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from President Kretzmann . . .

One of the enjoyable things about being a college president is that most of the time I merely do what someone tells me to do. That helps to make life so much simpler and easier.

These few words are a case in point. With her usual gracious firmness the Executive Secretary of the Guild has told me to write something for this issue of the Guild Bulletin. I am happy to do it because I would like to appeal to every member of the Guild for help in a special problem.

As you know, about one third of the annual income of the University comes from the congregational collections on the last Sunday in January each year. (January 26, 1957). For several years these offerings have remained practically stationary. We have made very little progress. Since both our Church and the University have given tremendously during these years, it is evident that we shall have to do more work in this field. With the proper appeal I am sure that many of our people in the local congregation will be glad to participate in this nationwide investment in our youth.

Therefore—may I urgently ask for your help? Our pastors are so besieged by various appeals that they often welcome an expression of interest and support for a good cause. Specifically: if your congregation already takes part in the collection you can help give it the greatest possible publicity, especially among the women of the parish. Usually the size of the offering depends on the publicity for it during the weeks preceding the designated Sunday. If possible, a special letter from the pastor or an announcement in the Sunday bulletin is most desirable.

If your congregation has not participated in the past, I hope you will be able to discuss the matter with your pastor and members of the Church Council. The service of the University to the entire Church has grown so tremendously that we can and should appeal to all our congregations for help in our great program. The annual Valparaiso offering is the easiest and simplest way of increasing our support by giving all our people a chance to participate. For so many, the burden will be very small.

And that is all for this time. I know that the members of the Guild, so splendidly helpful in so many ways, will also stand by in solving this problem. If we can do anything to help you, please be sure to write.

A few minutes ago Stephen asked for some Christmas music. May I be one of the first to wish you a full measure of all the joys of this blessed season? I hope it will be the finest Christmas of your life.

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THE COVER picture shows the Crusader Victory Bell which has been erected in the court of the Valparaiso Union.

# Variations on Three Themes

by LOIS SOHN GLOCK . . . Convention Reporter



Bright newness and mellow familiarity always form the counterpoint for an annual coming-together like the Guild convention. More women attended this year than ever before, so strange faces and voices filled the Valparaiso Union. The Union was to many a wonderful new setting which accommodated itself to every activity from the smallest "workshop" to the banquet for nearly 425 guests. And, as is to be expected on campus in the domain of youth, the future received its share of attention. In contrast, however, the past was the subject of long contemplation at this silver anniversary convention. Interesting variations on three main themes could be heard, variations on the Silver and the Bells and the character of Christian Womanhood.

## Theme I: The Silver Anniversary

The silver of maturity framed many faces and edged the business sessions of the Executive Board on Friday. Was it just coincidental, or was it in unconscious acquiescence to the occasion, that the newer voices spoke up so seldom, and that those who counseled wisely in the past were still so articulate on the matters before the group? All joined to give a hearty ring to the hymns of praise and supplication at the opening of sessions.

Smoothly the Friday afternoon executive meeting sped on its way—introductions, Dr. Kretzmann's report on the University, a few words from each of the field secretaries and the state unit presidents, and the roll call of chapter presidents. Ninety-nine names were read off when the news came that the Guild had passed its particular "sound barrier"—the 100th chapter had been organized just the night before when a second group had formed in Gary, Indiana. How the field secretaries had vied for the privilege of announcing young 100th as an anniversary gift to the Guild! Now that goal has been passed and a harvest

of several more chapters looks highly promising.

Twenty-five years of progress in the Guild was re-echoed throughout the Saturday sessions. In the opening devotions Pastor O. W. Toelke reminded the 400 ladies present of their continuing task as witness for Christ. "You will do more if you ask more—'Ye have not because ye ask not.'"

Birthday greetings were received from the officials of the Missouri Synod and from the University Board of Directors. Mrs. W.A. Drews, in her president's report, traced the growth of Lady Guild. "The Guild is a grown-up lady now—twenty-five years is young in the life of one of us, but it is old in the life of an organization." She sketched progress from one to one hundred chapters, from six to 6,000 members, and reported total gifts to the University amounting to \$627,727.60 plus the anniversary thank offering of over \$9,000.

"Our heritage becomes a challenge" was the theme of Mrs. E.H. Ruprecht's report as Executive Secretary. Silver anniversary should be the door to golden opportunity. At the end of her report she formally introduced the ten new chapters, who were received with a rising vote. (Was it by the chairman's design, or a natural result of a festive convention that frequent and well-spaced rising votes rested the ladies during the sessions?)

Much of Saturday afternoon was spent in remembering the past. Miss Louise Nicolay presented copies of the 1951-1956 portion of her history with the thoughtful words, "The results of my writing this history are sobering: We have been blessed so abundantly that I am worried whether the spiritual aspect of our work has been stepped up accordingly."

From the Rev. Karl Hendrichs came the "straight facts" on the founding of the Guild. "We had a job to do in those days, and every time we made a little progress we were happy.

Let's thank God and keep up that happiness. . . We planted a tree for every new chapter—let's revive that custom. . . I hope we never become satisfied or dissatisfied with our progress, but remain eternally unsatisfied!"

The greetings of the Rev. Theodore Andres, also instrumental in organizing the first Women's Committee, were received, although he was unable to be present in person. Mrs. E.W. Schultz, first president, spoke of the small beginnings and of her gratitude at being able to see and take part in the present program. Miss Lily Fedder, one of the first members, recalled how the ladies first groped and found their way.

Some of the latest forward steps of the University were shared with the Guild in special features of the meeting: Dr. Mahela Hays, a professional psychologist, described the counseling service she offers to Valparaiso students. The new youth leadership program was explained by a student of the Department of Religion who is enrolled in the program. A prospective deaconess and a budding seminarian pictured other aspects of this important department of study. Among other facts, Dean Luther Koepke mentioned that Religion has been a major department for ten years, is staffed by ten men, and instructs a total of 1700 students a year.

What anniversary is complete without gifts? And so the day was sparked with them. From the Guild to Dau-Kreinheder halls went table cloths, coffee makers, cups and dessert plates, silver service, a half dozen Phillip's Gospels and **Letters to Young Churches**, two crosses, four candleholders, thirty hymnals, and to Altruria an altar cross, and a samovar for the Union.

An unexpected presentation was the gift of the past Presidents—a handsome set of service books for the University chapel. Bound in red leather to match the Bibles given five years ago were a King James and a Revised Standard Version Bible, and two altar sets each including an agenda, liturgy, lectionary and hymnal.

To the University the Guild made formal presentation of its anniversary thank offering: a check for \$9,070.82 to be used for a carillon of sixteen bells. "That's good!" commented President Kretzmann.

Another silver memento will be the Guild special for next year: Two large flagons and a paten to complete the communion ware for Sunday services in the University auditorium now and in the new chapel later.

President Kretzmann described the two chapel services now running concurrently each day, and the five worship services necessary on Sundays at Immanuel church. Bids have just been accepted for the new chapel-auditorium,

he reported, making possible the groundbreaking in early October and completion in Spring, 1958. Gratitude and thanksgiving for twenty-five years of blessing were crystallized by the Guild in a resolution to devote the next two years to collecting \$100,000 more for the new chapel. So close has been the share of the Guild in the chapel plans that it was a thrill for many to make a pilgrimage out to the ridge of the new campus just east of the Union to see the chalked outlines of the great church and of the Guild chapel in it. This is the building which will embody the spirit of Valparaiso University—"In Thy light"—dominating, beacon-like—"we do see light!" The chapel. . . and its bells. . .

## Theme II: The Bells

Always during these days one heard the ringing of bells—faintly in imagination at each mention of the anniversary gift of the Guild; more prophetically with the melodic pealing during the Friday evening program; enthusiastically at the news that a donor had provided \$40,000 for the carillon tower; vividly at every glimpse of the huge cornucopia on the far wall of the Great Hall pouring forth symbols of the many Guild achievements; triumphantly when late on Saturday afternoon the Victory Bell announced another football conquest. Bells there were to eat, too, dainty ones on the pastel tea cakes Friday night.

