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State Unit Meetings

WISCONSIN

April 6, 1946: The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by the Field Secretary, Miss Lydia Schultz. After singing the hymn, "Lord Jesus Christ be present now", Pastor Tesch spoke on a text from Ecclesiastes pointing out that wisdom without faith is vanity and a vexation of spirit, but that wisdom used in the service of God is not vanity and that the education received at Valparaiso University is that kind because it is used in the service of God in that it tends to make leaders in the Church who use their education in the furtherance of God's work. He declared that the Guild is a very good example of this.

Miss Schultz then spoke a few words of welcome to the assembly and stated the purpose of this meeting, namely: To organize the Wisconsin State Unit of the Valparaiso University Guild, in accordance with the resolution passed by the National Convention in October, 1945. She reported that there were eleven chapters in Wisconsin with an approximate total membership of 630. Thereupon Miss Schultz introduced Mrs. F. C. Proehl, first vice-president of the National Guild, who acted as temporary chairman for the meeting.

Upon taking the Chair, Mrs. Proehl welcomed those present, especially the honorary guests, the National Guild Officers. Mrs. Proehl advised us that Wisconsin was the first state to organize as a Unit of the Valparaiso Guild and that we should be proud to be pioneers in this work. She then stated the purpose of this organization, which is

First -- to create and develop a greater interest in Valparaiso University and to assist in increasing the student enrollment.

Second -- to unite all members for a mutual strengthening and furthering the interest and participation in the activities of the Guild.

Third -- to bring to the attention of a greater number of women the value and needs of Valparaiso University by presenting inspirational and educational programs.

Fourth -- to encourage the formation of additional chapters within the State.

The Chairman then introduced Mrs. R. H. Schroeder, first vice-president of the Milwaukee Chapter, who acted as hostess for the afternoon group in the absence of the president, Mrs. Paul Tegge. Mrs. Schroeder welcomed all the guests in the name of the local chapter, gave a brief résumé of its activities, and assured the other chapters of whole-hearted cooperation. Mrs. Theodore Lucht, president of the evening group of Milwaukee Chapter, was then presented. She explained that the group consisted of business women, and outlined their activities and their cooperation with the afternoon group.

The Chair then presented Mrs. E. W. Schultz, member of Milwaukee Chapter and First National President of the Guild. She spoke briefly about the organization and early years of the Guild and mentioned that four of the charter members were present at this meeting. Roll call of the chapters disclosed that all were represented except Eau Claire which had sent a letter. Each delegate briefly explained the activities of her chapter.

The nominating committee, consisting of Mrs. P. W. Roehrs of Wausau, Mrs. L. Mohr of Milwaukee, and Mrs. F. Palmer of Beloit, presented their candidates for office. Additional nominations were made from the floor. The Chair appointed as tellers Mrs. H. Northrop, Mrs. W. Engel, and Miss I. Schwant.

After a delicious luncheon served by the ladies of Zion Church and a pleasant visit with our guests, the meeting was again called to order at 1:15 p.m. by the chairman who presented Edward Schultz in a group of piano selections which were much enjoyed. Mrs. Elaine Hoppe then entertained us with vocal solos which were likewise most enjoyable.

The Chair then introduced Dr. Walter E. Bauer, Professor of History at Valparaiso University, who gave a very interesting talk stressing the postwar problems of our University where the hand of God can be seen in all things. He urged us to keep a balance of pessimism and optimism when we think of Valpo, stressing that the University needs the live contact of living people, it needs the Church and the Church needs Valparaiso. Therefore, we of the Guild must keep up our efforts to carry out the purposes of our organization.

Next in order was the Open Forum. This brought forth several very interesting discussions, such as the requirements of establishing scholarships; the sorority problem, which disclosed the fact that every student had an opportunity to join a sorority and explained the method used in assigning them to one. Besides these, there were other interesting questions and answers all further ac-
quainting us with the life of the students and the work of our University.

The report of the election committee disclosed that the following were elected to office: President, Mrs. W. H. Pruimers of Milwaukee; Vice-President, Mrs. Victor Schulz of Sheboygan; Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Koopman of Plymouth; and treasurer, Mrs. P. W. Roehrs of Wausau.

The resolutions committee, Mrs. V. Schulz of Sheboygan and Mrs. E. Ritchie of Appleton, moved the adoption of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Valparaiso University Guild at its 1945 National Convention resolved to adopt the formation of State Organizations, and

WHEREAS, the State Unit By-Laws were approved at the meeting of the National Executive Board held in January 1946, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the chapters within the State of Wisconsin organize as a state unit and adopt the approved by-laws, and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Unit pledge to the National Guild whole-hearted cooperation and loyal support in carrying out the important work of Valparaiso University and for the Church.

The resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, our first state convention has been an inspirational as well as enjoyable event, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the convention offer its appreciation to those who made contributions to the program:
The Reverends H. C. Tesch and O. Schaefer for their fine devotional addresses;
Edward Schultz for his piano selections;
Mrs. Elaine Hoppe for the vocal selections and Miss Lenore Hinz, her accompanist;
Dr. Walter E. Bauer for his inspirational address;
the ladies of Zion Church who were instrumental in preparing such a wonderful repast for us;
the Milwaukee Afternoon and Evening Groups who were hostesses of the convention; and
Mrs. Walter Wangerin who so ably accompanied our singing.

The resolution was adopted.

After a discussion on financing the State Unit it was resolved to attach an assessment to the annual dues of each member of the chapters, the amount to be determined by the State Board.

The newly elected officers were then installed by the National President, Miss Louise Nicolay, in an impressive ceremony.

The invitation of the Milwaukee Chapter to hold the Second Annual Meeting in Milwaukee was gratefully accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned with a closing devotion read by the Rev. O. W. Schaefer, assistant pastor of Zion Church, followed by the singing of the hymn, "Lord dismiss us with Thy Blessing”.

(Report compiled from the minutes of Miss Selma E. Wolf, secretary pro tempore, and the report made by Mrs. R. H. Schroeder to the Milwaukee Chapter. Our thanks to these fine reporters.)

OHIO

May 16, 1946: The organization meeting of the Ohio State Unit was held at Memorial Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio, on May 16, 1946, with the Toledo Chapter as our host. The meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun” and opening devotions conducted by the Rev. F. J. Schumm, pastor of Memorial Lutheran Church. Mrs. F. J. Schumm served as accompanist.

