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Dear Guild Member:

STOP! just long enough to read a few lines. The 22nd annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild will be held on campus this fall, September 25-26.

LOOK! over your personal calendar and circle these dates, September 25-26, for a good representation of your chapter to attend the convention.

LISTEN! The Administrative Committee is planning a program for your encouragement, inspiration, and enjoyment. The success of this program depends upon your presence and your participation.

We shall be looking forward to meeting with you in September. A special FLASH with registration blank and information concerning the convention will be sent you in August. Please watch for it.

Sincerely yours,
Viola Birner, President
Valparaiso University Guild

Slate of Candidates

A SLATE OF CANDIDATES for offices in the national Guild has been presented by the nominating committee. Election will be held at the business session of the annual convention on Saturday, September 26th.

PRESIDENT:

Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, Mattoon, Illinois
Mrs. W. A. Feuerpfel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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Mrs. William A. Drews, Buffalo, New York
Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, South Bend, Indiana

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Mrs. R. C. Frank, Chevy Chase, Maryland
Mrs. M. F. Borgelt, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Mrs. F. J. Schumm, Toledo, Ohio
Miss Mathilda Wienhorst, St. Louis, Missouri

TREASURER:

Mrs. William Steinfeldt, LaPorte, Indiana
Mrs. Walter Krause, Monroe, Michigan

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MINUTES *of the Executive Board Meeting*

The February meeting of the Executive Board of the Valparaiso University Guild was opened with the singing of the hymn, "When All Thy Mercies, O My God." Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht served as accompanist.

The Rev. Henry H. Kumnick, Professor of Religion at the University in his devotional address recalled the zeal and enthusiasm that permeated the work of the early Christians. "The early Christian Church," said the speaker, "seemed so unspoiled and knew so well its real mission,—namely the saving of mortal souls."

In the days of the Apostles laymen also worked, and noble women, too, caught the spirit of the age. This small group of Christians, because they believed implicitly that Jesus died for the sins of the world and rose again, were able to Christianize the Roman Empire. The spirit of materialism which prevailed in Rome in the days of the Apostles is prevalent in our land today. We, too, are faced with the challenge of bringing souls to Christ. Professor Kumnick commended the Guild for the many deeds of love which are evident on the campus of the University; and especially for nurturing that tiny mustard seed of faith in the hearts of students. The speaker closed with a beautiful prayer imploring God's blessing and guidance.

The business session was called to order by Mrs. Wm. Drews, first vice-president. Mrs. Drews announced that our president, Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, was suffering from an attack of influenza. The "flu bug" also paid a visit to Dr. Kretzmann and as a result he had been confined to his home for more than a week. Dr. Kretzmann regretted that he had not sufficiently recovered to speak to us during the Friday afternoon session, but he hopes to be able to be with us on Saturday morning.

It was moved and seconded that the secretary send a telegram to Mrs. Birner conveying the best wishes of the Executive Board for a complete recovery. Carried.

At this time Mrs. Drews introduced Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht who on Dec. 1, 1952; following the resignation of Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, had assumed her duties as Executive Secretary of the Guild. Mrs. Ruprecht expressed her appreciation for the many letters of encouragement and good wishes which she had received from members of the Guild.

Our Executive Secretary then presented the following presidents or representatives of new chapters:

- Mrs. M. J. Prifogle, representing the Anderson, Ind. Chapter.
- Mrs. B. E. Buente, president of the Evansville Chapter.
- Mrs. Albert Krueger, representing the Delmarva Chapter.
- Miss Matilda Wienhorst, president of the re-activated St. Louis, Mo. (Evening) Chapter.
- Mrs. Don Deibele, Jr., President of the Garrett, Ind., Chapter.

A letter informing that a new chapter had been organized in Greater Miami, Fla., had reached the desk of the Executive Secretary on Friday morning. Mrs. Ruprecht explained that this Chapter had been organized through correspondence. The Rev. B. F. Schumacher, pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, N. Miami, had been very instrumental in effecting the organization of the Chapter. Mrs. Van C. Kussrow is the president of the Greater Miami Chapter.

The minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting were read and approved.

Letters from three past-presidents, Mrs. Arthur Taube, Mrs. E. W. Schultz, and Mrs. Harry Eberlein were read by the secretary. Each expressed regrets that they could not attend the meeting, and extended greetings and best wishes for a successful meeting.

The secretary also read a copy of the letter addressed to President O. P. Kretzmann by our newly appointed Executive Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht. In her letter Mrs. Ruprecht expressed her appreciation for the confidence placed in her, and pledged her close co-operation with the President of the University and the National Officers of the Guild.

The appointments for the year 1952-53 are as follows:

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

- Activities Mrs. Albert Moeller
- Revisions
- Project Mrs. Walter A. Hansen

FIELD SECRETARIES

- Eastern Mrs. Roy C. Frank
- Central Illinois
- Northern Illinois Mrs. G. E. Penson
- Indiana Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew
- Southern Indiana Mrs. C. E. Westermeier
- Michigan
- Missouri
- Minnesota Mrs. M. F. Borgelt
- New York Mrs. Wm. Haeseler
- Ohio
- Wisconsin Mrs. Paul Roehrs
- Parliamentarian Mrs. W. N. Hoppe
- Historian Miss Louise F. Nicolay

Mrs. Drews announced that Mrs. A. O. Kampe had resigned as chairman of the Revisions Committee.