Bells came into full play at the banquet, bells and the silver wheat of a quarter-century's harvest. Great Hall was transformed in candlelight and decked with dozens of graceful styrofoam bell towers—the Schoenbohms' handicraft. Each tower glowed with an inner light that silhouetted delicately the silver grain and foliage at its base. Every guest found at her place a handmade program with silver wheat motif and a shiny flower-decked bell. What a joyful din when the whole group jingled them at once during the dinner!

Bells and ringing words—the toastmistress' fine balance of serious and gay, the thoughtful remarks of past presidents, a student's mother, a student-daughter and an alumna. Table conversation touched on bells and work and friends in the Lord, a whole carillon of abundant blessings both given and received. And blessing became the topic of President Kretzmann's sermon at the closing service on Sunday. As a memento of this convention he offered his meditation on the Aaronic benediction, "a wish and prayer for God's providential, redeeming, sanctifying presence." . . . "It is not so important what happened at the convention as what happens from here on in. . . that we are more quiet, more sure, a little more at peace, a little closer to Him, more will-

ing to give Him a little more in return for all He has given to us." So they left the auditorium, women endowed with the Sermon on the Mount's "ringing series of 'blesseds' for all the people who count to the Lord Jesus"...

### Theme III: Christian Womanhood

The Guild is a composite of Christian womanhood, and the facets of her personality were particularly well revealed at this convention. The Guild is a mother, looking forward to reunions with sons or daughters on campus, a mother providing year after year necessities of campus living, from furniture, silver and linens to Bibles. The strength of this woman was aptly described by Mrs. Bowden, University archivist, as she recalled the organization in 1931: "I knew right then that Valparaiso would not fail. The women never fail when they have the interest of their children at heart." Perhaps this natural interest explains why the Guild enjoyed so much the excellent singing of Prof. Schoenbohm's students from the Brigadoon cast and thrilled to the talk by Judy Schuermann.

The Guild is a consecrated user of many talents, one personified by Mrs. W.N. Hoppe, the gracious wearer of the University's "Lumen Christi" medal. With sincere modesty Mrs. Hoppe included all her fellow Guild members in the earning of this award which came to her because of outstanding Christian service to her local congregation, her community, the church at large, and Valparaiso University.

The Guild is a shrewd, though genial, businesswoman, a lady who in twenty-five years has turned over \$627,727.00 to university endeavors, who spends an hour or two of a convention evening boning up on bookkeeping with the national treasurer, or pacing through rules of order with the parliamentarian-in-chief (over 100 women present for this workshop), or dreaming up ways-and-means that appeal to intellect and purses as well.

The Guild is a fun-loving lady whose laughter floats down the corridors of Guild Hall (thanks, students, for your rooms!) and warbles "homogeneously" at the community sing. She enjoys to the fullest the witticisms and verbal cartoons presented by Mrs. Hansen at the banquet. And she extends sympathy, tied with a chuckle, to the lady who fell out of the top bunk.

The Guild is a gracious hostess: The finesse of registration procedure, the Mishawaka-South Bend chapter's tea on Friday evening, the birthday cake celebration Saturday night and the Valpo chapter's Sunday breakfast were a kind of cumulative symbol of all the



MRS. EDWARD BUSSE, Aurora, Ill., newly elected national secretary.

smooth-running affairs offered through the year by chapters all over the country. (Thanks, too, to Union manager and host, Al Looman).

The Guild is a lady of spiritual strength. How else could the members devote the time and energy necessary for the growth so noticeable at this anniversary convention? How else could the officers and executive secretaries serve courageously year after year? What else would have motivated the founders to a quarter-century of activity? And so the Guild gained new vitality from Pastor Toelke's exhortation to be witnesses and from Dr. Adolph Haentzschel's encouragement to "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

The Guild is a lady happily combining God-given assets of health and wealth, strength and grace, patience and love, faith and hope. The Guild is as old as the youngest alumna in its ranks, as young as its most respected founders. The Guild is a lady just twenty-five years old, and her most fruitful days lie yet ahead.

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\*\*Your Executive Secretary would appreciate receiving any copies of the first Volume of the Guild History, published in 1951, which are not being used. Kindly mail them c/o the University.\*\*

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# Minutes . . .

OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY GUILD

SEPTEMBER 29, 1956

The twenty-fifth annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild opened with a devotional service in the Great Hall of the University Union, September 29, 1956 at 9 a.m. The assembly sang the hymn, "Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him!"

"The Challenge to the Church" was the theme of the message by the Reverend O. W. Toelke, Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Valparaiso, who based his remarks on Acts 1: 8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me...unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Pastor Toelke said in part, "After nineteen centuries of man's sin and God's grace, we face the same problems today and must meet the same challenge which confronted the original disciples of Jesus, that of bearing witness to Him in a world steeped in philosophies antagonistic to the Christian faith. The Holy Spirit who imbued the disciples with power from on high is eager to arm those of us who are ready to bear witness to Christ...In its program of giving aid in the upbuilding and the expansion of Valparaiso University, your organization has indeed been drawing on this power and has been witnessing to Christ. The Guild is meeting the challenge."

Miss Judy Bovim, contralto, and Miss Judy Schuermann, accompanist, contributed to the reverence at devotions.

Mrs. William A. Drews, President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The jubilant tone of the convention was set in the special greetings extended by Mrs. Drews, in the words of welcome from Mrs. Daniel Gahl, President of the Valparaiso Chapter, and in the anniversary messages read by the Secretary. Congratulatory letters were read from:

Dr. A.H. Grumm, First Vice-President, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Mr. Paul M. Brandt, President, Board of Directors, Lutheran University Association and Valparaiso University Association

Mr. W. C. Dickmeyer

Mr. Gilbert W. Krause

Mr. Ernest J. Gallmeyer



**PAST PRESIDENTS:** Mrs. H. W. Bartels, Mrs. Walter Hansen, Miss Louise Nicolay, Mrs. Walter Hoppe, Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, Mrs. A. A. Taube, Mrs. H. C. Eberline, Mrs. William Drews, Mrs. E. W. Schultz

The Reverend Richard A. Jesse

Mr. Paul F. Amling

Mr. Richard E. Meier

Additional greetings came from Mr. Herbert Steinbach, President of the Valparaiso University Alumni Association, and Mrs. Karl Kretzmann. Regrets were received from Mrs. O. C. Kreinheder and Mrs. Henry A. Dahlen, founders of the Guild.

Mrs. Frederick Schmalz, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolution which was adopted:

"WHEREAS, The Valparaiso University Guild is this year celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary, and

WHEREAS, God has so abundantly blessed us in our endeavors during this quarter century

—through the pioneering spirit of the women who founded the Guild;

—through the esteemed and continued leadership of our National Guild Officers;

—through the faithful efforts and cooperation of each Guild member;

—through the inspiration gained from our University Presidents, and

—through the support of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran University Association and of Valparaiso University

for all this, and for our Heavenly Father's all-embracing love and grace; therefore **BE IT RESOLVED**, That we humbly bow our heads and hearts in praise and thanksgiving for these bountiful gifts, manifold benefits, and His everlasting care, and

WHEREAS, All our National Past President are present with us today, therefore  
 BE IT RESOLVED, That we take recognition of this special blessing, and  
 WHEREAS, Our Guild rededicates itself to further its purpose in fostering the welfare of Valparaiso University, therefore,  
 BE IT RESOLVED, That we earnestly ask God's blessing and continuing guidance in our work for the cause of Christian Higher Learning, and  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we give expression to these thoughts by joining our voices in the words of our Chapter Collect, as we continue with this meeting."

Motions were passed to dispense with reading the minutes of the 1955 Convention and to approve them as printed in the November, 1955 Valparaiso Guild Bulletin. A report on the proceedings of the September 29, 1956 Executive Board Meeting was given by the Secretary.

The Chair was taken by Mrs. Roy C. Frank, First Vice-President, while the President read her annual report. Tracing the remarkable growth of the Guild, Mrs. Drews paid tribute to its courageous founders. She said, "The original membership of six has grown a thousand-fold in these twenty-five years." Mrs. Drews presented a resume of her official duties. (The report is given elsewhere in the Guild Bulletin).

