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WATERLOO LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY ADOPTS PLAN

FOR SECOND CAMPUS IN ORILLIA "IN PRINCIPLE"

The Board of Governors of Waterloo Lutheran University announced today that it adopted a plan "in principle" to extend its full-time academic programme to Simcoe County by establishing a second campus at Orillia.

This action was taken in response to an invitation issued by the Orillia University Committee of 26 community leaders appointed by the Orillia town council and headed by Miss Lucille Mulcahy, real estate executive, and W.D. Russell, Q.C. Negotiations have been under way for almost a year between the Orillia committee and the Executive committee of the WLU Board of Governors.

Representing WLU in the discussions and survey visits to Orillia were Harry D. Greb, chairman of the WLU Board and president of Greb Industries Ltd., Dr. William J. Villaume, university president, and Miss Tamara Giesbrecht, controller and business manager.

The WLU Board, in issuing its official statement yesterday, said that it "looks with favour upon the request of the University Committee of the Town of Orillia that the University extend its programme of higher education in Simcoe County. The Governors approve in principle the addition of a regular winter session to the existing extension and summer programmes in Simcoe County if the campus facilities and financial support envisioned by the Orillia Committee are provided."

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WLU has been operating an extension programme in Orillia for the last two years, with 142 students enrolled in last summer's session and 151 students in the current 1964-65 session which meets every second Saturday morning and afternoon.

Miss Mulcahy, in releasing a statement in behalf of the Orillia Committee said that her committee was pleased to announce that the WLU Board of Governors approved in principle the invitation "to extend its present extension courses into a full-fledged Simcoe County University which could be located in the township of South Orillia."

The report of the WLU action and its statement will now come before the Orillia University Committee and further steps will be taken to bring the programme to fruition with the establishment of a college in South Orillia at the earliest possible date.

The statement of the WLU Board of Governors has been issued as follows:

"The Board of Governors of Waterloo Lutheran University looks with favour upon the request of the University Committee of the Town of Orillia that the University extend its programme of higher education in Simcoe County. The Governors approve in principle the addition of a regular winter session to the existing extension and summer programmes in Simcoe County if the campus facilities and financial support envisioned by the Orillia Committee are provided.

"The Governors are impressed by the civic consciousness of Orillia's University Committee, its earnest determination to secure higher education for Simcoe County, and its realistic appraisal of the task it has undertaken. Having begun an extension centre upon request in the Orillia

Collegiate and Vocational Institute in 1963 and a summer session in 1964, the University has experienced warm and enthusiastic support and generous co-operation from the people of Orillia and surrounding areas. Students enrolled in degree-credit courses last summer numbered 142, and in the extension programme 151. In addition, there are 67 full-time students from Simcoe County now studying at Waterloo University College, the arts and science faculty of the University, and a much larger number coming to the University from areas north of Simcoe County.

"Because the full-time undergraduate student body on the Waterloo campus is limited to a total of 2,000 students so that individual attention may be given, the invitation to establish a second campus in Simcoe County offers the University the possibility of extending its service in higher education without sacrifice of quality."

The statement issued by Miss Mulcahy in behalf of the Orillia University Committee is as follows:

"1. ANNOUNCEMENT

"I am pleased to announce that yesterday the Board of Governors of Waterloo Lutheran University approved in principle the invitation of the Orillia University Committee, to extend their present educational extension courses into a full-fledged Simcoe County College which could be located in the township of South Orillia.

"2. PRESENTLY B.A. DEGREES IN ORILLIA

"Perhaps it is not widely known that Waterloo Lutheran University has for some two years operated degree-credit courses in both the summer (enrolment 142 students) and winter (151 students). Every Friday night

several professors and lecturers from Waterloo University College travel to Orillia to give lectures at the Orillia District High School which facilities have been made available through the encouragement and courtesy of the Orillia and District Secondary School Board. As of this date it is now possible for a student to receive enough Credits to obtain his Bachelor of Arts degree without leaving the Orillia area.

"3. WHY A SIMCOE COUNTY UNIVERSITY?

"The wide spread success of the Waterloo Extension Courses in the Orillia area prompted the Orillia University Committee to investigate the feasibility of a permanent Simcoe County College being an extension of the Waterloo campus.

"Statistics from the Department of Education indicate that there exists a need for an institution of higher learning in the County of Simcoe, and this is confirmed by the fact that some 67 full-time students from Simcoe County now study at Waterloo University College. A much larger number attend the university from areas north of Simcoe County such as Muskoka, Parry Sound, Nipissing, etc.

"Waterloo University College is somewhat unique in the educational field because it operates with a balanced budget with the assistance of Federal Grants but not Provincial Grants. Our Committee studied the Administration Organization of Waterloo and we were impressed with the efficiency of their administration and the practicability of their programmes with individual attention to the students without sacrificing quality.

"Their buildings are functional and they have continued to expand from their own resources. They, of course, concentrate on the Arts Faculty

for it is widely recognized that a university can only extend into faculties of medicine, engineering and architecture with the assistance of Provincial Grants because of the enormous cost of equipping and maintaining such facilities.

"4. THE NAME "LUTHERAN"

"Waterloo is not a parochial institution. Although the Lutheran Church has assisted it over the years, the university is non-denominational in its service and the choice of the name "Lutheran" was necessitated to distinguish it from "The University of Waterloo", a neighboring institution.

"The following are the latest figures on religious affiliation of full-time faculty and students at the university:

"Students --\_United Church 29%, Anglican 18%, Roman Catholic 12%, Lutheran 11%, Presbyterian 9%, Jewish 5%, Baptist 4%, E.U.B. 1%, Mennonite 1%. Others include 29 religious groups.

"Faculty -- Lutheran 31%, United Church 23%, Anglican 20%, Roman Catholic 13%. Others include Presbyterian, Baptist, Greek Orthodox, Jewish and Christian Missionary Alliance (the last is a physicist).

"A Simcoe County College associated with Waterloo would of course be non-denominational.

"5. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

"The financing of such an institution is of course important. The Orillia University Committee's first objective was to see if an existing university would be prepared to extend its campus to Orillia, and this in itself did not prove an easy task. Other universities were approached but declined the invitation. The matter of financing has been given careful study and detailed operating statements are now in preparation.

Generally speaking the Committee would approach the County of Simcoe for a lump sum Grant for the initial buildings only, and thereafter, as is done at Waterloo, it would balance its budget, in accord with plans worked out by the Orillia University Committee with Waterloo Lutheran University. There would be no continuing obligation on the part of the County Council."