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New

Year

Greetings!



THE YEAR 1946 WAS A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY GUILD. FIVE YEARS OF DEVOTION TO A SINGLE TASK CULMINATED IN THE LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE OF GUILD HALL. FOR MANY YEARS THIS BUILDING WILL BE A MONUMENT TO THE LOYALTY AND CONSECRATION OF THE WOMEN OF THE GUILD.

THE YEAR 1947 IS BRIGHT WITH PROMISE FOR THE GUILD. AS THE UNIVERSITY GROWS AND PROSPERS THE GUILD WILL BE ABLE TO EXTEND ITS WORK AND BROADEN ITS HORIZONS.

OUR NEW YEAR'S WISH IS, THEREFORE, ONE OF GRATITUDE AND HOPE. ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY JOIN ME IN EXTENDING TO EACH AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF OUR UNIVERSITY GUILD OUR GOOD WISHES FOR A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT OUR LORD WILL BE WITH YOU CONSTANTLY, BOTH IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE AS WELL AS IN YOUR WORK FOR THE UNIVERSITY!

O. P. KRETZMANN, President of
Valparaiso University

A Special Announcement

On September 28, 1946, the members of the Valparaiso University Guild who attended the fifteenth annual convention of the Guild were privileged to witness the laying of the cornerstone of Guild Hall. We feel sure that every Guild member was deeply moved by the impressive ceremonies. Here, before our eyes, that which had hitherto been only a dream and a hope began to take shape. Here we saw the first concrete evidence of the goal toward which we are working.

Unless unforeseen difficulties arise, Guild Hall will be completed late in June or early in July, 1947. The Administrative Committee feels sure that every Guild member who can possibly arrange to do so will wish to take part in the dedication of the new dormitory. For this reason tentative plans are being made to hold the sixteenth annual convention of the Guild at the time of the dedication. Since many Guild members will undoubtedly be visitors at the triennial meeting of the Mis-

souri Synod, which is to be held in Chicago from July 20 to 29, we shall, if it proves feasible, try to arrange our convention dates to fall within this period.

This announcement is being made early so that each of you can include these plans in your 1947 vacation program. The dedication of Guild Hall will be a memorable occasion. It will mark the beginning of a new era for the University. It must also mark the beginning of a new era for the Guild. Our growth and expansion must keep pace with the growth and the expansion of the University. The Lord of the Church has signally blessed our labors in the past. Let us make the occasion of the dedication of Guild Hall a time to rekindle our ardor and to intensify our zeal for a great cause.

At the present time all plans are, of course, merely tentative. The *Bulletin* will keep you informed concerning further developments.

ANNE L. HANSEN.



This picture of the Valparaiso University choir was taken on Sunday, December 15, when the choir rendered its annual Christmas concert to a large audience in the auditorium on the University campus. Many members of the Guild will have an opportunity to hear the choir when it goes on tour in February, 1947.

Reports of state units . . .

We are presenting herewith the reports of the State Unit meetings. Because of lack of space it has been necessary to condense many of the reports submitted.

WISCONSIN STATE UNIT

The air was crisp, the sun bright on this beautiful fall day of October 29, 1946. The mum corsages which were received by each delegate upon registration blended well with the decorations carried out in the colors of the school. It was a day well to be remembered, this first meeting of the Wisconsin State Unit of the Valparaiso University Guild. It was held at the Sherman Park Lutheran Church, and Mrs. W. H. Pruemers presided. A hymn was sung, accompanied by Mrs. Linda A. Mohr. This was followed by a prayer and a reading from Holy Scripture by the Reverend Maurer.

Mrs. Pruemers heartily welcomed the delegates and was happy to see so many out-of-town guests. Said Mrs. Pruemers, "By your presence here today we know that you are interested in Valparaiso University. May your interest ever increase for the youth of today because that means the welfare of posterity. Let no task be too small, nor any service too trivial to give to this institution which will give us our leaders for the church of tomorrow. For what better work could we do than to work for the upbuilding of our Church? Valparaiso is one of the hopes of our Church. Let us keep striving, for there is still so much to be done. We all know that when we build with the Guild, we build for the Church."

The officers of the Unit were introduced, followed by a reading of the minutes of our organization meeting of April 6, 1946. Also, a complete treasurer's report was given.