Mrs. Walter J. Kraus, Treasurer, submitted the financial report, as follows:

Balance on hand, July 1, 1955 -----\$ 449.95

**RECEIPTS:**

Current Fund -----	\$ 7877.02	
Project Fund -----	38999.56	
Chapel Fund Memorials --	2142.06	
Silver Anniversary Offering	9270.32	
Guild Special -----	423.00	
Seals and Pins -----	36.62	
Records -----	160.30	58908.88

Total Funds Available During Year \$59358.83

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Current Fund -----	\$ 7944.52	
Project Fund -----	33565.85	
Chapel Fund Memorials --	2152.06	
Guild Special -----	354.71	
Expenses -----	5433.71	
Silver Anniversary Offering	9270.32	\$58721.17

Balance on hand, July 1, 1956 ----- 637.66

\$59358.83

A letter of audit from Janet L. Sievers, Assistant Professor in the Department of Business and Economics, Valparaiso University, certified that the books were in order. A

motion was adopted to accept the Auditor's report.

The Executive Secretary gave a report of her stewardship. Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht acknowledged the favor of the Lord in permitting our dream of one hundred chapters to become a reality; expressed pride in the rewarded efforts of the Field Secretaries and voiced gratitude to chapter secretaries for their valuable assistance during the past year. (Her report is printed elsewhere in the Bulletin).

Mrs. Louis Eckert presented the following resolution which was adopted:

"WHEREAS, The following new chapters have been organized in the Guild within the past year: St. Clair Chapter, DeKalb Chapter, First New England Chapter, Queens-Brooklyn Chapter, Jacksonville Chapter, New Orleans Chapter, Northeast Ohio Chapter, Colden-Springville Chapter, Rochester Chapter and the Gary "Brown and Gold" Chapter, therefore,  
 BE IT RESOLVED, That we extend a warm and sincere welcome to them, offer our congratulations and wish them the Lord's richest blessings."

Presidents of the new chapters were announced to the convention. Those in attendance were introduced by the Executive Secretary. They are:

Mrs. C. H. Siess, St. Clair County  
 Mrs. Harold Rissman, DeKalb County  
 Mrs. Henry Heck, First New England  
 Mrs. Martin Steege, Queens-Brooklyn  
 Mrs. Robert Schirmer, Jacksonville, Ill.  
 Mrs. Richard Oster, New Orleans  
 Mrs. Walter R. Goetsch, Northeast Ohio  
 Mrs. Daniel J. Knueppel, Colden-Springville  
 Mrs. Victor Kretzmann, Rochester, Minn.  
 Mrs. Emil Frank, "Brown and Gold" Gary  
 Guests from Battle Creek, Michigan were welcomed and introduced.

Miss Jane Rock, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the slate of candidates for national offices, as follows:

**PRESIDENT:**

Mrs. William A. Drews, Buffalo, New York  
 Mrs. Louis Jacobs, Decatur, Indiana

**FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:**

Mrs. Roy C. Frank, Chevy Chase, Maryland  
 Mrs. Dean Arnold, Fort Wayne, Indiana

**SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:**

Mrs. Charles St. Clair, Rockford, Illinois  
 Mrs. W. W. Walker, Elyria, Ohio

**SECRETARY:**

Mrs. Carl Blomstrand, St. Paul, Minnesota  
 Mrs. Edward Busse, Aurora, Illinois

**TREASURER:**

Mrs. Walter J. Kraus, Monroe, Michigan  
 Mrs. Harold Meilahn, Chicago, Illinois  
 After the candidates were presented, the



President asked for further nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the Chair declared the nominations closed.

The President appointed the following tellers:

Mrs. Marvin Borgelt, Minnesota  
Mrs. H. C. Reichle, New Jersey  
Mrs. Norman Gilles, Ohio  
Mrs. Paul Tomell, Illinois  
Mrs. Oscar Bliese, Wisconsin  
Miss Laverne Zattler, Pennsylvania  
Mrs. Ray Heiserman, Michigan  
Mrs. Edwin J. Koch, Indiana

Ballots were distributed for voting. The election of officers to serve next year took place.

Mrs. Drews presented the Presidents of the State Units. Guiding Guild work on the State level are:

Mrs. William Schmeling, Illinois-Missouri  
Mrs. William Steinfeldt, Indiana  
Mrs. Fred Jens, Michigan  
Mrs. F.W.G. Mueller, Ohio  
Mrs. O. A. Reinke, Wisconsin

The Reporter for the Convention, Mrs. Albert Glock, was welcomed and introduced.

Mrs. Albert C. Moeller, Chairman of the Activities Committee, offers the following list of programs and fund raisers:

Travel Programs: Miss Marjorie Harker, Union Pacific Railroad's Travel Consultant, 1416 Dodge St., Omaha 2, Nebraska  
Miss Mary Gordon, Trans-World Airlines, 37 S. Wabash, Chicago, Ill.

Do-It-With-Fabric: Color Slide Program "New Dimensions" Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, Celanese Corporation of America, 180 Madison Ave., New York 16, N.Y.

On Your Two Feet: A complete program on Footwear including a skit for four members. Woman's Club Service Bureau, 10 E. 49th St., New York, N.Y.

Sacred Pageant: Women of the Bible by Miss Lydia E. Schultz (Order from Activities Chairman)

Fund Raisers: Pecan Meats—Minehan Packing Co., McRae, Ga.

Fruit Cake—The Collin Street Bakery, Corsicana, Texas

Pilot Kisses—McAfee Candies, 1720 E. 38th St., Indianapolis 5, Ind.

Aplets & Cotlets—121 Mission St., Cashmere, Washington

Religious Napkins—Geo. M. Straub, 5742 Maplewood Ave., Chicago, Ill.

With this report, Mrs. Moeller terminates eight years of service as Activities Chairman. A rising vote of thanks was accorded her.

Mrs. W. W. Walker, Chairman of the Revisions Committee, reported that the committee proposes no changes to the By-laws at this time.

Mrs. Frederick Schuermann, Chairman of

the Project Committee, gave the following report:

"Because the Board of Directors of the Lutheran University Association made a special request, the Project Committee submits the suggestion that the project funds for the next year be allocated to the University Chapel Building Fund. The past projects of a Prayer Chapel and the furnishings for it, as well as the silver anniversary gift for bells for the University carillon, cannot become a reality until the building of the University Chapel is completed. For this reason the committee offers no alternate project for consideration."

Doctor Mahela M. Hays, Psychologist, elaborated on the New Counseling Program at Valpo and said, "This new service functions to expedite the total function of the University but focuses attention chiefly on the individual student...It exists solely for the purpose of counsel."

Following announcements by Mrs. Ruprecht, the Convention recessed at noon.

The Convention reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Marvin Borgelt, Chairman of Tellers, read their report. The Chair declared the following candidates elected:

President—Mrs. William A. Drews

First Vice-President—Mrs. Roy C. Frank

Second Vice-President—Mrs. Charles St. Clair

Secretary—Mrs. Edward Busse

Treasurer—Mrs. Walter J. Kraus

In presenting the topic, "The Function of the Department of Religion in the Life of the University," Dean Luther P. Koepke had the assistance of Esther Kusch, Dean Kohlhoff and Ted Schroeder. They presented an overview of the work of the department in its several aspects.

Mrs. Drews introduced Mr. Herbert Steinbach, President of the Valparaiso University Alumni Association, who brought anniversary congratulations to the Guild.

All Field Secretaries were in attendance. Mrs. Ruprecht presented them, as follows:

Mrs. Lester Wegner, Wisconsin

Mrs. W. E. Schmalz, Minnesota

Mrs. E. W. Schroeter, New York

Mrs. Louis Heinecke, Michigan

Mrs. L. G. Leonard, Southern Indiana

Mrs. Louis Jacobs, Northern Indiana

Mrs. Fred Homann, Central Illinois

Mrs. Roy C. Frank, Eastern Area

In her report, Miss Louise Nicolay, Historian, announced the completion of Volume II, History of the Valparaiso University Guild, which contains a systematic account of the years 1951-1956 in the life of our organization. Copies of this valuable booklet were distributed to the

Convention. Miss Nicolay was thanked for her report and commended for a task well done.

Mrs. Walter N. Hoppe, Parliamentarian, reported that an "animated" class had attended the workshop for chapter presidents held the previous evening. Mrs. Hoppe mentioned the value of correct parliamentary procedure to organizational work and added, "It is just common sense used with a gracious manner."

