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Almighty God, gracious Father in Heaven, we come to Thee with sad and grief-stricken hearts because of the news which has reached us that one of our beloved sons is missing in action. O God, our Refuge and Strength, a very present help in trouble, we know of no one to flee to but to Thee in this hour of anguish and anxiety. Our sympathy, however sincere, which we offer to the loved ones of our missing brother can at best be of but little comfort to them. Do Thou, therefore, our heavenly Father, strengthen and sustain them in this hour of tension and testing. O God of all mercies, with Whom nothing is impossible, Thou canst even yet restore to us our beloved friend, about whom we are so anxiously concerned, and return him to his loved ones in safety in Thine Own good time. Do this, O God, if it be Thy good and gracious will. O Thou Lord of Hosts, if the dear one for whom we pray this morning is still among the living, command Thy holy angels to encamp around him, wherever he may be, and to keep him in all his ways, and to guard him from all evil. Grant him an abiding faith in Thee and in Thy gracious promises and fill his heart with that peace which the world cannot give. If, however, in Thine unsearchable Providence, Thou hast permitted him to fall in battle, we trust that Thou hast received his soul and transferred it to glory, for by Thy grace he belonged to Thee and by faith in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Thou hast already in Holy Baptism made him Thy child and heir of heaven. O Lord God, make us strong and grant us a courageous faith in these days of trial and tribulation! Help us courageously to believe that all things, including these severe testings of our faith, must work together for our good, because we love Thee and because Thou dost love us. O God of Might, hold Thy protecting hand over all our boys now facing the dangers of war. And if it please Thee, mercifully end this dreadful conflict and graciously restore peace again to the distressed nations of the earth.

Please hear and grant our prayer. O God. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.
Amid early blossoms, fresh green grass, bright sunshine, and vigorous breezes the members of the Executive Board met on April 6-7 for their deliberations. The gathering was a memorable one from the organ concert on Thursday evening in which the old masters were sympathetically revived under the artistry of Dr. Edward Rechlin until the final note of Taps which marked the close of the Memorial Service for the honored dead of the University on Sunday afternoon.

Our business sessions on Friday were especially enjoyable. We met immediately following the impressive University Matin service in which President O. P. Kretzmann officiated. Our charming and efficient new secretary, Mrs. W. A. Hansen, called the roll and upon determining the presence of a quorum business proceeded. We stood for one minute in silent tribute to the memory of the late Emma Stoeckert, former president of Monroe, Mich., chapter. In the absence of the 1st vice-president, Mrs. F. C. Proehl, the 2nd vice-president, Mrs. E. J. Gallmeyer, took the chair while the president, Mrs. A. A. Taube, gave her report. In her calm and gracious manner Mrs. Taube welcomed the delegates and reviewed the activities of the Guild since we last met, activities which testify to the continued and untiring efforts of our president in the cause which we all serve.

Never-to-be-forgotten, at least for the duration of rationing, was the lunch we enjoyed at The University Commons. Real honest-to-goodness steaks greeted us, prepared as only Mr. Garrison can prepare them, each swimming in its luscious gravy, a picture framed in its accompanying vegetables and relishes.

Mr. W. C. Dickmeyer, president of the Board of Directors, carried us over the far horizons with his glances into his hopes for the university and the church which it serves. He expressed the appreciation of the Lutheran University Association to the Guild for its tireless efforts and unfailing support.

Our charming chairman of the Activities Committee, Mrs. H. C. Vogel, told us in her delightful manner of some of the activities employed by various chapters to raise funds for our present project, Guild Hall. She again urged all chapters to send accounts of their successful projects to the committee which they in turn will make available to other chapters seeking new ideas. It is only by pooling our efforts and ideas that we realize the greatest benefit from our Guild endeavors. On behalf of the committee, Mrs. Vogel presented the new Chapter Manual to each chapter delegate present with the hope that it may prove helpful, especially to newer chapters.