We should like to pay tribute to our Field Secretary, Miss Lydia E. Schultz, who is the connecting link between the State Unit and the National Guild. Her attendance and cooperation with all chapters has been commendable and outstanding. Miss Schultz gave us some highlights in her annual report and finished by stating that all should work for the good of youth and children.

Chapter chairmen as called upon gave fine reports of projects and growth. A total of 180 reservations was reported, 98 from Milwaukee and 82 out-of-town guests.

The President gratefully thanked these

delegates for their hard work, for their fine projects, and for the great interest they show in Valparaiso.

Mrs. Charles Pretzke, Auditing Chairman, was called upon. She reported the treasurer's books in good order.

Mrs. Pruemers, under new business, introduced the Nominating Chairman, Mrs. Alvin Dobbbratz, who presented her slate. There also were nominations from the floor.

Mrs. E. F. Stegman, our First National Vice-President, then was introduced. She gave a splendid report of the National Convention and praised the fine work of our Field Secretary and State Unit. She stated that Wisconsin was the first to organize and hold its annual meeting and that Miss Schultz was the first Field Secretary to make a complete round of visits to all the chapters of her state.

The group recessed to the dining quarters of the church for a delicious luncheon served by the ladies of the church.

A vocal solo by Joyce Watson Holt, accompanied by Mrs. Linda Mohr; piano selections by Mrs. John Ungrodt; and readings by Miss Jewel Reinke opened the very interesting and stimulating afternoon session.

Mrs. Hoppe, past National President, our speaker, was introduced by Miss Schultz. Her topic was "What the Guild Stands For." She said, "Five years ago a campaign was started for Guild Hall. The work was begun in the spring of 1942. The response was magnificent. \$70,617.47 has been turned over to the University, \$9,000.00 is still owing in pledges. There have been quite a few important developments at the University: new courses in religion, home economics, engineering and law; new faculty members; many returned veterans; redecorated auditorium; and many more too numerous to mention."

Of course, our annual meeting would not be complete without adjusting the wheels which keep our chapters growing, so the following amendments were adopted: ARTICLE 8 on funds and CHAPTER 10 of our National By-Laws.

Mrs. R. Schroeder, Chairman of the Tellers, reported the following slate elected:

President.....	Mrs. W. H. Pruemers
Vice-President.....	Mrs. Victor Schulz
Secretary.....	Mrs. Wm. J. Koopman
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Paul W. Roehrs

Plymouth and Appleton extended an invi-

tation for the Convention of 1947. The executive board is to decide.

The Resolutions Committee presented a resolution expressing appreciation to all who helped to make the first Wisconsin State Unit annual meeting a success.

The newly-elected officers were presented and installed by Mrs. Stegman.

No better appreciation of this convention could be felt in our hearts than by singing the beautiful hymn *Abide O Dearest Jesus* and by closing it with the Lord's Prayer.

Ruth E. Feuerpfel,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

INDIANA STATE UNIT

The fall season and the first Indiana State Unit meeting of the Valparaiso Guild were alike -- both lovely. On Saturday, November 2, 1946, the members of the Mishawaka-South Bend Chapter were hostesses at the noon luncheon and the business session in St. Peter's Auditorium in Mishawaka, Ind.

As the guests arrived they were greeted by the general chairman, Mrs. John Gleason, and two of her assistants, Mrs. Harold Schoch and Mrs. Paul Winkelman. At the registration desk Mrs. O. H. Muentzer, Mrs. William Essig and Mrs. W. Otterstein held sway, checking names and passing out clever "V" shaped identification cards with bright little 'mums attached.

The tables in the spacious auditorium were decorated with huge bouquets of yellow and bronze 'mums, and great brown and yellow cornucopia filled with harvest-time fruits and vegetables adorned each table. The ladies of St. Peter's served a most delectable lunch, and credit for its success is due Miss Amanda Fischman and her assistants.

Mrs. E. W. Broders offered the table prayer, and Mrs. Charles Farnsworth, the local Chapter President, welcomed the guests. The meeting was then turned over to the State President, Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew of South Bend, who in turn introduced the speakers of the day.

Miss Ruth Lehman, a talented vocal and piano student at Valparaiso University, delighted us with several solos; and her sister, Miss Katherine Lehman, violinist, Miss Ruth Evens, cellist, and Miss Roberta Esch, piano, further delighted us with their "Tafelmusik."