Mrs. Donald Koehn presented the following resolution which was adopted:

"Whereas, Mrs. Walter N. Hoppe has devotedly served our Valparaiso University Guild almost from its very beginning, in many capacities on the chapter level and on the national level, and

WHEREAS, Valparaiso University has formally recognized her work in the Lord's Kingdom by bestowing upon her the Lumen Christi award, meaning "Light of Christ", and

WHEREAS, She is the first woman to be so honored, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That for this high distinction and outstanding honor we extend to our beloved Mrs. Hoppe our most sincere congratulations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we thank our Lord for the privilege of her fellowship and leadership among us and pray for her the Lord's continued blessing upon her work as a Guild member and upon her dedication to His Church at large."

It was pleasant to listen as Professor Karl Henrichs spoke on "Early Days in the Guild." His memories were a fitting introduction to remarks made by Mrs. E. W. Schultz and Miss Lily Fedder, first officers in the Guild.

A brass cross for the Prayer Chapel in Altruria, two wooden crosses, 30 hymn books and Phillips' Translation of the Gospels and Epistles for Dau and Kreinheder dormitories were among the "little" gifts for the University mentioned by Mrs. Roy C. Frank as she formally presented the 1955-56 Guild Special. Additional gifts for Dau and Kreinheder dormitories were a large lace tablecloth, a silver service, large coffee maker, four dozen each of cups, dessert plates and spoons. A copper samovar was provided for use in the social activities at the Union. These items had been in use since early in the year because of the promptness with which chapters contributed to the "Guild Special."

Mrs. Walter J. Kraus presented President Kretzmann with a substantial check to be used for the purchase of carillon bells—the Guild's Silver Anniversary gift to the University.

President Kretzmann expressed the thanks of the University for all these gracious gifts.

President Kretzmann announced that Mr. A. Brandt, Sr. has promised to erect the carillon tower.

The Resolutions Committee presented the following resolution which was adopted:

"WHEREAS, Mr. A. Brandt, Sr., father of the President of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran University Association and of Valparaiso University Association, has in Christian love for our University, bestowed upon it the gift of a carillon tower, and WHEREAS, This tower will house our Guild's Silver Anniversary bells, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, That we extend to Mr. A. Brandt, Sr. our most heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation."

Under the heading of new business, the Resolutions Committee presented the following resolution which outlines the proposed new project:

"WHEREAS, The Valparaiso University Guild has in years past gathered together funds for the construction of a Prayer Chapel on the University Campus, and WHEREAS, The fulfillment of that hope and dream is now coming closer to realization, and

WHEREAS, The Guild project for the past year, namely the ingathering of funds for the Prayer Chapel furnishings, has been successfully completed, and

WHEREAS, During the commemoration of our Twenty-fifth Anniversary year additional funds have been gathered for the purchase of carillon bells for the Chapel, and

WHEREAS, The Prayer Chapel cannot become a reality, nor can the bells peal out over the Campus until the University Chapel is finally constructed, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Lutheran University Association and of Valparaiso University have for the first time in the history of the Guild's organization requested our support for a project which the Board considers to be a most urgent one, namely, the building of the University Chapel:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That our project for the year 1956-1957 be the in-gathering of funds to flow into the University Chapel building fund so that the fulfillment of our earlier planning may become a long awaited accomplishment, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That each and every member of the Guild give her whole-hearted support to this project, not with gifts of money alone, but with her unceasing efforts, her loyal devotion to the cause, and above all, her continued and fervent prayers to the Throne of Grace." (Note: See amended resolution.)

President Kretzmann informed the Guild that the lowest bid received for the chapel-auditorium came from Hagerman Brothers, Fort Wayne, and was \$828,000 for the shell of the building. Estimates on the steel and mechanical trades plus an item for shared heating would bring the total cost to \$1,238,000. He stated that the Board of Directors had on the previous evening resolved to let the contract and build the chapel-auditorium. He hoped at this critical moment the Guild could put it "over the hill." President Kretzmann heartily endorsed the suggested project.

Speaking for the Past Presidents of the Guild, Mrs. Walter A. Hansen asserted that no more important project could be undertaken. She made the following motion:

"I move that we amend the first paragraph of the resolution proper by striking out the words 'year 1956-1957' and inserting the words 'next two years 1956-1957, 1957-1958.'"

After remarks, the motion was passed to accept the amendment to the resolution. Thereupon, the resolution as amended was unanimously adopted. The first paragraph of the resolution proper now reads as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That our project for the next two years 1956-1957, 1957-1958 be the in-gathering of funds to flow into the University Chapel building fund so that the fulfillment of our earlier planning may become a long awaited accomplishment.

The Past Presidents presented a King James Version of the Bible, a Revised Standard Version of the Bible; two altar sets which include two agendas, two liturgies, two lectionaries and two hymnals. These books which will be used in the Guild Prayer Chapel, were bound in red morocco bindings and each has a dedicatory page in front and the University seal on the back cover. Miss Nicolay made the presentation of this fitting gift to President Kretzmann, who accepted it for the University.

The Resolutions Committee presented the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Five dollars per year from each chapter is designated for the Guild Special, and

WHEREAS, The Executive Board has voted that the 1956-1957 Guild Special be used—

- 1) To purchase two large flagons and one paten for use during the Celebration of the Holy Communion in the Auditorium during this transition period and then in the new Chapel-Auditorium, and
  - 2) To renovate the Prayer Chapel at Altruria Dormitory,
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the

Convention accept this decision of the Executive Board.

President Kretzmann reported that a new Youth Leadership Program which may become comparable to deaconess work has been inaugurated at the University; stated that an additional \$150,000 had been granted to the University by the Ford Foundation; and acknowledged the gift of a very valuable collection of recordings from Professor and Mrs. Walter A. Hansen.

Mrs. Kraus read the proposed budget for 1956-1957 itemized as follows:

Bulletin .....	\$1,200.00
Printing and Supplies .....	500.00
Travel (Organizational) .....	2,000.00
Travel (Chapter) .....	3,000.00
Telephone .....	25.00
Treasurer's Bond .....	12.50
Postage .....	25.00
Gifts .....	100.00
Miscellaneous .....	100.00

Total Budget .....

The Resolutions Committee presented the following resolution which was adopted:

"WHEREAS, A budget based on past expenditures and allowing for additional expenditures has been submitted, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the proposed budget for 1956-1957 in the amount of \$6,962.50 be accepted."

The following resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS, Mrs. Frank J. Schumm has most faithfully and efficiently served the National Guild as Secretary for the past three years, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we extend to her our sincere gratitude by a rising vote of thanks."

There were 466 persons registered for the Convention.

The Resolutions Committee presented the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, This Twenty-fifth Anniversary Convention has required special effort and careful planning, and

WHEREAS, This Silver Anniversary has had added meaning and significance for all of us, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we extend our sincere thanks to the following who have contributed in making this 1956 annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild a most inspiring and blessed one:

The Convention Committee of the Valparaiso Chapter

The Program Group for the Friday evening Fellowship

Professor Newman Powell and his Students

The Mishawaka-South Bend Chapter  
The Girls of Guild and Memorial Halls,  
The Delta Chi and Kappa Tau Zeta  
Sororities for so willingly relinquishing  
their rooms

Chairmen of the Standing Committees  
Project Committee

Speakers:

Dr. O. P. Kretzmann  
Doctor Mahela M. Hays  
Dr. Luther Koepke and Students  
Prof. Karl Henrichs  
The Rev. O. W. Toelke  
Dr. Adolph T. Haentzschel

Mrs. Walter A. Hansen  
Prof. Richard Schoenbohm and the Uni-  
versity Singers

Prof. Van Kussrow, Jr. and the Depart-  
ment of Speech and Drama

Dr. M. Alfred Bichsel and the Chapel  
Choir

Miss Judy Bovim

Miss Judy Schuermann

and all others who by their prayers,  
talents and labors helped to make this  
Convention a memorable one."

Prior to announcements the Executive Sec-  
retary, Mrs. Ruprecht, presented Mrs. Van  
Kussrow from the Florida Chapter.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

A closing prayer by President Kretzmann  
followed by the Benediction brought the Con-  
vention to a close.

