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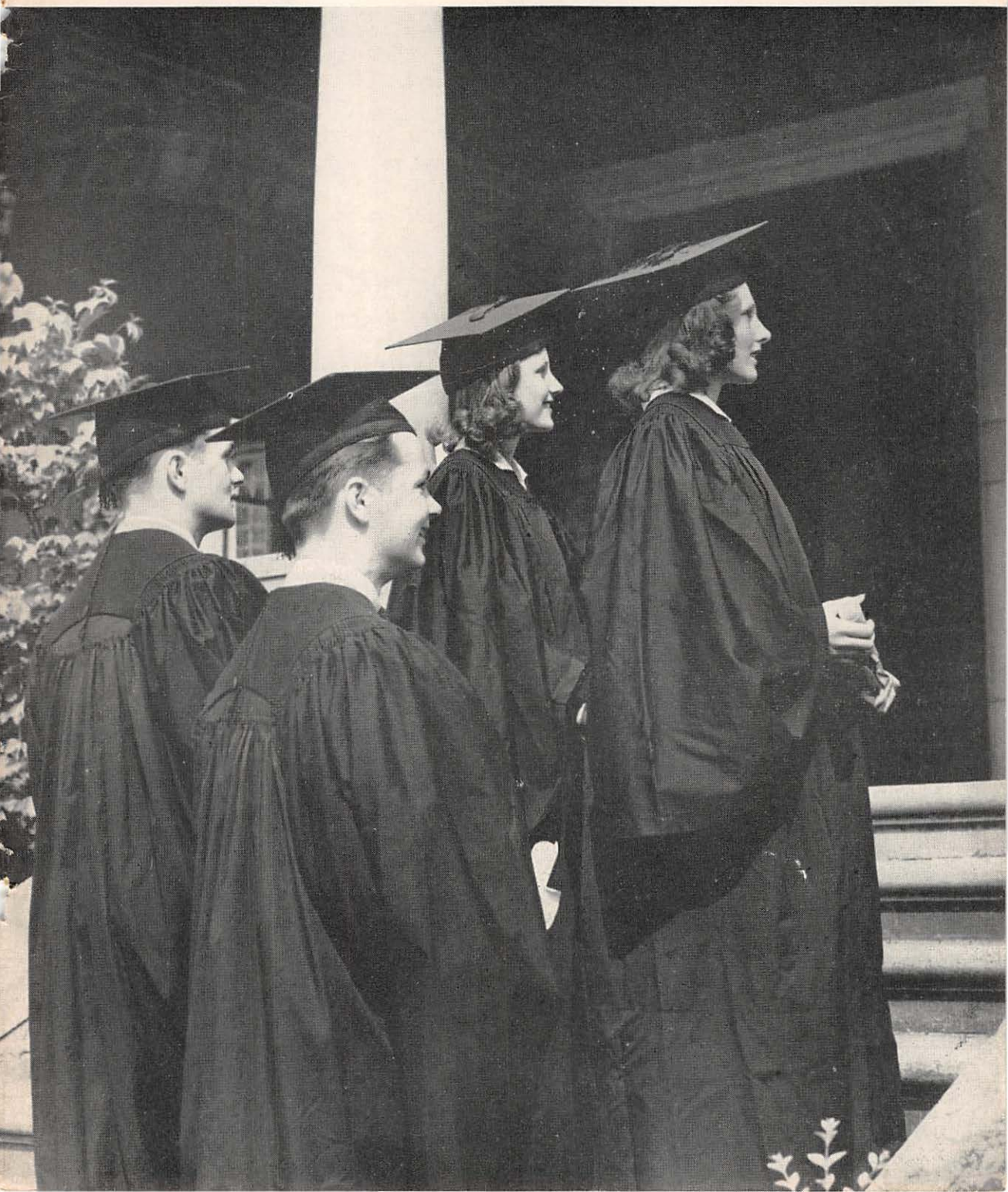
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Mattoon, Illinois
June 22, 1952

Dear Guild Member:

The twenty-first annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild will be held on campus this fall, September 26-27. Annually you receive the invitation to attend this convention and those of you who accept the invitation and spend a few days on campus return to your homes inspired, enthusiastically determined to do something for Valpo, to build with the Guild.

In the short summer months preceding this year's convention, will you recall your noble resolutions, and consider what you, just you, can do just where you are? The Guild must grow if we would accomplish great things. To do so the members we now have must be putting forth new shoots. Yes, we would encourage you now to plant a good seed in the hope of bringing in this fall a goodly harvest of new members, new chapters.

Shall we see you in September?

Yours for a greater Guild,
VIOLA BIRNER, president

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The Lumen Christi Medal

For the third time in the history of Valparaiso University the Lumen Christi medal was presented to an outstanding layman. The 1952 recipient of this honor was Mr. E. C. Jacobs, president of the Lutheran Laymen's League. This is considered the highest honor which the University can bestow upon an individual.

The Lumen Christi medal is cast in gold. Upon its face the medal bears the symbol of Christ, the Light of the World, and the Greek letters, Alpha and Omega. About its eight sides are the challenging words of the Saviour from St. Matthew 5:16: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." On the reverse side is imprinted the seal of the University with its motto: "In Thy light shall we see light."

In conferring the honor upon Mr. Jacobs, President Kretzmann stated in part: "The becoming garment of humility shrouds the deeds of service and sacrifice done in the Name of Him Who died upon the Cross. The day of the Crusader of the Cross has never known twilight or setting sun—it is always 'work while it is yet day.' To dignify such service and to bring it some measure of understanding recognition is the function of the Christian university for its students, faculty, administration, and friends, and, therefore, the Lumen Christi medal has been struck and authority given for its conferral . . . May it bring for all who see it a call to service. . ."

A Hearty Welcome— North Carolina!

