

This Is Our Story

We Spend Christmas at Zeb's Home; Santa Claus Arrives

Part VII

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Karabeth's Mother

(Summary of previous installments: Karabeth was admitted to the Cerebral Palsy Hospital at Durham when she was about 5 years old. Later she underwent an operation at Duke Hospital to have a condition in her feet corrected. She was discharged shortly before Christmas and returned with her parents to her home in Newport. Karabeth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Mauney, Newport. When she did not start to walk as her mother thought she should, it was discovered that she was suffering from cerebral palsy.)

We went to Shelby to spend the holidays with Zeb's parents. Christmas Eve we opened our gifts. Karabeth opened all the gifts for us after she had opened hers. What a wonderful time she had! She got the most lovely gifts.

Christmas morning she found Santa Claus had left her just what she wanted—an electric stove, hot iron, a big kitchen cabinet and an ironing board. She cooked bread on her stove for her dinner.

Karabeth and I went to South Carolina to visit my relatives in the afternoon of Christmas day. She had many more lovely gifts to open. She and Mother have the happiest times together. Mother has a perfect way with children and they adore her.

Mother and I took Karabeth to Durham to have her cast removed Jan. 15, 1952. The doctor who saved it off said she with the best patient he ever had.

Karabeth did not know her heels had been split until she saw the black stitches. She was not as pleased to have the stitches removed as she was to have the cast removed.

She looked strange without her white boots, she had worn them for so long. We were all glad to see her legs again. We went back to Virginia for another week.

Hectic Week Passes
This was a hectic week. We thought it was all over when the cast was removed, but the bad part just began then. Karabeth could not stand to touch her feet to the floor. Her legs would cramp all night and she would cry out in pain. She could hardly stand to be moved.

The week passed very quickly and it was time for Karabeth to go back to the cerebral palsy hospital for a check-up. I had been told to bring her clothes in case she was ready to be re-admitted. I put her clothes in the car before I waked her. She had no idea she would be going to stay and I hoped to bring her back too.

I knew that if she came back it would only be for a few days. We left for Durham early in the morning. Karabeth was examined and the doctor said she was ready to be admitted again.

Karabeth cried as if her heart would break. I tried to smile and explained why she must stay longer. She always seemed to under-

stand things so well. I stayed with her for awhile, dreading the heart-break of parting again.

I visited Karabeth the following Sunday and she was in her routine again and was happy. She started going to kindergarten and enjoyed it very much.

For those who have never seen or visited the hospital, I will attempt to tell you about it and what a wonderful place it is. I have already told just a little about it.

Best in Country
It is the finest equipped hospital for the treatment of cerebral palsy in the whole country. It is the first hospital of its kind built by a state government and the people of North Carolina should be very proud of it.

Dr. Lenox Baker is the medical director. There is a fine staff of therapists, nurses, and teachers who are doing a great work. The hospital is located one mile from Duke Hospital on the Erwin Road.

It is a flat-top brick building. The grounds are equipped with swings, see-saws, slides, and chairs. Inside, in addition to the children's living quarters, there are classrooms. In one room there is a play school.

There is a room for speech therapy. In this room are tables for the children's exercises, parallel bars, and steps. At the end of the parallel bars, there is a big, long mirror so the children can see how they walk.

The crutches are kept in this room too, for here is where the children learn to use them.

There is a room for occupational therapy. This is where the children learn self-help and to be independent. They learn to lace and tie their shoes, button and unbutton clothes, fasten and unfasten zippers, dressing themselves and undressing, putting on and taking off their braces, and scores of other things.

They learn to make pot holders and how to use a typewriter. In the recreation room there is television for the children to enjoy. They have just everything.

Upstairs there is the most attractive school you have ever seen. There is one very large room. In this room there is a small piano and the children learn to sing many clever songs.

Display of Work
There is the nicest display of things the children have made, written, or drawn. There is everything imaginable to work with. Across the hall there are smaller class rooms just as attractive.

There is a big porch that opens out on the roof for the children to play on or to sun.

Across the grounds a short distance away there is the nicest white hut with green shutters which is the Scout Hut. This had been built by a club.

They have the Brownies and Boy and Girl Scouts. Karabeth was a member of the Brownies. They wore their uniforms to their meetings. Karabeth enjoyed this very much for they had such good times and learned lots of things. They

took the children on short trips. There is nothing that this hospital does not have except a room or place for the parents to stay with their children.

We parents know as well as the staff that if this were possible, no one would accomplish anything. The staff is parents to the children while they are there. They baby and love them as we do, even rocking them to sleep if that is what it takes for them to go to sleep. They are just wonderful to the children.

I feel that I could never find adequate words to express my sincere appreciation for what this hospital has done for Karabeth and me. I hope the parents who have a child with cerebral palsy and live in North Carolina know about this wonderful hospital and write immediately for an appointment for the child.