Mrs. Albert Moeller, chairman of the Activities Committee, reported a number of novel ideas to swell chapter treasuries. Her files also contain cultural materials. Mrs. Moeller asked that more chapters send in their calendars for the year.

Mrs. Louis Heineke, representing the Revisions Committee stated that this committee had no report to present.

Mrs. Drews asked the Field Secretaries to report briefly on their activities.

In the Eastern section the Delmarva Chapter, which includes members from Delaware, Maryland, and Vir-

ginia had been organized. Indiana reported three new chapters, Evansville, Anderson and Garrett.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Ruprecht, the St. Louis evening group was re-activated and a new Chapter organized in Greater Miami, Fla.

Miss Louise Nicolay, Guild Historian, stated that the Guild History would be brought up to date and presented to the National Guild Convention and the Guild Bulletins would be bound into volumes and presented for inspection.

Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, Parliamentarian, commended the Guild women for their interest and awareness of the importance of parliamentary procedure. In her report Mrs. Hoppe reviewed some of the problems of common interest which had been directed to her by Guild members.

The parliamentarian suggested that with the help of a text book it would be profitable as well as fun to arrange a practice class in Parliamentary Law. In the meantime, concluded the speaker, "Remember that the knowledge of Parliamentary Law is the oil for the mechanics of a meeting. Use just enough to make it run smoothly but not so much that it spatters."

Roll call revealed that two past presidents, five National Officers, the chairman of the Activities Committee, a representative of the Revisions Committee, seven field secretaries, five state-unit presidents, the historian,

the parliamentarian, and sixty-five Chapter presidents, or their representatives were in attendance.

The reports of chapter chairmen on their outstanding and successful project again proved interesting and helpful.

Mrs. Drews thanked the chapter chairmen for their excellent reports.

Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht in summarizing these reports expressed her appreciation for the zeal and enthusiasm for the work of the Guild. She stressed the importance of the work of smaller chapters and emphasized that their efforts and contributions were an important factor in the growth and success of the Guild.

At this time Miss Elizabeth Young, a student from Monticello, Iowa, entertained with a group of negro spirituals. Miss Louise Werner from Pittsburgh, Pa., was the accompanist.

The next order of business was the nomination from the floor of a slate of seven candidates for a nominating committee. The following names were proposed:

Mrs. Paul Seehausen, Valparaiso, Ind.
Mrs. W. E. Schmaltz, St. Paul, Minn.
Miss Louise Nicolay, South Bend, Ind.
Mrs. Paul Block, Merrill, Wis.
Mrs. E. R. Buehl, Akron, Ohio
Mrs. Wesley McMann, Bay City, Mich.



NATIONAL FIELD SECRETARIES assembled for Executive Board Meeting, February 27-28, 1953. Left to right, top row: Mrs. G. E. Penson, Mrs. Wm. Haessler, Mrs. Paul Roehrs, Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht, Ex. Sec'y. Bottom row: Mrs. Roy C. Frank, Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, Mrs. M. F. Borgelt, Mrs. C. Westermeier.

Mrs. Carlton Fix, Warren, Ohio

It was moved and seconded to close nominations. Carried. Mrs. L. G. Leonard, Mrs. W. A. Fuerpfeil, and Mrs. H. V. Tottin were appointed tellers.

In the absence of Dr. Kretzmann, Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, secretary to the president, presented the high lights which Dr. Kretzmann would have brought to us in his address, "State of the University."

Mrs. Heidbrink stated that the Guild had been most fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht as Executive Secretary of the Guild.

Mrs. Ruprecht has been an active Guild member, and as the wife of the Assistant to the President, she has also been in close touch with the affairs of the University.

Mrs. Heidbrink extended her best wishes for success to our Executive Secretary.

Continuing her report, Mrs. Heidbrink said that there had been no progress on the pending government grant for the building of the men's dormitory. Progress is hindered by endless red tape in Washington. The change in Administration might have caused delay. However, there have been no reversals, and the Board of Directors of the Lutheran University Association is of the opinion that the grant will be forthcoming. Mrs. Heidbrink suggested that the Executive Board of the Guild address a resolution to the Board of Directors of the Lutheran University Association urging them to do all within their power to start the wheels of government moving.

Due to the excellent guidance program for girls headed by Dean Tangerman and her staff the enrollment in the department of Arts and Sciences exceeds that of the men. The Guild, too, has been instrumental in influencing girls to enroll at Valparaiso University.

Mrs. Heidbrink stated that Dr. Henry G. Poncher is responsible for excellent Health Service on the

campus. The recent flu epidemic was handled with intelligence and understanding. A fortified milk drink is being offered to undernourished students twice a day free of charge.

On Oct. 31, 1952, the Board of Directors of Synod and the Board of Directors of L.U.A. met on the campus of Valparaiso University. This meeting resulted in better understanding on the part of Synod as to the needs of the University. Another meeting of these two bodies is scheduled for Mar. 13, 1953 in St. Louis, Mo.

Commencement this year is scheduled for May 31. Mrs. Heidbrink extended a cordial invitation to attend the Commencement exercises. Plans are also under way for the observance of the Eightieth Anniversary of the Brown and Kinsey regime, May 30 to June 1.

