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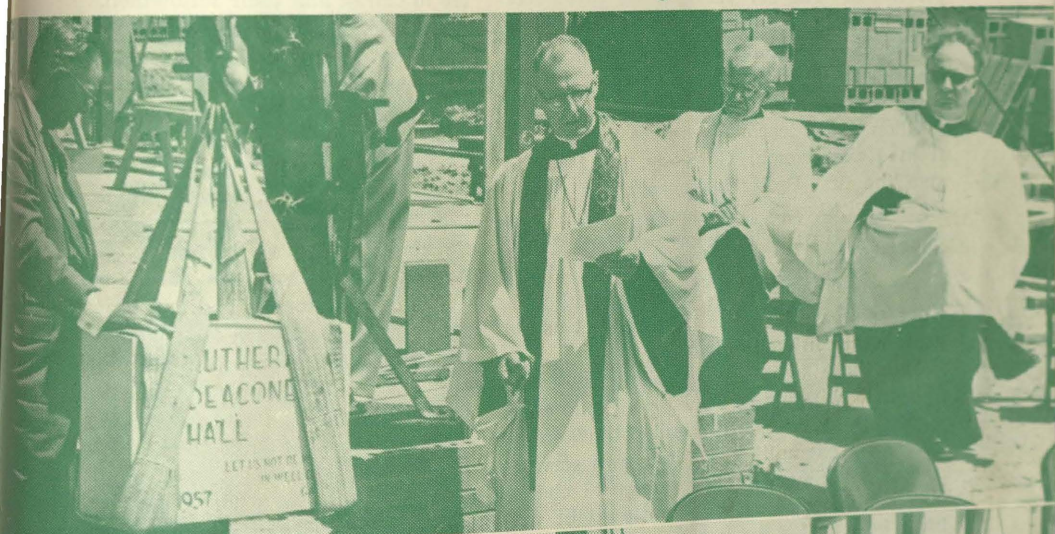
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Corner-Stone Laying of Lutheran Deaconess Hall, June 2, 1957



Top picture, left to right, Mr. A. Larsen, the Rev. Arnold Krentz, Dr. Adolph Haentzschel, Dr. O. P. Kretzmann

Bottom picture, left to right, Mr. O. Blank, contractor, Mr. Rex Becker, architect, the Rev. Arnold Krentz, Miss Mary Bohrer, field secretary, Mr. Truman Hey, board member, Mr. Oscar Salzbrenner, treasurer, Mr. Hugo Boerger, board member.

LET US NOT BE WEARY IN WELL DOING

The words above from Paul's epistle to the Galatians are chiseled into the corner-stone of Deaconess Hall. Fitting words indeed.

Of Phoebe, the first deaconess mentioned in the New Testament, Paul writes in Rom. 16:1: "She is a helper of many and of myself as well." She probably did Christian social work in the maritime city of Cenchrea. Certainly, she did "not grow weary in well doing."

When Pastor Theodore Fliedner revived the modern Protestant diaconate in Kaiserswerth, Germany, in 1836, he had as his objective to train deaconesses to serve children, the helpless, the sick, and the underprivileged. The 121 years of the history of that glorious institution show that the thousands of deaconesses prepared for service there did "not grow weary in well doing."

When four deaconess nurses came over from Kaiserswerth, Germany, in 1849, to staff the first Protestant hospital in America in Pittsburgh, Pa., among whom was Elizabeth Hess, who later married Pastor Philip Wambsganss, Sr., they served gladly under very trying and primitive conditions. Once again we hear the refrain. "Let us not grow weary in well doing."

And those two stalwart pioneers of the diaconate within the Synodical Conference, pastors F. W. Herzberger and Philip Wambsganss, Sr., exemplified in their own services as city missionary and promoter of charitable institutions that their motto might well have been, "Let us not be weary in well doing."

And now may the aim of each and every deaconess of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and affiliated Synods, continue to be in the future as it has been in the past: "Let us not be weary in well doing."

STUDENTS TO ADDRESS LADIES AIDS

Our deaconess students naturally are tremendously interested in Deaconess Hall, which is being erected at the present time. Many of them will have the privilege of residing in this fine new building.