Elsie Schumm, Secretary

## PARLIAMENTARIAN'S CORNER

MRS. W. N. HOPPE

**Question:** A few of our members object to  
the use of parliamentary law in a local chap-  
ter. They feel it is unimportant to follow  
rules in a small friendly group. What is your  
opinion?

**Answer:** Any organization whether large or  
small, having a worthwhile objective should  
have a system and be governed in their con-  
duct by a set of rules (by-laws) to regulate  
procedure at meetings. Such rules do not  
hinder but rather assist the chapter in accom-  
plishing their aims efficiently and expediently.

Another very important reason is that in any  
organization it is the local group which affords  
the members the opportunity to learn and gain  
experience to function effectively and correctly  
so that they may have a better understanding  
of business procedure as conducted on the  
higher levels, both state and national.

The home organization on the local level is



**THREE of the original founders of the Guild: Mrs. H. F. Rohrman, Mrs. H. A. Eberline, Mrs. Walter Maier. Mrs. O. C. Kreinheder and Mrs. Henry Dahlen were unable to be present.**

the training ground that would help us pre-  
pare for a wider field of service and thus en-  
able us to make a more vital contribution to  
our objectives.

**Question:** Our chapter recently considered  
a question upon which there were divided  
opinions. Much discussion ensued and when  
finally the question was put to a voice vote it  
was difficult to determine whether the af-  
firmative or the negative was in the majority.  
The president, however, declared the result in  
the affirmative, much to the dissatisfaction of  
some of the members. a—Is there a way to  
clarify a situation of this kind? b—If so what  
should be the procedure?

**Answer:** Yes, very definitely. Where an is-  
sue is controversial, the president must be  
especially careful not to lay herself open to  
criticism. b—If there is the slightest doubt  
about the result of the vote, the president  
should announce immediately that the vote  
will be taken again, this time by a rising-vote  
or a show of hands in order to assure the mem-  
bers of an accurate vote. In the event that  
this is not done and there remains doubt in the  
minds of members, someone should immedi-  
ately call out "division" which in effect is a re-  
quest for another vote.

In the event that the president fails to order  
a re-vote, a motion that the vote be taken by  
a show of hands, or rising vote, may be made.  
If this motion is adopted the president is defi-  
nitely obligated to proceed accordingly.

**Question:** May a member withdraw her mo-  
tion when the discussion seems to indicate that  
her motion is unpopular with the members?

**Answer:** After a motion has been stated by  
the chair it actually is accepted for considera-  
tion and so belongs to the assembly and the  
maker of the motion cannot withdraw the  
motion without the approval of the assembly.  
The president says, "Is there any objection to  
the member withdrawing her motion?" If no  
one objects it is withdrawn.

# President's Report . . .

Madam President, Dear Friends:-

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Valparaiso University Guild is being observed in this convention. Another milestone in the history of the Guild has been achieved. Twenty-five years! Were that your age or mine how young we would be! But since it is the age of a group—an organization—it denotes longevity—of working together—playing together—maturing together—praying together. It denotes friendships tried in any tests and still working; it denotes fun and laughter—even at ourselves; it denotes hard work and a devotion to the cause for which we are organized; and it denotes a steadfast faith in and a great love for our Saviour, without whose blessing nothing as fine as our organization could long continue to exist or to grow.

During the course of this convention the events that led to the organization of the Guild will be briefly reviewed, the history of the Guild will be related in more detail, and we shall honor and pay special tribute to the founders of our organization. But it should be stated here that the six courageous women who extended an invitation to the women of our Church to organize for the purpose of fostering the welfare of Valparaiso University, and the 25 women who heeded their call, merit our deep and sincere gratitude. The foundation they laid for the Guild was strong and solid, and the objectives of the Guild they established are still ours today. Because they believed in Valparaiso University the original membership of 6 has grown to over 6000, and the one group of twenty-five which responded to their invitation has grown to 100 chapters. In other words, our chapters have grown a hundredfold, and our membership a thousandfold in twenty-five years.

The work of the Guild has been truly typical of the interest that Christian women take in Higher Education under Christian influence, and the accomplishments of the Guild bear testimony to the fine spirit of co-operation in our organization. With the growth of the Guild has come a steady increase in financial support. You will be interested to hear that



**PROJECT COMMITTEE:** Mrs. Wm. Drews, Buffalo; Mrs. Frederick Schuermann, St. Louis; Mrs. Fred Tratzik, Illinois; Dr. O. P. Kretzmann. (Mrs. Martin Steege—not in picture).

our income for all purposes during the Guild's twenty-five year history totaled \$627,727.60.

Financially speaking, the 25th anniversary convention can look back upon the most successful year in the history of the Guild. The books of the Treasurer show receipts of \$58,908.88 for the year. Inspired by a profound sense of gratitude to God for His abundant blessing, the 1955 convention resolved to raise a special Silver Anniversary Thank Offering over and above the regular Project Fund. This Thank Offering now totals \$9,270.32. We can justly be proud of what we have accomplished.

The Administrative Committee, consisting of the five national officers and the Executive Secretary, met four times during the course of the year, the Executive Board twice. At the February meeting the Executive Board found itself back in Recital Hall, where we were inspired in our devotions by beautiful music played by one of the Music Majors of the University on the newly-installed classical organ. Increasing interest in the exchange of new ideas for chapter projects was clearly evident. In the pre-convention meeting of your Executive Board it is always encouraging to sense the enthusiasm the members have for the work of the year ahead.

Five successful State Unit meetings were held in the fall of 1955. The Administrative Committee was ably represented at each meeting by the Executive Secretary. It is evident that the generous hospitality extended to us at the Ohio Unit meeting in Cincinnati was typical of all State Unit meetings. It is always such a delightful experience to meet and greet so many Guild members in their own area. However, the conflict of dates and the great distances involved prevented your president

from attending the other State Unit meetings. The Administrative Committee expresses grateful appreciation of the splendid service the State Unit officers together with their committees are rendering to the Guild and to the University.

All credit for two interesting issues of the Guild Bulletin must go to our hard-working editor, our energetic and efficient Executive Secretary. None of us can possibly know how many hours of toil this entails, and how much midnight oil is burned reading proof, sometimes by the whole Ruprecht family. We can express our gratitude to her in no better way than to assure her that we value these Bulletins highly, that we read them, and that we keep them for future reference. We are aware of the fact that we have spoken repeatedly of the importance of saving these Bulletins, but we sincerely believe that every Guild member who is vitally interested in her Guild and in her University, will want to refresh her memory from time to time on the history of the Guild, and will want to keep herself informed on all matters related to the Guild and to the University.

In the spring of the year it was a pleasure to speak in the interest of the Guild and of the University to the Akron chapter, the Niagara chapter, to the members of the Women's Guild of Faith Church in Mentor, Ohio, at a Mother and Daughter banquet in Springville, N.Y. and later to a group of women from the Springville and Colden congregations. In June the St. Paul chapter sponsored a luncheon for the women attending the Synodical convention in that city. It was a distinct pleasure, on the invitation of the St. Paul chapter, to bring greetings from the Guild to the more than 500 women assembled there. Most recently, while visiting in the rather warm city of New Orleans, your president enjoyed an evening of fine food and fellowship with the members of the brand-new New Orleans chapter in the air-conditioned home of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Oster.

Your president was privileged to attend three meetings of the Board of Directors of Valparaiso University as well as the Annual meeting of the Board with the Board of Directors of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the National Advisory Board of the University. These meetings are always very interesting and informative, but this year the gradual development of the plans for the proposed Chapel-auditorium proved particularly exciting and stimulating.

Greetings and best wishes for a successful convention were sent by your president to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League assem-

bled in delegate convention in Denver, Colorado in April.

A congratulatory message was sent in the name of the Guild to our esteemed president of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Dr. John W. Behnken, on the occasion of his 50th anniversary in the Holy ministry. This letter, together with all other greetings received by him, was bound in a book and presented to him in a special service commemorating his anniversary at the Synodical convention in St. Paul. In his reply to the Guild he stated that "our kindness and gracious words of greeting and congratulations moved him very much."

We acknowledge our indebtedness to our Field Secretaries, who are the Ambassadors of Good Will for the Valparaiso University Guild. These energetic workers go bravely into areas where the work of the Guild is comparatively unknown, to publicize the University, to create interest in the objectives of the Guild, and to promote the expansion of the Guild. The Executive Secretary will present the new chapters to you later today. We cordially welcome these new chapters and their representatives who are with us today.