We were pleased to have as our special guests Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert, Executive Secretary, Mrs. G. E. Penson, National Treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Bartels, Past President and Ohio Field Secretary, and Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, a Past President of the National Guild, together with a fine representation from seven of the ten chapters forming this unit.

Mrs. F. J. Schumm, President of the Toledo Chapter, graciously extended greetings to the assembly and introduced Mrs. W. N. Hoppe of Cleveland, who had consented to act as temporary chairman for this meeting which she conducted in her usual capable manner. Mrs. Edward Block of Elyria was appointed temporary secretary.

Our Ohio Field Secretary, Mrs. H. W. Bartels of Cleveland, was presented and in her pleasing way briefly addressed the Guild members and encouraged us in all our endeavors.

The Chair announced committee appointments as follows: Nominating: Mrs. W. W. Walker, chairman, Elyria; Mrs. Frank Maag, Cleveland; Mrs. J. P. Fackler, Toledo. Resolutions: Mrs. H. H. Hoff, chairman, Maumee
Valley; Mrs. Paul Plehn, Toledo; Mrs. Russel Buehl, Akron. Election Tellers: Mrs. Ralph Dailey, Lorain County; Mrs. August Gerken, Union County; Mrs. William Drews, Buffalo.

Mrs. Hoppe then presented the question of raising funds to cover the operating expenses of the State Unit and suggested that each chapter be represented on a committee to make suggestions in the afternoon session. The following composed the committee: Mrs. N. E. Bishop for Cleveland, Mrs. Wm. Drews for Buffalo, Miss Edith Ziegfeld for Columbus, Miss Alice Hartwig for Lorain County, Mrs. Fowler for Maumee Valley, Mrs. August Gerken for Union County, and Mrs. Alice Heidtman for Toledo.

A letter was then read from Miss Louise F. Nicolay, National President, expressing her regret in being unable to be present at this meeting and extending her best wishes for its success.

At this time Roll Call was taken and it was most gratifying to note that seven of the ten chapters of this unit were represented. The Chapter Presidents who were present were called upon and all expressed their appreciation to the Toledo Chapter and their pleasure at being present at this meeting. A letter from the Pittsburgh Chapter was read by Mrs. H. W. Bartels expressing their regret in not being represented at this time and telling of their zeal and interest in the work of the Guild.

Mrs. G. E. Penson, national treasurer, was introduced and she expressed her pleasure in being present. She gave a report on funds received from the chapters of this unit and reminded us that the "Guild Special" is now due and asked that it be forwarded as soon as possible by the various chapters.

An informal discussion period followed during which various problems were presented for helpful discussion and clarification.

Mrs. Hoppe then called upon Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert for announcements. In her most gracious and charming manner, she first thanked the Toledo Chapter for its fine efforts, expressed her pleasure at the splendid representations from outlying chapters, and expressed her appreciation to Mrs. Hoppe and Mrs. Bartels for their part in making the meeting a success. She mentioned the Memorial Wreath cards available for use of chapters and urged all chapter presidents to take a supply. Attention was called to the Guild stickers and the Guild pin now available. She reminded us that Guild histories should be sent to her immediately so that the material can be used this fall when the fifteenth anniversary of the Guild is observed.

In closing, Mrs. Schwiebert told of the many applications for enrollment at the University and the need for an increase of facilities in order to meet the demands of our youth. She urged that each chapter keep pace and increase their efforts to further the work of the Guild and of the University.

The Rev. C. J. Wachholz of Milford Center, Ohio, conducted the opening devotions. Mrs. Max Froelich, a member of Memorial Lutheran Church, presented three beautiful contralto solos, ably accompanied by Mrs. F. J. Schumm.

Mrs. Hoppe called for the report of the committee on funds. Mrs. Bishop reported that they had the following suggestions to make: (1) That each member be assessed ten cents, the same to be paid individually or by the chapter, whichever way each chapter decided; or (2) that the registration fee be left at Two Dollars ($2.00) and the balance after the actual luncheon expenses have been taken out, be used to cover the operating expenses and the difference, if any, defrayed equally by the ten chapters. After considerable discussion a motion was made that each member in the Ohio State Unit be assessed ten cents (10c), this to be raised as each chapter felt best. Motion carried. The Columbus Chapter, through its president, Miss Mary Prentice, extended an invitation to the Unit to hold its fall meeting in that city.

The Rev. F. L. Miller of the Department of Public Relations of Valparaiso University was then introduced to us. In a very forceful and convincing manner he addressed us on the good cause in which we are united and how through our further organization today, we are carrying on the work begun by such noted men as Saint Paul, Martin Luther, and even the founders of Valparaiso University. He expressed the great need for a Lutheran University, especially since the recent war, and said that at the present time, Valparaiso University may be the largest Lutheran University in the world. It has become an international school as there are thirty-three states, one territory, and three foreign countries represented in its enrollment.

Rev. Miller told of the number of applications which must be refused because of lack of facilities. He said the administration was hoping to accommodate 1200 students in the near future. The swift growth of Valparaiso
University is further evidenced by the increase which has had to be made in its faculty and which is another very good example of the demand for Christian education. He also told of the plant development — how buildings have been reconverted into dormitories and how the auditorium and library have been enlarged. In closing he stressed the great need today for a Lutheran University in which our young people can be educated to take their place in the world which so badly needs Christian men and women in places of high leadership and responsibility. Rev. Miller urged us to continue our efforts in this, our golden hour of opportunity, to go forward knowing that our efforts will be blessed by God.

A report on the results of the election disclosed the following officers elected: President, Mrs. N. E. Bishop, Cleveland; Vice-President, Mrs. John Barnes, Maumee Valley; Secretary, Mrs. Edward Block, Lorain County, and Treasurer, Mrs. Fred Nordsiek, Toledo. These officers were installed by Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert.

The Resolutions Committee then presented the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Valparaiso University Guild at its 1945 National Convention resolved to adopt the formation of State Organization; and

WHEREAS, the State Unit By-Laws were approved at the meeting of the National Executive Board held in January 1946; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chapters within the State of Ohio organize as a State Unit and adopt the approved By-Laws; and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ohio State Unit pledge to the National Guild whole-heartedly cooperation and loyal support in carrying out the important work of Valparaiso University and for the Church.

The resolution was adopted.