The speaker asked that the enrollment problem be placed at the top of every chapter agenda. The enrollment at present is 1545.

In closing Mrs. Heidbrink said, "All God asks of us is to plug on and in due time we shall meet success. As we go about our work for the University we lean more and more on the Grace of God. God's Grace is taking care of our problems."

Mrs. Heidbrink's report was accepted with thanks.

Mr. Al Looman spoke briefly on the Student Union, the most ambitious of the student building projects. The estimated cost for the building alone is \$585,000. Mr. Looman said the Union might be described as a type of living room for the students. Facilities such as bowling alleys, table tennis and billiard rooms, offices, meeting rooms, dining room, social and banquet hall, snack bar, music listening room, craft shop and lounge are provided. Mr. Looman displayed a miniature architect's model and drawings of the Student Union.

Mrs. Wm. Steinfeldt, treasurer, announced that there would be a delay of several days in the issuing of



A PREVIEW of coming entertainment for the 1953 Convention in September

expense checks since they must bear the signature of the president, Mrs. Birner. Mrs. Steinfeldt stated that she had a number of signed checks on hand that would take care of those who would be inconvenienced by this delay.

Mrs. Leonard announced the following elected to serve on the Nominating Committee:

Mrs. Paul Block, Mrs. Paul Seehausen, Miss Louise Nicolay, Mrs. Carlton Fix, and Mrs. E. R. Buehl.

The election resulted in a tie for the highest number of votes received.

It was therefore moved and seconded to dispense with the usual custom of determining the chairman of the Nominating Committee by the highest number of votes received and to instruct this committee to select their chairman. Carried.

Announcements pertaining to the dinner in the University Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. were made by Mrs. Ruprecht. Dr. Poncher will be the guest speaker.

Following the closing prayer by Mrs. R. C. Frank the meeting recessed until 8:00 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28.

The Saturday morning session was called to order by the first vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Drews. Devotions included the singing of the hymn "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful" and a prayer by Mrs. R. C. Frank. Mrs. Frank asked that the assembly join in a few mo-

ments of silent prayer for our boys in the service of their country.

State Unit presidents made gratifying reports on their meetings and were anticipating excellent meetings following the 1953 National Convention.

At this time Mrs. Ruprecht, Executive Secretary, gave her report. Mrs. Ruprecht stated that approximately one hundred fifty pieces of incoming mail are taken care of each week.

Mrs. Heidbrink and Mrs. Ruprecht are shopping for china for the woman's residences, and will soon make a selection.

Mr. William Kroger, Department of Music, Valparaiso University, has offered his services to chapters who are interested in sponsoring a musical program. Mr. Kroger would present a program of piano solos.

Mrs. Ruprecht asked that we urge delegates to the International Convention of the Woman's Missionary League to support the resolution of the Woman's Missionary League of the Central District recommending that the International League make a substantial grant toward the erection of a chapel on the campus of Valparaiso University.

Mrs. Ruprecht congratulated the Saginaw Chapter on the occasion of their twentieth Anniversary.

Chapters were urged to send in items of interest for the Chapter Chatter column of the bulletin.



MEETING of the members of the National Executive Board held on February 27-28, 1953, in Music Hall.

Students and alumni have proven very helpful in bringing first hand information and inspiration from the campus of the University to chapter meetings, student rallies, and to groups interested in organizing chapters. Mrs. Ruprecht emphasized the importance of expansion through new chapters and increasing chapter memberships. She has been invited to speak to a group at Green Bay, Wisconsin, and is hoping that this meeting will result in the organization of a chapter.

The Treasurer, Mrs. William Steinfeldt, submitted the following report for the period July 1, 1952 to Feb. 15, 1953:

Total balance on hand July 1, 1952	\$ 544.52
Total receipts	16,360.06
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Total	\$16,904.58
Total disbursements	6,465.34
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Cash balance in bank	\$10,439.24

Mrs. Steinfeldt listed contributions received since her report was tabulated so that chapter representatives could add these figures to the Chapter contribution report contained in the handbook.

It was moved and seconded that the Administrative Committee be authorized to submit a resolution to the Board of Directors of the Lutheran University Association urging them to do all within their power to speed action on the pending government grant for the building of a men's dormitory. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that official greetings

be sent to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League when they assemble in Convention at Portland, Oregon in July. Carried.

We were now privileged to enjoy two piano solos by Miss Natalie Jenne of Milwaukee, Wis. Miss Jenne is a piano pupil of Mr. William Kroger.

It was moved and seconded that the secretary write a letter to Dr. Kretzmann expressing the appreciation of the Guild to the University for the lovely dinner on Friday evening, the splendid entertainment and hospitality which makes our stay on the campus so enjoyable. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Administrative Committee address a resolution of appreciation to Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, retiring Executive Secretary of the Guild. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary convey greetings and best wishes of the Executive Board for a speedy and complete recovery to Dr. Kretzmann. Carried.

An open forum provided the opportunity for asking questions on various projects that had been reported by chapter representatives and other matters of interest pertaining to the work of the Guild.

Following the singing of the hymn, "Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise" and praying the Lord's Prayer in unison the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Emma Bartholomew
Secretary



PRAYER CHAPEL IN GUILD HALL where women students take time out for daily devotions.