On Monday night, April 1, 1952, the Catawba County chapter (North Carolina) of the Valparaiso University Guild was organized with twenty-two members. At this first meeting there were representatives from five churches in that area: Concordia, of Conover; Redeemer, of Catawba; St. Stephen's, of Hickory; St. John's, of Conover; Holy Cross, of Newton. Mrs. George Gilbert of Newton, North Carolina, was elected president of the chapter; Mrs. James Summers, Conover, North Carolina, first vice-president; Mrs. V. G. Bumgarner, Hickory, North Carolina, second vice-president; Mrs. Paul Sigmon, Catawba, North



MR. E. C. JACOBS, left, and Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, with Lumen Christi medal presented to Mr. Jacobs at Valparaiso University Commencement, June 1, 1952

Carolina, secretary; and Mrs. R. F. Lineberger, Conover, North Carolina, treasurer. This new chapter will start its activities with the beginning of the new fiscal year. Every member of the Guild prays the benediction of our gracious Lord upon all their efforts and a rich reward for all that they may do for the University. It is with joy and gratitude that we welcome this new chapter into the national Guild.

A SLATE OF CANDIDATES for offices in the 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 27.

President:

Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, Mattoon, Illinois.

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Mrs. William A. Drews, Buffalo, New York.
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Mrs. William Steinfeldt, LaPorte, Indiana.
Miss Hilda Bollmann, Dundee, Illinois.

Man's Weakness and God's Supply

By PROF. JOHN STRIETELMEIER*

I. N. I.

One day last week, one of the more thoughtful members of the class of 1952, after courteously apologizing in advance for whatever pain his remarks might cause, confided to one of my colleagues his suspicion that a considerable part of the time that he had spent on the college campus was time largely wasted. I am sure that the young man has enough acquaintance with the great thinking and the great writing of the past to realize that his observation was not original. You will find essentially the same thought expressed by G. K. Chesterton in an essay entitled, "The Superstition of School" and you may, if you wish, trace the ancestry of the thought back all the way to the writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes.

More important than the objective question of whether this young graduate actually had wasted four years of his life in a vain attempt at getting educated is the matter of his reaction to a work and a way of life for which an appraisal of his talents and attitudes would seem to have made him eminently qualified.

"Every age", as C. S. Lewis has pointed out, "has its own outlook. It is specially good at seeing certain truths and specially liable to make certain mistakes". I would suggest that our age has made its special mistake in confusing justification with sanctification and in forgetting that the Christian is simultaneously saint and sinner. The product of this confusion is a sense of futility and frustration. Faced with the absolute demands of an Abso-



And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. —II Corinthians 12:7-9.

lute God we must all, if we recognize in our work a holy vocation, face the fact that we are, first of all, physically and intellectually and spiritually incapable of fulfilling our ministry as it ought to be fulfilled and we must face the equally distressing fact that even if we could do all that is required of us our efforts would mean comparatively little in our own age and practically nothing at all for the ages that are still to come. And so we re-read with a kind of rueful self-recognition the paragraph by Robert Louis Stevenson in which another frustrated idealist said:

To look back upon the past year, and see how little we have striven and to what small purpose; and how often we have been cowardly and hung back, or temerarious and rushed unwisely in; and how every day and all day long we have transgressed the law of kindness—it may seem a paradox, but in the bitterness of these discoveries a certain consolation resides. Life is not designed to minister unto a man's vanity. He goes upon his long business most of the time with a hanging head, and all the time like a blind child.

*A chapel address by Professor John Strietelmeier of the Department of Geography and Geology, delivered at a matins in the University auditorium shortly before the end of the spring semester, 1952. The service was opened with a hymn of praise (No. 250) and was ended with a hymn of adoration (No. 361) and the Collects.

Is that the highest consolation that we can derive from our lives, that in a life which is not designed to minister to a man's vanity we have, at least, not been vain? In other words, have we said the final word about man and about our own lives when we can say, in honest conviction, that there is no health in us? Must we, in admitting the incompleteness of our sanctification, accept the impossibility of our justification? Or does our Faith have something more to say than that?

Consider the Apostle Paul. By his own admission, if any man had reason to glory in the flesh, he had more. And yet he had this something-or-other to contend with, this thorn in the flesh which, to him, constituted an ever-present messenger of Satan. What this something was we do not know and it is not important that we should know. But apparently it was a continuing source of frustration, a continuing limitation upon his activities and effectiveness. We can well imagine that in his three prayers for relief he took pains to point out to God that this thing was hampering his

work and thus handicapping the progress of the Gospel. But what does God answer? There is implicit in God's answer Stevenson's observation that "life was not designed to minister unto man's vanity." But there is a great deal more than that. There is the outright assertion that this weakness of Paul's, whatever it may have been, provided in some inexplicable way the occasion for the perfecting of the strength of God.

And it is this point, I would suggest, that needs to be constantly re-emphasized in any discussion of the Christian life and of the Christian vocation. God has not called sinners as though they were saints, He has not called men and women of average intelligence as though they were geniuses, He has not called young men and women as though they had no passions, He has not called Italians as though they were Swedes, He has not called people with hot tempers as though they were phlegmatic. This is not to say that God approves of sin or stupidity or lust or hot tempers. It is to say that when God calls a



A PART of the academic procession showing members of the faculty on their way to Commencement ceremonies at Valparaiso University on June 1, 1952.

man, He calls him where He finds him. He calls him fully knowing his limitations, his eccentricities, and, yes, even his besetting sins. And it is this man—this actual, living, limited, sinful person—that He justifies, not because of something that He sees in him or because of something that He expects to find in him later but simply because it is His gracious will to justify him. And that is the whole story of justification. What follows in the way of renouncing sin and growing in grace is the **fruit** of justification, not its conditions or its grounds. Thus do sinners become saints, not by laundering the mantle of their own righteousness but by being clothed upon with the mantle of Christ's innocence.

