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# The Classic on Heemstra Hall Open House

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NORTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE AND ACADEMY

MAY, 1951



LOUNGE IN HEEMSTRA HALL



CHURCH WOMEN VISIT HEEMSTRA HALL

## HEEMSTRA HALL ITEMS

Heemstra Hall, the new girls' dormitory, held open-house in December. On Thursday, the 14th, the general public was invited, and many friends of the school inspected the new building and met for tea in the afternoon and evening. On the next day a large number of representatives of the women's societies from the churches of the area met in Science Hall for a chapel service, inspected the school-plant and then concentrated on the dormitory which they had helped to furnish. They were shown all the interesting and attractive features of the building, on all floors, and then had refreshments in the dining-room.

The building has been in use since September, 1950. It has living accommodations for 80 girls. The dining-room is used by both girls and boys, and has space for 160 students. Besides the beautiful lounge, there are recreation rooms, snack rooms, laundry room, a large modern kitchen, and food storage rooms.

The official dedication of the dormitory took place on March 8, 1951, the program being held in Science Hall. Since the Board of Trustees was in session, all of the Trustees were present at the dedication service, together with the faculty, students, and many interested friends. Members of the Board who took part in the program were Rev. H. Colenbrander, Rev. George C. Douma, Rev. C. Boonstra, Rev. J. A. Veldman, and Rev. Anthony Luidens, D.D.

A high point in the service came when President and Mrs. Heemstra, who are being honored in the new building's name, were escorted to the platform to be recognized by Dr. Luidens in the midst of his address.

The cost of the construction of the dormitory was \$171,000. \$24,000 for furnishings and equipment being added, the total cost was \$195,000. The main lounge, dining-room and kitchen were furnished and equipped by the Women's Auxiliary of the school. The cost of the furnishings of each room, most of which accommodate two girls, was \$300. All of the forty-four rooms were paid for by organizations in the churches of the area, as well as of more distant places. A few were paid for by individuals, among whom were some of our alumni. Further, note should be taken of the fact that many alumni were included in the church-groups to which reference has been made. There were other gifts of various amounts from organizations and individuals that helped to make the equipment of the dormitory more complete. A fine Jesse French Grand Piano has been placed in the lounge through the generosity of the family of the late Rev. George Douwstra. Mrs. Douwstra is Gertrude De Jong, Academy 1900. We are grateful also for the gift of an upright piano from Mr. and Mrs. John Lubbers of Orange City. This piano has been placed in the dining-room. The Classic extends a word of appreciation to all who have made contributions over the years for this fine new building.

## PRESIDENT HEEMSTRA'S ILLNESS

Alumni will be sorry to hear that late in March President Heemstra became ill with a heart-disturbance. This will necessitate rest for several weeks. We hope that this period of rest will serve to bring complete recovery, and wish to assure Dr. Heemstra and his family of our sympathy and prayers.

## NORTHWESTERN'S PRESIDENT-ELECT

Frederick H. Wezeman of Chicago has accepted the appointment as President of Northwestern Junior College,



PRESIDENT-ELECT WEZEMAN AND FAMILY

Orange City, Iowa. His resignation as Principal of Chicago Christian High School is to be effective July 1, and he will assume his new duties in August.

Dr. Wezeman is an ordained minister in the Christian Reformed denomination, being Associate Pastor of the Oak Park Christian Reformed Church. The past four years he has been regular guest preacher for Peace Memorial Church of Chicago. From 1931 to 1937 he was President of Chicago Christian College, and served three years as Dean of Union College of Law. Directly after graduating from the theological seminary he became associated with Grundy College, and there served as Minister of the College Church. His B.Sc. degree was granted by Illinois Institute of Technology; B.D., the University of Chicago; LL.B. and LL.D., the John Marshall School of Law; extensive course credit has been earned in the University of Chicago School of Education. He holds membership in Phi Delta Kappa, a professional fraternity; American Association of School Administrators; Illinois Principals' Association; National Association of Secondary School Principals.

He is on the Board of Directors of Self Help Life Insurance Co.; member of the Art Institute; Chicago Foreign Relations Council; Illinois University Citizens' Advisory Committee; Mayor's Committee on Recreation; Chicago Committee on Race Relations; YMCA Boys' Board. He was admitted to the Illinois Bar and held membership in the Chicago Bar Association. He served for five years as Editor of the Chicago Messenger, and is author of several volumes of student text books on the Study of the Bible. Directly after the war he received the House of Orange decoration from Queen Wilhelmina for service on behalf of Dutch Relief.

Mrs. Wezeman is the former Gertrude Harmeling of Oostburg, Wisconsin. She was graduated from Milwaukee State Teachers' College where she majored in Music and was granted the B.Mus. degree. She completed in White-water State Teachers' College all requirements for the teaching of Secretarial subjects. Dr. and Mrs. Wezeman have two children; Judith, aged 11, and Frederick, Jr., aged 8.