A hearty welcome!

NEW CHAPTERS

ANDERSON, INDIANA—A special meeting held on November 21st at Anderson brought forth interested women who decided to organize a Chapter of the Valparaiso Guild on that night. Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, and Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht brought messages to the women, and officers elected were: Mrs. Wm. Connelly, Pres., Mrs. Fred Wiese, V. Pres.; Mrs. M. J. Prifogle, Secretary, and Mrs. Paul Roeske, Treasurer.

EVANSVILLE, INDIANA—Mrs. C. Westermeier, Field Secretary of Southern Indiana, brought the message of the Guild to a number of women present at a tea in the home of Mrs. Schroeder. As a result the women unanimously agreed to organize a Chapter of the Guild and officers elected were Mrs. B. E. Buente, Pres.; Mrs. Clyde Gaisser, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Wm. Pukall, Sec., and Miss Lillian Boehme, Treasurer.

DEL MAR, VA.—Mrs. R. C. Frank journeyed to Dover, Maryland, and together with a group of women who presented a panel on Valparaiso University and the Guild, was instrumental in establishing a Chapter composed of women from Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. Mrs. Paul Gehlsler of Preston, Maryland, was appointed chairman and additional officers will be elected in an April meeting.

GARRETT, INDIANA—Just a week before the Executive Board meeting, Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew was invited to speak to a group of women at the church in Garrett, Indiana. The women there that evening decided to organize a Chapter, and the newly elected chairman, Mrs. Don Deibele, was present at the Board meeting the following week.

MIAMI, FLORIDA—News of the newest Chapter, called the Greater Miami Chapter, in Miami, Florida, came on the morning of the Executive Board meeting and brought much joy to the women assembled that day. The Reverend B. Schumacher, together with Mrs. Van C. Kussrow, worked toward establishing this new Chapter. A tea was held at the home of Mrs. Van Kussrow, where four of the six congregations were represented, with the hope of neighboring congregations also affiliating soon. Officers elected were Pres., Mrs. Van C. Kussrow; Vice-Pres., Mrs. E. Van Wulfen; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Max Carey.

ST. LOUIS EVENING GROUP—This group had been inactive for quite some time and when Mr. and Mrs. Ruprecht arrived in St. Louis, they found an en-

thusiastic group awaiting them for luncheon at the Park Forest Hotel. After hearing talks on Student Procurement and work of the Valparaiso University Guild, the women present decided to again enter upon an active program and begin their Guild work anew. Officers elected that day were Miss Matilda Wienhorst, chairman, and Miss Vivian Bangert, Sec.-Treas.

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN

We welcome a new Wisconsin Chapter called the Green Bay Area Valpo Guild, organized late in April, after the Guild Secretary had presented the work of the Guild to a group of women assembled at Redeemer Church, Green Bay. Officers elected are Mrs. R. Bartz, President; Mrs. A. Prueter, Vice-President; Mrs. Vilas Genke, Secretary; and Mrs. A. Kreuter, Treasurer.

WITTENBERG, WISCONSIN

The very latest acquisition to the Guild family is the Chapter in Wittenberg, Wisconsin, organized May 14th, with the help of interested members from the Shawano Chapter. The meeting was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with the Guild Secretary in attendance. Mrs. Ed Bloecher was elected temporary chairman and Mrs. Kenneth Yeager, temporary secretary.



ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD in Session December, 1952. Left to right: Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht, Ex. Sec'y.; Mrs. Wm. Drews, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, retiring Ex. Sec'y.; Mrs. Wm. Steinfeldt, Treasurer; Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, President; Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, Secretary. Mrs. R. C. Frank, 2nd V.P., was absent.

State Unit Meetings

OHIO STATE UNIT MEETING

The 7th annual convention of the Ohio State Unit was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Van Wert, Ohio, Oct. 22, 1952. The Rev. W. H. Moeller opened the morning session with devotions. Mrs. E. S. Snyder conducted the business meeting and gave her annual report. Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, national president, gave a resume of the Guild Convention in September and Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink followed with a report of the national treasury. The following officers were elected:

President: Mrs. F. W. G. Mueller, Napoleon
Vice-President: Mrs. John Jordan, Marysville
Secretary: Mrs. J. H. Klausmeyer, Convoy
Treasurer: Mrs. D. W. Wetterman, Columbus.

Miss Ada Claire Speckman, assistant professor of music at Valparaiso University, gave a talk presenting both the serious and humorous side of life at the University from an instructor's viewpoint. The Resolutions committee thanked the various contributors to the program and meeting, and the session closed with devotions conducted by Pastor F. H. Gerken and the installation of new officers.

—Mrs. Ervin J. Runge, Sec., Ohio State Unit

ILLINOIS-MISSOURI STATE UNIT

The 7th annual convention of the Illinois-Missouri State Unit was held at Aurora, Illinois on October 18th. Two guests from the University, Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, and Dean H. C. Hesse, of the College of Engineering, inspired us in their talks with continued zeal in working for our beloved university. Pastors Richert and Krentz conducted opening and closing devotions. Luncheon was served at the Y.W.C.A. Eleven of the 14 chapters were represented and all presented reports on their activities during the year.