And thus, of all armies, the army of the saints is the most surprising and the most incongruous. Here are no supermen but a host of crippled—the physically halt, the morally lamed, the intellectually blind. Here is Moses with his stutter trying to rally a mob of former slaves. Here is Jeremiah, called before he has even had a chance to grow up to speak judg-

ment upon his people. Here is Peter, with his hot temper and mercurial disposition, commissioned to feed the Savior's lambs. Here is Jerome—irascible, suspicious, jealous, given to exaggeration—cast as a scholar. Here is Luther—frail, moody, impatient—called to reform the Church. Here is Bach, trying to write music to the glory of God and simultaneously trying to make a living for twenty hungry children. Here is William Cowper, singing the praises of his God between recurring fits of insanity. Here is a great poet of recent times dividing his energies between the creation of religious verse and the struggle to master his homosexuality. Here is another poet dividing his energies between creativity and the struggle against alcoholism. Here is an eloquent preacher of our own time fulfilling his ministry despite a hopelessly advanced tubercular condition.

All these I mention not in order to suggest that our own weakness or our own sin is something merely to be accepted or even justified but to illustrate how God is able to use men of



A PART of the audience at Commencement ceremonies, Valparaiso University, on Sunday afternoon, June 1, 1952.

all sorts and conditions in His service and to His glory. In these, as in every Christian, God's strength was made perfect in weakness.

Not until we have, in some sense at least, accepted the inevitability of failure, can we hope to find any sort of satisfaction or peace in our life as a whole or in our work in particular. Not until we see in even our weakness the occasion for a revelation of the power of God can we begin to know some measure of contentment. For it is only the awareness that we—the halt, the lame, and the blind—are instruments of the power of God that makes it possible to go on working; and not merely working but working with a considerable amount of enthusiasm and good cheer. Little by little, we begin then to realize that the reward for taking our vocation seriously lies not in achievement (for that we shall never know) but in the doing of our task. And although we shall still be all too painfully aware of the fact that what God has accomplished through us could just as easily have been accomplished without our services, we shall have known the delight of being His co-worker. Like a child helping his father cut the grass, we may in reality prove more of a hinderance than a help, but like the child we have a wonderful time trying.

And, so, by a devious route, we arrive at an answer to the young man who fears that he has wasted four years in a fraudulent adventure. All of life, if looked at outside the context of a divine calling, must finally be written off as a hoax and a fraud. The thorn will always be festering in the side, the messenger of Satan will always be there to buffet one and the sum of any number of years, spent in any possible human situation, will always be zero until God enters the picture. Whether one has succeeded or failed in any given situation is only partially dependent upon the situation itself. Finally it depends upon how one defines success or failure. It is a part of the Christian understanding of life that success and failure are the reverse faces of the same thing and that neither of these, in their human connotation, is ultimately of great significance. What is important is that, having been freely justified by the grace of God, we cheerfully and faithfully do the work assigned us and gratefully acknowledge that the power, if any, is of God.

An incidental product of this approach to life is what so many people in our time would make the ultimate goal of life; that is, peace of mind. But we look beyond this incidental product to a hope far more comforting and far more enduring. And since this is the last time I shall have the privilege of speaking to

many of you who are present here this morning, I should like to state it in one of the most beautiful forms in which I have seen it stated. It is a short verse from a psalm of Brorson and you will find it inscribed, at his own request, over the grave of another man who was not easily satisfied with life, Soren Kierkegaard:

A little while remains
My fight is won;
My entire warfare here
Forever done.
Then shall I find my rest
Where rest I seek,
And all unceasingly
My Savior speak.

Amen.

THE COLLECTS:

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: let thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days: that, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of thy holy Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favour with thee, our God, and in perfect charity with all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, Who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

DURING THE MONTH of May Mr. Fred Strieter, of Davenport Iowa, a member of the Board of Directors of Valparaiso University, and Mr. Harry A. Eberline, of Detroit, Michigan, a member of the National Advisory Board, were called to their eternal rest. Their services to the cause of Valparaiso University were great and numerous.

Minutes . . .

OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY GUILD
FEBRUARY 22 - 23, 1952

The semi-annual Executive Board meeting of the Valparaiso University Guild was called to order in Recital Hall at 1:00 p.m., Friday, February 22, 1952, by the President, Mrs. E. T. J. Birner.

The devotional period began with the singing of the hymn, "Love Divine, All Love Excelling." The Rev. Luther P. Koepke, S.T.D., associate professor of religion at the University, chose Mark 11, vs. 22-23 as the text for the devotional address.

By way of introduction the speaker related the story of a small boy who played happily and unafraid on the deck of a ship while a fierce storm raged and it appeared that all on board would perish. Passengers fearfully adjusted their life belts. Some, noticing the apparent unconcern of the child, asked him if he were not afraid. "No," answered the child, "you see my father is captain of this ship." So, also the Christian places his faith in his heavenly Father.

The Christian, however, is not content merely to possess a strong faith, but he demonstrates it also by his actions. The speaker pointed out that women of the Bible evidenced such faith. The work of the Guild women, too, clearly demonstrates a strong faith. He encouraged the Guild to continue in the program of assisting in the building of a Christian university.

A vocal solo by Miss Dona Clausen, a student at the university, and a prayer by Rev. Koepke concluded the devotions.

Mrs. Birner welcomed members of the Executive Board. She extended a special welcome to all those who were in attendance for the first time.

The minutes of the Executive Board meeting of Sept. 28, 1951 were read by the Secretary. A correction was made in the number attending the first meeting of the newly organized Decatur, Illinois Chapter. The corrected minutes were then approved.

The chairman announced the following appointments for the year 1952-53.

Activities Committee: Mrs. A. Moeller, Chairman, Mrs. R. Peck, Mrs. G. O. Johnson.

Revisions Committee: Mrs. A. O. Kampe, Chairman, Mrs. L. Heinecke, Mrs. W. W. Walker.

Parliamentarian: Mrs. W. N. Hoppe.

