

Waterloo, June 18, 1947.

The Sixteenth Annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada and Waterloo College was held at St. John's Parish Hall with 155 members present, representing New Hamburg, Preston, Heidelberg, Erbsville, St. Matthew's-Kitchener, Conestoga, St. Jacob's, Bridgeport, Elmira, St. Mark's, Kitch. St. John's-Waterloo, Brantford, ~~Exit~~ Guelph, Trinity-Hamilton, Hespeler, Logan, Milverton, Stratford, Listowel, Wallace, Sullivan. St. Peter's-Kitch., St. Luke's, Sunny side.

The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Gillespie.

Mrs. C. H. Doerr conducted the opening devotions and prayer. The Scripture passage was taken from Luke 1: 48-49.

Greetings were extended to all members and visitors by Mrs. Gillespie.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last annual meeting and they were approved as read.

The Treasurer reported a balance in the bank of \$2,624.82 and was approved as read.

Dr. Lehmann, President of the Seminary and College spoke on the \$100,000. expansion program. He said that our present facilities have been outgrown by the number of students. We are happy that the number of students who have come to us have made expansion necessary. Our program is intended to meet a need, not to present prestige." Churches throughout the Canada Synod will be asked to contribute toward the expansion fund at the next Reformation Festival. While many veterans swelled the student body, the civilian enrollment has doubled itself in the past 2 years. He also said, "We need more ministers, yes, but more veteran ministers."

A technicolor film, 15 or 20 minutes long, will illustrate how seminary and college life can be brought closer to the people.

He concluded his address by extending every blessing and success in our work.

Miss Emma Schorten thanked the speaker.

The Women's Auxiliary Scholarship was awarded to Miss Leona Nabert of Arnprior. It was moved that a card of sympathy be sent to the Frank family.

Letters of appreciation from Miss Nabert and Miss Foran were read.

A successful Auxiliary Tea was held at the home of Mrs. Gillespie on April 27, 1947,

It was moved and seconded that all bill be paid.

The Revised Constitution was read by the Secretary.

Following the Roll Call and Conference Delegates reports Miss Marion Axford, Dean of Women, was introduced by Mrs. Gillespie. Miss Axford told of life in the temporary dormitory opened last September. She said they all feel it is their home from September to May. Thankyou for the girls' dormitory and I hope you will keep on doing what you have been to further the comforts of the girls. Miss Axford

then introduced Miss Edith Merner of the Athenaeum Society. She told of the school spirit and happy atmosphere fostered by this society. Miss Marjorie Bryden told of the functions of the Students Legislative Executive. The Student Christian Movement organization raised money for a Memorial Piano in the gymnasium. The speakers were thanked by Mrs. Gillespie.

Mrs. C. S. Roberts introduced Sister Florence Weicker and Miss Bertha Becker. Sister Florence brought greetings from the Baltimore Motherhouse. She told us of the need for Deaconesses and Parish Workers. She also said that a five-year plan has been introduced; 2 years at college, 2 years at the Motherhouse and 1 year at college again. She also asked us to read Matthew 9:37-38. Miss Bertha Becker gave a talk on preparing for a Parish Worker at the College. They were thanked by Mrs. Gillespie.

Mrs. Gillespie gave a report on the furnishings for the girls' dormitory, the men's dormitory for veterans and the partially furnished recreation room for the boys and a gas stove for the kitchen. She also announced that the Auxiliary hoped to sponsor a concert by St. Olaf's Choir of Northfield, Minn., in the early fall in aid of the dormitory fund.

It was moved by Mrs. Doerr and seconded by Mrs. Conrad that \$2000.00 be put in bonds.

It was moved and seconded that we continue with the banquets and that the meetings be held in St. John's Parish Hall.

Nominating Committee for 1948 are as follows -- Mrs. Geo. Vogt, Mrs. C. S. Roberts, Mrs. Harry Greb, Mrs. C. Heipel.

Mrs. Otto Dannecker and Mrs. Norman Dreger were appointed as auditors.