The Rev. Armin Oldsen, who has on previous occasions endeared himself to members of the Guild with his sermons at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Valparaiso and with his

lectures, spoke to us on "Christian Personality." His fine wit and fluency of speech, as well as his psychology, were again felt in this talk.

The charm of Norway manifested itself in the personality of the next speaker, Miss Gerd Bache, a scholarship student at Valparaiso University and a former student at the University of Oslo, Norway. Her descriptions and anecdotes of Norway were most interesting, and her experiences during the war brought near to us some of the tragedies we in America were fortunate to escape.

After a fifteen-minute recess, which provided opportunity for visiting with friends from other cities, we assembled for the business session. Devotions were spoken by Mrs. Richard Stuckmeyer. Roll call revealed that 73 were presents and that five of Indiana's eight chapters were represented.

Minutes of the organizational meeting in Ft. Wayne in October were read by Miss Lois Sohn, the secretary.

The report of the President, Mrs. Bartholomew, was made in her usual gracious and efficient manner, which tends to strengthen any new organization and should prove a most valuable asset to the Indiana State Unit. In her report she told us the purpose of the State Units. She also told how the latest Guild Convention held in Valparaiso had a three-fold inspiration since it was the 15th anniversary of the Guild, the 21st anniversary of the University as a Lutheran institution, and it was the cornerstone laying of the Guild's dream -- Guild Hall. She said Guild members must try to make new contacts, interest new friends, write pastors, and contact several key-women of congregations who are interested in the University and incite them to form new chapters. She suggested that we keep the University before the people through church bulletins and newspaper articles about the activities of the various chapters. She thanked all officers for their cooperation in forming this new State Unit, and she urged that "Build with the Guild" be a challenge. She expressed the assurance that with the help of God the Guild shall not fail.

Mrs. E. F. Stegman, vice-president of the Guild, in giving the highlights of the Guild Convention did so in such a delightful and informative way that we felt we were listening to a charming story, as indeed we were, instead of a report. Her enthusiasm and vision always awakens in us the desire to

work harder to accomplish more and more.

Mrs. E. Kurth, Field Secretary, then made her report, commending the committee for having capably and competently arranged the first State Unit meeting. She recommended that each member contact at least one new member so that each chapter reach an unprecedented enrollment. She told that new chapters are ready to be organized, namely Huntington, LaPorte and Decatur. She read greetings and regrets also from Indianapolis and northeastern Indiana chapters who were unable to be represented because of a flu epidemic. She suggested that ladies in rural communities be contacted to form chapters.

One of the most interesting discussions of the afternoon came when the chapter presidents reported on various activities and projects. These reports revealed the intense activity of the chapters within our state and each chapter president received many unique and profitable suggestions for their "coming attractions."

The following officers were elected and installed by our National President, Miss Louise Nicolay:

Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, President.
Mrs. Hilda Gremel, Vice-President.
Miss Lois Sohn, Secretary.
Mrs. Herbert Buehler, Treasurer.

LYDIA WYNEKEN GAU

MICHIGAN STATE UNIT

The Michigan State Unit of the Valparaiso Guild met at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Flint on November 5, 1946.

One hundred and sixty-three were registered, and each delegate received a colored paper maple leaf for identification.

After the opening hymn the Rev. O. J. Reeb, regional chairman, offered prayer and read from the Holy Scriptures.

Mrs. Earl Black, president of the Flint Chapter, welcomed the delegates, and introduced the State President, Mrs. Alvin Hitzemann, who presided at the business meeting.

After hearing the secretary's reports, Mrs. Otto Rosenbusch, Field Secretary for Michigan, gave her report. She called the roll of the local Chapters, and delegates were present from Bay City, Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Lapeer-Hadley, Monroe, Mt. Clemens, Saginaw, and Sebawaing.

Each president was asked to give a report of the activities and projects of her Chapter.

Some very fine ideas on money-raising projects were heard.

Meeting then adjourned for luncheon which was served in the school auditorium. The auditorium was artistically decorated with autumn leaves and flowers. The speakers' table had a centerpiece of autumn fruits and vegetables and leaves, and at each end of the table was placed the Valparaiso emblem with huge yellow chrysanthemums and fern arranged at the base of the emblem. At the other tables the autumn colors were carried out in chrysanthemums artistically arranged in vases. Nut cups were made with colored paper maple leaves, and note pads were attractive with colored paper covers stenciled with the maple leaf.