Historian: Miss Louise Nicolay.

Field Secretaries:

Northern Illinois—Mrs. G. E. Penson

Indiana—Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew

Southern Indiana—Mrs. C. E. Westemeier

Michigan—Mrs. Otto Rosenbusch, Mrs. Carl Thrun

Minnesota—Mrs. M. F. Borgelt

New York—Mrs. Wm. Haeseler

Wisconsin—Mrs. Paul Roehrs

Eastern Section—Mrs. R. C. Frank

Roll call revealed that three past presidents, six national officers, two chairmen of standing committees, nine field secretaries, five state unit presidents, the parliamentarian, the historian, and fifty-four chapter presidents or their representatives were in attendance.

Chapter presidents responded to roll call by reporting on one interesting and successful project. New and novel project ideas were introduced. There had also been consecrated efforts on student procurement and publicity for the university in the more distant areas.

The president expressed her appreciation for the whole-hearted co-operation of chapters in promoting the program of the Guild. She commended the members for limiting reports to one major subject.

Mrs. A. C. Moeller, chairman of the activities committee, stated that she had received requests for ideas on anniversary invitations, membership campaigns, menu cards, and programs.

New materials available include a Historical Pageant, Good Friday Vespers, Post-Easter Musical, and calendar parties. A list of films is also available. Mrs. Moeller urged chapter presidents to send her chapter calendars, successful projects and programs.

Mrs. A. O. Kampe, chairman of the revisions committee, reported that the National and State unit By-laws, adopted in the National Convention of September, 1951, had been mailed to every member of the Guild.

The next order of business called for the reports of the State Unit Presidents.

Mrs. William Holtz, Illinois, reported that Illinois now lists 566 members. The 1952 State Unit meeting will be held in Aurora, Ill.

Miss Irma Lange, newly elected president of the Indiana State Unit, had no report to make at this time.

Mrs. Fred Firchau, Michigan, announced the last Tuesday in October as the time for the next State Unit meeting in Sebawaing, Mich. Miss Margaret Petzold spoke on Student Life on the Campus at the State meeting held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on October 12.

Mrs. E. S. Snyder, Ohio, reported that ten chapters were represented in Lancaster on November 13. There were ninety-seven in attendance. Rev. W. A. Pohl, Zanesville, Ohio, brought several women from his congregation to the meeting. Zanesville is a good prospect for a new chapter.

Mrs. W. Feuerpfel, Wisconsin, stated that a Swedish theme was carried out in their State meeting in Minneapolis, Minn., on Oct. 9th. The Wausau, Wis., chapter will be hostesses at the 1952 State Unit meeting.

Next on the agenda was the election of a nominating committee.

Article VI, Section 2 of the by-laws governing the election of the nominating committee was read by the secretary.

The chairman appointed Mrs. Wm. Buege, Mrs. Paul Krentz, Mrs. John Fey as tellers.

The following nominations were made:

- Miss Louise Nicolay—South Bend, Ind.
- Mrs. Walter Kraus—Monroe, Michigan

- Mrs. Carl Krekeler—Valparaiso, Ind.
- Mrs. E. H. Lemke—Elgin, Ill.
- Mrs. Henry Moellering—Ft. Wayne, Ind.
- Mrs. Harvey Redemann—Milwaukee, Wis.
- Mrs. Charles St. Clair—Rockford, Ill.

A motion to close nominations was seconded and carried. We then proceeded with the election of the nominating committee.

An open forum provided the opportunity to discuss chapter problems and chapter projects.

Mrs. Carl Krekeler, President of the Valparaiso Chapter, requested chapter presidents to send in a change in the address of any member of their chapters immediately. A number of by-laws had been returned because of incorrect addresses. Mrs. A. O. Kampe suggested that the old address as well as the new would be helpful in keeping files up to date.

Mrs. Birner presented Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, president of Valparaiso University.

In his opening remarks Dr. Kretzmann paid tribute to Dr. Carl F. Lindberg, whom the Lord had called to his eternal home. Dr. Kretzmann stated that Dr. Lindberg had exemplified the importance of the teacher. His loss is felt very keenly by the University. Dr.



THE REV. ARMIN OLDSEN addressing dinner guests on the evening of February 22, 1952. At Speaker's table, l to r.: Mr. Herbert W. Knopp; Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, president of the Guild; the Rev. O. W. Toelke, toastmaster; the Rev. Oldsen, after-dinner speaker; President O. P. Kretzmann; Mrs. Luther Schuessler; the Rev. Luther Schuessler.

Lindberg was head of the Department of Education and Psychology.

Proceeding with his report on the University Dr. Kretzmann announced that upon application by the University, the Lilly Foundation had approved an annual gift of \$75,000. This sum cannot be used for buildings, but only for running expenses of the University. Examiners sent by the Lilly Foundation were impressed with the quality of the young faculty, the guidance program as set up by the University, and the excellence of the work done by Mrs. Tangerman, dean of women. Dr. Kretzmann stated that the gift from the Lilly Foundation was the first sizable non-Lutheran support received by the University.

The enrollment at the University at present is 1,540. In 1946-47 the University was set up for an enrollment of 2,000. When the enrollment drops below 1800 then the budget is upset.

The speaker urged the Guild to center its efforts on enrollment by interesting students in the university and sending in the names of high school students. Dr. Kretzmann again emphasized the importance of a Christian

higher education. Twentieth century education desperately needs religion.

The chairman thanked Dr. Kretzmann for being with us and for his informative address.

Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink made announcements pertaining to bus schedules and the dinner at 7:30 p.m. in the University Cafeteria for the Executive Board of the Guild and the Student Government Conference, who are also attending a convention on the campus. The Rev. Armin Oldsen, International Lutheran Hour speaker, will be the guest speaker.