We were delightfully entertained during the afternoon by students of the Music Department. Miss Doris Ebert of Milwaukee played two beautiful violin numbers and Miss Claire Halter of Cleveland sang two lovely contralto solos for us. Both artists were accompanied by Miss Anna Boda of Lorain, Ohio.

The report of the executive secretary brought us up-to-date on the activities of that new office. We were inspired anew with the hopes and aspirations of the Guild as pictured for us by Mrs. Schwiebert and in the reports of the state chairmen. With a new realization of what our efforts can mean for the young people of our church and for the work of the Kingdom, we silently rededicated ourselves to the noble work to be done.

The Rev. F. L. Miller, Director of the Public Relations Department, was unable to attend our sessions due to the meeting of the Board of Directors, but his message was very ably presented by his secretary, Miss Lois Sohn, also president of the Valparaiso Guild chapter. Reverend Miller told us the financial outlook of the University was encouraging at the present. He reported that current support is growing in steady spirals and that there is hope for an elimination of at least half of the old debt by the end of this fiscal year. He compared our task to that of building a medieval cathedral in which each person contributed his talent in labor whether the carving of a cornice or the mixing of mortar. Since there was no money, each contributed his work. We cannot cut a cornerstone or raise a tower by the labor of our hands but we can provide the means by which the work may be done.

President Kretzmann also addressed us
briefly at the close of his busy day with the Board of Directors. He told us of the difficulties of housing our students and the urgent need for Guild Hall. He mentioned the purchase of additional buildings formerly occupied by a radio and telegraphy school some five or six blocks from the campus which will be reconditioned as dormitories. Present figures indicate a probable enrollment of over 600 in the fall semester which will strain all facilities to the utmost. By very conservative estimates approximately 400 veterans will be returning to our campus at the end of hostilities to pick up again the threads of their college life. Valparaiso must be ready to serve them.

At the close of the afternoon session President Kretzmann led us in a Wartime Prayer of Supplication after which the meeting adjourned.

On Friday evening we gathered with the university family at the Physical Education Building for the reception honoring the Board of Directors. Here again we were greeted by a profusion of blossoms. Those overhead were of the synthetic variety, the result of hours of painstaking work on the part of Mrs. Heidbrink and the Social Committee, but no less beautiful than their natural counterpart. We were entertained by the University Players under the capable direction of Dr. Vera Hahn who presented the short play, *The Londonderry Air*. The Music Department presented excerpts from the opera *Carmen* under the direction of Prof. T. Hoelty-Nickel. A beautifully appointed table held an inviting array of tempting tidbits and refreshing punch served by a staff of charming hostesses from the various university offices. Visitors were provided with student hosts and hostesses who introduced them to all local university and civic personnel and to each other. Amid the beautiful gowns of the ladies, the blossoming boughs overhead, and the spring flowers decorating the refreshment table, the scene was like a garden of flowers.

On Saturday morning we opened our meeting with Devotions led by the Rev. W. F. Krueger of the Public Relations Department. Taking as his text 2 Kings IV, 16, the Reverend Krueger spoke to us on "The Zeal of the Lord." He pointed out that "zeal" alone is not enough but that we must be sure our zeal is rightly directed.
Drawing upon various Biblical characters, he illustrated that zeal can also be misdirected and admonished us to work always in the zeal of the Lord.

We were all most eager to hear the report of the Campaign Advisory Committee ably presented by its chairman, Mrs. W. N. Hoppe. She gave us a resume of our accomplishments to date and enlarged upon our plans for completing our gift of Guild Hall. Since building will be started at the moment government priorities are relaxed, it is most urgent that we complete our gifts at the earliest possible moment. Mrs. Hoppe enlarged upon the plan whereby those chapters having completed their campaign quotas may undertake the equipment of a room or other part of the building. Many of the chapters represented felt certain they would sponsor one of these gifts. All present felt most encouraged by the valiant response of our chapters and we feel sure Guild Hall will rise majestically as a monument to the untiring efforts of the Guild.