The afternoon session was opened at one o'clock. Mrs. Hitzemann introduced the National President, Miss Louise Nicolay, who gave a very interesting report on the highlights of the National Convention.

Mrs. H. A. Eberline, past national president, spoke on "Why a State Unit."

A resolution was passed giving the members of the Flint Chapter a vote of thanks for their splendid hospitality.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers, and they were elected for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Alvin Hitzemann, President.
Mrs. Louise Heinecke, Vice-President.
Mrs. Otto E. Sohn, Secretary.
Miss Florence Gesell, Treasurer.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Reeb and the singing of the hymn, "Savior Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise With One Accord Our Parting Hymn of Praise." Each one of us left for home feeling that we had had a very enjoyable as well as informative meeting.

MRS. CARL PATENGE, *Acting Reporter*

ILLINOIS-MISSOURI STATE UNIT

The first meeting of the Illinois-Missouri State Unit of the Valparaiso University Guild was held on November 9, 1946, at Rockford, Illinois. Mrs. C. C. Bodestab called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. A short devotion was begun with the singing of the hymn, "With the Lord Begin Thy Task." The Rev. E. C. Beversdorf, pastor of the host congregation, addressed the assembly and led it in prayer for the youth of the Church.

The State Unit officers were then introduced, as well as the chairman of the two local Chapters, Mrs. W. Gruener and Mrs. K.



MRS. W. H. PRUEMERS
Wisconsin Unit President



MRS. NORMAN BISHOP
Ohio Unit President



MRS. E. V. BARTHOLOMEW
Indiana Unit President



MRS. H. W. BARTELS
Ohio Field Secretary



MISS LYDIA SCHULTZ
Wisconsin Field Secretary

Presenting . . .



MRS. E. T. J. BIRNER
*Second Vice-President and
Field Secretary for Southern Illinois*



MRS. ALVIN HITZEMANN
Michigan Unit President



MRS. C. C. BODENSTAB
Illinois Unit President



MRS. KARL KURTH
Missouri Field Secretary

THE Administrative Committee takes great pride in presenting to you the Field Secretaries and the State Unit Presidents of the Guild.

The Field Secretaries — they were formerly known as State Chairmen — are, without exception, tried and true veterans. They are directly responsible for the growth of the Guild in the states in which they have been active. Their work is not easy. Often they labor against heavy odds. Nevertheless, they refuse to become disheartened. Each of these loyal workers cheerfully accepted a re-appointment for 1946-47. Every member of the Guild owes them a debt of gratitude. Our best wishes go out to them for a fruitful and successful year.

In compliance with a resolution adopted by the fourteenth annual convention of the Guild, State Units have been formed in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Ohio. The State Unit Presidents presented to you were elected in the organizational meetings held last spring and re-elected in the post-convention State Unit meetings last fall. These women are pioneers in a new phase of Guild activities. It will be their task, together with the National Officers and the Field Secretaries, to mold and to build the State Unit organizations for the future. We congratulate them on the initiative and the resourcefulness they displayed in arranging the highly successful State Unit meetings, and we wish them a full measure of success in the coming year.

ANNE L. HANSEN.



MRS. A. A. TAUBE
Field Secretary for No. Illinois



MISS EMILY DOELL
New York Field Secretary

Bliese. The latter extended a hearty welcome to the group and said she hoped this meeting would fulfill its purpose of being a connecting link between the national convention and the local chapters, also, that the members would gain a better knowledge of the working of the Guild. She also explained the meaning of the Guild Seal, designed by our chairman, Mrs. Bodenstab, and the slogan suggested by our vice-chairman, Mrs. Ed. Jaeger.

The chairman welcomed six visitors from the Milwaukee group. She also stated that a letter had been received from Miss Lydia Schultz, field secretary for the Wisconsin Unit, expressing her regret at not being able to attend this meeting.

The chapter chairmen were then introduced, and each one was requested to give a short report on the activities in her respective group.

Mrs. A. A. Taube, the Northern Illinois Field Secretary, then reported that the national body now is composed of fifty chapters. Before State Units were formed each of these reported at the National Convention. Now this is eliminated. The local chapters report at the State Unit meetings, which in turn report at the National Convention. She stated she was glad to see so many young and active chapters, all trying hard to meet their goals. One of her duties is to organize new chapters, which in some areas is exceedingly difficult. She asked everyone to give her the names of pastors in whose congregations young people are attending Valpo, in the hope that they may be inclined to help along in this work. Northern Illinois now has eight chapters with Aurora possibly being the next entrant. She offered a copy of the Activities Manual to chapter officers.