—Esther C. Schenkel, Sec.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIT MEETING

The Michigan State Unit meeting was held on October 28 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebawaing. Members of the Sebawaing Chapter, including women from Caro, Unionville and Bach were hostess to the 284 present from all sections of the state. Mrs. Birner national president, gave an interesting report on the business of the national Guild. Mr. Kenneth Dietz, entrance counselor at Valparaiso University, was guest speaker for the day. A question and answer period followed his talk. A coffee hour opened the session from 9 until 10 in the morning. Devotions were given by the Reverend D. H. Heitner, followed by selections

from the Children's Choir under the direction of Mr. A. E. Schewe. Mrs. Fred Firchau presided at the business meeting. Newly elected officers are:

Mrs. Fred Jens, Lapeer, President
Mrs. Wm. Kuschel, St. Joseph, Vice-President
Mrs. Robert George, Saginaw, Secretary
Mrs. LeRoy Lutz, Flint, Treasurer.

A corsage was presented Mrs. Firchau for her 6 faithful years as Unit president. Field secretaries reported on their activities.

Noon luncheon prayers were offered by Rev. Elmer Scheck, of Bach, with Rev. Otto Neuchterlein, of Caro, conducting the closing devotions.

—Mrs. Arthur Rook, Sebawaing Chapter Pres.

INDIANA STATE UNIT MEETING

The Indiana State Unit held its meeting at Trinity Church, Gary, Indiana, on October 18th. The Reverend Wessler and Reverend Naumann conducted opening and closing devotions respectively. Miss Irma Lange conducted the business meeting and reported on the National Convention. Mrs. Sylvia Trautman, Housemother of the Deaconness House at the University, presented Miss Irma Thoele, a student deaconness, who described her work to the audience. Mrs. E. T. J. Birner spoke to the group and Miss Louise Nicolay reported on Guild projects. Reports from Chapter presidents told of an active year. An invitation to hold the 1953 State Unit meeting in Ft. Wayne was accepted.

—Lily Fedder, Sec.

WISCONSIN-MINNESOTA STATE UNIT

The 7th annual convention of the Wisconsin-Minnesota unit was held on October 14th in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Wausau, Wausau, Wisconsin. Opening devotion was conducted by the Rev. P. W. Roehrs with 150 members present. Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, national president, gave the report of the national convention and Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink gave the national treasurer's report. Following the noon luncheon a local floral shop entertained the group with a demonstration on flower arrangements. Mr. W. C. Dickmeyer, chairman of the board of directors of Valparaiso University, presented an inspiring address in the afternoon session. Officers elected were:

President: Mrs. W. A. Feuerpfel, Milwaukee
Vice-President: Miss Viola Krueger, Merrill
Treasurer: Mrs. A. L. Leman, Appleton
Secretary: Mrs. Alfred Henning, Altoona.

Rev. LeRoy Koepke conducted the closing devotion, after which the group was taken on a tour of Rib Mountain State Park.

—Mrs. L. W. Roehrs

The Union Story

In 1947, a group of students agreed that, from their point of view, the most needed building on the Valpo campus was a Student Union. Soon they had most of the student body interested in this project. However, they realized that the Board of Directors and the Administration could not provide such a building in the near future, since other buildings—a chapel, dormitories, and classrooms—would have priority, and rightly so.

As they have done before under similar circumstances, the students decided to go after a Union building on their own initiative. Today, after a great deal of careful planning, a lot of hard work, and some good promotion, the dream of six years ago is about to become a reality. To raise the money, the students, through the Student Council, assessed themselves a fee of \$5.00 in 1949 and three years later voted to increase the amount of the fee to \$30.00. Over \$80,000 has been deposited in the Student Union fund as a result of the fee collection. Unsolicited contributions from individuals and groups, on and off campus, and proceeds from student parties and carnivals have raised the total to nearly \$90,000.

What the students have been working for is a building that will become a campus community center, a center for all social and cultural activities. It will be that and much more. This building, now officially named the Valparaiso Union, will provide facilities for eating, for playing cards, table tennis, billiards, or bowling, for quiet reading or lounging, for meetings of student organizations, for student publications' offices, for listening to music, watching television, or viewing an art exhibit, for banquets and special meals, and for learning and practicing crafts and hobbies.

Beside the social and cultural advantages, the Union will offer educational opportunities that are of equal

importance. Here the student will learn more about getting along with others, more about his responsibilities toward his fellowmen. Because the program of the Union will be student planned and executed and many of the facilities will be operated by students, he will have the opportunity to develop into a cooperative, responsible leader.

Last Fall a committee of students, members of the Board of Directors, and the Administration chose an architect, Michael M. Hare, who has had experience in planning Union buildings. The committee then polled the student body to find what types of rooms and facilities were most needed.

The architect and his consultant organized the information from the poll into a plan. The result was a functional building which is modern in conception, as you will note from the photograph of the model below, yet will blend with the buildings nearest to it, Guild and Memorial Halls. Like these dormitories, it will be constructed of brick and limestone. The architectural style has attracted attention in certain educational circles and the April issue of *College and University Business* features the Valparaiso Union in a six page article by the architect entitled, "A Study of Costs and Architectural Form."

When the Union building will be started and then completed depends on several factors. The Board of Directors has approved the site, the preliminary plans, and an investment firm to sell revenue bonds to finance the construction cost. And on May 19, at a ceremony on the new campus, the ground was dedicated and the site staked out.