(2) WHEREAS, our first state convention has been an inspirational as well as an enjoyable event, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the convention offer its appreciation to those who made contributions to the program: The Rev. F. J. Schumm for the devotional address; the Rev. J. P. Fackler and the Rev. C. J. Wachholz for their devotions; Mrs. W. N. Hoppe for her guidance as temporary chairman; Mrs. H. W. Bartels, Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert, and Mrs. G. E. Penson for their assistance; Mrs. Edward Block for acting as temporary secretary; Mrs. Max Froelich for her beautiful vocal selections; Mrs. F. J. Schumm, accompanist; the Rev. F. L. Miller for his very inspiring address; Mrs. Schumm and the ladies of the Toledo Chapter of the Valparaiso University Guild for their untiring efforts in the preparations for this first state convention as well as the delicious luncheon; and the members of Memorial Lutheran Church for the use of their house of worship and its facilities.

The resolution was adopted.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was adopted. The organization meeting of the Ohio State Unit was brought to a fitting close with a short devotion conducted by Rev. J. P. Fackler of Toledo and the singing of the hymn "Blest be the Tie that Binds".

(Report compiled from the minutes submitted by Mrs. Edward Block, secretary pro tempore).

MICHIGAN

May 17, 1946: The organizational meeting of the Michigan State Unit was held at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Detroit, Michigan. Following an organ prelude and the opening hymn, "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun", Pastor E. T. Bernthal conducted the opening devotions. Mr. S. J. Roth, superintendent of Lutheran schools in Detroit, ably assisted at the organ.

Mrs. Otto F. Rosenbusch, Field Secretary for Michigan, welcomed the delegates and introduced the presiding officer, Mrs. H. W. Bartels, a past national president of the Guild and now Field Secretary for Ohio. Mrs. Calvin Gauss as president of the Detroit Chapter, our hostesses, also welcomed the guests. A letter was read from the National President, Miss Louise F. Nicolay, expressing regret at her absence and extending best wishes for a successful meeting.

Mrs. Otto F. Rosenbusch, Field Secretary for Michigan, welcomed the delegates and introduced the presiding officer, Mrs. H. W. Bartels, a past national president of the Guild and now Field Secretary for Ohio. Mrs. Calvin Gauss as president of the Detroit Chapter, our hostesses, also welcomed the guests. A letter was read from the National President, Miss Louise F. Nicolay, expressing regret at her absence and extending best wishes for a successful meeting.

The Chair also presented to the gathering past president Mrs. H. A. Eberline, a member of the Detroit Chapter; Mrs. G. E. Penson, national treasurer; Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert, executive secretary; and both former State Chairmen of Michigan, Mrs. M. Hemmeter of Saginaw and Miss Florence E. Gesell of Monroe.

Roll Call revealed an approximate attendance of 150 representing all chapters but one (that chapter was represented in the after-
noon session). Outside of Detroit, the largest single delegation came from Bay City which had 23 members attending the meeting, closely followed by Flint with 22 delegates.

The Chair announced committee appointments as follows: Nominating Committee: Mrs. H. A. Eberline, chairman, Detroit; Mrs. Hubbard Waaler, Flint; Mrs. Henry Merz, Lapeer-Hadley; Mrs. C. D. Evans, Saginaw. Resolutions Committee: Mrs. E. T. Bernthal, chairman, Detroit; Mrs. Roy Peck, Bay City; Mrs. Fred Firchau, Saginaw.

Reports of chapter presidents followed and revealed the usual activity enjoyed by the Michigan Chapters. Before the noon recess, the assembly stood for two minutes of silent meditation in memory of President Emeritus Dr. O. C. Kreinheder, who will long be held in grateful remembrance by members of the Guild for his untiring efforts in behalf of the organization.

A delicious luncheon was beautifully and efficiently served by the Epiphany Ladies Society in the church parlors. The Rev. A. Zeile, president of Michigan District, acknowledged an introduction to the gathering and briefly commended the Guild for its efforts in behalf of a most worthy cause. Immediately following the meal, the group was entertained with vocal solos by Miss Dorothy Thrun, mezzo soprano, ably accompanied by Mrs. L. Kern. Miss Thrun delighted the audience with her beautifully trained voice and the perfection of her rendition.

The meeting then reconvened and listened to the address of the Rev. Karl H. Henrichs, M. A., of the university Department of Public Relations. He spoke of the great need in our church for such an institution as Valparaiso University and stressed its three-fold benefit to the strengthening of the faith of the individual student; the strengthening of the Christian home; and its contributions to a stronger Lutheran Church. As one of the original founders of the Guild, the Rev. Henrichs reminisced delightfully of the early days of the organization and stated that he was proud of the fine record of achievement made by the Guild.

Returning to the business of the day, the Chair called for the report of the Nominating Committee and appointed the following election tellers: Mrs. Martin Hemmeter of Saginaw, Mrs. Edward Schantz of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Fred Donner of Lapeer-Hadley.

In response to a question from the floor the Chair called upon the Resolution Committee which moved the adoption of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Valparaiso University Guild at its 1945 National Convention resolved to adopt the formation of State Organizations, and

WHEREAS, the State Unit By-Laws were approved at the meeting of the National Executive Board held in January 1946, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the chapters within the State of Michigan organize as a state unit and adopt the approved by-laws, and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Unit pledge to the National Guild whole-hearted cooperation and loyal support in carrying on this important work of Valparaiso University and for the Church.

Considerable discussion followed during which the purposes and details of the State Unit were explained by the Executive Secretary. The motion was then called and the resolution adopted.

Report of the Election Tellers revealed that the following officers had been elected: President, Mrs. Alvin Hitzemann of Bay City; Vice-President, Mrs. Louis Heinecke of Mt. Clemens; Secretary, Mrs. O. Sohn of Flint; and Treasurer, Miss Florence Gesell of Monroe. The newly elected officers were installed by the executive secretary.

The Resolutions Committee completed its report with the adoption of a resolution thanking all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Closing devotions were conducted by the Rev. E. H. Voss of Saginaw. Following the closing hymn, "Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise," the Lord's Prayer was prayed in unison.

(Official minutes of the Michigan meeting have not been received as this Bulletin goes to press and the report has been compiled from the meager notes of the executive secretary.)

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ILLINOIS

May 23, 1946: The organizational meeting of the Illinois State Unit including Missouri chapters, met on May 23, 1946, at the Palmer House in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by the national president, Miss Louise Nicolay, and opened
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with prayer by the Rev. Otto H. Theiss who conducted the opening devotions.