Miss Nicolay, in presenting the Treasurer's report, pictured for us the romance in the columns of figures which she keeps for us, telling us of the hopes and dreams she finds accompanying each gift sent to her by our chapters. She told us that from her columns she could easily see the completed foundation of Guild Hall and the beginnings of the actual structure but that she was still straining to be able to see that last floor in place and a roof over all. She reminded the chapters to send in their contribution to this year's special gift of a Prayer Chapel for Lembke Hall.

Each chapter representative present then told us what her chapter hoped to accomplish by the end of the year. All of us felt new pride in our Guild and felt our hopes for the future being given new life in the reports of these chapters which are our foundation stones.

Professor Hoelt-Nickel, Head of the Music Department, entertained us with a visit to 'A Composer's Workshop'. In his delightfully humorous yet learned manner he took us through the development of the simplest theme in the hands of a master into the mightiest symphony. He also demonstrated how one theme may be given an infinite variety of forms by the addition of rhythm and cadence. His audience was completely captivated by his facile fingers and inimitable artistry.

Our meeting came to a close with the routine committee appointments and the resolutions empowering the secretary to transfer our yearly funds to the Lutheran University Association. In his closing remarks, President Kretzmann confessed that he never really relaxed until that resolution was passed. He always found himself wondering just what would happen if once the ladies should say "No!"

We were reminded that 1945 marks the twentieth year of Lutheran guidance of Valparaiso University and remembered anew the many blessings which have been showered upon us. A joint meeting of the Board of Directors, the National Advisory Board, and the Guild the week-end of October 19-20-21 will commemorate this event.

Saturday afternoon we enjoyed a campus tour which began with the very involved equipment of the chemistry laboratories and ended in the delightful newly-equipped Petlite Lounge in Altruria Hall. We saw everything from sharks to angleworms in the Biology and Medical Laboratories, a book display of architectural materials, the homey Lembke Lounge, the fascinating Home Management House, the spotless Infirmary where a very pretty nurse was insisting that a recalcitrant patient get into bed, the Student Union, and various other items of campus life.

On Sunday, another bright green and gold morning, we worshiped at The University Church and in the afternoon attended the beautiful and impressive Memorial Service for those members of the university family who have given their lives in the service of their country.

So a busy four days came to a close, every moment filled with new experiences, providing a host of memories for leisure moments and boundless inspiration for the tasks which lie before us.

CALLING ALL CHAPTERS

To reach the University in time for the close of the fiscal year and to appear in our Convention reports, your yearly funds must be sent to the National treasurer by June 15, 1945.
MAY, 1945

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
April 6, 1945

To the members of the Executive Board of the Valparaiso University Guild.
Dear Members:

It pleases me to present to you the following report of the actions of your officers since we met here in convention on October 20, 1944.

The Administrative committee met on two occasions. Both meetings were conducted for the purpose of furthering the work of the Guild and were held in President Kretzmann's office. To him we continue to be most grateful for his guidance and his counsel.

One of the duties required of me as president of the Guild is to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran University Association. I have attended one such meeting. The Lutheran University Association Board is in session this morning.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the convention held in October, 1944, the national officers, together with the President of the University, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran University Association, appointed Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert, Executive Secretary of the Guild. Formal announcements were sent to the Board of Directors of the L. U. A., to the Advisory Board, and to our own Executive Board. The last issue of the Guild Bulletin also contained an announcement of Mrs. Schwiebert's appointment. The Administrative Committee feels that the Guild is very fortunate in finding a woman like Mrs. Schwiebert among its own members. She is very well qualified to carry out the responsibilities of her office; has a beautiful Christian character, a charm all of her own,

Architect's sketch of Guild Hall
(Let's put on the roof)

and a fine understanding of human nature. You will hear Mrs. Schwiebert's report later in the day.