Mrs. E. T. Birner, the Field Secretary for Central Illinois, and who is also our National Second Vice-President, was introduced; also our National Treasurer, Mrs. G. E. Penson.

The Nominating Committee then reported that since the present officers had not had an opportunity to exercise their duties, they were requested to run again for their respective offices. This they consented to do. However, since the constitution calls for two candidates for each office, a slate was presented to the convention.

Mrs. W. Harms of Chicago, Mrs. F. H. Lichthardt of Elgin, and Mrs. G. Dennis of Rockford, were appointed as tellers. The ballots

were distributed and collected. The meeting adjourned for luncheon, during which Miss Betty Ann Schmeling, a student at Valparaiso University, favored the ladies with several vocal selections, masterfully executed.

The adjourned meeting reopened at 1:30 with the singing of the hymn, "Lord Of All We Pray to Thee," whereupon Mrs. E. Parlee beautifully presented a group of vocal numbers.

Miss Gerd Bache, one of the foreign students on the Valpo campus, then gave us an interesting picture of her native land, Norway.

Mrs. Birner, Second Vice-President of the National Guild, then gave a report of the National Convention.

The minutes of the organization meeting were then read and accepted.

After a report by the state treasurer, the election results were reported as follows:

President, Mrs. C. C. Bodenstab.
Vice-President, Mrs. E. Jaeger.
Secretary, Mrs. A. F. Eilers.
Treasurer, Miss M. Vollstorf.

The following resolutions were then presented and passed by the Convention:

That the responsibility for fixing the date each year for the State Unit Convention be imposed upon the State Board and host Chapter, the last week in October or the first week in November being suggested.

That each Chapter be taxed twenty-five cents per member, said amount to be raised as each chapter sees fit, for defraying expenses of the State Convention, and that this amount is not to be taken out of the Chapter treasury.

That a hearty thanks be extended to all who helped to make the first State Unit meeting a success.

An invitation was then proffered by the Elgin and Dundee Chapters for the 1947 Convention.

The duly-elected officers were then installed by the National Second Vice-President, Mrs. Birner.

After adjournment the Rev. F. Brunn led the convention in a short closing devotion.

IRENE EILERS, *State Unit Secretary*

OHIO STATE UNIT

The first annual meeting of the Ohio State Unit of the Valparaiso University Guild was

held in Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio, on November 15, with the Columbus Chapter as host.

The meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn, "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator." Opening devotions were conducted by the Rev. O. F. Stolzenburg, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Ed. Grugel, president of the Columbus Chapter, graciously extended greetings to the assembly; and Mrs. N. E. Bishop, Ohio State Unit president, welcomed the members of the State Unit in her usual charming manner.

Mrs. Edward Block, secretary, read the minutes of the organization meeting, and Mrs. Fred Nordsiek gave the treasurer's report.

Roll call revealed that all of the chapters of the Ohio State Unit were represented, totaling approximately seventy, not including the Columbus Chapter. The largest single delegation came from Union County, with the Lancaster Chapter second largest in attendance.

The Chair then announced the following committee appointments: Auditing Committee, Mrs. R. Pioch, Mrs. R. Mecklenburg, Miss Alice Heidtman; Reporter, Mrs. John Barnes; Tellers, Mrs. Wm. Neubiser, Mrs. A. Galler, Mrs. Alex. Stark.

It was a distinct pleasure for the Ohio State Unit to have the National President of the Guild, Miss Louise Nicolay, present. She gave a very interesting and descriptive account of the National Convention in Valparaiso. Her detailed report brought the aim and work of the Guild closer to those who were unable to attend the National Convention. Our dream and aim of the past five years, namely, Guild Hall, will soon be realized, and our thanks go to a good and gracious God who has guided, blessed and directed the Guild in her service to the University.

We were pleased to have as our special guest Mrs. E. F. Stegman, first vice-president of the National Guild.

The Open Forum included a report from each Chapter of the State Unit as to some of the highlights of its activities during the past year.