We are sincerely grateful to the Activities Committee: Mrs. Albert C. Moeller, chairman, Mrs. Roy Peck, and Mrs. Clarence Flint, for their outstanding service to the Guild during this anniversary year. A special word of commendation is addressed to Mrs. Moeller who has served as chairman of this committee for eight years and now has asked to be relieved of this office. Her enthusiastic presentation of new ideas and her genuine interest in and appreciation of any and all suggestions submitted to her demonstrate most effectively that the chairmanship of this committee has been in capable hands.

To the Revisions Committee—Mrs. W.W. Walker, chairman, Mrs. Norman E. Bishop, and Mrs. Herbert B. Fehner—we say a most sincere Thank you. This committee is constantly standing by—alert and ever-ready to serve our needs in the best interest of our organization.

We express our appreciation to our historian, Miss Louise Nicolay, for her steadfast devotion to the task that has been assigned to her.

To Mrs. Walter N. Hoppe, our parliamentarian, we express our gratitude for the many helpful and pertinent suggestions she has given us through the year. At this time we would like to take cognizance of the signal honor that has been bestowed upon this esteemed member of the Guild. At the June graduation Mrs. Hoppe became the first woman in history to receive the Lumen Christi medal from Valparaiso University, awarded to her as the outstanding lay-worker of our Church.

This is considered the highest honor which the University can bestow upon an individual. The Lumen Christi medal, as described in the June, 1952 issue of the Guild Bulletin, 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." We know that you will all agree that this award could not have been given to a more deserving person.

The Administrative Committee wishes to express to Dr. O. P. Kretzmann our deep and sincere gratitude for his wise counsel and cheerful encouragement at all times. May the Lord bless him and keep him with the University for many years to come.

We owe a deepfelt expression of appreciation to the Valparaiso chapter and to the special convention committees for the gracious welcome and generous hospitality extended to us again this year. Words cannot adequately express the gratitude that is in our hearts. We say "Thank you" most sincerely.

To the Mishawaka-South Bend chapter, our hostesses during the Social Hour last evening, and to the Valparaiso women who entertained us so delightfully, we express our sincere appreciation.

Your president wishes to publicly express her deep gratitude to the members of the Administrative Committee for the valuable assistance, the friendly encouragement, and the exceptionally fine co-operation she has received from them. A special tribute is due Mrs. Frank J. Schumm, who has served as our secretary for three years, and therefore cannot be elected for another term. Mrs. Schumm has brought to her office an exceptionally keen memory and an alertness for detail that has made her an excellent secretary and an invaluable member of the Administrative Committee.

The University motto: "In Thy light shall we see light" has been appropriately chosen as the theme of this convention. The Guild has been permitted by our heavenly Father to serve as the handmaiden of the University for 25 years. During that time the abundant blessings showered upon the University and upon the Guild are visible proof that God is shining His light upon us and is showing us the way that we should go.

As we start upon our journey into the second quarter century of our service to the University, let us pray for this continuing light upon

our pathway, and let us strive to reflect this light to others. If we are to keep pace with an ever-growing University, we need the reflected light of each individual member of the Guild. We need the continuing interest, zeal, and effort of each individual member.

"But," you may say, "the little that I can do will not count for much." Away out in the prairie region meetings are often held by early candlelight. The first man who comes brings a candle with him. It is perhaps all he has; but he brings it and sets it on the table. It does not give much light; but it is better than none at all. The next man brings his candle; and the next family bring their candles. By the time the house is full there is plenty of light.

If we will take our candles and set them close to those of others in our chapter and in our Guild, we shall find the flame burning ever brighter and soon we shall be able to say with George Bernard Shaw: "Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to the future generations."

The splendid torch of loyalty and devotion to Valparaiso University, and of enthusiasm and zeal for the work of the Guild, has been handed down to us by the founders of our organization.

To them we dedicate this poem:

Hold high the torch!  
You did not light its glow -  
'Twas given you by other hand, you know.  
'Tis yours to keep it burning bright,  
Yours to pass on when you no more need light;  
For there are other feet that we must guide,  
And other forms go marching by our side;  
Their eyes are watching every smile and tear  
And efforts which we think are not worthwhile,  
Are sometimes just the very help they need,  
Actions to which their souls would give most  
heed;  
So that in turn they'll hold it high  
And say, "I watched someone else carry it this  
way."  
If brighter paths should beckon you to choose,  
Would your small gain compare with all you'd  
lose?

Hold high the torch!  
You did not light its glow -  
'Twas given you by other hands, you know.  
I think it started down its pathway bright,  
The day the Maker said: "Let there be light."  
And He once said who hung on Calvary's tree -  
"Ye are the light of the world."...Go! Shine—  
for me.

# Report of the Executive Secretary

by MRS. E. H. RUPRECHT

Madame President: Fellow Guild Members:

Dreams are intangible things. Sometimes they appear to us bright as day and then again they seem to be clouded with fears and anxieties. Such dreams must have been uppermost in the minds of the founders of the Guild—their dreams and the fulfillment thereof have changed the lives of many people, and have enriched countless others with blessings beyond compare. The six women who accompanied their husbands to the first meeting on campus and those twenty-five who later decided to organize, had vision and faith—a vision of a greater tomorrow and a faith to know they were helping to build an organization which would become great—great in service to the University to which they were dedicated—great in service to the legion of young men and women whose lives they would indirectly touch. The Guild has lived twenty-five years which is not a great age for an organization, but it has grown in maturity and has increased in progress and unselfish service—it has built its traditions, increased its usefulness and has promoted not only the growth in its own membership, but also growth in the life of the University itself. From small beginnings our Guild has grown to great proportions and our influence has been felt in many areas. Of this we may be justly proud; but we cannot stop with the achievement of the past—we must go forward—our heritage becomes a challenge.

This challenge assures us that we must continue our service to the University, that we have inexhaustible resources which come to us through the faith which we receive from our Lord whose Kingdom we are helping to build. I believe this challenge reaches us as members of the Guild also—to help one another that the rough places may be made smooth, the crooked places straight, the burdens and responsibilities of life less heavy—and an increasing awareness of our potentialities as builders for future generations.

The past twenty-five years have been good ones and the year 1955-56 has been no exception. The Lord has looked favorably upon our ventures and has blessed us with increased numbers, chapters, and monetary gains. We now have one hundred chapters ranging in membership from 600 in metropolitan areas to smaller groups, one with only five members. You have noticed from our treasurer's report that we have had a good year financially—our

income has been greater this past year than in any year since our existence—and thus you women here today can be proud of the record you have set. Will you take back to your chapters our heartiest congratulations on this very fine effort?

We have many new officers with us at this convention—particularly new chapter presidents. To the officers who have finished their terms in office go our personal thanks and gratitude for service faithfully performed. Each member is a better member for having served as an officer. The retiring officers will wish to assist the new officers by giving the successor the benefit of what has been learned in the past—that will be a real help. We would urge the new officers to become familiar with the Guild By-laws, to enter the period of service with joyful hearts, and to feel personally responsible for carrying out the duties of your particular office. This will assure each officer the satisfaction of work well done, and a sense of personal joy will be gained by knowing that she has not spared herself but given her best to her task.

The State Unit presidents have ably performed their duties this past year. It was the privilege of your Executive Secretary to attend each of the State Unit meetings. One of the strengths of the State Unit is the personal contacts that can be made with more women throughout our constituency, many of whom are unable to attend the national conventions. It is important that more of our women learn to familiarize themselves with the work of the University, the development of the school and its program, and with the functions of the Guild itself. To emphasize this we would urge you to try to attend the State Unit meeting in your vicinity.

I might add at this point that we feel our conventions are something very special. We wish each one of our Guild members could receive a measure of the spirit and inspiration that is gained by attending a convention. Through the messages given, through the reports prepared, it is hoped that the women come to an increasing awareness of the real value of belonging to the Guild. Because of the privilege you have had of attending a convention, we would urge you to return to your own chapters and report enthusiastically on the progress of the Guild—both spiritually and materially.