They know what it means to study under the handicap of crowded conditions, to conduct devotions under uncomfortable

CORNER-STONE LAYING OF LUTHERAN DEACONESS HALL

Rain, rain, rain the latter part of May in Indiana. Will it rain on June 2nd, the day scheduled for the corner-stone laying of Deaconess Hall? Expectantly we looked forward to that day, and God supplied us with a day of welcome sunshine.

At 11 A.M. on June 2, a good-sized assembly was present to witness the corner-stone laying. President O. P. Kretzmann of Valparaiso University served as liturgist. Dr. Adolph Haentzschel, veteran of the Cross, who recently retired as head of the philosophy department of Valparaiso University, gave a very appropriate address in which he stressed Christ's love to us and the love of deaconesses expressed in service to Christ and their fellowmen.

The Deaconess Student Group under the direction of Marilyn Siewert sang a hymn of praise. Messrs Truman Hey, Hugo Boerger and Oscar Salzbrenner served as custodians. Mr. Salzbrenner enumerated the books, pamphlets, copies of the *Lutheran Deaconess* and newspapers which were being placed into the corner-stone. Mr. John Graebner served as trumpeter and the Rev. Arnold Krentz laid the corner-stone.

The corner-stone is Indiana limestone from Bedford, Indiana. On its surface is chiseled the year "1957" and the appropriate text: "Let us not be weary in well doing."—Gal. 6:9.

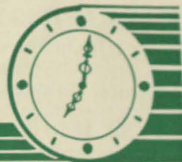
When our hundreds of students of the tomorrows pass that corner-stone to enter Deaconess Hall to study, eat or conduct devotions, or when they leave Deaconess Hall to attend chapel or classes, their eyes will rest upon that noble text, "Let us not be weary in well doing"—a challenge to be tireless in their efforts for their Savior and suffering humanity.

conditions, to have no space whatsoever in the building for recreation.

So the students met on their own initiative and set for themselves a goal of gathering funds to equip a room (\$550.00) or possibly two rooms \$1100.00 with beds, desks, chairs. They plan to do this by addressing women's groups this summer.

Brother, if one of our students writes to you for the privilege of addressing your ladies' aid, we know you will try to make it possible for her to do so.

The Deaconess's Day



"I wonder what today will bring," is my thought as I unlock the church door.

First on the agenda is the study of Daniel, Chapter 1, for the Junior Bible Class lesson, and soon I am busy with Bible, commentary, and atlas.

R-r-r-ring. "Sister Jean," sobs a voice "I don't know what to do. I feel like dying. I've just got to talk to somebody." "That's too bad, Mrs. B., but I'm sure we can work something out. Suppose I stop by your place about 4:30 this afternoon."

While I am at the phone, I decide to call Mrs. S. about teaching Vacation Bible School, and I spend the next hour fitting teachers and classes together.

Soon the office door opens. "Could you help me out, Miss? I haven't had anything to eat since yesterday morning." Half an hour later the grime has disappeared from my car, and Mr. D. is on his way with lunch money.

At 12:30 P.M. I arrive at a luncheon

meeting of one of our ladies' groups where I lead a discussion on "Prayer In Our Daily Life."

As soon as the discussion is over, I head for the hospital to visit Mrs. R. who has had a serious operation. I mention a Scripture passage about God's care and say a little prayer with her.

Elderly Mrs. Jones is unable to get out very much and looks forward to having a little chat with me as well as to conduct our devotions together.

The next stop is Johnny Schmidt's home. "Oh, we like to sleep in on Sunday," says his mother, and I find it necessary to point out that parents have a great responsibility for their children's spiritual care.

Finally, I arrive at Mrs. B's room where I try to help her iron out her problems.

After supper I hurry back to the church because the Junior Walther League is having a special meeting, and it is my job to help and guide wherever necessary.

When the last Leaguer has left, I lock the door and breathe a little prayer, "Thank You, God, for giving me the privilege of serving YOU another day."

Deaconess Jean Hoover

DEACONESS CONFERENCE

"Come Ye Apart and Rest Awhile." This was the very appropriate theme and invitation to our annual Deaconess Conference at Island Camp, Henning, Minnesota on July 1-3.

The Deaconess Conference is one of the highlights in the life of a Deaconess. At conference she experiences rest and relaxation, stimulating fellowship, and above all, inspiring meditations and enlightening lectures.