Mrs. Heidbrink also called attention to the time for the Saturday morning session of the Executive Board. By beginning at 8:00 a.m. and closing not later than 10:20 will provide an opportunity to hear Professor Stewart Harral, University of Oklahoma. Professor Harral will speak on "Priorities in Public Relations" at 10:30 in the recreation room of Guild Hall.

The tellers announced the following elected to serve on the nominating committee:

- Mrs. Carl Krekeler—Chairman
- Miss Louise Nicolay
- Mrs. Charles St. Clair
- Mrs. Walter Kraus



MEMBERS OF THE GUILD helping themselves at Buffet table.

Mrs. Harvey Redemann

The meeting was recessed at 4:50 p.m.

Mrs. Wm. Drews, first vice-president, offered the closing prayer.

Saturday, February 23

The recessed meeting of the Executive Board was called to order Saturday, February 23 at 8:15 a.m. by the president, Mrs. Birner. Mrs. Leonard Oehmke, second vice president, opened the meeting with prayer. The first order of business was the report of the Field Secretaries.

Mrs. G.E. Penson, Illinois, reported that Marengo, which had been a promising prospect for a chapter, had postponed organizing indefinitely.

Mrs. E. Bartholomew, Indiana, tried to revive interest in Hobart, Indiana but prospects for a chapter there are not too encouraging at present. Whiting, Indiana, is definitely interested. A group of women attended the Hammond meetings. Circumstances, however, are not conducive for organization at present.

Mrs. C. E. Westermeier, Southern Indiana, is still concentrating on Evansville, and expects results very soon. The Columbus-Seymour chapter is considering organizing into separate groups. The distance between Columbus and Seymour often handicaps attendance. Brownstown, Indiana, may affiliate with the Seymour Chapter.

Mrs. Westermeier explained that Elberfeld had not effected an organization as reported in the February Executive Board meeting last year.

Mrs. Otto Rosenbusch, Michigan, expects to complete the organization of an evening group in Detroit, Michigan. Invitations have been sent to business and professional women to attend a supper-meeting.

Mrs. M. F. Borgelt, Minnesota, stated that the University had received a great deal of publicity in Minnesota with the result that the new student enrollment from that state is very good.

Mrs. Wm. Haeseler, newly elected Field Secretary from New York, expects to benefit by the excellent ground work laid by Mrs. William Drews. She plans to follow up all leads in the near future.

Mrs. Roy C. Frank, Washington D. C., reported on the rally held in Washington D. C. last October. Representatives from Conover, N. C.; York, Pennsylvania; Richmond, Va.; Dover and Wilmington, Delaware; were present. Prospects for Chapters within these cities are very promising.

The next order of business was the report of our National Executive Secretary, Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink.

Mrs. Heidbrink expressed her appreciation



THE REVEREND ARMIN OLDSEN left, and President Kretzmann making a weighty decision about the desserts at the buffet supper.

to the Field Secretaries for their efforts in Guild expansion. She emphasized the important role they were playing in the building of something fine and eternal.

The State Unit meetings, continued the speaker, were well attended in spite of bad weather in some areas. The programs were interesting and informative. Many women who had not attended the National Convention were in attendance at the State meetings.

Mrs. Heidbrink urged that State meetings, Chapter meetings, rallies, teas and all guild activities be given newspaper publicity. Students are pleased when their University is given publicity.

Commission checks for Cresset subscriptions had been received from Mr. Strietelmeier. These were distributed to Chapter presidents by Mrs. Heidbrink. Chapter presidents were reminded to see to it that the treasurers remit the five dollars earmarked for the Guild Special just as soon as possible.

Mrs. Heidbrink and Mrs. Tangerman are planning a shopping tour for furnishings for the second floor lounge in Guild Hall. The Detroit Chapter had given money for this project sometime ago, but at that time the money was needed for other things.

Mrs. Heidbrink stressed the fact that money received through memorials flows into the



FIRST
and
SECOND
VICE-PRESIDENTS

MRS. WILLIAM A. DREWS, Buffalo, New York, First Vice-President.

MRS. LEONARD OEHMKE, Detroit, Michigan, Second Vice-President.

chapel fund. Memorial wreath cards will be available at the close of the meeting. Guild seals, also, may be purchased.

Mrs. Helene Steinfeldt, treasurer, submitted her report for the period July 8, 1951 to February 15, 1952.

Balance on hand, July 8, 1951 ...\$ 1,282.35
Total receipts 16,884.74

18,167.09

Total Disbursements 7,767.81
Cash balance in bank 10,399.28

Mrs. Steinfeldt stated that \$1,185 had been received since her report was compiled and a check for \$10,000.00 had been remitted to the University.

The treasurer requested Chapters to remit their contributions to her every sixty days.

Under the caption of new business the secretary read the following recommendation submitted to the Administrative Committee by the Wisconsin-Minnesota State Unit.

"At the annual convention of the Wisconsin-Minnesota State Unit of Valparaiso University Guild, the following recommendation was adopted to be presented to the Executive Board at its meeting in February:

'Since the representation of chapters and the number of members from chapters present at convention many times is unequal in number,—and

'Since at the present time every Guild member present at convention is entitled to vote for national officers of the Guild,—and

'Since we feel that this vote is not representative of each chapter of the Guild,—
'Therefore, we recommend to the Administrative Committee that this entire matter of voting for national officers be considered and that the administrative com-

mittee make a recommendation on this matter at the next meeting of the Executive Board in February.'"

On Thursday evening and Friday morning (February 21 and 22) the Administrative Committee gave this recommendation long and serious consideration. It now makes the following recommendation to the Executive Board:

Voting for national officers of the Guild should remain as provided under Article VI, Section 3, of the Revised By-Laws of the Guild; and, for the following reasons;

1. The Guild history tells us that in the early days of the Guild decisions were made by delegate vote, and it was found to be very unsatisfactory.

2. The entire matter of delegate vote was thoroughly discussed and considered at the 1947 national convention, and at that time it was decided that the Guild abide by the present method of election.