The Field secretaries have done an excellent



job of promotional work—the fact that we now have ten new chapters is evidence of much hard work and consecrated devotion to a task that often seems unrewarding. Each woman, however, has followed the leads given her from the office of the Executive Secretary, or from some other source, and the following Chapters have been added the past year:

In Michigan Mrs. Heinecke gained the St. Clair Chapter, with Mrs. C. H. Siess as president.

Through the efforts of your Executive Secretary and Mrs. Karl Bliese, Northern Illinois gained one new chapter—DeKalb—with Mrs. Harold Rissman as president.

Mrs. Roy Frank, our Eastern Field secretary, added two new chapters to her district, 1st New England with Mrs. Henry Heck as president, and Queens-Brooklyn, Mrs. Martin Steege, president.

Mrs. Homann of Central Illinois gained Jacksonville with Mrs. Robert Schirmer as president.

A trip to New Orleans by the Executive Secretary resulted in a new chapter there with Mrs. Richard Oster, president.

Mrs. Drews, together with her daughter, Mrs. Schmidt and friends, established the North-East Ohio Chapter, Mrs. Walter Goetsch, president.

Mrs. E. C. Schroeter, together with Mrs. Drews organized the Colden-Springville Chapter, Mrs. D. J. Kneuppel, president.

Mrs. W. E. Schmalz was successful in gaining a new Chapter for Minnesota, namely, Rochester, with Mrs. Victor Kretzmann, president.

The 100th Chapter resulted in an additional group in the city of Gary called the Brown & Gold Chapter with Mrs. Emil Frank as president.

We are proud of the efforts of our Field secretaries in gaining these new Chapters and are most happy to welcome them into our national organization.

It was a privilege for your Executive Secretary to speak to various chapters throughout the country and to be an ambassador for the University. In a talk to the graduating senior girls of the University they were urged to affiliate with a Guild early in their new careers. When the Valparaiso Advisory Council met on campus during the summer the purposes of the Guild were outlined to them, together with an account of total contributions during the past 25 years, with special emphasis made on the projects for which we had labored, and which you will find listed on the back pages of Volume II of the History of the Guild.

The Silver Anniversary year and the special

efforts made by each Chapter in celebrating this important occasion again brought to mind the sincerity and devotion and unity of purpose the Guild women have for the cause of Christian higher education. Letters poured into the office telling of the many fine by-products that had resulted in the Special Teas—increased publicity, increases in membership, and increased activity and interest on the part of the members themselves. Many fine reports indicated that the recording which was sent to each Chapter containing an address by President Kretzmann and selections by the Chapel Choir, was well received. To date \$9,270.00 has been received for the carillon fund through these efforts.

It is felt that the efforts of the Minnesota Guild women should be mentioned here in their phenomenal success in arrangements for the luncheon for women guests at the Synodical convention. This was a tremendous means of promoting the Guild and should result in many new members and possibly new Chapters.

The splendid cooperation received from local secretaries during the year was especially appreciated—it is so very important to send in chapter lists, changes of addresses and the like in order to keep the files current. Local treasurers can assist in preventing errors in Chapter accounts by sending in monies regularly, indicating the specific funds for which they are to be designated. The Bulletin was published twice during the year—we hope it is a source of information for all of you—and it is through your contributions of newsy items that it becomes interesting. Daily correspondence is taken care of promptly—supplies are mailed to officers—and large mailings in addition to the Bulletin amounting to 9,000 pieces have gone out three times this past year.

The dreams of twenty-five years ago have become realities—we look about us and see the new Union, the new women's and men's dormitories, the new engineering building, Kroencke Hall and others—all fulfillment of dreams accomplished. But let us not be done with these dreams—let our vision, our horizon become ever-increased—our magnificent chapel is still to evolve from our dreams—other buildings showing evidence of Valpo's increased growth and expansion will be erected soon—but the dreams of the spirit—the dreams that satisfy spiritual hunger, the dreams that bind hearts closer together, and the dreams that come from a deep conviction within us of truly feeling and knowing and loving God through Christ our Savior, will result in a deep shining conviction that we are following in His footsteps by serving Him all our days.

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## SILVER TEA OBSERVANCES

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### MONROE

The Silver Anniversary Tea was held in the Social Room at Trinity Lutheran Church where a bridal pageant was presented, attended by 250 people. Mrs. H. B. Fehner and Miss Lorene Dietrich as mother and daughter provided the descriptions of the brides who walked through a trellis outlined with flowers and out into the audience. A complete wedding party of 1956 was followed by 12 brides from the year 1955 down to a wedding dress of 1871. Tea tables were decorated with towers and bells, and all the brides sat at a table decorated with a large tiered wedding cake. General chairman for the evening was Mrs. Walter Kraus; program—Mrs. Ray Heiserman and Miss Louise Kaemlein, Refreshments, Mrs. Fred Kurtz; and Decorations, Miss Florence Gesell.

### BAY CITY

Seventy members and guests participated in "Fun Night" activities at Immanuel School where the party marked the silver anniversary. A hat contest resulted in a prize for Mrs. George Wendt who wore a "birthday cake" hat with 25 candles, and to Mrs. Wesley McMann for the funniest creation. A Panel and take-off show with Mrs. Clarence Stroemer as "Gary Moore", and an "Art Linkletter" in the person of Mrs. Edward Swanson provided much merriment. Mrs. Kenneth Stiegemeier acted as program chairman.

### ANTIGO

Mrs. Frank Swartz, president, welcomed guests and introduced Mrs. Ben Brandt, program chairman for the Silver Tea. After the recording which contained the address by Dr. Kretzmann and selections by the Chapel Choir, Miss Sharon Swartz entertained guests with selections on the harp, and humorous readings were given by Miss Jean Schuster. An alumna of the University and teacher in the Antigo High School, Miss Margery Martin, then showed colored slides of the University and added personal experiences while a student.

### COLUMBUS, OHIO

Members of the Columbus chapter observed the 25th anniversary at Zion Lutheran Church with a delightful Fashion Revue presented by members of the Guild. The continuity was written by Miss Louise Saenger and narrated by Mrs. Raymond Lee, with Mrs. John Constable providing appropriate background music. Gowns, hats, wraps, shoes and accessories from twenty-five to almost one-hundred years old were modeled. Handmade articles

and home-baked goods were sold at a Gift Booth.

### COLUMBUS, INDIANA

In commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Guild, the Columbus chapter sponsored a book review and tea at the Lutheran Center. Mrs. Avery Dittmer of Seymour reviewed the book, "Innocence Under the Elms" by Louise Dickinson Rich. Vocal selections were given by Mrs. Robert Dinkins accompanied by Miss Ruth Meyer, and at the close of the afternoon tea was served at a table decorated with silver candleabra, and lilacs in a large silver bowl at which Mrs. Clarence Strietelmeier and Mrs. Fred Lohmeyer served. Mrs. Paul Pardieck was in charge of the afternoon's arrangements.

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## CAMPUS NEWS...

Youth Leadership Training Program, designed to train professional youth leaders for full-time work in congregations, and metropolitan areas has been inaugurated on the campus this fall in cooperation with the Synod's Board for Young People's Work, the Lutheran Laymen's League, and the Walther League. Students enrolled in this program take liberal arts courses and undertake extra-curricular activities in order to facilitate their training program. New enrollees for this program may obtain information by writing Prof. Walter Reiner, director of the program, c/o the University.

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An announcement from the Alumni Council indicating the purchase of 42 additional acres of land, located south of highway 30 and adjacent to the present East campus, was made after their annual meeting during the Homecoming weekend. This will be the future home of Valparaiso University athletic teams. Acquisition of this additional property increases the size of the campus to 202 acres.

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Construction of the Chapel-auditorium is now underway. On Sunday, October 28th, the Consecration of the Ground ceremony took place immediately after the Homecoming services at the auditorium. A large crowd of interested spectators participated in the service at which time Dr. Kretzmann read the prayers and dedication service, assisted by Dr. Bichsel and Mr. Kussrow; with music by the Chapel Choir.

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Prof. Jean Labutut, director of graduate studies in the School of Architecture at Princeton University, has been engaged by the University.  
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# Chapter Chatter

## **BUFFALO, N.Y.**

A special service took place during the month of June commemorating Pastor Drews, and his wife, Mrs. Drews, national Guild president, on their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary, and on his fifteen years of ministry as Eastern District Executive Secretary.

