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GUILD EDITION

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Our Mother's Day Prayer

DEAR FATHER in Heaven, we Thy children, thank Thee for the mothers which Thou hast given us; for the mothers who placed us into the arms of Thy mercy in Holy Baptism, who folded the little hands and taught the lisping lips to pray; for the mothers who prayerfully reared us in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, lovingly directing us to the narrow way; who were chiefly concerned with the salvation of our souls, turning not from us away when we went astray, but through Thy Holy Word bringing us back into the fold.

For those mothers, dear Lord, whose hearts are heavy with the thoughts of war as their beloved sons and daughters enter the armed forces of our country, we pray Thee, mercifully strengthen and increase their faith so they may bravely and confidently say "Thy Will be done," trusting in Thy perfect wisdom and hoping for a blessed reunion here and in Thy heavenly Kingdom. This we ask for our mothers, dear Lord, in the name of Jesus, our risen Savior.

Amen.



AN INVITATION

Dear Guild Member:

Today I am privileged to bring you good news, and I hope these brief lines will give you a feeling of light-heartedness; that you will look forward with real anticipation to June 5th. For on that day members and friends of the Guild will gather at Valparaiso for the Guild's annual convention. At first, you may wonder why a convention is being planned in these difficult times. Rest assured that your Executive Board has given the matter long and serious consideration. However, we have concluded that in times like these, there is an inclination to let the work of the church drop by the wayside; we have so many duties which we can use as excuses, and we are convinced that at no time was the work of the church so important as the present. Valparaiso University is important to the church at large. Christian women gather inspiration from the companionship of other Christian women. Therefore, dear members and friends of the Guild, I cordially invite you to be present at Valparaiso on Saturday, June 5th. Your presence will afford encouragement to the officers and committees and you will find happiness in the company of fellow Christians serving a common cause.

Very sincerely yours,
HEDWIG L. TAUBE, President.

CONVENTION PLANS

Our second war-time convention — the twelfth in the history of the Guild — is scheduled to be held on the campus of Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, Saturday, June 5, 1943. Needless to say, because of the grave times in which we are living today, your officers, executive board, and all committees have found it very difficult to choose the wisest course to take. It was deemed advisable to continue as nor-

mally as possible under the circumstances. God has selected us to live in this world TODAY and has given us the privilege also of assisting Valparaiso University in the "Building for TOMORROW." At this, the twelfth annual convention of the Guild, we shall receive courage and inspiration for our daily tasks from the companionship of our fellow Guild members and shall also participate in the planning of our contribution toward Valparaiso's future.

Convention headquarters again will be the Lembke Hotel and a local reception committee will be on hand Friday evening and Saturday morning to greet all members and guests. Friday evening will be devoted to meetings of various committees and the Executive Board. For those members who will be in Valparaiso on Friday evening, yet who will not attend the meetings, Mrs. L. C. Ponader, art instructor at the University, has arranged a small art exhibit. The meetings and the art exhibit will be held in the Lembke Hotel.

The business session will be called to order by the president, Mrs. Arthur A. Taube, in the University Auditorium at 9:45 a. m. Saturday. Important business will be transacted, the Campaign Advisory Committee will report on the Guild Hall Building Fund, the Guild's "special" gift will be presented, and a timely pertinent paper will be read by one of our members.

The social program is in the capable hands of Mrs. Karl Henrichs and her assistants: all members of the Executive Board of the Valparaiso University Guild chapter. We know our Guild members will appreciate that only tentative plans can be presented at this time. However, we assure you that whatever is arranged by the committee will be thoroughly enjoyable.

Mrs. O. P. Kretzmann has been kind enough to offer the use of her home for the Guild Tea which will be held immediately following the business session. She will have on display her wedding gift from the Guild.

Due to the difficulty of getting food and to the fact that at this time the committee is unable to anticipate the convention attendance, plans for Saturday evening are rather indefinite. This year our "highlight" of the convention will be informal — pos-

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sibly an out-door supper held in the University grove. A program will follow either at Altruria Hall or at some other suitable place. The committee also has a surprise "up its sleeve" for Sunday morning, and if plans materialize an announcement will be forthcoming.