At the close of the reports Mrs. Bishop urged that each Chapter send in a report on its activities to Mrs. E. N. Moore, 1195 Lakeland Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, who is Activities Chairman.

Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, Cleveland, past president of the Guild, could not be present but

sent a letter of regret which Mrs. Bishop read. She gave the highlights on Guild Hall and encouraged us to rededicate our energies for Guild Hall.

The next item of business was the report of the Field Secretaries. Mrs. Bishop first called upon Mrs. H. W. Bartels, Ohio Field Secretary. Mrs. Bartels said she was proud to be a Field Secretary for Valpo, and commended Mrs. John Barnes for her help. She reported that she is in the process of organizing a new chapter in Van Wert, Ohio, and that a Chapter had recently been organized in Cincinnati, Ohio with approximately 40 members; and that the recently organized chapter in Akron, Ohio, is represented for the first time at our meeting today and has now approximately 110 members. This fine report was highly commended.

Miss Emily Doell, New York Field Secretary, was unable to be with us, and a letter was read from her extending greetings to the assembly and expressing her regrets in not being present.

Mrs. J. F. Woessner, Field Secretary for Pennsylvania, reported that she is trying to organize a chapter in Erie, Pa. She has also written letters to pastors in Philadelphia, York and Lancaster, Pa., in which she has tried to make contacts for an opening to form new chapters. They were all very courteous in their replies and hope to cooperate at a later date. She has also tried for contacts in Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., and Richmond, Va. She remarked she believes a personal contact is best and that she is trying hard to lay the ground work and hopes some day to report at least one new chapter.

The Chair then asked that if any of the ladies have suggestions for new chapters, to kindly forward them to the respective Field Secretaries.

After the serving of a delicious luncheon by the ladies of the Columbus Chapter and a pleasant visit with our guests, we were entertained with numerous organ selections by Emma Held Buchsieb, organist at Zion Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Merle Ruff, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, then presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Valparaiso University Guild at its 1946 National Convention resolved to adopt the change in Article X, Section 1,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ohio State Unit adopt the amendment as changed by

the National Guild to read as follows: Article X, Section 1—Proposed amendments to the State Unit By-Laws must be in complete harmony and accord with the National Guild By-Laws and must be sent to the Administrative Committee of the national body at least 90 days preceding the State Unit meeting. Amendments may be made to the State Unit By-Laws by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at the annual meeting.

The resolution was moved, seconded, and adopted.

Mrs. Ruff also moved the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the change made by the National Guild in Article VIII, Section 2 be adopted to read as follows: Article VIII, Section 2—Any residue from sums as may be collected over and above an estimated working capital of the State Unit shall be sent direct to the National Treasurer at the close of each fiscal year for the Project Fund of the Guild.

The resolution was seconded and carried.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Mrs. F. J. Schumm, chairman, Toledo; Mrs. John Pohlman, Buffalo, and Mrs. M. P. Thompson, Cleveland, presented their candidates for office.

The Chair then introduced the Rev. Walter Schroth of the Department of Public Relations at Valparaiso University and Field Representative in Western New York and Pennsylvania, who then addressed the meeting.

The Nominating Committee gave the following report:

President, Mrs. N. E. Bishop.
Vice-President, Mrs. John Barnes.
Secretary, Mrs. Edward Block.
Treasurer, Mrs. Fred Nordsiek.

Mrs. N. E. Bishop, chairman, then expressed her thanks to the Columbus Chapter for their hospitality, and a resolution was passed expressing gratitude to all who helped make the meeting a success.

Invitations for the next meeting of the State Unit were received from Mrs. Pohlman on behalf of the Buffalo Chapter, Mrs. Barnes of the Maumee Valley Chapter, and Mrs. Ruff of the Lancaster Chapter. In accordance with the State By-Laws, the final decision as to the place of next meeting is left to the decision of the State Board.

After closing devotions the newly-elected officers were installed by the Rev. Stolsenburg

and the singing of the Doxology brought the Convention to a close.

Submitted by Mrs. Edward J. Block,
Secretary and Mrs. John Barnes, Reporter.