We welcome as a new member of the Administrative Committee and the Executive Board, Mrs. Walter Hansen, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, president of the Ft. Wayne chapter. She is appearing here today for the first time in her new capacity as Secretary of the Guild.

We hope that God's richest blessings will rest upon the efforts of both these new officers and that they will find joy in the services they will be called upon to render.

The other officers, Mrs. F. C. Proehl and Mrs. E. J. Gallmeyer, as first and second vice-presidents, respectively, and Miss Louise Nicolay, as treasurer, continue to fulfill their various duties in their usual efficient manner. Miss Nicolay will report to you later.
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Mrs. H. C. Vogel, as chairman of the Activities Committee, will report on chapter activities. We wish to express our sincere thanks to Mrs. Vogel and her committee for the preparation of the chapter manual. We hope to have this manual in your hands in the near future.

We will hear a report from Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, chairman of the Campaign Advisory Committee. Under her leadership and under God's blessing, we hope to fulfill our plans for Guild Hall.

The Guild is deeply grateful to State Chairmen and to the members of the Executive Board for the progress made in organizing new chapters, and for the many new members that have been added to the Guild. Reports of State Chairmen will be made this afternoon.

We acknowledge a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Schwiebert and Miss Nicolay for assuming the responsibility of the publication of the Guild Bulletin. Two of these bulletins have reached you since we met here in convention in October, 1944. I am happy to be able to report to you that the Bulletin will be published oftener in the future, and we hope in this way to keep in closer contact with you and to keep you informed of the progress being made.

I wish to publicly say "Thank you" to Mrs. Sophia Heidbrink who continues to extend every kindness to me whenever my duties bring me to the campus.

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Garrison who is in charge of the dining room at Altruria Hall, and who makes such an effort to serve us whenever we meet here on the campus.

Recently your president addressed the members of the Cleveland Chapter at its Spring meeting. The meeting was conducted after a luncheon for about 225 members and friends of the Guild.

Let us go on now with our plans and our deliberations, confident that God granting grace, we will bring these plans to a successful close.

—Hedwig L. Taube

REPORT OF THE CAMPAIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 7, 1945

At the annual convention in May, 1941, the Valparaiso University Guild passed a resolution to raise funds for the erection of a new residence hall for women on the campus of Valparaiso University. This is the Guild's share of the plan for expansion adopted by the Lutheran University Association for a period of five years.

As we approach the threshold of the fifth and final year, undoubtedly many questions come to you concerning the progress of the campaign.

How close are we to our goal?
Are we going to make it?
How many chapters are successful in going over the top? etc.

In order to answer these questions and to give you further developments, the Campaign Advisory Committee has met, discussed these various phases of the plan, and hereewith submits the following report.

The Valparaiso University Guild in convention on October 21, 1944, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by the Campaign Advisory Committee that all Guild Chapters be encouraged to complete their campaign goals, and
WHEREAS, it has further been recommended that chapters be given an opportunity to contribute to the cost of a room or a part of the building, Guild Hall,
THEREFORE, be it resolved that we present this recommendation to all chapter members.

It is the second statement in this resolution that is of vital concern and was the basis for consideration by the committee.

The Lutheran University Association is planning to build as soon as possible this new residence hall for women and naturally the Guild is eager to have ready the approximate sum of $75,000.

Up to the present time, according to the figures of our treasurer, Miss Nicolay, the chapters have contributed for Guild Hall a total of $42,751.53 indicating that in order to reach our goal we must continue our contributions to the amount of $32,248.47.

The committee agreed that there are several likely sources from which this latter sum might readily be accumulated.

1. Income from chapters who have as yet not completed their campaign goals.
2. Income from the regular yearly goals of all chapters, for the remainder of this year and all of next year.
3. Income from chapters who are eligible to make a gift according to the resolution passed by the 1944 convention.