Please sign the Registration Form (page 11) and mail it, together with remittance, to Mrs. H. H. Kumnick, Registration Chairman. When registering for a group, please attach separate sheet listing individual names. Registrations must be received **not later than May 26, 1943.**

Hotel Lembke will be convention headquarters. The hotel management has made a special rate of \$1.50 per person provided two guests occupy a room with a double bed or four guests occupy a room with two double beds; otherwise the regular rates will obtain. Please send room reservations directly to Hotel Lembke. It is important that reservations be made well in advance of the convention in order to be assured hotel accommodations.

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CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Friday

Nominating Committee meeting, Hotel Lembke, 6:00 p. m.

Resolutions Committee meeting, Hotel Lembke, 6:00 p. m.

Revisions Committee meeting, Hotel Lembke, 6:00 p. m.

Executive Board meeting, Hotel Lembke, 7:30 p. m. The Executive Board consists of the officers of the Guild, the four past presidents, and all chapter presidents of the Guild. State chairmen and the members of the Resolutions Committee are also asked to attend this meeting.

Registration of all guests, members and officers, Hotel Lembke, 4:00 to 9:30 p. m.

Saturday

Registration, University Auditorium, 8:30 to 9:30 a. m.

First Business Session, University Auditorium, 9:45 a. m.


Second Business Session, University Auditorium, 1:30 p. m.

The Guild Tea, the President's Home, 158 Greenwich Street, 4:00 p. m.

The Guild Supper, University Grove, 6:45 p. m.

Sunday

Divine Worship, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 10:00 a.m.

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WE, TOO, MAY SERVE

To our many loyal friends who constitute the membership of the Valparaiso University Guild I have a very special message at this time. As you well know, a large number of our male students have been called to serve in the armed forces of our country. Our job, with your help, is to interest enough young women in Valparaiso University to take the places of these men on the campus.

In approximately four months we hope to open our doors for the fall semester to the largest number of young women in recent years. To do this will mean work and cooperation on the part of every person who has at heart the welfare and growth of Valparaiso University.

From past experience we know that in answer to this appeal we can count on every member in the Guild to aid in this enrollment project. First to fall in line is the Milwaukee Chapter. They elected a student enrollment committee, whose efforts are directed toward sending us the names of all high school graduates in the Milwaukee area, and keeping the university in touch with young people who are planning to attend an institution of higher learning. Their efforts have brought results.

By your continued interest we know you agree with us that Valparaiso University has much to offer in preparation for living as well as for preparation in specialized fields. Have you ever thought about the fact that you can play a vital part in building for a better tomorrow when you urge young people to take advantage of all Valparaiso University has to offer? We have a particular function to fulfill in training leaders for their future responsibilities in the post-war world. Its success or failure depends in the last analysis on the capacity and understanding of the men and women who constitute it.

The immediate need is for women to replace men in numerous positions and to fill the increasing number of positions

which the war has created in the government service. There are few fields in which women may not qualify today, and there is a growing and challenging field for university women in peace as well as war.

There is a constant demand for young women trained in the professions of medicine, nursing, and law. There are not nearly enough physicists in the whole country to meet the government needs at this time. There is general demand for industrial chemists. There is an acute need for trained meteorologists in the country to meet the needs of the Weather Bureau and the Army and Navy for instructors and forecasters. There is need for young people who can compile map data and construct maps used in vital war work; to prepare reports on the geography (physical, economical, social, and political) of foreign areas critically concerned in war or post-war plans; to administer modern and historical map collections. There is a present and an increasing shortage of draftsmen at all levels of skills and in various fields of specialization. There are shortages in certain specified fields in accounting, economics, and business administration. At this moment a serious shortage of competent teachers exists and threatens steadily to grow worse.

For all these positions Valparaiso University is prepared to train young women.

It may be noted here, too, that the university is adding new courses in art; in home management; instruction in organ; and courses leading to a degree in social service work.

I urge each and every member of the Valparaiso University Guild to avail herself of the privilege to put us in touch with young women who wish to prepare for earnest and purposeful responsibility and for making a distinct contribution to tasks that call for the best a university woman has to offer.

"So" D. HEIDBRINK.

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**A MESSAGE FROM
THE PRESIDENT OF L. U. A.**

Mr. W. C. Dickmeyer

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY has grown out of a sincere love for our Lutheran

Church. It is being nourished by that same love.