Mrs. Taube, Field Secretary for northern Illinois, welcomed the assembly and expressed the hope that the meeting would prove both beneficial and enjoyable to the guests. Mrs. O. H. Theiss and Mrs. William Boeger, presidents of Chicago and Chicago West Chapters, our hostesses, spoke brief words of welcome.

The national treasurer, Mrs. G. E. Penson, was introduced and reported that the receipts from the Illinois chapters to that date amounted to $1,895.76, and from St. Louis, $590.00, making a total for the Unit of $2,485.76.

Miss Nicolay presented President O. P. Kretzmann of the University who told us of the many changes necessary in the campus facilities to take care of the demands made as a result of the tremendous increase in enrollment. He pointed out that the University has tripled its capacity in the past few years, a record not equalled by many educational institutions. He spoke of the academic courses being added in the fields of Social Service, Home Economics, and Religion, all of which now offer full majors. The latter courses are of particular value to the Deaconesses who may now receive full college credit for their religion courses. He mentioned the five foreign students now in residence on the campus as a result of the scholarships granted by the Board of Directors to promote international understanding and good will. This number will be augmented considerably in the fall semester.

President Kretzmann made the significant statement that "it is easy to grow big but not great." Valparaiso University is determined to grow great, and at the same time to be of service to the largest possible number of our young people. However, each additional student increases the budget of the University. It is an accepted fact among educators that no student ever pays the entire cost of his education. Each dollar paid by the student must be matched by an almost equal sum from other sources. Tuition is being increased this year from $175 to $200 per year.

In a present world of conflict and confusion, three things are necessary to be educated: the first is to know the facts; the second is to master skills; and the third, in the opinion of many, is to possess a Christian faith. Valparaiso hopes to achieve greatness by providing its students with all three.

In speaking of State Units, President Kretzmann stated that other organizations have demonstrated that, as they grow in size, the distance between the local chapters and the national administration is too great for efficient operation. Therefore, he urged the establishment of the State Units in the hands of able and energetic officers as a necessary administrative link in our organization.

Miss Nicolay thanked President Kretzmann for his informative and inspirational remarks. Because he was required to take an early train for another appointment, the Open Forum immediately followed his address. Many interesting questions were asked from the floor and an instructive and valuable discussion followed.

Miss Nicolay announced committee appointments as follows: Nominating Committee, Mrs. O. H. Theiss, Chicago, chairman; Mrs. William Boeger, Chicago West; Mrs. H. M. Laube, Kankakee. Resolutions Committee: Mrs. Wm. Schmeling, chairman, Rockford, Ill.; Mrs. H. C. Ihde, Chicago.

Roll Call revealed that approximately fifty people were in attendance (in spite of the threatened rail strike which became an actuality before our sessions ended). Representatives were present from seven of the nine Illinois chapters. The St. Louis chapter was represented by Mrs. Karl Kurth, also Field Secretary for Missouri. Chapter representatives were then called upon by Mrs. Taube for reports of their activities and, as usual, the originality and ingenuity of our members is amazing.

The nominating committee presented their report and the Chair appointed as election tellers Mrs. W. Holst and Mrs. K. A. Bliese.

The meeting then recessed for lunch which was served by the hotel in the same room in order to save time. The food was delicious and expertly served at a beautifully appointed U-shaped table.

Following lunch, the meeting was again called to order by the president, Miss Nicolay. We were favored by delightful vocal selections by Mrs. George Scheel, accompanied by Mrs. Leland Koch. Mrs. Koch then graciously presented two beautifully executed piano selections. The numbers were greatly enjoyed and Miss Nicolay expressed our appreciation to Mrs. Scheel and Mrs. Koch for the delightful interlude.

The Chair then called upon the Resolutions Committee which moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Valparaiso University Guild at its 1945 National Convention re-
solved to adopt the formation of State organizations, and
WHEREAS, the State Unit By-Laws were approved at the meeting of the National Executive Board held in January, 1946, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the chapters within the states of Illinois and Missouri organize as a State Unit and adopt the approved By-Laws and, therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Illinois State Unit pledge to the National Guild whole-hearted cooperation and loyal support in carrying on the important work of Valparaiso University and for the Church.

The resolution was adopted.

Miss Nicolay welcomed the Illinois State Unit into affiliation with the national organization. She then introduced Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert who brought us greetings from the Wisconsin, Ohio, and Michigan State Units which had already effected their organization. She pointed out that the state unit meetings will provide a clearing house for exchange of ideas and experiences which will prove productive in furthering the widespread work of the Guild. Mrs. Schwiebert mentioned that Valparaiso University, if it had been able to provide the necessary housing and other facilities, could have been the largest Lutheran university in the nation since its enrollment of 998 was exceeded by that of St. Olaf College by twenty-two. She described the induction ceremony of the campus organization composed of Senior girls known as "Gown and Gavel" and assured us that these girls, chosen for their high scholastic achievements, their qualities of leadership, and their Christian attitudes toward life and its problems, would safeguard the high ideals and rich heritage of Valparaiso University. Mrs. Schwiebert mentioned that the Illinois State Unit pledge to the National Guild whole-hearted cooperation and loyal support in carrying on the important work of Valparaiso University. Mrs. Schwiebert mentioned that additional pledges to Guild Hall had exceeded the $26,000 mark. She reminded us that although at times the task seems unsurmountable "even the highest mountain is climbed only a step at a time." The State Units are an important step forward in the work which shall continue so that our youth may become "The Light of the World."

An Open Forum again followed and members were enlightened on various aspects of the Guild work, such as the memberships in the Lutheran University Association, the various funds of the Guild and their uses, etc.

The election Tellers reported that we had elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Charles Bodenstab, Chicago; Vice-President, Mrs. Edward W. Jaeger, Chicago; Secretary, Mrs. A. F. Eilers, Chicago West; treasurer, Miss Mary Volstorff, Fox River Valley.

The Chair called for new business and the question of financing the State Unit received considerable discussion. A motion was made and carried to refer the question to the State Board for decision.

An invitation was received from the Rockford Chapters to hold the annual 1946 meeting in their city. The State Board will also determine the place and date of the annual meeting.