Mrs. W. Bitzer brought in the following Slate of Officers -

Honorary President	Rev. A. Buehlow
Honorary Vice Pres.	Dr. H. T. Lehmann
Honorary President for Life	Mrs. J. Conrad
President	Mrs. Wm. Gillespie
First Vice President	Mrs. L. Doerr
Second Vice President	Miss Emma Schorten
Secretary	Mrs. C. H. Musselman
Assistant Secretary	Mrs. U. Leupold
Treasurer	Miss Decima Zimmerman
Ass't to Treasurer	Mrs. M. Schatz

Mrs. A. Datars was in charge of the election.

Conference Delegates -

Hamilton	Mrs. E. G. Mekkie
Stratford	Miss C. Wilker
Kitchener	Mrs. K. Bornhold
Hanover	Mrs. A. Huehn

Northern Mrs. G. Schultz
Nova Scotia Mrs. C. E. Dauphinee
Eastern Mrs. W. Hamm

The meeting closed with Mrs. Doerr leading us in prayer and the singing of the Doxology. The members then retired to the basement for the Fellowship Dinner.

The College Colors of purple and gold graced the tables for the Fellowship Dinner. Gold Tapers, Bouquets of iris and June lilies centered the tables.
- Invocation was given by Rev. A. Beuhlow.
Mrs. Earl Treusch presided.

A musical program presented by students of the College included two vocal solos by Miss Peggy Nairn, accompanied by Dr. Leupold, two piano selections by Miss Margaret Hoffman, two violin selections by Mr. A. Thiesen, accompanied by Mrs. Thiesen, and three vocal selections by Mr. Max Putnam, accompanied by Dr. Leupold.

Rev. W. H. Knauff introduced the speaker, Rev. Henry Opperman of Toronto, who was chaplain of the 339th fighter group of the 8th U.S. Air Force. He spoke to the ladies of his experience with the 2000 men under his spiritual care. As chaplain, he said, "he had to be mother, father, judge, jury and what have you to the men." Before each flight left the station over the 3 years period spent overseas, he would gather the pilots together for a brief scripture reading, prayer, and benediction. They told him "It isn't that we feel we can't fly without the prayer but it is because we feel we are more capable of meeting whatever comes when we have had that last prayer. and when we see you on the runway as we take off.

He said the men were very definately interested in church now as never before as they were faced with death every day. Faith kept them together to meet the trials of the day. Almost twice as many went to church now as did in civilian life.

One day one of the men came to him and said- "Chaplain I have never been in church before in my life. I think I know Jesus." This boy asked to be baptized. Through the preaching of the gospel this boy became a Christian.

It was a lift to know that our young men when the need came expressed their faith in Jesus Christ and God as their Creator. He quoted a line in psalm 139 - I take the wings in the morning and God's right hand has led them and broght them back.

Thanks dear God, thanks for letting me put it down again.

The speaker was thanked by Rev. C. Roberts.

Mrs. Gillespie expressed appreciation to the speaker, those taking part in the program, St. John's Church for the use of the hall and St. John's Ladies Aid for catering for the dinner.

The Fellowship Dinner came to a close by singing "O Canada."

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gillespie President

*Olive Musselman
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On October the 29th the Boarding Club entertained the Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo College and Seminary. Tea was served in the gym, and the guests were received by Miss Axford, Lois Carter, Gladys Foran and Jack Wettlaufer. Rev. Geo. Durst, Prof. ^{Jim} Carmichael and Prof. ^{Herman} Overgaard, and Delton Glebe poured tea. Entertainment was provided by the students.

The boys were most gracious and really did a splendid job.

On November 6th Open House was held in conjunction with Education Week of the College. About 125 persons were shown through the school and girls' dormitory. Light refreshments were served.

At this time the Independant Dorcus Society presented an Afghan to the girls to be used in their common room.

Respectfully submitted,

Olive Musselman

On May 25th, the Male Chorus of Waterloo College and Seminary presented a concert in St. Peter's Parich Hall. It was sponsered by the Women's Auxiliary and had an attendace of about 250 persons. The receipts amounted to about seventy-eight dollars.

Respectfully submitted,