Cold, selfish church members will never build a university.

Fortunately, for our church and for the nation, there are many warm-hearted, far-seeing and clear-thinking Christians who see and understand the value of a truly Christian university and who are glad to share their income to foster and develop such a university.

I think I can say, without contradiction, that among all those who have a keen desire to have a part in promoting the worthwhile things in life, our Christian women take front rank. We find an unusual zeal among the women of the Lutheran Church.

From the very beginning of our work at Valparaiso, the women have played an important part in making the dormitories of the school more livable and more comfortable for the students and in making the entire student life more pleasant and desirable.

Indeed, it is an inspiration to note the effort that the women of the various local guilds expend on achieving worthwhile purposes in behalf of the university.

Right here I should like to add that every bit of effort and every bit of money that is invested in Valparaiso University, now and forever pays great dividends in the lives of hundreds, yea thousands of students. The consciousness of that should serve as a reward to all members of the Guild.

Since the Valparaiso University Guild was organized after the Constitution and By-Laws of the Lutheran University Association were adopted, there is no mention of the Guild in the L. U. A. By-laws. However, since all Guild money flows into the L. U. A., the L. U. A. has classified all donors of \$5.00 and more to the Guild, as members of the L. U. A. In other words, any person who contributes \$5.00 or more to the Guild, automatically becomes a member of the L. U. A., with all the rights of membership and is on the mailing list for all literature.

World conditions today represent a great challenge to the Christian Church and to Christian schools. After all is said and done, there is but one saving thing in the

world today and that is, — THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

If we have but the slightest interest in the welfare of posterity, we must realize that our first obligation is to the church and its schools.

At this moment one of the great opportunities before the Guild is the enrollment of more girls at Valparaiso. Courses in music, social work, home management have been added to appeal especially to girls of our Church. May I suggest that each chapter devote time and effort to this special work during the coming months. It will mean much to the future of the University. President Kretzmann will be glad to furnish further information.

I should like also to take this opportunity of commending the Guild for undertaking the building of a greatly needed dormitory for women. When that building is built I am sure that it will be an accomplishment of which we will all be proud. It will stand as a monument to the Christian love, perseverance and devotion of thousands of Lutheran women who hold membership in the Valparaiso University Guild.

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REPORT OF THE REVISIONS COMMITTEE

At the 1942 convention the Guild provided for a Revisions Committee to study and to amend the Constitution and By-Laws.

This committee, in accordance with the requirements of Article VI in the present Constitution, herewith submits for consideration the following By-Laws, and recommends that these By-Laws be substituted for the Constitution and By-Laws of the Valparaiso University Guild:

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THE VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY GUILD BY - LAWS

Article I.

The name of this organization shall be the Valparaiso University Guild.

Article II.

OBJECT.

Section 1. The object of this organization shall be to foster the welfare of Valparaiso University:

- a. To create and develop a greater interest in Valparaiso University as an institution of Christian higher learning.
- b. To give financial assistance to Valparaiso University through the Lutheran University Association.
- c. To assist in increasing student enrollment.
- d. To seek to provide facilities necessary for the students' physical welfare.

Sec. 2. Other especial objectives for the welfare of Valparaiso University may be decided upon by the Guild.

Article III.

MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. Membership in the Valparaiso University Guild shall consist of regular, individual and associate members.

Sec. 2. Any woman affiliated with a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference, and who has paid the annual dues in a chapter, shall be a REGULAR member of the Guild.

Sec. 3. In districts where there are no chapters, INDIVIDUAL membership in the Guild may be extended to any woman affiliated with a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference, and upon payment of dues directly to the treasurer of the Guild. Individual members shall have all rights and privileges of regular members, including those of voting and holding office.

Sec. 4. Any woman interested in promoting the work of the Guild may, upon payment of the annual dues, become an ASSOCIATE member. Associate members shall have the usual membership privileges with the exception of holding office in the Guild.

Article IV.

DUES AND FUNDS.

Section 1. The annual dues for regular, individual, and associate membership in the Guild shall be not less than one dollar (\$1.00).

Sec. 2. CURRENT FUND: All membership dues shall be for the Current Fund of the Lutheran University Association.