The Resolutions Committee then moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, our first State meeting has been an inspirational as well as an enjoyable event, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the convention offer its appreciation to all who made contributions to the program; viz., Professor O. H. Theiss for leading us in devotion; Mrs. Arthur Taube for her gracious welcome; Miss Nicolay, presiding officer; Dr. O. P. Kretzmann for his fine informative and inspirational address; Mrs. Schwiebert, our national executive secretary, for her inspiration; the Walther League Office for mimeographing programs and ballots; Mrs. Leeland Koch and Mrs. George Scheel for their delightful musical numbers; Mrs. O. H. Theiss and Mrs. H. C. Ihde who accompanied the hymns; Mrs. Dorothy Sonderegger, temporary secretary; Mrs. A. Taube and Mrs. G. E. Penson who arranged details of the meeting; all members of committees; and the members of the Chicago Chapter who provided such enjoyable hospitality.

The resolution was adopted.

The newly elected officers were then installed by Miss Nicolay in a beautiful Christian service following which we united in prayer. The meeting closed with the singing of the hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds".

(Report compiled from the minutes of Mrs. Dorothy Sonderegger, secretary pro tempore.)

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INDIANA

May 25, 1946: In spite of railroad strikes and threatening skies, the organizational meeting of the Indiana State Unit was held in St. Paul's School Hall on May 25, 1946, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Delegates registered
and then enjoyed a sumptuous repast served by the St. Paul's Ladies Aid. During the luncheon, music was provided by the Concordia College String Ensemble.

The meeting was called to order at two o'clock. Following the singing of the hymn, "Come, Thou Almighty King", devotions were led by Mrs. A. A. Gremel.

Miss Emma Kiefer, president-elect of the Fort Wayne Chapter, our hostesses, welcomed the guests and presented Miss Louise Nicolay who presided. Miss Martha Lepper was asked to assist as temporary secretary.

Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert, Field Secretary for Indiana, who was in charge of arrangements for the meeting, explained the plan and purpose of the State Units. Roll Call revealed that 96 delegates were present representing all of Indiana's eight chapters. Largest delegation, outside of Fort Wayne, was the Mishawaka-South Bend Chapter with 28 members attending.

The Chair then introduced Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, president of the university, who addressed the group. After telling us some of the humorous incidents relating to the railroad strike and the difficulties he had experienced in reaching the meeting, he gave us much information about the university, its present progress and future plans. Of particular interest to the group was the report that construction on Guild Hall has begun and that the cornerstone will probably be laid sometime during the summer. He suggested that the names of each member of the Guild should be placed therein, along with other items of current significance. He spoke of the steps being taken to provide housing for the large numbers of students who will enroll for the fall semester. He expressed the appreciation of the administration and Board of Directors for the fine support of the Guild.

Following his address there were some questions from the floor on various phases of the work of the university.

The members then joined in singing the Valparaiso Song, words of which were composed by Mrs. A. Gremel of Fort Wayne Chapter.

The meeting then continued with the introduction of other special guests, Mrs. E. G. Stegman, Second Vice-President, and Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert, executive secretary. The Chair then announced the following committee appointments: Nominating Committee, Mrs. W. C. Maesta, Logansport; chairman; Mrs. H. Koeneman, Fort Wayne; Mrs. K. Henrichs, Valparaiso. Resolutions Committee: Miss Marie Ehle, Fort Wayne, chairman; Mrs. A. C. Gau, Mishawaka-South Bend; Mrs. Carl Niemann of Hammond, a third member of the committee, was unable to attend because of transportation difficulties.

The Nominating Committee then presented its report and the Chair appointed Miss Olga Dittmer of Indianapolis and Mrs. H. H. Engelbrecht of Gary as election tellers.

Mrs. Kurth, Field Secretary, then called for the greetings from chapter presidents. We discovered some fine oratorical ability which had hitherto been hiding its light. Their remarks were enlightening and stimulating to all of us engaged in the Guild work. We were very happy to welcome into membership the new Gary Chapter which had five members present.

The Chair then introduced the Executive Secretary who called attention to various items on display. She urged all chapter presidents to provide themselves with a supply of the Memorial Wreath cards for use of their members or others. The Guild pin was displayed and the Guild stickers mentioned. Mrs. Schwiebert thanked the Fort Wayne Chapter for their splendid hospitality and all those who had a part in making the meeting so enjoyable. In closing she quoted the Guild president who had recently attended a meeting of the university Board of Directors. At its close she had remarked that if only each Guild member could attend such a meeting and realize the number and enormity of the problems which those consecrated men have to surmount, she was sure that every Guild member would be filled with the resolve to do more and more and more for the cause of our beloved University.

Mrs. Schwiebert then conducted an Open Forum in which many questions pertaining to the work of the Guild were raised and answered. This exchange was particularly useful to our newer chapters.

The report of the Election Tellers confirmed the election of the following officers: President, Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew of Mishawaka-South Bend; Vice-President, Mrs. A. A. Gremel of Fort Wayne; Secretary, Miss Lois Sohn of Valparaiso; Treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Buehler of Fort Wayne.

Under New Business there was some discussion as to ways and means of financing the State Unit. It was decided to refer the matter to the State Board for decision. An invitation was received from the Mishawaka-
South Bend Chapter to hold the fall meeting in their cities. The gathering expressed its preference for meetings held on the week-end rather than during the week.

The Resolutions Committee moved the adoption of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS the Valparaiso University Guild at its 1945 National Convention resolved to adopt the forming of State Organizations, and

WHEREAS, the State Unit By-Laws were approved at the meeting of the National Executive Board held in January, 1946, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the chapters within the State of Indiana organize as a state unit and adopt the approved by-laws, and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Indiana State Unit pledge to the National Guild whole-hearted cooperation and loyal support in carrying out the important work for the University and the Church.

The resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS it is highly desirable to develop in the women of the Church a greater interest in Valparaiso University, especially in its needs and its ideals, and

WHEREAS this can be done best through an educational and inspirational program presented to groups of interested women, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the effort to establish new chapters of the Guild in the State of Indiana be continued and strengthened, and, therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the individual members of the Guild be encouraged and urged to participate more enthusiastically in the activities of the organization.

The resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS our first meeting for the State of Indiana has been an inspirational and educational event, as well as a very enjoyable one, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the convention offer its appreciation to those who made contributions to the program: To the Ladies of St. Paul's Church who prepared and served the excellent meal; to the Concordia College String Ensemble for their beautiful music; to Dr. O. P. Kretzmann for his informative and inspirational address; to Mrs. Erwin Kurth, Miss Emma Kiefer, Mrs. A. A. Gremel, Miss Louise Nicolay, Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert, Miss Luella Feiertag, Mrs. A. C. Muntzinger, Miss Martha Lepper, and Mrs. Herbert Buehler; and to all others who have helped to make this meeting a success.