CINCINNATI ORGANIZES

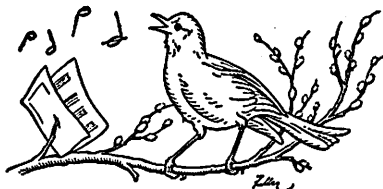
Mrs. H. W. Bartels, field secretary for Ohio, reports the organization of a new Guild Chapter in Cincinnati on November 14. She says that the Rev. Martin Ilse deserves much credit for his fine attitude and helpfulness in organizing this Chapter. Mrs. H. H. Hackstedde opened her lovely home for a Guild Tea and about forty women responded. Mrs. Bartels set forth the purposes and ideals of the Valparaiso University Guild, and all of the women present endorsed her remarks by becoming charter members of the Cincinnati Chapter. We sincerely welcome these new members.

Memorial Wreaths



Appleton Chapter:	
Memorial Wreath	\$ 1.00
Detroit Chapter:	
Mrs. Henry Rahe	20.00
Miss Marie Grim	5.00
Mrs. Anna Lobenstein	5.00
Fox River Valley Chapter:	
Paul J. Rabe	15.00
Hammond Chapter:	
Memorial Wreaths	28.00
Lancaster Chapter:	
Memorial Wreaths	22.00
Lapeer Hadley Chapter:	
Mrs. Mary Jens	5.50
Lorain County Chapter:	
Mrs. Minnie Evert	5.00
Maumee Valley Chapter:	
Mrs. H. C. Knust	25.00
Milwaukee Chapter:	
Mrs. Phil Lange	5.00
Milwaukee Eve. Chapter:	
Helen Parish Hinrichs	12.00
Mt. Clemens Chapter:	
Mrs. Clara Krause	2.00
Rockford No. 2 Chapter:	
Tobe Husmann	5.00
Saginaw Chapter:	
Mrs. Kundgunda Clark	12.00
Sheboygan Chapter:	
Rosemary Campbell	2.00

Chapter Chatter



Our friends in the Guild will be glad to know that since the last issue of the *Guild Bulletin* the Chapter at Broadlands, Illinois, has completed all requirements for organization. They have submitted their constitution to the Administrative Committee, and their secretary, Miss Mildred Messman, reports the names of seven as charter members: Mrs. Fred Cress, Mrs. Henry Goldenstein, Mrs. P. E. Kerkhoff, Miss Mildred Messman, Mrs. Walter Poggendorf, Mrs. Leon Struck, Mrs. Irene Wiese.

The Mishawaka-South Bend (Indiana) Chapter of the Guild opened its season's activities with a Dessert-Card Party at St. Peter's Parish Hall, Mishawaka, on October 23.

Cakes and tea were served from an attractive tea table. Mrs. Charles Farnsworth, the chapter president, Mrs. A. E. Gotsch, vice-president, poured. Cards were played at fifty-five tables. Tallies resembled quilt blocks. The entertainment for the evening included a playlet entitled "Grandmother's Quilt Pageant." The cast was dressed in costumes of the Gay Nineties. With a background fashioned from old-fashioned quilts, and to the accompaniment of such songs as "Memories," "Old Fashioned Garden," "Old Kentucky Home," a "grandmother" opened her treasure-chest, filled with old-fashioned quilts. As she took each quilt from the chest she told the small girls about the memories of its day. The favors for cards were attractive weeds painted in bright colors of pink, blue, yellow, green and white.

-- Mrs. F. H. Kruekeberg, *General Chairman*

The Union (Marysville, Ohio) Chapter, one of the smaller chapters in membership, presented "Women of the Bible," by Miss Lydia Schultz. It was presented two times, and each time the production was a great success. Plans are nearing completion for the Annual Christmas Sale. Lunches will be sold. These also should net the Guild a good profit. The highlight of this year's sale will be the Friendship Quilt. Busy hands

are trying to finish work on it by early December so that it will be ready in ample time for the Christmas Sale.

The Detroit (Michigan) Chapter of the Guild entertained a capacity audience of two hundred in Christ parish hall on Monday afternoon, December 9, at their twelfth annual Musicale. The Rev. Harry Olsen's Christmas message was based on "Martha, Thou Art Troubled by Many Things." Miss Dorothy Thrun, Miss Barbara Perkins and Vaughn Heard gave of their musical talents to provide a delightful program. The traditional cookie sale and tea held an important place during the afternoon. At the tea table, centered by a massive arrangement of red carnations and Christmas greens, Mrs. Marie Welti, chairman of decorations, and Mrs. Otto Rosenbusch, past president, poured. Mrs. Calvin J. Gauss, president, extended the Guild greeting. Mrs. George Otte served as hostess chairman, Mrs. Edmund Kleinschmidt as service chairman, Mrs. Fred Fletemeyer, cookie sale chairman, and Mrs. William Fenske as program chairman.

