MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

Mr. Hans Nestlbichler (1839-1973)

Benign, his influence,
Deep his insights,
Gracious his being,
The epitome of a gentleman
and a man of deep learning.

Hans Nestlbichler was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1839. His youth and early adult years were spent in this beautiful European center of culture.

Following his graduation from the Vienna Teachers College in 1909, he taught school for several years. In 1913, he entered the Austro-Hungarian Army and fought on the Russian front. After one year he was taken prisoner and sent to a prison camp in Siberia where he was held for six years. Upon his release, he returned to Vienna where he became an elementary school principal. Twice, he was given awards for distinguished educational service.

In 1946, Hans Nestlbichler and his American wife, Etelka Jacobi, came to the United States and settled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they had many relatives and friends. He joined the faculty of the Wisconsin State College in the Department of German, and taught until his retirement in 1960. He died on November 9, 1973. Survivors include his wife Etelka, and his son, Paul.

As an educator, he was an inspiring teacher and took a personal interest in his students with whom he maintained a close relationship. He liked students and they liked him. This mutual regard existed also in his relations with his colleagues who admired and respected him for his fine mind, his delightful sense of humor, and his kindly, gracious manner.

"A Renaissance Man" -- everything interested Hans Nestlbichler! He read widely in English, German, French and Russian. He enjoyed good music. He was discriminating in his tastes and insightful in his sympathetic awareness.

Hans Nestlbichler was a man who loved all of humanity--his world was everyone's world, and his horizons were unlimited. Those whose lives he touched were richer for his gentle ennobling influence.

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