From the first source named, it is estimated that approximately $3,300 may yet be
realized. The second source, the yearly goals, may result in an additional sum of $7,000. Therefore, all we can normally expect from the first two sources is $10,300, bringing the sum to $53,000 in round figures.

This brings us to the third source from which we should be able to realize many thousands of dollars. Twenty-one chapters had met their goals or gone over the top at the close of the last fiscal year. These then are the chapters that are eligible to make a special tangible gift to Guild Hall. These gifts may be in any of the following amounts for specific rooms.

Two living rooms, each $2,000.00
One on each floor which may be used as a study or floor parlor or living room.

Two combination workrooms, each $1,000.00
One on each floor, combination kitche-nette and laundry, equipped with Bendix washers, Hamilton dryers, kitchen sinks, cupboards, and table service for light refreshments for a floor group.

One office and first floor lobby $2,500.00
One first floor parlor or reception room $3,500.00
Will contain a fireplace and mantel. The complete furnishings would make a fine project for some chapter.

125 double rooms, each $500.00
Includes all furnishings plus the closets.

One basement recreation room $2,500.00
Bowling alley, Shuffleboard, Ping-pong, Violet-ray machine.

Additional chapters, as they complete their goals, may be added to the list of eligible chapters and may then have the privilege of selecting the gift of their choice—a room complete with appointments and furnishings.

In the event of smaller chapters several chapters may combine their efforts toward a single undertaking. The plan is that all of these special gifts will be marked with a plaque, appropriately inscribed with the name of the chapter giving the gift, and so perpetuate their name on the campus of Valparaiso University.

Such "eligible" chapters that have exceeded their campaign goals may apply the amount contributed over and above their original goal to the new gift undertaken by them. The nucleus thus formed may inspire them to give a more generous gift.

The committee recommends that the Executive Secretary, with the assistance of the State Chairmen, contact all chapters in carrying out the above plan.

Our task is still a big one! Let’s all get behind this new plan with full enthusiasm, and with renewed energy. Let’s be optimistic about the result, for optimism is contagious. Start to plan now and to arrange your program for the coming year, so that your chapter may be prepared to take an active and generous part.

Campaign Advisory Committee
Hedwig L. Taube
Louise F. Nicolay
Anne C. Hemmeter
Ruth G. Stegman
Emma D. Hoppe, chairman

ELIGIBLE CHAPTERS
At the close of our fiscal year, June 30, 1944, the following chapters had already met or exceeded their campaign quotas and, thus, became eligible to sponsor the furnishings of a room in Guild Hall. No doubt, other chapters have become eligible since the close of our books on the above date.

Illinois:
Chicago
Chicago West
Fox River Valley
Kankakee

Indiana:
Mishawaka-So. Bend

Michigan:
Bay City
Detroit
Flint
LaPeer-Hadley
Monroe
Saginaw
Sebewaing

Ohio:
Columbus
Lancaster
Lorain County

Wisconsin:
Beloit
Clintonville
Milwaukee
Plymouth*
Reedsburg*
Sheboygan

*These chapters met their yearly goals but joined the Guild since quotas were assigned.
MEMORIAL WREATHS

Memorial Wreath gifts were received through the following chapters:

Bay City:
- William Havel ........................................ $5.00
- Henry Sielaff ........................................... 3.00
- Henry Wolf .............................................. 1.00
- Mrs. Clara Rau ......................................... 3.00
- Charles Weiskirch .................................... 5.00
- Miss Louise Schwerbmann ............................ 2.00

Buffalo
- John Pohlman, Jr. .................................... 5.00

Chicago
- Mrs. E. W. Tatge .................................... 100.00

Columbus
- Miss Ellen Engelbrecht ............................... 5.00
- Prof. Martin Lochner .................................. 5.00