The resolution was adopted.

The newly elected officers were installed in an impressive ceremony by the president, Miss Nicolay.

The meeting closed with the singing of the benediction by Miss Luella Feiertag, who had also composed the beautiful arrangement which she sang. All then joined in prayer.

(Report compiled from minutes submitted by Miss Martha Lepper, secretary pro tempore.)

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

In response to a letter of inquiry to those names in our files not appearing on any chapter lists, the following now hold Individual Membership in the Guild:

Mrs. Otto F. Dierker, Watertown, Wis.
Miss Mary Ellerman, 1011 W. Iowa St., Evansville, Ind.
Mrs. B. J. Jordan, 1552 W. Sunset, Decatur 45, III.
Mrs. J. W. Kraithwohl, 434 E. Main St., Peru, Ind.
Mrs. E. G. Kuechle, 150 Eighth St. N., Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.
Mrs. A. W. Liebe, Manitou Beach, Mich.
Mrs. Martin Meier, 1605 Grand, Parsons, Kans.
Mrs. A. Neubauer, 1160 W. 31st St., Chicago 8, Ill.
Miss Norma Otto, 288 E. Johnson St., Fond du Lac, Wis.
Miss Caroline Ricks, 203 Quinn Ave., Caro, Mich.
Mrs. Ernst Rosebrock, Route No. 1, Mark Center, Ohio.
Mrs. E. Rubbert, 4078 Brunswick Ave., St. Louis Park 16, Minn.
Mrs. W. P. Voth, 705 Merriman Rd., Akron 3, Ohio.
Mrs. J. E. Weber, Strasburg, Ill.
Mrs. F. E. Weerts, 803 N. Elm St., Hinsdale, Ill.

Other Individual Members are:

Miss Lydia Kretzmann, 309 S. Oak St., Kendallville, Ind.
Mrs. Paul Juergensen, 1217 Central Ave., Alton, Ill.
MEMORIAL WREATHS

Chicago Chapter:
- Mrs. Clara Tatge ................................ $100.00
- Mr. Irwin Scherpelz ............................. 5.00
- Gordon Geuther, A.O.M., 3rd Class .......... 20.00

Chicago West Chapter:
- Rev. H. Seitz ..................................... $5.00
- Mr. W. Schultz ................................... 10.00

Cleveland Chapter:
- Mrs. C. Brandt .................................. $10.00
- Dr. O. C. Kreinheder ............................ 25.00

Columbus Chapter:
- Mrs. Elizabeth Miller ............................ 5.00

Detroit Chapter:
- Mrs. John Hemmeter ............................. $5.00
- Mr. L. J. and Herbert Reindel ................. 2.00
- Mrs. Carl Rieck .................................. 5.00
- Dr. O. C. Kreinheder ............................ 12.50
- Mr. H. R. Steelman .............................. 25.00
- Mrs. Selma Peters ............................... 5.00
- Helen Branch Higgins ............................ 500.00

Hammond Chapter:
- Mr. William Schultz ............................. $5.00
- Mr. John Camp ................................... 4.00

Jackson Chapter:
- Mrs. Bertha Berger ............................. $2.00

Lapeer-Hadley Chapter:
- Mrs. Mary Broecker ............................. $2.50

Lorain County Chapter:
- Mrs. Minnie Evort ............................... $5.00
- Mr. William Watson .............................. 5.00
- Mrs. Minna Wendt ............................... 5.00

Merrill Chapter:
- Mrs. A. F. Lueck ................................ $8.00
- Mr. Frank Fleischfresser ........................ 2.50

Mt. Clemens Chapter:
- Rev. O. C. Kreinheder .......................... $5.00
- Mr. C. Riemer .................................... 5.00

Pittsburgh Chapter:
- Mr. John Rockenstein ........................... $10.00
- The Rev. E. F. Buetzow ........................ 10.00

Reedsburg Chapter:
- Mrs. Carl Lipke .................................. $20.00
- Mr. Rudolph Meyer ............................... 6.00

Saginaw Chapter:
- Miss Margaret Rummel .......................... $5.00
- Mrs. August George .............................. 3.00
- Mrs. Mary Hahn .................................. 2.00
- Miss C. A. Arndt ................................. 4.00
- Mrs. J. W. Brechtelsbauer ...................... 5.00
- Mrs. Alwina Wucherlein ......................... 3.00
- Mrs. Norman Mould ................................ 5.00
- Mrs. Gerhard Gugel ............................. 12.00
- Mrs. Kunigunda List ............................. 7.00
- Grandma Braebner ................................ 6.50
- Dr. O. C. Kreinheder ............................ 10.00

Sheboygan Chapter:
- Mrs. F. E. Treichel ............................. $22.00

Southeastern Indiana Chapter:
- Mr. Ed. Bishop .................................... $5.00

Toledo Chapter:
- Mrs. Emma Holzer ............................... $15.00

The Guild also gratefully acknowledges receipt of Memorials for Karl Hoffman, Jr., $13.10, from friends of St. Paul’s, South Bend, Ind., and for Henry Dierks and Albert Morris, $8.00, from friends of St. Paul’s, Hammond, Ind.

ON ENROLLMENT

Because each Guild member, who is known to be a friend of the University, is going to be asked many times for an explanation of the present policies on enrollment, perhaps you would appreciate some added information.

As you have probably heard, Valparaiso will have room for approximately 200 additional students in the fall of 1946. But over 700 applications have been received and many additional requests for application blanks have been refused. Out of those 700 applications, the administration must choose the 200 people who will receive the vacant chairs. It is not an easy choice. How to proceed?

All of us are agreed, I am sure, that first consideration should be given to those boys who actually left our campus to enter the armed forces. Over 400 of them were thus called away and they are now beginning to return to us to take up their interrupted education.

Second consideration will be given to Lutheran veterans, both men and women. Very few girls will be admitted this fall as all new housing space will be allocated to men veterans. The only vacancies available to girls will be those made in the existing dormitories by graduation or transfer of present students. In selecting girls, preference will again be given to veterans and to the older girls who
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Plans for the Fifteenth Annual Convention are gradually taking shape. The date has been set for October 4 - 5 - 6; the place, the campus of Valparaiso University.