If this progress continues, we hope that the Guild convention banquet in the Fall of 1954 will be held in the new Valparaiso Union.



Chapter Chatter

BELOIT, WISCONSIN

St. John's Valparaiso Guild celebrated its 15th anniversary with a dinner at which they entertained their husbands and invited all charter members. Each charter member received a crystal bud vase containing a yellow jonquil—it being the crystal anniversary. Colored slides taken of a member's recent trip to Germany were shown, followed by a musical program.

The Guild assisted in serving at the dinner following the consecration of a Valparaiso deaconess, Miss Gloria Guetske and also served the Lutheran Laymen's League seminar of Southern Wisconsin.

SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

The Saginaw Chapter celebrated its 20th anniversary in February, with an anniversary tea. About 150 members, husbands and guests were entertained at a lovely Tea Table centered with spring flowers and past presidents served as hostesses, including Mrs. Walter Brechtelsbauer, Mrs. G. O. Johnson, Mrs. Albert Moeller, Mrs. Fred Firchau, Mrs. Robert George, and

Mrs. C. Dale Evans. A musical program followed.

Saginaw Chapter used the Christmas Musicale and Pageant suggested by the activities chairman, Mrs. Moeller, which was well executed and well received. Plans are already under way for next year's Christmas presentation.

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

An unusual schedule was adopted for a February meeting of the Baltimore Chapter. An executive board meeting was held at 3:30 p.m., followed by the regular Chapter business meeting at 4:30. Each member was requested to bring her own sandwich and the hostess society served dessert and beverage at 6:00 p.m. After the supper and social hour, the film *Venture of Faith* was shown to the members and to the general public, at 7:00 p.m.

SHAWANO, WISCONSIN

The Shawano Chapter has edited a very fine Calendar of Events for its members, containing a Directory



MICHIGAN STATE UNIT OFFICERS—old and new: Mrs. Arthur Rook, Sebewaing, Host Pres.; Mrs. Fred Jens, Lapeer, State President; Mrs. Wm. Kuschel, St. Joseph, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Robert George, Saginaw, Secretary; Mrs. LeRoy Lutz, Flint, Treasurer. Retiring officers; Mrs. Gilbert Otte, Detroit; Mrs. Fred Firchau, Saginaw.



THE INDIANAPOLIS CHAPTER of Valparaiso University Guild sponsored a recital by Miss Marie Zorn, Professor of music at Indiana University, on Monday, February 2, 1953, at the War Memorial Auditorium. Newspaper critics were lavish in their praise of Miss Zorn's brilliant interpretation of the numbers she presented, and also spoke of her outstanding dress—a black fitted sequin top over a full-white chiffon crinolined skirt. Miss Zorn receives special gratitude from the Guild members since she graciously donated her talents for this concert in the interest of Valparaiso University.

of national, state and local officers, standing committees, and a roster of its membership, together with the Chapter Collect, and the proposed yearly program and projects. This is a good idea for other Chapters to emulate, as many already have done.

An unusual Christmas style show was held prior to Christmas at which the children of members, ranging in ages from one year to 12 years, modeled Christmas dresses and attire appropriate for Christmas gifts. Later a table of Christmas gifts was available for purchase. This Review was followed by a tea and musical entertainment.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Spring blossoms in profusion furnished a backdrop for the "April in Dixie" card party that the Cleveland Chapter sponsored in April at the Higbee Co. auditorium. A typical southern atmosphere was carried throughout—hand painted tallies carried out the "Dixie" theme. Dainty tea aprons, made by the women of the Chapter served as table prizes, and each guest received an old fashioned nosegay sachet. Guests were delighted with the Higbee models who promenaded in the newest summer fashions. At another date

GRATEFUL

Dear Friends,

I'm sure that most of you know that our newest son, Stephen, is now nearly nine months old. Some of you may not know that for his first Christmas, along with an assortment of rattles, teddy bears and various other stuffed creatures, he acquired a \$25.00 savings bond, the gift of the Guild. It has been carefully tucked away with those of his two big brothers.

We are most grateful to you for your kindness and thoughtfulness. It is our sincere hope that all three of the bonds will serve as down payments when the Kretzmann boys get ready to enroll at Valparaiso University.

Gratefully yours,
Flora Kretzmann

a prospective student party was held, at which two Valpo alumni participated.

HAMMOND, INDIANA

Members presented a skit, Something To Be Thankful For, at the Thanksgiving meeting of the Hammond Chapter. Table decorations included a horn of plenty.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Miniature angel trumpeters were used on the tea table at the Bay City annual Christmas musicale and tea. Included in the program were vocal soloists, organ, zylophone, Treble Choir, Men's Choir and carols sung by the assembly. 600 women attended a fall fashion show and dessert card party. Life-sized models of styrofoam heads were topped with women's bonnets and features for the faces were formed of pipe cleaners and satin cloth. Members acted as models and a musical accompaniment was included. A 15th anniversary celebration took place at the Bay City Country Club. Diplomas were awarded the guests in colors of brown and gold.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

The annual spring banquet for graduating senior women was held in the form of a salad bar dinner. Students gave their names and proposed occupations. Silhouettes of graduates were used for table decorations and tiny favors of students in caps and gowns were presented to each guest. A skit followed the introduction of officers and a talk by the Guild Executive Secretary.