Fort Wayne
- Mr. Herman Gerke .................................... 5.00

Hammond
- Miss Marie Baganz .................................... 2.00

LaPeer-Hadley
- Mr. Marvin Broecker ................................ 5.25
- Mr. Albert Kops ....................................... 12.00

Logansport
- Mr. S. E. Bardonner ................................ 13.00
- Miss Ellen Engelbrecht ............................... 37.00

Pittsburgh
- Mrs. Marie Ehrlinger .................................. 5.00

Saginaw
- Mrs. J. Arnold ......................................... 1.00

We are deeply grateful to the Bay City Chapter for calling our attention to the fact that the sum of $29.50 in Memorial Wreath gifts was remitted during the year 1943-44.

THANK YOU
Valparaiso, Indiana
February 6, 1945

Dear Friends,

My husband and I want you to know how very grateful we are to you for your generous gift to our son. The war bond will be kept safely for him, you may be sure.

Please accept our most sincere thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Flora Kretzmann

JOHN PAUL KREITZMANN
Age: Four and one-half months.
Weight: Approximately fifteen pounds.
Eyes: Dark blue.
Hair: Blonde, with a vertical tendency.

THE 1945 GUILD CONTEST

In accordance with the Resolution adopted in the last Convention the Guild Contest is as follows:

1. The contest is for a new cover head design for the Guild Bulletin.
2. Design to be 2 inches by 5 1/2 inches.
3. All members of the Guild are eligible to enter the contest.
4. Entrants may submit any number of designs.
5. All entries must be in by Sept. 15, 1945.
6. All entries must be marked "Entry" and mailed to Mrs. Edward W. Jaeger, 4527 S. Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, 15, Illinois.
7. The name of the winner will be engraved on the shield which hangs in the Book Nook at Altruria Hall, Valparaiso, and will be announced at the fall convention and also in the Guild Bulletin.

We urge all of our artistic and literary minded members, and that includes everyone, to give us your ideas for our cover.
GUILD CALENDAR

May 1.—Have you sent your contribution for the Lembke Hall Prayer Chapel to the treasurer, Miss Louise Nicolay, 227 S. Carroll Street, South Bend, 4, Indiana?

May 14.—Valparaiso Chapter, Pot Luck and Style Show by the University Department of Home Economics.

May 15.—Saginaw Chapter, Business Meeting with Pot Luck and Novelty Auction, Peace Parish.

May 16.—Fort Wayne Chapter, Pot Luck and Variety Program, Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert, speaker.

May 18.—Lutheran Women’s League, St. Louis, Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert, speaker.

May 21.—Milwaukee Chapter, final meeting Parkside Lutheran Church, Miss Dorothea Siebert, Assistant Professor of Home Economics, Valparaiso, speaker.

June 1.—Fox River Valley Chapter, final meeting.

June 6.—Lansing Chapter, Rev. E. E. Beyer Public Relations Department, speaker.

June 15.—Have you sent your funds to the treasurer to receive credit for the fiscal year ending June 30?

June 30.—Send the names of your officers to the Executive Secretary.

July 2.—Valparaiso Chapter, picnic supper and “Star-Gazing”. Dr. A. R. Thomas will lecture on Astronomy.

July 15.—Send your request for membership cards for 1945-46 to the Executive Secretary. Cards will be printed this year only for those chapters requesting them (we have to watch our figures, and we don’t mean calories.)

Aug. 15.—Deadline for material for September issue of Bulletin.

Oct. 19-20-21.—FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GUILD CONVENTION. Joint meeting with the Board of Directors and the Advisory Board in commemoration of Twenty Years of Grace.

CHAPTER CHATTER

Cleveland Chapter realizes from $50 to $75 per month through the volunteer services of its members as hostesses in local restaurants and tea rooms. The idea was sponsored by the Cleveland Federation of Women’s Clubs and was eagerly welcomed by various business enterprises in Cleveland. The volunteers receive 50c an hour, half of which goes to the Federation, the other half to any project named by the volunteer. Their duties include setting tables, seating diners, providing menus, and clearing tables. They do not take orders, serve meals, or carry trays.