Another special service was observed in August when The Rev. Frederick W. G. Mueller of Napoleon, O., husband of our Ohio State Unit President was honored in a service commemorating fifty years of service to the Lord in the office of holy ministry.

## **LANSING**

When the Lansing chapter celebrated their 15th anniversary, Dr. Kretzmann was guest speaker for the occasion, speaking on the topic "Your Children, Today and Tomorrow." Mrs. Arthur Wolter, chapter president introduced Mrs. Alton Powell, program chairman. A skit entitled "I Remember When" was given by two charter members, Mrs. Emil Dreps and Mrs. Victor Leyrer.

## **NASSAU-SUFFOLK**

A delightful Garden-Party-Musical at the home of Mrs. Fred Nehring of Bronxville was the scene of this chapter's June event. Mr. William Kroger of Valparaiso's department of music consented to be the guest pianist, followed by a program consisting of violin, vocal and instrumental selections. Guild members and friends gathered on the terrace to enjoy the program and lingered for refreshments and visiting.

## **FT. WAYNE**

The Ft. Wayne chapter celebrated its own twenty-fifth anniversary at Peace Church where the ladies of the parish served a delicious dinner. The tables were decorated in ivy and gladiolus with white candles and a large styrofoam V contained 13 candles which were lighted in honor of the 13 past presidents. The Guild—Foreword and Future was presented by the president, Mrs. Arnold Scherer. Mrs. Arnold Gremel acted as program chairman and the review of past accomplishments both chapter-wise and national was greatly enjoyed by the audience.

## **DECATUR, INDIANA**

A June picnic in the woods closed activities for the season for the Decatur Circuit. Tables were decorated with heads of cabbage pierced with colored picks on which were appetizers of various kinds. A brown and gold flag indicated the name of one of Valpo's campus residences or halls, and as the women registered they were assigned to a table designated as Dau, Guild, Dodge, etc.

Gathering articles for the Reppert School of Auctioneering with items to be auctioned and also providing a food tent was another lucrative means of gaining project funds for this chapter.

## **DUNDEE**

At the regular meeting of the Dundee Chapter, Mr. James Cross of the Lutheran Child Welfare Association of Addison, and a Valpo alumnus, spoke of the many phases of work undertaken by the Association. A family picnic for Guild members and their families was arranged, and the sponsoring of a refreshment stand at the Haeger Parking lot was considered.

## **CAMPUS NEWS**

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versity as campus planning consultant for a four-year period. Prof. Labutut is known throughout the world for landscape planning and became interested in the Valparaiso campus development when he was engaged for consultation on the proposed chapel-auditorium.

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Prof. Allen Tuttle of the University English department is serving on a committee which attempts to seek out the most promising college graduates all over the country and offers them a year of graduate training in any of the humanities or social sciences, under the sponsorship of the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Program.

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Dean Herman Hesse of the College of Engineering visited the Langley Aeronautical Laboratory at Langley Field, Virginia, at the triennial inspection of facilities. This invitation was extended to him by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

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A \$10,000 Loan Fund designed for students who have need for financial assistance beyond their resources available has been established by Valparaiso University. It does not require payment until after graduation or termination of attendance. Applications must be made to the Director of Student Services.

## THE CONVENTION

### REPORTER ASKS . . .

The question "WHAT DO YOU FIND MOST ENJOYABLE OR REWARDING ABOUT THE WORK OF THE VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY GUILD?" was asked of various convention guests. Here are some of the replies:

Mrs. A. Petzold, Grand Rapids, Mich.: I enjoy working for our youth.

Mrs. E.W. Broders, South Bend, Ind.: I enjoy most planning for the Christmas Musicale; I like the enthusiasm of the conventions and being part of a large group of women working for something big.

Mrs. R. Riethmeier, Saginaw, Mich.: I like working with Valparaiso University. The University has always been one of the pet projects in Saginaw.

Mrs. Claude Hawkins, Tuscola, Ill.: Taking part in increasing the salaries of professors appeals to me. I believe they sacrifice a lot to help students.

Mrs. F. Homann, Mattoon, Ill.: I enjoy meeting all the women at convention time.

Mrs. H. Graumiller, Detroit, Mich.: I appreciate the opportunity to meet people from all over at the National Convention.

Miss E. Baade, Grand Rapids, Mich.: The satisfaction of doing something really worthwhile is my reason for being a Guild member.

Mrs. E.C. Schroeter, Buffalo, N.Y.: I find rewarding the realization that I am working for an organization dedicated not only to the present needs of the students, but to their welfare in the life hereafter.

Mrs. W.H. Saris, South Bend, Ind.: Helping youth have better and finer things at a Christian university is my favorite goal with the Guild.

Mrs. H. Brown, Lansing, Mich.: I like the enthusiastic support offered by the Guild to students.

Mrs. C. Wagner, Davenport, Iowa: The association with fellow Lutheran women appeals to me.

Mrs. H. Zweifel, Peoria, Ill.: I am proud to belong to the Guild because of its worthwhile purposes.

Mrs. E. Moeller, Chicago, Ill.: I like the Guild because I am with ladies who are working out a Christian way of life through Valparaiso University. I have had three children there.



Mrs. E. Schwieber, Mrs. C. Heidbrink, Mrs. E. Ruprecht—past and present Executive Secretaries.



**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:** Mrs. Louis Eckert, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Frederick Schmalz, Minneapolis; Mrs. Donald Koehn, Davenport.

Mrs. L. Wegner, North Lake, Wisc.: I like every phase of Guild activity, but especially the field work.

Mrs. O. Sohn, St. Louis, Mo.: I like to carry out the uplifting and inspiring programs of the Guild, things in keeping with the aims and purposes of Valparaiso University.

Mrs. L. Lane, Olean, N.Y.: Most satisfying to me are our projects of giving homey touches to the students' living quarters at Valparaiso.

Mrs. F.W.G. Mueller, Napoleon, O.: For me the Guild is a mission project—Kingdom building among our youth.

Mrs. D. Knueppel, Springville, N.Y.: Through the Guild we can do much to keep our college-going young people safe in our Church and in our faith.

Mrs. R. Oster, New Orleans, La.: In the Guild I hope to have a chance to repay the University for the things it did for me.

## IMPORTANT DATES IN GUILD HISTORY

These are some high-tide marks in the ebb and flow of twenty-five years:

**April 13, 1931**

- \* National Women's Committee of the Lutheran University Association organized with twenty-five women present.

**1932**

- \* First project selected: to assist in financing the Physical Education and Home Economics Departments of Valparaiso University.
- \* Name changed to Women's Auxiliary of the Lutheran University Association.

**September 22, 1934**

- \* First special Bulletin published by the Dept. of Public Relations and distributed to be read and discussed at chapter meetings.

**1936**

- \* First State Chairmen appointed, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin.

**1937**

- \* Name changed to Valparaiso University Guild.

**May 10-11, 1939**

- \* First two-day national convention.

**October 21, 1940**

- \* First Guild Bulletin in the present form.

**1941**

- \* Guild Hall undertaken as a project.
- \* National President first asked by LUA to attend LUA Board meetings.
- \* Official emblem adopted.

**1943**

- \* First national treasurer elected and first financial report printed.

- \* First major changes in By-Laws.
- \* Slogan, "Build with the Guild" adopted.

**October 20, 1944**

- \* First Fall convention of the Guild.

**January 1, 1945**

- \* First Executive Secretary appointed.

**1945**

- \* First Guild Manual (mimeographed) distributed.

**April 6, 1946**

- \* First State Unit organized at Milwaukee.

**September 28, 1946**

- \* Guild Hall cornerstone laid.

**1947**

- \* By-Laws first printed and distributed.

**July 26, 1947**

- \* Guild Hall dedicated.
- \* \$100,000 Prayer Chapel Fund undertaken as project.

**1948**

- \* First Parliamentarian and first Historian appointed.

**1952**

- \* Furnishings for new men's dormitory undertaken as project.

**1953**

- \* First workshops for Presidents and Program Chairmen.

**September 23-25, 1955**

- \* First convention in the new Valparaiso Union.

**1956**

- \* 100th chapter organized.