Prof. Wm. Kroger is available for a piano concert in any locality for Guild activities.

Remember to use a Valpo grad for a speaker at one of your meetings—they are our best press agents and one is usually available in your community.

Memorial Wreaths

Chapter	In Memory of:	Amount
ANTIGO		
	Jim Schuster	\$ 14.00
	Mrs. Wm. Spieth	1.00
	George J. Albrecht	10.00
	Mrs. Edw. Kolpack	1.00
APPLETON		
	Mrs. Emilie Flad	2.00
	Mrs. Chas. Leey	5.00
	Mrs. Max Pahl	35.00
AURORA		
	Ralph J. Rebenstorf	2.00
	Mr. A. H. Brinkman	2.00
	Mr. O. J. Steinwart	2.00
BALTIMORE		
	Mr. John J. Zink	2.00
BAY CITY		
	Mr. Fred Rechlin	5.00
BROADLANDS		
	Raymond Rahn	2.00
	William Schultz	10.00
BUFFALO		
	Arthur Dallman	8.00
	Frank Schutt	3.00
	Mrs. Tober	13.00
	Mrs. Emma Dallman	3.00
	Mrs. Harriet Schultz	5.00
CATAWBA		
	Joann Elizabeth Gilbert	10.00
CHICAGO		
	Mrs. Catherine Weiss	5.00
	Mr. B. Boenicke	5.00
	Mrs. G. Elmberger	5.00
CHICAGO WEST SUBURBAN		
	Mrs. Olga Miller	25.00
CLEVELAND		
	Edward Hinz	10.00
	Mrs. Martha Meyer	5.00
COLUMBUS, OHIO		
	Thos. Holland	5.00
CRYSTAL LAKE		
	Mrs. Harry Demler	4.00
DECATUR, INDIANA		
	Remitted by Central District	5.00
DETROIT		
	Mrs. Bertha Mueller	8.00
	Mr. George Lipp	5.00
	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Krombach	7.00
	Mrs. A. G. Lawitzke	5.00
	Mrs. Olga Susick	27.00
	Mrs. E. Kleinschmit	5.00
DUNDEE		
	Mrs. Esther Gielke	2.00
	Wm. Tarnow	7.50
EAU CLAIRE		
	Mrs. Rene Gibson	7.00
	Mrs. Rene Gibson	5.00
	Mrs. Elsie Hansen	5.00
ELGIN		
	Mr. Lafe Benthusen	2.00
	Mrs. Stephen Otto	2.00
	Fred J. Wolff, Jr.	4.00
	Mrs. Chris Mueller	1.50
	Randy Lee Berg	2.00
	George Rehberg	2.00
	Theo. Wachholz	5.00
	Hulda Stange	2.00
	Henry Meier	2.00
	Otto Steinwardt	5.00
	Mrs. Anna Albrecht	4.50
FLINT		
	Donald Bernecker	28.00
FORT WAYNE		
	Hugo Reinking	16.00
	Floyd Linnemeier	5.00
	Mrs. Carrie Pappé	10.00

Chapter	In Memory of:	Amount
	Mrs. Margaret Elett	2.00
	Reinhold Hertz	2.00
	Mrs. J. W. Miller	5.00
	Rev. John Sohn	9.00
	Remitted by Central District	8.00
	Mrs. Anna Mellinger	6.50
GARY		
	Remitted by Central District	2.00
HAMMOND		
	Mrs. Minnie Rath	5.00
	George A. Lohse	3.00
	Charles Herbst	2.00
	Mrs. Golda Buhring	2.00
	Remitted to Central District by Stephen Teibel	50.00
INDIANAPOLIS		
	Remitted by Central District	10.00
	Mrs. Arthur Eickhoff	5.00
	Miss Elizabeth Eickhoff	2.00
LANCASTER		
	Remitted by Central District	12.00
	Remitted by Central District	5.00
	Remitted by Central District	2.00
	Remitted by Central District	5.00
LAPEER-HADLEY		
	Mr. Albert Kruth	6.75
LAPORTE		
	Anna Meyer	13.00
	Mrs. Harry McKee	7.00
	Mr. Meuschke	2.00
LOGANSPORT		
	Mrs. Louisa Wandrei	12.00
	Albert Wandrei	7.00
	William Hugo	5.00
LORAIN		
	Lt. Esian	7.00
	Mrs. Minnie Piepenburg	13.00
MAUMEE VALLEY		
	Mrs. F. J. Lankenau	10.00
MERRILL		
	Otto F. Lueck	25.00
MILWAUKEE		
	Homer Morrow	10.00
	Mrs. Ida Ackermann	12.00
	Mrs. Marcella Sitar	5.00
	Mrs. Clara Bachanz	5.00
	Mrs. Otto Winkler	5.00
MILWAUKEE EVENING		
	Mrs. Amalia Wiening	2.00
	Mrs. Clara Bachanz	3.00
	Mr. Fred Staffeld	4.00
	Mrs. Dorothy Goller	2.00
	Mrs. Josephine Keihl	4.00
	Miss Minnie Saeger	10.00
MINNEAPOLIS		
	Mrs. Bjerne Westberg	2.00
MISHAWAKA-SOUTH BEND		
	Mrs. Emma Shomler	7.50
	Mrs. Guy Nave, Sr.	18.00
	Mrs. Herman Widmar	17.00
	Mr. Robert Nash	2.00
	Mrs. William Sauer	14.00
	Mr. Ray Patric	3.00
	Mr. Sidney Hull	10.00
	Mrs. Clarence Schott	2.00
	Mrs. M. Gleason	3.00
	Mr. Charles Jordan	5.00
MONROE		
	Mother of Mrs. Kuffler	1.00
	Mr. Edward Bauman	3.00
	Mrs. Lena Savage	1.50
MOUNT CLEMENS		
	Mrs. Lawonn	9.50
	Earl Kidd	2.00
NEW JERSEY		
	Hilda Nave	10.00
	Mrs. Augusta Shaulein	5.00
	Mrs. Helene Haedike	5.00
NIAGARA CHAPTER		
	Mrs. Augusta Croley	2.00
	Herwath Scholz	5.00
OSHKOSH		
	Mrs. Walter Gotsch	5.00
PITTSBURGH AFTERNOON		
	Mrs. Callie Hellman	5.00
	Mr. William Eichenberg	20.00