The Kankakee (Illinois) Chapter sends in the first membership list for 1945. Mrs. H. M. Laube is the efficient corresponding secretary.

Buffalo Chapter celebrated its Tenth Birthday on April 2 with a dinner meeting at the Hotel Lenox. Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert spoke to the group. Vocal music was provided by Miss Marie Mast accompanied by Mrs. William Drews. The chapter history was read by Mrs. Fred Wunsch. Plans were made for a rummage sale and an apron bazaar for which the president, Mrs. Alex Stark, had then completed her 54th apron. Miss Norma Mast, Miss Irene Schacher and Miss Emily Doell were in charge of arrangements for the birthday party.

We welcome our first Individual Member, Mrs. Edgar R. Jordan of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, former Valpo student.
An authentic miniature replica of the Valparaiso University campus was the centerpiece at a punch table Sunday afternoon, February 18, when the Mishawaka-South Bend Chapter entertained forty-seven local high school students and their parents. Chief attraction at the informal get-together for prospective students was a delegation from the University. Two faculty members, Miss Dorothea Siebert, Head of the Home Economics Department, and Dr. M. J. Jox, Director of Personnel, spoke of the work in their departments, two of the newest phases of the university. Miss Irma Winterhoff, a January, 1945, graduate now teaching in South Bend, reminisced about her life on the campus. The entertainment included musical selections by two freshmen co-eds, Anna Boda at the piano and Doris Ebert on the violin. Mr. F. H. Rechlin, entrance counselor, closed the program with an open forum. During the luncheon hour which followed, present and former Valparaiso University students also shared their enthusiasm for the school with individual prospective students. —Betty Kleinhans, Valpo '44

Saginaw Chapter viewed the film “They Shall Not March Alone” through the courtesy of the Rev. O. E. Sohn of Flint, Michigan, member of the Army-Navy Commission.

We wish all of our members could have heard the very fine report on Chapter Activities given by the chairman of that committee, Mrs. H. C. Vogel, at our Executive Board meeting. Many of these ideas for projects will be found in the splendid Chapter Manual compiled by this committee now in the hands of chapter presidents. We urge chapters to make use of this addition to their libraries. We also urge you to send descriptions of your clever fund-raising projects to Mrs. Vogel, 1510 W. Clifton Blvd., Lakewood, 7, Ohio. This committee is our clearing house for ideas and will be happy to give all possible aid to chapters seeking new means of raising funds.

The Pittsburgh Chapter of the Valparaiso University Guild entered a new field of fund raising this Spring. A year ago we gave a beautiful Bridal Pageant, the success of which was the result of careful planning, much worry (possibly quite unnecessary), hours of preparation, practice, and suspense on the part of the committee up to the final strains of music as the last bridal party paced down the canvas covered corridor. It was a success both aesthetically and financially, but a job, none the less.

This year we went from romance to rummage. Our president, Mrs. Woessner, proposed a rummage sale at a Board meeting—it was approved at our regular March meeting, a date set, and the merchandise began to come in to our church basements!

There was no time for worry, and aside from phone calls, the main work was centered upon the night before and the day of the sale. And, any effort on the part of the workers could be discounted because of the liberal education it afforded them. One church had solicited cleaning rags for its janitress—which were forthcoming, in a paper bag, and placed, unfortunately, in the corner with rummage sale material—it was carted off to the Farmers Market, where it was sold at our rummage sale, and not as rags!

This humble individual assayed to look dignified over the line of dresses hung up for sale. As the doors were opened and the mad rush began, my partner “on dresses” found it necessary to reassure herself as to my safety, when she found me pawing around on the floor, very much underfoot, trying to rescue dresses, also underfoot!

