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# Dedication Service Program

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# *Service of Dedication*



HEEMSTRA HALL  
Northwestern Junior College and Academy  
Orange City, Iowa  
*March 8th, 1951*



# Program



Prelude—Nocturne by Chopin - - - - - Betty Teske  
Thou Art The Way — Traditional Hymn - - - - - Academy Choir  
Greetings - - - - - The Reverend H. Colenbrander  
Holy, Holy, Holy - - - - - No. 102  
Prayer of Devotion and Thanksgiving - The Reverend George C. Douma  
Almighty God of Our Fathers — Will James - - - - - College Choir  
Address—“The Home Where Christ Dwells” - - - - -  
- - - - - The Reverend Anthony Luidens D. D.  
How Firm a Foundation — No. 90 - - - - - Recessional  
Doxology - - - - - Audience  
Reading of Scripture — I Chronicles 29:10—19. The Reverend C. Boonstra  
Responsive Dedication Service - - - The Reverend C. Boonstra, Leader

LEADER: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be unto our God forever and ever.

PEOPLE: Blessed be the Lord God who doeth wondrous things; and blessed be His glorious name forever and let the whole earth be filled with His glory.

LEADER: Having been prospered by the good hand of our God, and enabled by His grace and power to complete this Dormitory, built to be a home for women who come away from their own homes to study on this campus, we now stand in His holy presence and dedicate this building to Him. To the glory of God our Father,

PEOPLE: We dedicate this Dormitory.

LEADER: To the love of Jesus Christ our Saviour,

PEOPLE: We dedicate this Dormitory.

LEADER: To the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, source of life and light,

PEOPLE: We dedicate this Dormitory.

LEADER: To the memory of the president of our school, Dr. Heemstra and his wife, who through the years that have gone have so nobly guided and counseled the life of our school as to bring it with blessing to its present favor and prosperity, in whose honor this building is named,

PEOPLE: We dedicate this Dormitory.

LEADER: In loving recognition of all those whose generous gifts of time and substance have made possible the completion of this dwelling, a place of beauty and loveliness which shall increase in the passing years as the charm of human life is written across its history. As a monument to the efforts of love that added this building to our campus,

PEOPLE: We dedicate this Dormitory.

LEADER: For the spiritual enrichment of life as it unfolds itself in youth. For the fellowship of kindred souls under christian auspices to share the wholesome contacts made possible through Christ. To make accessible an atmosphere of understanding love and sympathetic friendship which shall be to all those who make their home here an inspiration in the christian faith,

PEOPLE: We dedicate this Dormitory.

LEADER: To create on this campus a christian home for women who come here seeking wisdom, christian nurture, and opportunities of christian service, which shall be to them a strength in the hour of trial, an inspiration in the day of decision, and a sacred memory in the day of service,

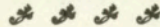
PEOPLE: We dedicate this Dormitory.

LEADER AND PEOPLE: We the people of this community, together with all those who stand with us in this enterprise of christian education, compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses, remembering the sacrifices of the fathers who have stood with us in the task, confessing our continued dependence upon God our Father for strength and blessing, dedicate ourselves anew to the end that this Dormitory for women may be a hallowed place of training and life, reflecting the christian way and the life of our Master.

Prayer of Dedication - - - - - The Reverend J. A. Veldman



## The Story of Heemstra Hall



The completion of Heemstra Hall constitutes the culmination of many years of effort. President Heemstra himself led the campaign for funds for several years. The school shared also in denominational campaigns, and by 1949 a considerable amount — about \$85,000 was in hand. In 1949 and 1950 much organized promotion was done, especially in the immediate section in which the school is located, so that sufficient funds were raised to enable us to say today that the dormitory is free from debt. The cost of construction was \$171,000 and that of furnishings and equipment was \$24,000 or a total of \$195,000.

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, a snack room, laundryroom, a large modern kitchen, and food storage rooms.

It is most fitting that this building should be named Heemstra Hall. Hereby permanent honor is being paid to President and Mrs. Heemstra. Dr. Heemstra has served as president since 1928. He was educated at Northwestern Classical Academy, Hope College, Princeton and Western Theological Seminaries, and the University of Chicago. Before coming back to Northwestern in 1928, he served as superintendent of schools in Sioux Center, as pastor of Trinity Reformed Church in Chicago, and was on the staff at Central College. Mrs. Heemstra has long labored very effectively as president of the Women's Auxiliary of the school and has filled a large place as a leader in church activities in this area, and as a member of the Women's Board of Domestic Missions.

The name Heemstra Hall serves to recognize also the life of Rev. John F. Heemstra, who was a vigorous and scholarly preacher in the denomination, and served as Principal of Northwestern Classical Academy from 1906 to 1910.