Stars Visit
The children are entertained by many professional people. Karabeth was thrilled when Charlie McCarthy visited them. They see many good puppet shows which always please the children; magician shows and others.

Clubs and organizations take them lovely gifts. At Christmas time Santa Claus comes out to see them. They have a very big tree, which is beautifully decorated, in the reception room. They have a big Christmas party.

Karabeth missed the first party for she was in Duke Hospital, but one of the nurses took her a lovely doll that Santa had left for her.

Santa always brings such nice toys for the children. There are big toys such as doll carriages, tri-

cycles, and wagons for all the children to enjoy.

He brings each child several gifts for his very own. Last Christmas he gave each girl a lovely shoulder bag, a beautiful, soft-skin doll wrapped in a small blanket, and a big blanket for their doll, just like a real baby. Karabeth named her doll Patricia and slept with her every night.

The children have a 10-day vacation at Christmas. They have two weeks' vacation during the summer.

There were several Sundays Karabeth didn't have company. In case a child didn't have visitors, the nurses and nurses aides took over. They showed the children pictures on the screen and read the story as the picture was shown.

On nice days they took the children outside to play; other days they went to play school. They were served ice cream and had a good time.

Epidemics Occur
Several epidemics of child maladies broke out during Karabeth's stay such as measles, flu and chicken pox. Karabeth had a good dose of chicken pox.

During these epidemics the children were restricted to the hospital and no children were admitted. We visited Karabeth for two hours in the recreation room.

We enjoyed these visits too, for on these occasions were the only times the parents and children really got to know each other. Karabeth was always in her rolling chair when we went to see her.

Zeb and I took her for a ride and then we would park under two very large oak trees on a hill on the Duke campus. We had such good times. We looked for doodle-bug houses and would try to call the doodle-bugs out. The doodle-bugs live in little holes in the ground and when you say, "Doodle-bug, your house is on fire," they usually come running out. Karabeth planted an acorn and still wants to go back to see if there is a tree where she planted it.

During the early spring of 1952 I had an acute attack of arthritis. I had never suffered so much in my

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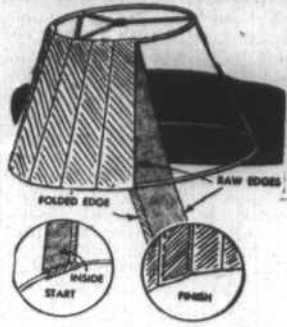
Greenville—General Manager A. Hartwell Campbell of television station WNCT, Channel 9, Greenville, has announced that the station plans to start its telecast day at 12:30 p.m. beginning early in March.

The present schedule starts at 2:45 p.m. on weekdays, 11 a.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. on Sundays. Campbell says, "We plan to go on the air at 12:30 p.m. weekdays with a network production which has not been named yet, followed at 1 p.m. by an audience-participation show from our studios. At 1:30 we plan to telecast a cooking show from our studios."

life, nor was I ever so helpless. During my illness and recovery my faith in God reached a new depth I had never known. I could feel the presence of God beside me every moment. I prayed as I had never prayed before that God would make Karabeth walk. Friday night of that week I dreamed I saw Karabeth walking.

(Friday: Karabeth Walks)
About 120,000 horses were pulling street cars in the United States in 1884.

Make Do!



To re-cover a lamp shade frame, cut a continuous 3-inch bias strip from any kind of material. Fold the left edge of the strip under about 1/4-inch. Attach strip with a tacking stitch to the bottom wire of the frame. Wrap the material around the frame, making sure that the folded edge overlaps the raw edge so there are no gaps. At the finish, fold both edges of the material under and tack to frame.

The axis of the earth shifts as much as 60 feet at the north pole in a 14-month cycle because the earth wobbles.

Scientists Seek New 3-D Usage

Columbus, Ohio (AP)—Ohio State University researchers are looking for new uses for the 3-D pictures. At present the major application of 3-D to science is in photogrammetry—mapping or surveying with the aid of photographs.

Dr. Bertil P. Hallert, Swedish scientist and associate in OSU's mapping and charting research laboratory, says a 3-D aerial photograph can be used to prepare a detailed map.

The Pennsylvania Turnpike was

surveyed in 145 days, compared with an estimated 2 1/2 years using ground measurements.

The method was used by Hitler and later by Allies in World War II. Dr. Hallert estimates there were 80,000 aerial cameras in use by the end of the war.

Dr. Hallert is trying to interest OSU medical researchers in 3-D X-ray as a diagnostic tool. Other fields in which Hallert has noted successful application of 3-D include astronomy, microscopy, engineering, anthropology, geology, psychology, heredity, forestry, agriculture, meteorology, oceanography, botany and archeology.

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