Chapter	In Memory of:	Amount	ST. LOUIS	
REEDSBURG			Dr. Louis Sieck	10.00
	Mrs. J. H. Miller	2.00	Mr. Fred Rechlin	10.00
	Miss Lydia Luebke	7.00		
ROCKFORD-ST. PAUL'S				
	Mr. John Kleven	5.00		
SAGINAW				
	Ensign Roger Warren	3.00		
	John W. Loesel	1.00		
	Mr. George Huber	2.00		
	Mr. Gottlieb Diener	2.00		
SHAWANO				
	Mrs. Bernadine Grosskopf	20.00		
	Rev. Schroth	3.00		
	Mr. Fred Pahl	22.00		
	Miss Gladys Heling	2.00		
	Judge M. G. Eberlein	6.00		
	Mr. Carl Ringel	10.00		
	Mrs. F. Becker	1.00		
	Mrs. Wm. Behnke	3.00		
	Mrs. W. Krohn	3.00		
	Mr. Herman Kroenke	8.00		
	Mr. Fred Engel	1.00		
	Mrs. Max Pahl	18.00		
	Mrs. Fred Erdman	10.00		
SHEBOYGAN				
	Mr. Cris Larson	3.00		
	Mrs. Clara Sachse	3.00		
	Mrs. Anna Guehna	3.00		
	Mrs. Fred Hidde	2.50		
	Mr. Edgar Schilling	5.00		
			ST. LOUIS	
			Dr. Louis Sieck	10.00
			Mr. Fred Rechlin	10.00
			ST. PAUL	
			Mrs. Mary Hauschildt	29.00
			Mrs. Hulda Rosenquist	1.00
			Mr. A. Antonson	2.00
			TOLEDO	
			Rev. Ernest Fackler	2.00
			UNION	
			Mrs. Dorothy Boester	5.00
			VALPARAISO	
			Edward Thinemann	10.00
			Frank Bush	10.00
			Ferdinand W. Wurm	5.00
			Mrs. Freda Lange	1.00
			Dr. C. F. Lindberg	5.00
			VAN WERT	
			Mrs. Minnie Seigle	5.00
			WARREN	
			Mrs. Louise Splitzgerber	3.00
			WASHINGTON, D. C.	
			Thomas A. James	5.00
			Henry Mathews	5.00
			WAUSAU	
			Mr. Fred Raduechel	3.00
			MISCELLANEOUS	
			Dr. C. F. Lindberg	10.00

G R A T I T U D E

My dear Friends in the Guild,

When the executive committee of the Guild met on the campus in February of this year they presented me, on behalf of the entire Guild, a beautiful silver tray. It is exquisite in every sense of the word! I shall cherish it always! My heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you whose friendship and association during the past six years I have valued more than words can express.

There is a time, in our simplicity, when we think that it is something grand we are giving to God, while the truth of it is that it is something God has graciously given to us.

You will agree with me, I am sure, that our strength of devotion to a common cause is based on our united conviction that we are serving One Who is greater than we and to Whom we owe all, that we have and are..

As the years roll on I know that under your fine leadership you will continue in the splendid service the Guild renders the University in the glory of God.

My deep gratitude to you for all your kindnesses to me in the past. I wish you and my able successor, Bernice Ruprecht, God's richest benediction in everything you undertake.

Sincerely yours,

SO HEIDBRINK



THE REVEREND O. W. Toelke, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Valparaiso.



MRS. E. H. RUPRECHT
Newly Appointed Executive Secretary



SEVEN PAST PRESIDENTS, the honorary president and the present head of the Valparaiso University Guild were guests of Mrs. Frederick R. Fletemeyer at a Christmas breakfast, December 16, at the Detroit Yacht Club. Standing left to right: Mrs. Frederick R. Fletemeyer, Mrs. William Fenske, Mrs. Theodore Richter, Mrs. Harold Graumiller, who is now president of the Guild, Mrs. Gilbert T. Otte. Seated left to right: Mrs. Calvin Gauss, Mrs. Otto Rosenbusch, Mrs. Harry A. Eberline, honorary president; Mrs. William Hansen and Mrs. Archibald Mackay.