Tentative plans include meeting of officers and Field Secretaries on Friday morning, meeting of the Executive Board on Friday afternoon, showing of the new university film (if ready) or other entertainment on Friday evening, general business sessions on Saturday, fifteenth annual banquet followed by Candlelight Vespers on Saturday evening, breakfast at Woman’s Club on Sunday morning, morning worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Those of you who attended last year’s convention know something of the critical housing situation. This year we hope to house all of you at the dormitory, Lembke Hall; by asking the girls to move in with some friend in another dormitory for a night or two. Those people who MUST be here for the Friday meetings we will TRY to house at the hotel. The attitude of one of our faithful members, who recently stated, “I want to come to the Convention if you can only find me a bed to sleep under”, is much appreciated.

So mark your calendars for October 4 - 5 - 6. Further details and the registration blank will be printed in your September bulletin. Those chapters who have kept Scrapbooks (and we have seen some fascinating ones) are urged to bring them along for a display. Your comments and suggestions on the above arrangements will be greatly appreciated by your convention committee. Send them to the Executive Secretary.

have already deferred their education for one reason or another. Girls who are just graduating from high school might do post-graduate high school work or perhaps stay out of school a year without great hardship and will probably be the better college students because of their added maturity.

In accepting applications, consideration is also given to the availability of local facilities for college work. Preference will be given to those students who have no educational institutions in their home communities.

All students now accepted, with very few exceptions, must be in the upper one-third of their high school class. It would seem advisable to take those students who have demonstrated by their high school careers their seriousness of purpose and who will, therefore, make good use of the opportunity to secure higher education. The exceptions will be those veterans whose service records indicate that they have now determined to make the most of their educational opportunities and to seriously apply themselves to their studies.

The Administration has tried every possible means to meet the increased demand of our young people for higher education. They have bought every available housing space within reach of the campus. They have secured housing units from the Government. They have left no stone unturned; yet, in spite of their best efforts, they feel they have failed the youth of our church, through no fault of their own. They did everything they could do; but it was not enough. Permission has now been secured from the Governmental authorities to proceed with the dormitory construction which has long been planned. But no one can say definitely when this will be available; therefore, urge all interested students to keep their name on the active list for admission in either February or September, 1947.

We know that the existing situation will be an added incentive to every loyal worker to strive even harder to remedy the lack of housing facilities. And when it is your own son or daughter who is denied one of the vacant chairs, your devotion and loyalty are going to be tested as never before. We knew we could count on the Guild; and the splendid letters we have received from some of our disappointed parents, accepting their disappointment in such a fine spirit, have fully justified our faith in you.

CHAPTER CHATTER

From the Milwaukee Journal:

How does it feel to look death right in the eye? Mrs. Frederick C. Proehl, wife of the pastor of Layton Park English Luth. Church, found out Wednesday in the LaSalle hotel fire in Chicago. The Proehls had gone to Chicago to attend a meeting of the Army and Navy
Commission of the Missouri Synod. Just before the fire broke out the Rev. Mr. Proehl went out with another man to park a car. Mrs. Proehl and several other men and women were chatting in a sixth floor room.

Unaware of the fire, one of them opened the door to step out in the corridor. Smoke rolled into the room before he quickly closed the door again. One of the group opened the window and the women stuck their heads out of it from time to time. The fire was going full blast to the left below them.

"We were in the room about an hour, but it seemed like days," said Mrs. Proehl. "Nobody got panicky. We talked it over and everybody agreed that if the Lord was going to take us, that was the way it had to be. And we all thought we were going to die, believe me. Each of us prayed to himself as we waited."

After a time, as the fire spread below them, the radiators in the room got hot. But suddenly firemen arrived from the corridor, herded the group on the fire escape and led them to safety. All the while Mr. Proehl was in the street below, despairing for his wife's safety. Finally they got back together again, in a coffee shop, and later in the day they retrieved their luggage. Quite a few things including some jewelry were missing. And one of Mrs. Proehl's favorite hats was ruined.

Bay City Chapter entertained their husbands and other guests on Husband's Nite. The program had a decidedly international atmosphere with the presentation of songs of various nations. Each singer was dressed in the costume of the nation represented. Germany was presented by Clare Wuepper, Poland by Mary Reutter, Ireland by Marian Stiegemeyer, Spain by Christine Born, France by Eraine Ruhl, and our own Negro spirituals by Lois Stiegemeyer. The Rev. G. Nuechterlein addressed the group. Other features were community singing, games, and refreshments. Mrs. A. Spear was chairman for the event. Mrs. Henry Born is president of Bay City Chapter.

From Buffalo: As usual our Guild is very active this year. In the fall we held a very successful Rummage Sale. Other events of the year were a play presented by the Studio Players of Buffalo, the annual Apron Sale, and a Silver Tea. In October a rally for prospective students was held attended by about fifty young people.

-- Norma Mast, corresponding sec'y.

Beloit Chapter (Wisconsin) entertained guests with a luncheon at St. John's Lutheran Church on May 9th. Pastor W. J. Baese conducted devotions. The Rev. F. Hahn, Valparaiso representative, briefly addressed the group. Among the guests were Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert and Miss Lydia E. Schultz, Field Secretary for Wisconsin, both of whom spoke to the gathering. Vocal selections by Miss Florence Rubach were much enjoyed. She was accompanied by Mr. Edwin Schroeder who delighted the group with piano selections. Chairman of the chapter is Mrs. Forrest B. Palmer.

From the Cleveland Lutheran Messenger: The spring meeting of the Cleveland Chapter of Valparaiso University Guild, held March 12, 1946, at St. Paul's Parish Hall, will long be remembered by the many members and friends who attended, for the Christian fellowship it afforded, and for the inspiration and impetus it gave to continued willing service to our youth, to our Lutheran University, and to our church-at-large.
The sincere welcome extended by Pastor Theo. Dorn, as well as his encouragement in the work that lies ahead for the Guild; the splendid report of the president, Mrs. E. Sidney Snyder, who gave a résumé of the chapter’s activity during the past year; and the reports of committee chairmen added color to the meeting, which was climaxed by the inspiring address of Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert, A. B., the new executive secretary of the national Guild. . . . Mrs. Schwiebert was enthusiastically received. She warmed and won the hearts of her eager audience for Valparaiso, as she in her charming, scholarly, yet entirely humble manner, presented our university with its hopes and its aims, its progress and its aspirations, its needs and its blessings. May our love for our university thus be rekindled and our zeal and efforts in its behalf be redoubled! Election of officers took place at this meeting. . . . Our Cleveland Chapter has this year assumed as its main project the sponsoring of the Lutheran A Cappella Choir in their spring concert to be held May 19th at 4:30 p.m. in Severance Hall.