Traditional Christmas music rendered by organ, voice, violin and trumpet was heard in Our Redeemer Church on December 1 when the Chicago Chapter of the Valparaiso University Guild gave its annual Christmas musicale. This beautiful English Gothic church provided an appropriate setting for the inspiring solos, choral numbers and Christmas carols which made up the program. Selections included music by Bach, Haendel, Massenet and others. The beauty of soft candle light, palms and Italian marble altar was enhanced by light and color from the magnificent chancel window. White chrysanthemums and contrasting scarlet poinsettias decked the altar and the whole created an atmosphere of peace and beauty which was a perfect complement to the music. On the program were: Theodore A. Lams, organist; Lorine Brase, soprano soloist; Richard C. Blum, violinist; The St. James Har-

mony Girls, directed by Walter J. Kallies; William Thoms, baritone soloist, and Marion V. Maurer, trumpeter, accompanied by Professor Albert V. Maurer, Ph., D.

A prayer was offered by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Luther Schuessler, and an invitation given for tea and an hour of fellowship. The parish hall was gay with Christmas decorations and the guests enjoyed the many varieties of hors d'oeuvres and Christmas cookies.

Mrs. Otto Sonderegger, President, and Mrs. George Penson, Treasurer, of the Chicago Chapter of the Valparaiso University Guild, and their committees deserve commendation for this enjoyable event which in the minds of many people set the mood for the blessed Advent season. IRENE GLOTCH

A generous supply of Guild seals has arrived at the Guild office. These will be sent upon request to any member of the Guild. The seals sell for ten cents a package.

From Mrs. Elmer Kutzbach, president of the Reedsburg, Wisconsin Chapter, comes the happy news that since the annual meeting of their state unit they decided to pledge \$500 for Guild Hall.

The Monroe, Michigan Chapter, through Miss Mildred S. McMichael, sent in a check for \$750 "to go toward the furnishing of a room in the new dormitory."

Mrs. Walter Engel of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, writes that Mrs. Oscar Klein of West Bend, Wisconsin, has kindly offered to equip the dining room or kitchen of Guild Hall with aluminum trays, or aluminum water pitchers, or aluminum coffee servers.

The Bay City Chapter, through its president, Mrs. Henry Born, announces an additional pledge of \$500 toward Guild Hall.

On Friday, December 6, 1946, at a regular meeting, the Fox River Valley Chapter of the Valparaiso University Guild voted to change its name to the Elgin Chapter. The members felt that, inasmuch as there is now a chapter in Dundee, also located in the Fox Valley and possibilities of other cities organizing in the future, they would like to identify themselves more specifically with the name of the city from which the majority of members are drawn. This news comes to us from the secretary, Mrs. O. J. Bollmann.

Appreciation

November 12, 1946

Mrs. W. A. Hansen, Secretary
Valparaiso University Guild
2 Concordia College Place
Fort Wayne 4, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Hansen:

I cannot find the words adequately to express my deep appreciation of the beautiful gift presented to me by the Guild officers in behalf of the Guild membership. The gorgeous silver tray will take its place among my most treasured possessions. And its engraved inscription, "In appreciation from Valparaiso University Guild," will ever call to mind many precious memories of past hours of Guild fellowship and the many wonderful friends I hold dear among you.

Please accept my grateful and heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Gayle Schwiebert

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The President is happy to announce the following appointments:

Activities Committee:

Mrs. E. N. Moore, chairman

Mrs. N. E. Bishop

Mrs. H. C. Vogel

Project Committee:

Mrs. Wm. Holtz, chairman

Mrs. Ad. Haentzschel

Mrs. E. R. Jordan

Revisions Committee:

Mrs. A. O. Kampe, chairman

Miss Mary Prentice

Mrs. A. L. Leman

PLEASE NOTE!

The minutes of the 1946 Convention appearing in the October issue of the *Guild Bulletin*, page 12, Article XIV, STATE UNITS, should carry the following addition:

Section 6. Proposed amendments to the State Unit By-Laws must be in complete harmony and accord with the By-Laws of the Valparaiso University Guild and must be sent to the Administrative Committee at least ninety days preceding the State Unit meeting.

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