This year a daily Bible Study to promote personal growth was conducted by the Rev. H. Schweigert of Minneapolis. This Bible Study marked the beginning of each day's sessions and was one of the highlights of the entire conference.

The schedule held many fine and inspiring panels, lectures, and meditations.



Deaconess Jean Hoover, St. John Lutheran Church, Toronto, Ontario, handing a baptismal certificate which she has helped fill out to a family of the congregation

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Tune In



Pastor H. A. Flessner, Director of the Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse in Milwaukee, Wis., of the American Lutheran Church, met with us in Fort Wayne on June 10 to study our Deaconess program of education and service. We found that our problems were much the same. We like to study the Deaconess work of other Lutheran bodies who antedate our Deaconess Work by a generation. We find that other Lutheran church bodies are raising their standards of education for deaconesses, trying to recruit more girls for the diaconate, publicizing their work more.

Which field is the most promising field for the Lutheran Deaconess today? According to the number of requests received and the number of inquiries reaching our office, it is doubtless the parish. Pastors are urgently pleading for deaconesses as assistants. This applies from coast to coast. Other fields, too, are important, such as missions, both at home and abroad, service in institutions of mercy for the mentally retarded or the deaf.

The Scarritt College Voice contains an article entitled "Needed!! Deaconesses and Missionaries." It states: "The Methodist Church must recruit fifty per cent more workers than it did during the preceding four years if its established work is to be maintained and advances made in strategic areas." Miss Mary Lou Barnwell, Executive Secretary of the Commission on Deaconess Work and a team of five deaconesses representing five areas of work were on the campus to interpret the work of deaconesses.

My son, Dick, hands me a slogan which he has on his desk at Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N. Y.: "A man is not what he

MRS. SYLVIA TRAUTMAN RESIGNS BECAUSE OF SICKNESS

We regret to announce that Mrs. Sylvia Trautmann, our faithful and energetic house director of the Deaconess House for the past eleven years, feels constrained to resign her position because of a heart ailment. She feels that the Lord by her sickness is giving her an indication that she should lessen her activity. We thank her for services rendered to dozens of students during these eleven years and for her fine cooperation with the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Deaconess Association.

WELL TIMED

On April 23, Mrs. Gustav Gabler, Council Bluffs, Iowa, brought a check of \$1100.00 to her pastor, the Rev. G. W. Lobeck, to be used to furnish a room in Deaconess Hall to house four students.

The memorial gift of Mrs. Gabler was in loving memory of her husband and son whom she had lost last year and earlier in the present year.

In less than a month, on May 20, Mrs. Gabler herself died.

In informing us of her death, Pastor G. W. Lobeck mentioned her memorial gift and wrote: "I am happy that she took care of the matter without delay."

MAY A DEACONESS STUDENT CHOOSE HER AREA OF SERVICE!

Yes, she may choose her area of service in the diaconate. In fact, the sooner she selects her area of service the better. Then she will be channeled into courses of study that will best equip her for effective service. Further, after she has selected her field of service, she will be inclined to strive harder to attain the goal of being a proficient worker in that area of service. She will realize that her studies are the means to a glorious end.

thinks he is, But what he *thinks* he is." Approved. And Dr. Lawrence Hess hands me a card entitled *Food for Thought* containing such items as: The Best Day . . . Today. The Best Work . . . What you like. The Best Play . . . Work. The Greatest Stumbling Block . . . Egotism. The Greatest mistake . . . Giving up. The Greatest Need . . . Common Sense. The Greatest Thought . . . God. Again we approve.



The blond young lady pictured on this page is Miss Esther Kusch, the new field secretary of the Lutheran Deaconess Association. Esther will begin her duties on September 1st. May she experience the joy of Christian fellowship, the zeal for deaconess service and the warm welcome which I know she will receive. "Receive her and help her." Rom. 16:2. (Elsewhere in this publication Esther has a few last words to say as a "Valpo Student Speaks." These are only her last words as a student—you'll be hearing plenty from her after September.)

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Attending the various District Conventions is one of the interesting summer experiences that we have. In speaking to the various pastors, teachers, and lay delegates it seems that more and more young women are being motivated by these people to consider the career of deaconess service.

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The filmstrip with recorded narration is still available upon your request. Simply write to our Fort Wayne office telling us the date desired and the type of group which will see it. Please allow at least ten days for delivery.