-- Adelia L. Vogel, reporter.

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The very nicest sort of news comes from the Columbus Chapter (Ohio) which was raising funds for a $500 room in Guild Hall. They were so successful that they are sponsoring the $750 guest room instead. Truly, the Lord blesses our labors! Miss Gerd Backe, Norwegian student at Valpo, addressed their final meeting on June 6, which was attended by members from the Union County Chapter.

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Still others of our members are finding Guild fellowship so enjoyable that they are members of more than one chapter. Mrs. O. Bollmann of the new Dundee Chapter is retaining her membership in the “mother” chapter of Fox River Valley.

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From Eau Claire (Wisconsin): Variety is said to be the spice of life but our Eau Claire Chapter has discovered that competition adds an equally piquant flavor. When the question of how to make money arose, our group was about equally divided into two sides and with the “make your dollar grow” idea in mind, each attempted to “out-earn” the other. While one group sold cards and gift wrappings, the other raised flowers and turned to fancy work and baking. As in all competitive games, the winners were rewarded. On June 11 the losers entertained the winners with a “potluck” sup-

per. Miss Lydia E. Schultz, Field Secretary for Michigan, was our guest at this meeting.

-- Miss Gertrude Seipel, reporter.

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Fort Wayne Chapter presented a Spring Musicale on March 24 at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Pastor E. Kthrough introduced the program provided by faculty and student musicians of Valparaiso University. Miss Helen Pearson, soprano soloist and cellist, Miss Doris Ebert, violinist, Mr. Newman W. Powell, pianist, and Mr. M. Alfred Bichsel, organist and violinist, presented a beautiful, inspiring musical program. Tea was served following the program in the church parlors. The chapter closed its year’s activities with a fiftieth anniversary birthday party on May 16. Guest speaker was the Rev. Karl Henrichs of the Valparaiso University Public Relations Department who organized the chapter. In an impressive ceremony the Rev. Henrichs installed the newly-elected officers. All past presidents of the chapter were presented with the beautiful Guild pin as a token of appreciation for their services. Retiring president, Mrs. W. A. Hansen, turned the duties of her office over to Miss Emma Kiefer who will guide the chapter further along its successful path.

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Gary Chapter (Indiana) held a luncheon meeting on May 16 to which they invited guests. This was their first meeting after organizing and they were much pleased to report eighteen new members. Mrs. John Albert is president of this new group.

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Since publication of the last Bulletin we are happy to welcome the following new chapters: the above-mentioned Gary Chapter, organized on February 21st; Akron Area Chapter (Ohio) organized on March 12th with Mrs. E. Struckmeyer president; and Mattoon Chapter (Illinois) organized on April 25th with Mrs. Martin Garbe president.

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Kankakee, Illinois (Chapter) held a luncheon meeting on June 11th to which guests were invited. Miss Ruth Adam entertained with vocal selections accompanied by Mrs. Elsie Herscher. Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert was guest speaker. A brief business meeting was conducted by the new president, Mrs. J. Hadders, and plans made for a picnic meeting in July.

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From Lansing: At the March meeting of the Lansing Chapter the Roll Call was an-
swered by each member mentioning her favorite flower or relating some interesting experience in floral culture. The ladies enjoyed a very interesting and instructive talk by Mrs. Frank Ballas of the Lansing Floral Company. There was a discussion of various state flowers and the legends connected with them. Each officer was presented with a lovely corsage each displaying a different and unusual floral arrangement and combination. A very beautiful centerpiece was displayed which later provided decoration for the tea table. A Silver Tea was held in April at Trinity Lutheran School Hall. The unusual centerpiece was formed of double pink tulips and snapdragons arranged in a large silver salad bowl. From the center extended a cross of white sweet peas. Mrs. Emil Dreps and Mrs. Chas. Donahue presided at the tea table. During the refreshment hour two students of Trinity Lutheran School, Elizabeth Bendlin and Alvin Timmreck, entertained with delightful piano selections. Following the Tea Hour the group toured the State Museum. Mrs. Margaret Abbott was the general chairman.

-- Mrs. Philip Schroeder, Publicity Chr.

For their final meeting in June the Lansing Chapter celebrated their fifth birthday with a luncheon at the Hotel Porter complete with candles, birthday cake, and all the trimmings. Guest speaker was Mrs. O. F. Rosenbusch of Detroit, Field Secretary for Michigan. She also installed the newly elected officers. The treasurer reported $400 toward the room in Guild Hall. The chapter is very proud of their achievement and look forward to another year of activity and good fellowship.

The annual Social Work Institute will be held again this year on the Valparaiso University campus from September 10 to 13. Those who attended last year will want to come again and bring interested friends. The sessions are open to all and are beneficial to anyone whose work brings him or her into contact with our less-privileged brethren. For further details inquiry may be addressed to The Registrar, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind.

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Will the lady who left a pair of gloves at the Ohio Unit meeting in Toledo please write to Mrs. G. E. Penson, 7839 S. Paxton Ave., Chicago 49, describing them?

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The Guild Pin made of 10K gold in the design of the Guild Emblem may be ordered from the Executive Secretary for $2.75 which includes tax and postage.

**REMEDIING THE BRICKS**

Much has been said, written, and pictured about Valparaiso's "Brick Day" but one of the best comments comes from an editorial which appeared in The Commercial Appeal of Memphis, Tenn., edited by Frank R. Ahlgren, under the title "Encouraging Note":

Until a few days ago the campus at Valparaiso University up in Indiana was traversed and marred by two blocks of long unused city streets paved in brick. The university was anxious to get the paving torn up and moved away so that it could go ahead with plans for beautifying the campus. Labor proved hard to get, however, and expensive when it was to be had. The students solved the problem. Granted a day off from classes, boys and girls turned out early, and by dusk the old streets were torn up and the bricks neatly piled away out of sight for some future reference. There were a number of blisters and sore muscles, but the job was done.

It seems to us an encouraging note that the students whirled in and did the work themselves for their own benefit and the advantage of their institution. No one even suggested appealing to some Federal bureau in Washington for a grant-in-aid or an appropriation. Nobody fusses over hourly wage rates, and there was no demand for time and a half or double time for time put in over eight hours. It was in the old American tradition of doing what needed to be done, and we dare say it was as highly and excellently educational as any activity of the university. Incidentally, the boys and girls made a picnic out of it and had a grand time. May their example be noted and copied far and wide.
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