Sec. 3. SPECIAL FUND: All gifts and funds raised by the chapters through activities shall be used for Special Purposes as designated by the Guild. Incidental ex-

penses for operating the Guild may be taken from this fund.

Article V.

MEETINGS.

Section 1. The Guild shall meet annually in convention during the month of September or October, on the campus of Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, unless otherwise ordered by the Administrative Committee.

Sec. 2. Special meetings may be called by the Administrative Committee or upon the written request of five members of the Executive Board. The members shall be notified of the time and purpose of the special meeting not less than two weeks in advance.

Sec. 3. A quorum shall consist of not less than three Guild officers and representation from not less than eight chapters.

Article VI.

OFFICERS AND DUTIES.

Section 1. The officers of the Guild shall be a president, first vice-president and second vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

Sec. 2. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Guild, of the Executive Board, and of the Administrative Committee, and appoint all Standing Committees. Committees not otherwise provided for, shall be appointed by her with the approval of the Administrative Committee. The president shall be ex-officio member of all committees except of the Nominating Committee.

Sec. 3. The vice-presidents, in their order, shall perform all duties of the president in her absence or at her request, and shall assist the president in promoting the work of the Guild. The second vice-president shall keep a record in the social minute book of all interesting items, happenings and social events pertaining to the convention.

Sec. 4. The secretary shall perform the usual duties pertaining to the office. She shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Guild and of the Executive Board. She shall conduct the general correspondence of the Guild under the direction of the president.

Sec. 5. The treasurer shall be the custodian of the finances of the Guild. She shall receive all monies from chapters and individual donors; deposit same in a bank or banks designated by the Administrative Committee; and keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements. She shall pay all bills for incidental expenses approved by the president, remit bi-monthly all membership dues to the Department of Public Relations of Valparaiso University. Any other payment or transfer of funds must be approved by the Executive Board or by resolution of the Guild. All checks shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the president.

The treasurer shall submit regular reports to the Executive Board and an annual financial statement to the convention. She shall submit her books to the auditor at least ten days previous to the annual convention. The treasurer shall be placed under a fiduciary bond at the expense of the Guild.

Article VII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

Section 1. A Nominating Committee of five shall be elected by ballot by the Executive Board at the Spring meeting. Not less than seven members shall be nominated from the floor and the five receiving the highest number of votes shall constitute the committee. Any vacancy occurring on this committee shall be filled automatically by the member receiving the next highest number of votes. It shall be the duty of this committee to select one or more candidates for each elective office and to present its slate at the annual convention. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Sec. 2. Voting shall be by ballot. A majority vote is necessary for election. Each member of the Guild is entitled to one vote. If there be but one candidate for an office, the secretary may, by unanimous consent, cast the ballot for the nominee.

Sec. 3. All officers shall be elected for the term of one year, which term shall be construed to mean the time between conventions. No officer shall hold the same office for more than three consecutive terms. The officers shall assume their duties im-

mediately after the adjournment of the convention.

Article VIII.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE.

Section 1. The Administrative Committee shall consist of the officers of the Guild. The duties of this committee shall be:

- a. To appoint State Chairmen as deemed necessary.
- b. To examine and to ratify the constitution and by-laws of chapters making application for membership.
- c. To plan and supervise the program of the annual Guild convention.
- d. To arrange and direct the editing of the official publication known as the Guild Bulletin.

Sec. 2. In cases of emergency, the Administrative Committee shall be empowered to administer the business of the Guild between meetings of the Executive Board.

Meetings of this committee shall be called by the president, or upon the written request of any two of its members. Three members shall constitute a quorum at any duly called meeting of this committee.

Article IX.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the Guild officers and past presidents of the Guild, state chairmen, presidents of chapters and chairmen of standing committees.

Sec. 2. The Executive Board shall meet in the Spring of the year and on the day previous to the annual convention of the Guild. Special meetings of this Board may be called by the Administrative Committee.

Sec. 3. The Executive Board shall have power to transact the general business of the Guild between conventions, direct its activities, act upon all applications for chapter membership, and fill all vacancies in office, except in the presidency. The vice-presidents in their order shall automatically become president in case of a vacancy in the presidency.