3. If the recommendation of the Wisconsin-Minnesota State Unit is accepted there would be two kinds of voting—delegate voting for national officers and general voting for all other business of the Guild.

4. Since general voting has been the policy of the Guild, attendance at conventions has steadily increased and the work of the Guild has been expanded because many more women are attracted to the campus for the Guild conventions and they become enthusiastic about the work of the Guild and the program of the University.

The Administrative Committee moved adoption of the recommendation.

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Chapter Chatter . . . NEWS AND NOTES . . .

GATHERED FROM HERE AND THERE

A member of the Shawano (Wisconsin) chapter writes: "To make money for our project fund we decided that each of us had some remnants of material and ends of laces and ribbons lying around that could be used and never missed. Thus we started in September to take orders to make doll clothes for a favorite old doll or possibly make an additional wardrobe a mother wanted her daughter to have for a new doll, which she was getting for Christmas.

"We asked all members to send over material to my house and have all orders in before December first. About seven members were interested in sewing as a group, and several others found it more convenient to sew in their own homes, and two members donated their services to make all phone calls and their time and cars to pick up the dolls or some material when it was needed. Everyone enjoyed doing her job. Many had patterns they let us use, so we only bought about three patterns.

"Since all dolls were at our house we did spend most of our time sewing here, although several members invited us to their homes to work. They served luncheons which we enjoyed very much.

"We dressed 26 dolls in all and had to turn down many others as our time ran out. One member dressed four dolls and made two cradles with pillows, pads, and quilts and donated these. We asked the customer what she

expected to spend on the doll and we dressed it accordingly. We had more old favorite dolls than news ones. These had to be scrubbed and cleaned and some repairs made and all socks and shoes were bought at the stores and most of the underthings were all hand sewn with lots of lace and ribbon used for trimmings. We tried to put them all in a box so they would not be crushed or mixed and kept most of them until a day or two before Christmas when the customer picked them up. We had to admit it was hard to part with them after we had them so long and they all looked so nice. Many people heard about them and asked to see them so we often had to unpack them, and at our Christmas party we displayed some of them under a Christmas tree. We received many compliments on them..

"Most of the dolls were dressed in a dress, petticoat, and panties, plus shoes and socks, hat and coat (bunting if it was a baby doll), and a nighty or pajamas. Some had two dresses, the baby dolls had booties, and the larger ones had bedroom slippers to match a housecoat."

Vocal and instrumental numbers, rythm and dramatic acts featured an evening's entertainment attracting an audience of 600 sponsored by the Bay City (Michigan) chapter. Highlighting the program was a musical drama "Thirty Minutes with Stephen Foster."

The Mt. Clemens (Michigan) chapter spon-



MRS. WILLIAM HAESELER, North Tonawanda, New York, Field Secretary for New York.



MRS. C. E. WESTERMEIER, Columbus, Indiana, Field Secretary for Southern Indiana.



MRS. WILLIAM STEINFELDT, LaPorte, Indiana, National Treasurer.

sored a Valpo Guest Day on April 19 at Trinity church parlors in Pontiac. There was a smorgasbord, parcel post auction, and entertainment by many members of the chapter.

The Valpo (Indiana) chapter entertained 90 graduating senior girls at a banquet on May 6. The tables were lovely with spring flowers and candles and there were miniature hat boxes, made by the committee, at each senior's place. The purpose and objectives of the Guild were presented to the young women of the graduating class, many of whom will join the ranks of Guild chapters in their respective towns.

The Pittsburgh evening chapter (Pennsylvania) sponsored a "Student Round-up" on April 17. One hundred persons were present, —60 of whom were teen-agers. Mrs. E. S. Snyder, president of the Ohio State Unit, spoke on the organization and achievement of the Guild. Nancy Volz, who was just completing her first year at Valpo, gave a very enthusiastic talk on "Why I Chose Valpo." Following the showing of the film, "Venture of Faith" the Rev. A. F. Brunn, pastor of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, spoke appropriate closing words. A fellowship hour held in the social hall of the church brought this pleasant evening to a close.

The Hammond (Indiana) chapter reports the loss of two members who have given many faithful years of service to the Guild: Mrs. Edward Eggebrecht and Mrs. Meta Welsh.

Five hundred guests enjoyed a Variety Show presented in Peace Lutheran Parish Hall by members of the Saginaw (Michigan) Guild.

Vocal numbers were accompanied by Mrs. Helen Knecht, violinist, and Mrs. Emma Johnson, pianist.

The LaPorte (Indiana) chapter celebrated its fifth anniversary on April 29 with a potluck supper and invited prospective members as guests. Entertainment and good fellowship followed the supper.

The Palmer House in Chicago was the setting for one of the projects sponsored by the Chicago (Illinois) chapter. Mrs. Florence Bourke Ellis gave a book review. The national Guild was officially represented by Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht.

The Saginaw (Michigan) chapter is promoting the sale of subscriptions to THE CRESSET in a very special way as one of its projects.

The Detroit (Michigan) chapter conducted a rummage sale to raise money for purchasing materials for making aprons, towels, and pillow-tubing for their annual Fair. One member reported she had made 30 aprons and in addition had purchased sixty yards of material which she was making into towels and aprons. This augurs well for a successful Fair by the Detroit chapter.

The Mishawaka-South Bend (Indiana) chapter and the Berrien County (Michigan) chapter arranged campus parties for high school students. These students spent a day on the campus, were taken on conducted tours of the campus, heard a talk on admission and enrollment procedures, were guests of the Guild chapters at the University restaurant, and



MRS. G. E. PENSON, Chicago, Illinois, Field Secretary for Northern Illinois.



MRS. ROY C. FRANK, Chevy Chase, Maryland, Field Secretary for the Eastern area.



MRS. PAUL ROEHRS, WAUSAU, Wisconsin, Field Secretary for Wisconsin.



MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD of the Baltimore (Maryland) chapter. Seated, l. to r.: Mrs. Genz, Mrs. Karn, Miss E. Stiemke, Mrs. C. Lubbert, Mrs. Henning, Mrs. Lemmert. Standing, l. to r.: Mrs. G. Nutzelt, Mrs. Volkert, Mrs. Goetze, Mrs. Horlebein, Mrs. Vollenthum, Mrs. Zink, Mrs. Hannewald, Mrs. LaCourse Westermann.

witnessed interesting collegiate basketball games.

The Cleveland (Ohio) chapter celebrated its twentieth anniversary on January 25. A successful Donor luncheon, for which 310 members donated \$5 each, was served to 284 guests at The Higbee Company as a "thank you" from the Guild for the donations received. An excellent program was presented following the luncheon with Mrs. E. N. Moore giving the welcome; Mrs. W. N. Hoppe presiding as toastmistress; and Mrs. H. W. Bartels giving the history of the chapter. In addition to the address by President O. P. Kretzmann, Miss Erica Ludolph and a number of musicians also participated in the program. Mrs. Norman E. Bishop was general chairman.

The Buffalo (New York) chapter presented Dr. Heinrich Fleischer, organist, and Prof. Julius Klein, viola da gamba player, of the Valparaiso University faculty in a concert at the Kenmore Church. The viola da gamba is similar to the cello, but smaller and with six strings. It belongs to the viol family, stringed instruments descended from the troubadour fiddle of the 15th Century and developing into the violin of the 17th and later centuries. The viola da gamba was the bass viol and the predecessor of our present-day cello. Both Bach and Handel composed for it.

The Indianapolis (Indiana) chapter sponsored a silver tea on May 17 from three to five o'clock in the Governor's Mansion in Indianapolis. Mrs. Henry Schricker, wife of

Governor Schricker, was a most gracious hostess. Over two hundred guests called at the Governor's Mansion and were greeted in the receiving line by the following: Mrs. Schricker, the hostess; Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, national president of the Guild; Miss Irma Lange, president of the Indiana State Unit; Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, executive secretary of the Guild; Mrs. Margaretta Sackville Tanagerman, dean of women at Valparaiso University; Mrs. Lynn Irvine, president of the Indiana chapter; Mrs. Raymond Eickhoff, treasurer of the Indiana State Unit; Mrs. Frank Behning, Mrs. Henry Stoeppelwerth, Mrs. R. A. Price, and Mrs. Norman Meek, officers of the Indianapolis chapter. Harp selections were played by Miss Peg Carpenter during the hours of the tea; and delicious refreshments were served at a beautifully appointed table. The Indianapolis chapter made many new friends for the University and the Guild at this occasion.

The Baltimore (Maryland) chapter sponsored an Easter Concert at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Richard Wegner as organist, and director of the Senior Choir of Immanuel Church. An excellent planned program was prepared for the concert. One of the pages immediately following the program contained pertinent facts concerning Valparaiso University, such as accreditation, listing the three schools in the University, number of students, foreign students, costs, location. The second half of the page was devoted to the objectives of the Guild, the projects, membership, listing dates of the Baltimore chapter meetings and inviting new members, listing



PRESENTING PROGRAM at meeting of Baltimore chapter of the Guild at Mt. Olive Church. The panel discussion on "What Valparaiso Means to Me" was given by alumni of Valparaiso University residing in Baltimore, I. to r.: Mr. William Underwood, Miss Madeline Wirsing, Mrs. Mary Lou LaCourse Westermann, Mr. John Westermann, Jr., Miss Schwarz.

the officers of the chapter. An excellent idea for bringing the University and the Guild to the attention of all concert goers.

The Toledo (Ohio) chapter sponsored a very successful student night on April 20, calling it "Crusade for Valpo." They entertained approximately one-hundred fifty young people with the film "Venture of Faith" and a panel discussion by four students from Valparaiso University...The Toledo chapter added 21 new members to its roster during the past year under the leadership of Mrs. Walter

Buescher and the key women of the four parishes in Toledo...A smorgasbord in October and the 13th annual Christmas Musicales and tea in December were two more successful projects sponsored by the Toledo chapter.

Many chapters of the Guild upheld the fine tradition of the Guild by sponsoring Christmas Musicales in their respective communities. This delightful custom adds dignity and grace to the activities of the Guild and affords an excellent opportunity for friends of the Guild to enjoy the glorious Christmas music.

Minutes of Meeting of the Executive Board

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The recommendation was adopted.

In his closing remarks Dr. Kretzmann stated that he was pleased with the mid-winter attendance at the Executive Board meeting, and that he was proud of the Guild's accomplishments. The Guild, however, continued the speaker, should be a much larger organization than it is at present. Within the Missouri Synod there must be many more women to whom the Guild's program would appeal. To reach these women presents a real challenge to the Guild.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. Dr. Kretzmann offered the closing prayer, the assembly joining in the praying of the Lord's Prayer.

Emma (Mrs. E. V.) Bartholomew, Sec'y.



DECORATIONS at a meeting of the Shawano (Wisconsin) chapter of the Guild included dolls dressed in dainty garments made by members of the chapter, with Mrs. Herman Gehrke chairman of the project. The sale of these dolls added a good sum to the project fund of the Shawano chapter.



BUFFET SUPPER prepared and served by the University Chef (1. Kenneth Harmon) and his assistants at the Executive Board meeting, February 22-23, 1952.



"Another helping of turkey, please."

Memorial Wreaths

CLEVELAND

Mrs. Anne Kwietkowski	\$ 2.00
Mrs. Mildred Hoppe	5.00
	5.00
Miss Louise Trunagel	5.00

ELGIN

William Ritt	2.00
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MILWAUKEE (Afternoon)

Mr. Fred Pritzlaff	2.00
Ralph C. Wangerin	39.50
Mrs. Wanda Wallschlaeger	10.00
Rev. E. B. Schlueter	2.00

BUFFALO

Rev. L. O. Zimmerman	5.00
Walter J. Bennreuther	10.00
Carrie Rohring Dietrich	3.00
Mrs. Dorothy Gross	5.00

REEDSBURG

Mrs. Emma Parkhurst	2.00
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DECATUR, ILL.

