the assembly.

A new feature of short courses for teachers on Friday afternoon and Saturday enthused the crowded classrooms. These "quickie" courses gave assistance in Auditory Training, Arithmetic teaching, Speech, and Language for the Deaf.

Several members of our faculty were active in assistance for this most beneficial meeting. Teachers Mrs. Hance and Miss Szajna assisted with registration. Our Principal, Mr. Holste, was Chairman for Thursday afternoon's reading presentations.

The next meeting of the Association will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1964.

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.

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

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

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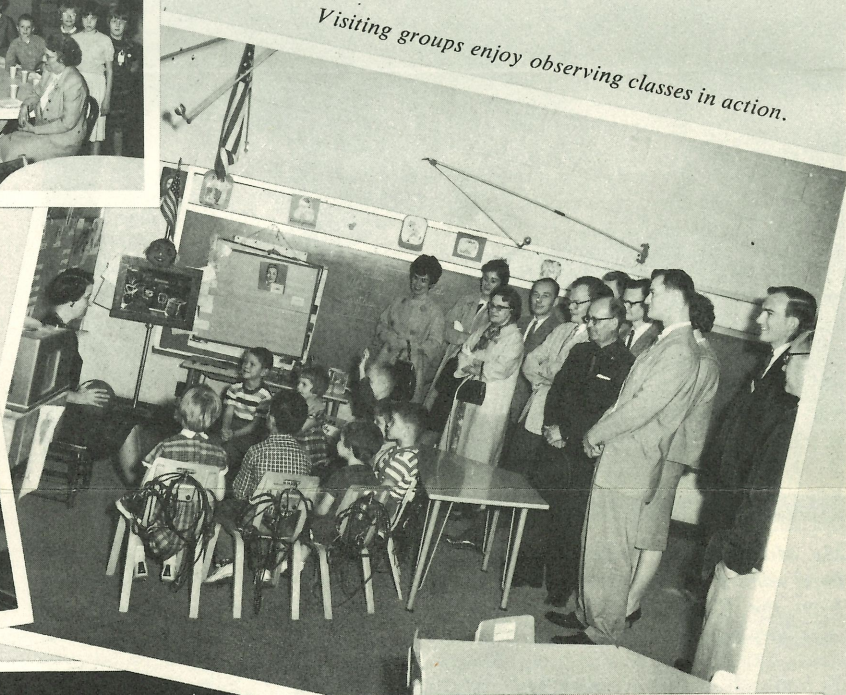
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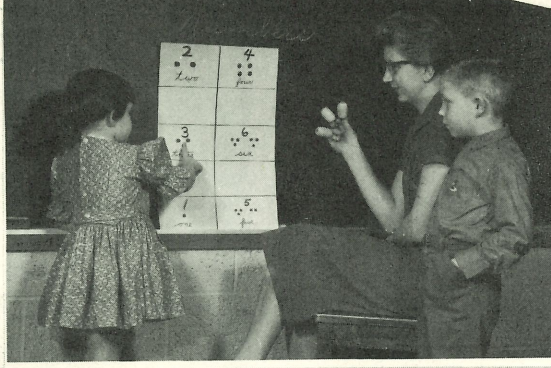


Class Birthday Parties are never to be forgotten events in the lives of these youngsters.

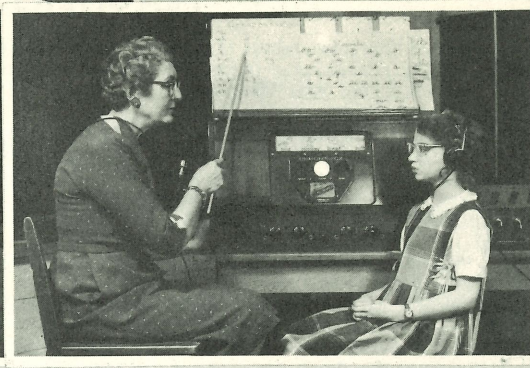
Visiting groups enjoy observing classes in action.



Learning to know Jesus—the goal of every child enrolled.



Special techniques are employed in introducing number work to deaf children.



The Chromovox is employed to aid in the development of speech and reading.