Sec. 4. This Board shall submit to the Guild at the annual convention a detailed report of the work done during the preceding year.

Sec. 5. The Executive Board shall appoint a certified auditor to examine the books of the treasurer and submit a report to the annual convention.

Sec. 6. Ten members, three of whom shall be officers, shall constitute a quorum at any duly called meeting of the Executive Board.

Article X.

STATE CHAIRMEN.

State Chairmen shall promote the growth of the Guild by organizing new chapters in their respective states wherever possible. The organizing of chapters shall be done uniformly and shall proceed under the direction of the Guild president. State Chairmen shall report their activities regularly to the Executive Board. The term of office shall be for one year. No State Chairman shall hold office for more than four consecutive years.

Article XI.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Revisions Committee: A Revisions Committee shall consist of three members, appointed by the president. The duty of this committee shall be to propose and to submit amendments as deemed necessary.

Activities Committee: This committee shall consist of three members, appointed by the president. The duty of this committee shall be to assist chapters in planning cultural programs suitable for their major projects, and to offer suggestions for educational features at chapter business meetings.

Article XII.

CHAPTERS AND CHAPTER DUTIES.

Section 1. The Valparaiso University Guild is an organization consisting of chapters located in various sections throughout the states. New chapters of the Guild shall be formed by the regular appointed State Chairmen. In localities where there are no State Chairmen, the Guild president or someone designated by her, shall assume this responsibility.

Sec. 2. The names and addresses of all members of the chapters shall be transmitted annually during the month of July to the Guild secretary and to the Department of Public Relations of Valparaiso University. The names and addresses of new mem-

bers shall be transmitted by the chapters immediately after their acceptance.

Sec. 3. Chapters shall elect officials as needed. The names and addresses of these officers shall be sent to the secretary of the Guild and to the Department of Public Relations of Valparaiso University, immediately after their election.

Article XIII. AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at the annual convention, provided the proposed amendments have been submitted to the Administrative Committee at least two months previous to the annual convention, and that notice of such proposed amendments has been officially published at least two weeks previous to the convention.

Article XIV. RULES OF ORDER.

The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" shall be the parliamentary authority of this Guild in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

STANDING RULES.

Guild Special. The Guild annually suggests that chapters earmark a sum not to exceed \$5.00 for the purchase of a special gift to the University, to be presented at the time of the convention. The selection of the gift is to be decided by the Executive Board.

Contest: The Guild annually sponsors a contest in which all members are invited to participate. The Executive Board plans and supervises these contests. Awards are officially made at the convention.

The period from July 1 to June 30 inclusive shall be the fiscal year of the Valparaiso University Guild.

The fee for regular membership in the Lutheran University Association is \$5.00 a year or more. All members of the Valparaiso University Guild who have a membership of \$5.00 or more are listed as members of the Lutheran University Association and are entitled to vote at all meetings of the Association and in the annual election of the directors. Chapters should try to enlist as many regular Lutheran

University Association memberships of \$5.00 or more as possible.

Submitted by

EMILY W. DOELL
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April 14, 1943.

"LET'S KEEP ON THE MARCH"

Such was the theme of a recent letter sent to chapter presidents by the chairman of the Guild Hall Fund Campaign Committee. That the Guild was definitely on the march last year is indicated by the receipts in the sum of \$16,192. This splendid record was attained through the cooperation of the chapters in striving toward their yearly goals, and particularly through the active participation in the campaign to raise funds for Guild Hall.

To the chapters who have already gone over the top in the campaign we want to pay a word of tribute, because we know it is richly deserved. The members in these chapters have worked diligently and contributed substantially to meet their quotas . . . and over the top. Yes, the chapters are definitely on the march, because a deep enthusiasm for our important project prevails. Other chapters, we know, are making a wholehearted attempt to do likewise. To you we say: "May your endeavors reap the rich reward of success."

To ascertain what the chapters are accomplishing during 1942-1943, a questionnaire was directed to each chapter president. It was hoped that the return of the filled-in questionnaires might reveal a quantity of information that would enable us to write a campaign story with a happy climax. Out of the forty-four questionnaires sent out, twenty-four have thus far been returned. So the story can be told only in part. According to the reports the chapters are making a commendable effort to contribute their share to the Guild Hall Campaign.

