



Arthur S. Myklebust

Arthur S. Myklebust was known to be energetic, understanding, and staunch advocate for the advancement of deaf people. Myklebust was chosen as the ninth superintendent of SDSD and served in that position for the next 34 years. He was well qualified for this job along with being understanding of the challenges deaf people faced.

Arthur Myklebust was born in Lester, Iowa in 1908. He married Agnes E. Lee on June 21, 1933. They had two sons: Robert and John.

During the 34 years as superintendent, Myklebust brought about many changes and improvements to the school campus. One major change was the selling of the farm, which had been a part of the school. Upon selling the farm, some land was kept for a football field, quarter mile track, softball diamonds and a tennis court. He also directed the building of the boy's dorm, the renovating of the kitchen and school building, the institution of religious instruction, the coordination of a media center, the start of the Hearing and Speech Center, the building of the infirmary and the swimming pool along with the purchasing of modern equipment in the field of audiology and deaf education materials. Along with this, a formal outreach program was started because of Myklebust's willingness to travel across the state to encourage parents of deaf children to attend SDSD. Myklebust and his wife, Agnes, had a great interest in botany and had many unusual varieties of roses in bloom. Every spring and summer, the school received compliments from people of Sioux Falls and the surrounding communities. Not only this, he also assisted in forming and starting the Deaf Education program at Augustana College.

After devoting 34 years of his life to the education of deaf and hard of hearing children and witnessing 458 students complete courses at SDSD, Myklebust retired on June 30, 1973. He went on to enjoy his retirement as an avid outdoorsman.