

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF WATERLOO LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

The annual meeting at which the Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran University honored the Golden Anniversary of the Seminary was held on September 27, 1961, at the Waterloo Collegiate Institute. The devotions leader was Mrs. Kurt Reble of Hamilton. Her very appropriate theme was, "What If They Had Quit?" based upon the Apostles, and also referring to those responsible for founding and nurturing the Synod and higher education here. Mrs. Arnold Conrad was pianist.

The president, Mrs. O. O. Ireland, welcomed all those present; she presided at the afternoon session.

The Rev. John M. Zimmerman, chairman of the Board of Governors, spoke briefly. He noted that behind every successful man there is a good wife, and spoke of the Auxiliary as the handmaiden behind the success of the institution. He introduced Miss Tamara Giesbrecht, business manager of WLU; Mr. Hermansen, public relations officer; and Dr. William J. Villaume, new president of WLU.

Pastor Zimmerman related that the board, before going out to search for a new president, had drawn up a list of qualities they felt the man should have. The list was so impressive that they really doubted that any one person could have them all, but were informed that Dr. Villaume was the man who "had everything."

Dr. Villaume thanked the Auxiliary for its sacrificial service through the years. He likened his arrival here in this new position to the child who opened a box of cereal and found that it was chock full of prizes. Among the prizes he listed are: the biggest year in the institution's history, with size of summer school enrollment doubled, an enrollment at Waterloo University College of about 850, 62 nurses, 45 already enrolled in the extension work -- altogether an enrollment of over 1200, a 50% increase, against an average 5-10% increase in universities across Canada; the affiliation with our institution of Mennonite Brethren College in Winnipeg; a scholarly and devoted faculty; a hard working, devoted board (he paid particular tribute to the executive); four buildings either underway or to come soon; a Synod that has deep regard for WLU and is showing it in the Centennial Advance campaign to be held January, February and March of 1962; the Auxiliary. He brought along his freshman cap for the purpose of taking it off to the women!

Dr. Houser brought greetings from the Seminary, and paid tribute to the Auxiliary, especially for adding its weight to the Golden Anniversary celebration. He said we were being given new assignments from God, and asked each of us to work hard in our local church on behalf of the Seminary campaign.

Three members of the faculty then gave a presentation on the "Future of Waterloo Lutheran University" as they saw it: Drs. Lloyd Schaus, Herman Overgaard and Bruce Honeyford. Dean Schaus quoted a clipping of "Forty Years Ago," a column in the local paper, which reported that Waterloo College and Seminary had begun that year with 47 students! He mentioned days in the late 30's when the future was in doubt, with increasing debts, enrollment of less than 100, and also another time of stress, when the federation-independence question was being considered. In contrast, our institution is now bulging at the seams, he said, with 850 students using the arts building designed for 350. What we need on classrooms are not doors, but zippers! There has been no lowering of admission standards to obtain these students; quite the contrary. Very few required a preliminary course. There are ten new faculty members, making a total of 40 full-time and 10 part-time. This year is a foreshadowing of things to come; the bulge is only beginning. The future will probably see an expansion of curriculum in the areas of science, social studies, psychology and mathematics.

Dr. Overgaard presented the financial picture -- how the federal government gives grants toward current expenses, and how the four buildings are being financed. Dr. Honeyford then described the campus plan and the buildings, while they were projected on a screen. He also showed pictures of campus activities in the last year; and Dr. Houser served as narrator for showing of pictures of the trip to British Guiana, where he participated in the ordination.

service for the three men from British Guiana who finished at the Seminary in May.

Mrs. Ireland gave the President's Report. She noted that the executive board had held eight meetings during the year, and that the Key Women had been called in to one of these. The Auxiliary had taken charge of social hours at Homecoming Weekend and the First Convocation of the University. She thanked all who had supplied refreshments and served for these affairs. During the year the auxiliary provided 117 quilts, 15 blankets, 9 mats and 2 bedspreads for the residences, which she believed was a record.

Minutes of the last annual meeting were approved in the form in which they had been mimeographed and distributed to the congregations. The Treasurer's Report with audit was accepted. The treasurer reported a balance as of January 1, 1960 of \$1,621.21, receipts of \$4,774.01, expenditures of \$2,547.05, and balance as of December 31, 1960 of \$4,384.17. The 1961 contributions to date total \$5,494.80, an increase of \$1,116.08 over the previous year. The Roll Call was answered by 242 persons from 38 congregations.

Mrs. Gillespie reported for the ^{Program} ~~Program~~ Committee, expressing gratitude for our loyal and faithful members, but asking for more emphasis in reaching the individual. She also reported that the slide sets of our institution have been called back from the key women, and will be revised and brought up-to-date, with a "new" slide set and script to be available by the end of the year.

Mrs. Klinck reported for the Project Committee. The following projects were recommended and adopted unanimously: a total of \$25,000 toward furnishings for the new women's residence, with \$4,000 to be allotted in 1961; other 1961 projects, \$150 college scholarship for a Lutheran girl, \$175 for \$25 gift certificate to each of the seven Lutheran Seminary graduates in 1962, and \$500 toward 50th Anniversary Thankoffering for Seminary. Since \$1,000 had been voted for the residence furnishings in 1959 and another \$1,000 in 1960, this would make \$6,000 currently available, and \$19,000 to be met in future years. Also, previous grants to the Seminary Thankoffering had been \$2,000, so we need to raise \$2,500 more for this cause in the future.

* Mrs. Klinck presented additional needs: several good, used pianos, used record players, new quilts in 64 x 96 size -- with the large number of double rooms matched pairs are ideal, mats -- with matching pairs preferred, and blankets in single-bed size.

Mrs. Klinck also presented the newly-revised constitution, which was read and adopted subject to approval of the board of governors.