Let's keep on the march! We earnestly urge all remaining chapters to return the questionnaire as soon as possible in order

that we may be privileged to present a more complete story to you at the coming Guild convention on June 5, next.

To raise sufficient funds for Guild Hall calls for teamwork. We have a sense of pride and responsibility in the huge task committed to our care.

Let's all keep on the march! As we press on to victory, let the flame of our faith burn brightly.

We shall be able to contribute more effectively to the Valparaiso of tomorrow . . . "when wars shall be no more" by co-ordinating our gifts today. With gratitude for the past, with courage for the present, with faith for the future, may the members and friends of our Guild reconsecrate themselves to our task, under the guidance of our Lord and Master.

EMMA D. HOPPE, Chairman,
Guild Hall Campaign Committee.

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THANK YOU!

Dear Friends:

Dr. Kretzmann and I are deeply grateful to you for the beautiful banquet cloth. Please accept our sincere thanks.

I should like to be able to show it to all of you. It's a large double damask, pure Irish linen cloth with matching napkins. You may be sure that it will be in almost constant use.

I'd like to take this opportunity to write to all of you to stop at our home whenever you are in Valparaiso. For many of you I hope that will be during the June Convention.

Another grateful thank you for the gift and for the wishes that came with it.

Sincerely yours,
FLORA R. KRETZMANN.

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THE UNIVERSITY FILM DELIVERED TO YOU

Now that a drive to Valpo is just another item out for the duration how about inviting Valpo into your midst?

The University Film, "Building for Tomorrow," will give us a 45-minute visit with you. We will be happy to come, and we assure you it will be interesting, entertaining, and representative of us who make up Valpo.

If you are interested in inviting us to spend an evening, visit a group of prospective students, help out with a Guild rally, or what have you, write to: University Film, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana.

You will need a 16 MM. sound projector, a screen, an operator. Check the projection machine for a rewind reel which is essential. There is no charge for the film, but the University will appreciate payment of return express charges.

We suggest that if you can't find a projector in your own group you see some local insurance company representative or your local board of education. Many will be glad to oblige.

Due to the already great popularity the film is enjoying it will be wise to write a month or more in advance. If, however, you desire it on short notice write and ask. We still do the best we can. If you can send a choice of two dates with preference we will do our best to fit your desires into our booking schedule.



CHAPTER CHATTER

BUFFALO, NEW YORK — The secretary, Miss Emily W. Doell, of this far eastern city writes: "We are trying valiantly not to let war restrictions put too much of a 'ceiling' on our activities. Up to this time we have enjoyed a dessert bridge luncheon, an excellent organ program, and at present are making plans for our Annual Spring Tea. A feature of outstanding interest was a talk given by the wife of a

steamship official living at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and whose husband, now in government service, is still on the other side of the Pacific. We also heard a lecture by a member of the Red Cross Blood Bank. Individual members of our chapter earned neat sums for our treasury by the making of plaster plaques, rugs, and selling Christmas cards. Dividing our membership into two teams, and allowing each team to use its own ingenuity in working out ways and means of raising money, proved such a success last year that we decided to try it again this year, and at the end of the season the losing team is expected to entertain the winner, most likely at a picnic in someone's back yard! Our assistance has been enlisted at a high school Students' Party to be held on May 9, at which time a representative of our University will interview prospective students."

FLINT, MICHIGAN — From Miss Lois Sohn, the secretary and an alumna of V. U., comes this interesting item: "Our annual Valparaiso banquet, sponsored jointly by the local Guild chapter and the L. U. A. was held on February 12. Although it was advertised under the more modest title of 'dinner,' I found nothing lacking in the menu, program, or attendance to make it any less successful an affair than in previous years. The chicken and noodles, salad, vegetables, cherry pie, and coffee (according to reliable sources, two cups could be had upon request) were served by a group of junior waitresses wearing brown and gold crepe paper aprons in honor of the occasion. The community singing which followed put the guests in a congenial mood. The Rev. Ora Riemer of Flint was the toastmaster of the evening, and his opening contribution to the program was a 'Valparaiso Address' paraphrasing the 'Gettysburg Address' and telling the history and purpose of our university. The Rev. R. C. Rein, Flint representative for the L. U. A., gave his report, followed by my talk to prospective students and friends. The crowning feature of the occasion was, of course, the Flint premiere of 'Building for Tomorrow' which fulfilled even my highest expectations. I think we felt the highest satisfaction when we overheard

someone in the group of high school students breathe, 'Boy, I didn't know it was anything like that!'"