The amusing incidents were myriad—the lady who exchanged the dress she wore for one on the rack—the very good reversible coat which somehow sold for twenty-five cents—our lady “at hats” selling them for ten cents apiece, with all the charm and tact of a saleslady in a Paris Salon!

But, the best of the whole interesting affair was the final report on sales—$567.00 cleared, with more coming in as secondhand dealers take some remaining books, etc., and with four big boxes to go to the United Clothing collection.

Wilma G. Dahl (Mrs. J. E.)
Publicity Chairman
MAY, 1945

The Maumee Valley Chapter (Ohio) has acquired a new constitution and fourteen additional members in the past year. In October they presented a program which they called "The March of Brides." Wedding gowns, old and new, were modeled. There were some 30 gowns, the oldest one being about 75 years old. Appropriate wedding music accompanied the models. Following the fashion parade the guests were invited to the dining room where there was a large artistically decorated bride's table. Photographers were numerous and many pictures were taken both of the models and the beautifully appointed dining room scene. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served. The spacious auditorium of St. Paul's Church in Napoleon was filled to capacity for the event and people were even turned away. A free-will offering was received which increased the chapter funds by well over one hundred dollars.

In December the traditional Christmas Musical and Tea was held at the home of Mrs. F. J. Lankenau. This is an event eagerly anticipated by the entire church membership and the many friends of Valparaiso in the community.

On April 27 the chapter sponsored a variety program at the High School Auditorium which included a one act play, Submerged, presented by six young men under the direction of Paul Lankenau, music by the Kiwanis Quartet, and the professional magician, Alfred P. Saal. Attendance exceeded all expectations.

The year's activities will close with a picnic on the banks of the beautiful Maumee River.

—Mrs. Paul Lankenau

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS

In checking the membership rolls of the Guild, we find that often members move away from their community into one where there is no Guild chapter and sometimes lose their contact with the Guild. Also, we feel sure, there are many consecrated women living in communities where there is as yet no Guild chapter who are very much interested in the work the Guild is doing and who would like to support the organization.

To make it possible for these persons to retain membership in the Guild, the recently adopted By-Laws provide as follows:

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

Dues of $1 or more retain membership for one year from July 1 to the subsequent June 30 in the national organization.

Dues of $5 or more retain membership in the national Guild and in the Lutheran University Association.

We feel sure there are hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Christian women who need only to be told of the great task upon which we are engaged to heed our invitation to "Come, join us!"

Miss Louise Nicolay
227 South Carroll Street
South Bend 4, Indiana

Dear Miss Nicolay: Please enroll me as a member of the Valparaiso University Guild. I enclose

$............ membership dues in the Guild from July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946.

$............ membership in the Guild and in the Lutheran University Association from July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946.

$............ my contribution toward the erection of Guild Hall.

Name..........................................................

Address....................................................
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Q: If we should decide to furnish a room, say the $2,000.00 room, would that amount have to be paid this year, or how long would we have to raise this money?
A: Of course, we would like to hand the entire $75,000 to the Lutheran University Association at the end of our five year period, June 30, 1946. But all of us realize we are operating under unusual circumstances and certainly our gifts will be accepted up to the time the building is completed.

Q: If we should decide to do this, would the moneys sent in so far this year be credited to that effort?
A: All moneys raised beyond the original campaign quota set for each chapter plus the yearly goals, may be applied to the sponsorship of a room in Guild Hall. Some chapters went "over the top" in the first few years of the campaign and it is only reasonable that they be permitted to apply those funds toward sponsoring a room.

Q: We would like information relative to scholarships that are offered at Valparaiso University—who may apply for them, the amount, etc.
A: Any needy individual may apply for scholarships which range in amount from $50 per year to $250 per year. The University catalog lists most of the scholarships available. The $250 per year scholarships granted by the Lutheran Laymen's League are awarded on the basis of competitive examinations to be given this year on June 2. The Student Placement Office of the University will be glad to give individual advice and aid. Address Mr. F. H. Rechlin.

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