

It is with much love and deepest respect that the 1975 ILDA Convention Committee dedicates this first Official Program Book to a man who has led us well, encouraged us along the way, nurtured us with God's wisdom, and taught us by his example to be humble but farsighted and prophetic workers for God.

We dedicate this book to

URIEL C. JONES

a man of faith in word and deed.



U. C. Jones has spent his entire life in service to God and his people. Born in Cartwright, Kentucky, he started school at the age of ten after the death of both his parents. Supporting himself since that time he was able to attend and graduate from Gallaudet College in the year 1924. Since that time he has given his life to deaf young-people and to his church.

"U.C." was printing instructor and classroom teacher at the Idaho School for the Deaf (1924 - 1928); classroom teacher and printing instructor at Mississippi School for the Deaf (1928 - 1936) where he was editor for the *Deaf Mississippian* and an editor for the *Tennessee Observer* (1936 - 1971) at the Tennessee School for the Deaf where he was printing instructor for ten years and vocational principal for twenty-five years.

Active in many civic, scholastic and church affairs throughout his life "U.C." received his Master's Degree from the University of Tennessee in 1943, and after that became Vocational Principal for the Tennessee School. He continued in that post until his retirement.

After retiring "U.C." took up full time church work as he became the first elected president of the International Lutheran Deaf Association and took up the work of editing and managing the *Deaf Lutheran*. He completely revised the format of that magazine, added new sections and expanded readerships participation before failing health caused him to stop that activity. In the ILDA he gave strong leadership and helped the board to begin to realize the scope and the potential of the work God has put in thier hands before doctors required that he give up this work and seek a more restful life-style.