Mrs. Earl Cook gave the report of the Nominating Committee. Only one office needed to be filled: Mrs. Kenneth Schaefer was nominated and elected to the position of assistant treasurer.

A congratulatory telegram was received from the Women's Group of Finnish Lutheran Church, South Porcupine.

The business session was adjourned and the women were taken on tours of the partially completed women's residence under the direction of Mrs. Marianne Binhammer and several college girls trained by her. A buffet supper was held in the Collegiate dining room, with 259 persons being served.

The evening session was built around the Seminary Anniversary. Dr. A. W. Lotz, president of the Synod, gave devotions. Dr. Conrad Hoyer spoke on "Quest for the Best," "The Constant Flame," a series of historical sketches, was given, based on a script by Miss Clara Bernhardt for the 25th Anniversary, and adapted and enlarged by Mrs. Gillespie and Mrs. Klinck. Earl Stieler directed; Dr. Henry Schmieder narrated. The offering was designated for the 50th Anniversary Thankoffering. Dr. Lotz pronounced the Benediction. Fritz Widmaier and Philip Schaus provided music. College girls ushered, under the direction of Miss Betty Schaus.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily S. Dolbeer, secretary

* preferred colours are beige, brown, green or yellow

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Annual Meeting celebrating the Golden Anniversary of the Seminary

September 27, 1961

AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn: God's word is our great heritage, And shall be ours for ever;
To spread its light from age to age Be this our chief endeavor;
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay;
Throughout all generations. Amen.

Scripture and Meditation;

Hymn: O Master, let me walk with thee In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, of love;
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee In closer, dearer
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong company
In trust that triumphs over wrong;

In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's
In peace that only thou canst give; broadening way,
With Thee, O Master, let me live. Amen.

Leader Mrs. Kurt Reble Pianist..... Mrs. Arnold Conrad

Welcome Mrs. O.O. Ireland, President of Auxiliary

Greetings..... The Rev. John M. Zimmerman, Chairman of the
Board of Governors
Dr. William J. Villaume, President of Waterloo
Lutheran University
Dr. J. Ray Houser, President of the Seminary

"The Future of Our University" ... Dr. Lloyd H. Schaus
Dr. Herman C.J. Overgaard
Dr. Bruce N. Honeyford

Business Session: Report of the President
Minutes
Treasurer's Report and Auditors' report
Roll Call
Report of Promotion Committee
Report of Project Committee
Report of Nominating Committee and Election
Report of Constitution Committee
Announcements

Closing Prayer

Tour of New Women's Residence

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PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR 1961

- \$ 500. - 50th Anniversary Thankoffering for Seminary
- 150. - College Scholarship for a Lutheran girl (Awarded annually)
- 175. - A gift certificate of \$25. redeemable for books or vestments at the United Lutheran Supply Store, Kitchener, to each of the seven Lutheran graduates of Waterloo Seminary in 1962.
- 4000. - Furnishings for Women's Residence
- \$ 4825. - Total allocations recommended.

FUTURE COMMITMENTS

The 50th Anniversary Thankoffering for Seminary -			
	Our goal	\$ 5000.	
	Reserves	<u>2500.</u>	
	Balance in 1962-63		\$ 2500.
College Scholarship for Lutheran girl			150.
Gift certificates for Seminary graduates, approximately			200.
Cost of furnishings for Women's Residence			
	Approximately	\$25000.	
Funds available - 1959 reserves	\$1000.		
1960 reserves	1000.		
1961 reommend	<u>4000.</u>	<u>6000.</u>	
Balance to be paid			<u>19000</u>
	Total		<u>\$21850.</u>

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REPORT OF PROMOTION COMMITTEE Sept. 1961

50 Golden Years of Opportunity - have we made the most of those opportunities? I could say "Let's Reminisce" but time does not permit but I can assure you many interesting facts could be related. When our Seminary was founded in 1911 some of the ladies of our congregations in the Twin Cities, mothered these boys and this was a service of love they rendered for years. One of these "boys" is now the new President of our Canada Synod. So practically from the beginning we have had a share in the development of our Institution. Our service has been "Martha Service" but we can look back over our accomplishments with a degree of satisfaction. However we dare not dwell on the past but we must be concerned about the future. How do we approach our prospective members - in an indifferent manner - or do we approach them with an enthusiasm that is really contagious? The confusion and upheaval in the world today demands that we concentrate on turning out into this world Christian leaders in all walks of life.

As we look back, we are grateful to all our loyal and faithful members and friends in the Canada and Nova Scotia Synods, who have supported us through the years. However, when we consider the potential womanhood of our 2 synods - about 12,000 - our supporters are few - about 1/3. Our Key Women in each Conference have kept the congregations supplied with letters of information and encouragement. We always stress reaching the individual - this is the method that creates interest. Try it - you will be amazed at the results. Financing our future projects would be simple if we could interest our potential womanhood.

I am sure most of you have at some time or another had a showing of our slides together with the accompanying script. These slides have all been called in. Many changes have and are taking place at our Lutheran University. Some of the slides are now back history and will be replaced with interesting and up-to-date colour slides that should be of the utmost interest to all congregations. We hope the slides and new script will be in the hands of our Key Women by the end of the year. The Key Women will be very happy to mail them to every congregation in their particular conference. This may be the only means of bringing our school and some of the interesting features - to many of our parishioners both here and in Nova Scotia so do put in your order to your Key Woman.

This year our school has the largest ~~registration~~ registration in history - how are we going to meet this challenge? - with a dynamic enthusiasm, I hope.

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It has been a joy to serve you as Promotional, Chairman. I deem it a privilege to be a member of this Auxiliary and to work in the interests of our Christian School - how about you?

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ruth Gillespie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

PROMOTION CHAIRMAN