Mr. and Mrs. John Klemm	2.00
Mr. J. D. McDonald	2.50

MERRILL

Margaret Averill	1.00
Dorothea Schaars	1.00
August Rusch	3.00

LANCASTER

Mrs. A. Kammeyer	43.00
Mrs. Sophia Pfeiffer	10.00

HAMMOND

Mrs. Clare Wolter	5.00
Wm. H. Zahrt	5.00
Mr. Albert Schreiber	2.00
David C. Sanger	2.00
Carl Camperman	7.00
Otto Hoppe	2.00

TUSCOLA

Mrs. Pete Rahn	4.00
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ST. LOUIS

Mrs. Oscar Buettner	10.00
Mr. William Martin	10.00

CHICAGO

Mrs. M. Hochsprung	3.00
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VALPARAISO

Dr. C. F. Lindberg	27.00
Mr. Fred Lubbert	7.00
Mr. Ernest Olson	5.00
Mrs. B. D. Wallschlaeger	5.00
Dr. W. E. Thrun	5.00
Mr. Louis Bangert	2.00
Mr. E. Kurtz	2.00
Dr. W. R. Thrun	2.00

ST. PAUL

Manfred Hall	3.00
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SHAWANO

Mrs. G. Lang	2.00
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LORAIN

John F. Herner	5.00
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MISHAWAKA-SOUTH BEND

Mr. Henry Rangermann	3.00
Mrs. Velma Cones	16.50
Mr. Louis Grabowski	6.00
Mrs. Louise Kossman	
Lieut. Victor Kupferer	
Mrs. Erich Senger	
Mrs. Emma Blankschein	30.00

Mrs. Louise Kossman	5.00
Mr. Adam Hans	5.00
Mr. Fred Domke	5.00
Mrs. Emma Heyn	5.00
Mr. Frank Jackson	10.00
Mrs. John Gaik	30.00
Mrs. Laura Senger	5.00
Mrs. Mary Stephan	4.00
Velma Mae Cones	6.00

MILWAUKEE (Evening)

Margaret Averill	1.00
Mr. Bernitt	1.00
Mr. R. Gudert	5.00

FORT WAYNE

Mrs. Paul Brudi	10.00
Mr.s. Addie Mueller	5.00
Mrs. Clara Miller	19.00
Mrs. Geo. Lunz	2.00
Fred H. Dickmeyer	15.00
Mrs. Bertha Brudi	25.00
Mrs. Sering	5.00
Miss Barbara Schumm	5.00

OSHKOSH

Rev. E. Schlueter	2.00
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BERRIEN COUNTY

Mrs. Caroline Jung	20.00
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CHICAGO WEST

Mrs. Wm. F. Andermann	8.00
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CRYSTAL LAKE

Mr. Charles Buhrow	9.00
Mr. Wm. Ritt	5.00

DETROIT

Mrs. Arthur Heimberg	5.00
Hans Kionka	10.00
Ida Melms	5.00

DUNDEE

(no name given)	3.00
sent by Rev. E. Gade—Immanuel Luth. Church	

MILWAUKEE

Mr. Gustav Jeske Sr.	8.00
Margaret Averill	18.00
Louis Hecht	3.00
Hilda Gumnicht	2.00

OLEAN

Mrs. Alma Byer	5.00
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SHAWANO

Mrs. Pauline Schroeder	1.00
Mr. August Rodencal	4.00
Mrs. Esther Wichmann	3.00
Miss Tena Lange	1.00

SHEBOYGAN

Mrs. Julia Scott	3.00
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APPLETON

Mrs. Emilie Flad	2.00
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BELOIT

Mrs. Albert Meyers	3.00
Mr. Henry Vinz	6.00

THE PRESIDENTS of all chapters will receive additional copies of this issue of the Bulletin. If your copy of the Bulletin did not reach you, please contact your president for one.

Calendar for Friday September 26, 1952

10:00 a.m.—Registration	Music Hall
(Registration also on Sat., Sept. 27, at 8 a.m.)	
10:00 a.m.—Resolutions	Office of Guild Secretary
10:00 a.m.—Field Secretaries and State Unit Presidents	Lounge in Hotel Lembke
10:30 a.m.—Activities Committee	Music Hall
10:30 a.m.—Revisions Committee	Music Hall
1:30 p.m.—Executive Board	Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.—Workshop for Presidents of Chapters	Auditorium
7:30 p.m.—Workshop for Treasurers	Recital Hall
8:15 p.m.—Social Hour and Program	Kroehnke Hall

The agenda for the business meeting of the annual convention on Saturday, September 27, will be included in the material you will receive at registration.

Only a limited number can be accommodated in Guild Hall. Reservations will be entered according to dates received . . . Members desiring lodging at Hotel Lembke, or at motels or tourist homes, will please make their own reservations . . . The Convention committee will deeply appreciate your observance of the dateline on reservations. To save time and money the usual Convention FLASH will not be mailed to the members of the Guild. Please use the reservation blank printed in this issue of the Bulletin to make your reservation for the annual convention.

RESERVATION BLANK

Arriving..... Number of Reservations ()

I enclose herewith \$..... to cover the following:

Convention Registration Fee	\$1.00
Lodging in Guild Hall, per night	\$1.00
<i>Rooms not available until after 12:00 Noon on Friday</i>	
Banquet, Saturday evening, September 27	\$3.50

Please Check:

- () Please reserve room in Guild Hall
- () I do not require lodging
- () I shall make arrangements for lodging at.....

Mail with your check or money order to Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, Valparaiso, University, Valparaiso, Indiana, NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 19, 1952.

Name

Address

Name of Chapter