FOX RIVER VALLEY, ILLINOIS — "I've enjoyed your articles in the Guild Bulletin," writes Mrs. Erna Gerber, secretary, "and, of course 'Chapter Chatter' it always most interesting. Our small chapter is always seeking ways and means to help add our bit to our ever-growing Lutheran University. Last year we again sponsored a 'Goody Basket,' a Food Sale, our special birthday envelopes, and the drive for Guild Hall, which were most successful. Our meetings are very pleasurable, interesting and educational. The programs include book reviews, talks and displays on arts and crafts, travelogues with movies, and a most informative paper written by our former pastor's wife about an unusual communion chalice owned by one of our congregations in St. Louis. For our next meeting we are endeavoring to put on a Spring Musicale in Colonial costume, featuring the songs of Stephen Foster."

TOLEDO, OHIO — The secretary, Miss Helen Gerken, writes: "The Toledo Chapter of the Valparaiso University Guild held its fourth annual Christmas Candlelight Musicale and Tea on December 6 at Memorial Lutheran Church. The candlelighted church presented a festive setting for the program of music and Scripture reading. The program consisted of three duet numbers by guests, a number by the Memorial Lutheran Choir, Scripture reading by the pastor, and several organ numbers. Following the program, tea, coffee, and cookies were served in the parish rooms of the church."

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS — Mrs. C. C. Bodenstab, the secretary, pens this note: "Our Chicago Chapter is trying a new system this year which seems to meet with good results and is satisfactory in every way. We have arranged for two evening meetings at a hotel in the loop to accommodate those members who are employed during the day and who were unable to attend the afternoon meetings. We raised the annual dues and reduced the number of special activities. In addition to our regular meetings, we sponsor only two major projects during the year. These projects are the an-

nual Christmas Musicale and Tea and a book review toward spring. The book review is held either at a hotel in the loop or at a large parish hall. This year we shall celebrate our chapter's tenth anniversary — plans for this celebration are still incomplete. We also include some special attraction or feature combined with our regular meetings. This new arrangement has proven very satisfactory."

MT. CLEMENS, MICHIGAN — From Mrs. Robert Havel, the secretary, comes this report: "The Mt. Clemens chapter met at Fraser on January 26 with an attendance of 39 members. Four new members were accepted which brings the total membership to 60. Ten congregations were represented at this meeting. Various reports were read, including a detailed account of the recently successful Christmas Musicale. It was suggested that members from each group earn money in their own way to aid the Guild."

KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS — From a program sent us by the secretary, Mrs. H. M. Laube, we note that heavenly choir music was featured at the annual Christmas Musicale sponsored by this chapter. Selections of merit were sung by the Ladies', Junior and Children's choirs of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. A beautiful soprano solo and organ numbers rounded out the well-balanced program of exquisite Christmas music, which was closed with prayer and benediction — Gloria in excelsis Deo!

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN sends this interesting item:

and six New Testament characters were portrayed, including Sarah, Rebecca, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, etc. It may be of interest, too, to say that eight of our Milwaukee Churches were represented in this production, besides the numerous musicians, who rendered beautiful sacred music throughout the program. The program, governed by due dignity at all times, was witnessed by over a thousand people in the two presentations. All who attended were impressed with the dignity of the entire performance — from the opening words "Woman has every reason to love the Lord because He lifted her up out of her degradation and slavery, and put her in her rightful place. Woman owes her all to the Christian religion" until the closing Doxology.

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(Thanks to our secretaries for the splendid response to our plea for "Chatter" made in the previous issue of the Bulletin—Ed.)

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NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

All members of the Guild have the privilege of suggesting candidates for office. Please send all such suggestions to the chairman of the Nominating Committee: Mrs. Harry Eberline, 19962 Briarcliff Road, Detroit, Michigan.

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** Our COVER PRAYER was written by Mrs. Theo. Schwan, Mishawaka-South Bend chapter.