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We also have pamphlets and brochures available upon request. Our new brochure on Gifts and Memorials for Deaconess Hall should have a great appeal to various

groups. Write for your copies today.

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Since I will be getting married in September this column will be my last as field secretary of the Lutheran Deaconess Association. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Pastor Krentz and the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Deaconess Association for the privilege of working with them. This year will always be remembered as a thrilling one. The contract for Deaconess Hall was let after the many bids were received, the construction was begun, the cornerstone was laid; and I was privileged to be here.

May our Lord continue to guide and direct these leaders of the Lutheran Deaconess Association in the future as He has in the past.

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After three years of Deaconess service, two in a parish in Worthington, Minnesota and one as field secretary, I feel that I am now something of an expert. You know what an expert is—Ex stands for unknown, and spurt is a drip under pressure.

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I would also like to extend my heartiest thanks to the numerous ladies groups, congregations, young people, my sister deaconesses, and all others for their interest, help and encouragement.

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In His Name,

Mary



Happy at the corner-stone laying of Deaconess Hall, Miss Mary Bohrer and the Rev. Arnold Krentz

VALPO STUDENTS SPEAK



Many of the underclassmen have just received their summer field work placements. Shirley Miller spent a day in Joliet, Illinois, where she will work this summer as a student parish deaconess in St. Peter Lutheran Church. (The Reverend Erdmann Frenk and Martin Frenk) I hear Shirley conversing with Della Henning and Marilyn Grammeier. These girls will also serve parishes this summer; Della will serve St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa (The Rev. Sylvester Holstein and the Rev. August Janke); Marilyn will be a student deaconess in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Onawanda, N. Y. (The Rev. Theo. Schroeder).

A short time later, Geraldine Eubanks, Judith Richardson, Emily Hopperdietzel, and Dorothy Becker enter the living room. These girls will serve at Bethesda Lutheran Home. Gerry worked at Bethesda last summer and she answers the questions of the others as to the type of service they will perform for the epileptic, spastic, and feeble-minded children of Bethesda.

As I sit gazing out the window and re-

collect the marvelous banquet which the underclassmen gave in honor of the seniors, Gladys Noreen walks into the room. She seems quite excited as she tells me that she will work in city missions in St. Louis this summer. Gladys, a Junior, will make sick calls on tuberculosis patients at Koch County Hospital, help conduct a mission Sunday School and do numerous other tasks which will prove invaluable for her future as a full time church worker. Gladys also tells me that Sharon Dennis will help care of the aged in the Lutheran Old People's Home in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Earlier this month Doris Awe told me that she would be returning to the East for a second summer of parish work. Last summer she was a student Deaconess in Grace Lutheran Church, Malverne, New York (the Rev. Henry F. Ressmeyer) and this year she will serve Village Lutheran Church, Bronxville, N. Y. (the Rev. Howard Halter).

Miss Patricia Schutt, who has done a great deal of work with children in the University Youth Council, will do child welfare work this summer for the Lutheran Association for Works of Mercy in West Roxbury, Mass.

Field work is important training for every student Deaconess. Esther Kusch



1957 Deaconess Graduating Class, Valparaiso University. Left to right, back row, Lois Graesser, Ilene Behlmaier, Rhoda Gilmer; front row, Jane Codwise, Lorraine Ehman, Esther Kusch

WHEN WILL DEACONESS HALL BE COMPLETED

Again and again we are asked the question, "When will Deaconess Hall be ready for occupancy?" According to the estimate of the contractor, Tonn and Blank, the time will be in the range from October 15 to November 1st.

This necessitates emergency housing for

the first part of the fall semester for our students. With less housing available for the coming semester than the past year, and with more students applying to enter the Deaconess program than ever before, we are faced with a crucial housing problem. We will follow any leads we may secure for procuring emergency housing until the Hall is completed.

HOUSE DIRECTOR WANTED

Wanted: A mature woman who understands young people to serve as House Director of Deaconess Hall. Any woman interested in this position, please write to our Fort Wayne office.

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THE ASSOCIATION...

It was organized in 1919 for training of Lutheran Deaconesses in the field of missions and charities. These trained women are serving in parishes, city missions, child welfare work and in the foreign mission field. The Lutheran Deaconess Association is affiliated with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

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