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1. Holy night the stars are brightly shining
2. Led by the light of faith serene, beam with meaning

night of the dear Son, shed your love upon our hearts by His cradle shining

in gleam pinning

Valparaiso University Bulletin
President Kretzmann Feted

On Friday, November 4, faculty, students and friends paid tribute to President O. P. Kretzmann on the occasion of his 25th anniversary as an ordained servant of the Word. Dr. J. W. Behnkken delivered the address at the Anniversary Service on that morning and Dr. Paul Miller of Fort Wayne was the officiant. The Chapel Choir, directed by Dr. M. A. Bichsel, and the University Choir, directed by Prof. Richard Schoenbohm, added to the beauty of the service.

A dinner on Friday evening was attended by as many of O.P.'s friends as could be accommodated in the gymnasium. All those who addressed the dinner group reflected the high esteem held for President Kretzmann as a person and as a capable administrator of his many duties.

TO THE MEMBERS of the EXECUTIVE BOARD

Your attention is called to the Executive Board meeting of the Guild on February 24 and 25. Sessions will begin at 1:30 p.m. on February 24. Coach fare will be paid to members of the Board. If the Chapter president is unable to attend, please make arrangements to be represented by a member of your Chapter.
V. U. WOMEN'S GUILD MEMBERS listen intently to Pres. O. P. Kretzmann's address on "The Far East," which highlighted their 18th national convention held here on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23 - 24. President Kretzmann spoke in the auditorium on Saturday morning. Guild officers facing the camera are Mrs. W. A. Hansen of Ft. Wayne, Ind. and Miss Emily Doell of Buffalo, N.Y. On the table in front of them are candelabra which the guild presented to the president. Photo by Bill Gehrke.
Gals, take a last look at your cubs and get a good look at him. Reap:

Eat, drink, and be merry, for or Gem, Star, push-pull-click-click, or of lengthening five o'clock shadow.

Translated, the above means that he ain't gonna shave no mo'.

"How come?" you say with battering eyelash and gentle curtsy.

I take my hand from my leisure jacket, unclamp my choppers from my two-bit briar, and murmur in my best Charles Boyer French, "Hobo day!"

Your big wet tears dampen the good earth, for gone are the halcyon days, the golden era of sleek cheek and Mennen's skin bracer. Gone, the masculine odor of Old Spice which once mingled so well with his hamburger and onions.

To say nothing of the bristles. Just like using a Fuller long-handle.

Listen, honey. It ain't so bad. It
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... and she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7.

A LITTLE LESS than 2,000 years ago a young Jewish mother tenderly cradled her newborn son on a bed of hay in a lowly stable near Bethlehem, in Judea. This was a momentous hour for Mary, the chosen handmaid of the Lord. It was for her the hour which saw the fulfilment of the words spoken to her by the angel Gabriel: "Thou shalt bring forth a Son and shalt call His name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest, and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David. And He shall reign in the house of Jacob forever and of His kingdom there shall be no end."

This was also a momentous hour in the history of mankind. This was the hour long foretold by the prophets of old--the hour in which a great light came upon the people who walked in darkness and dwelled in the land of the shadow of death. We know that the earthly journey of Jesus of Nazareth began in a humble stable near Bethlehem and came to an end on the cross-crowned hill of Golgotha. But we know, too, that this same Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of the Highest; that of His Kingdom there shall be no end; that He is King of kings, Lord of lords, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. This knowledge is a source of joy and comfort during the festive Christmas season; it is our stay and assurance in the hours of sorrow and bereavement.

The Administrative Committee sincerely hopes that the members of the Guild, and all whom they hold dear, may be touched by the true spirit of Christmas and that this spirit may be with them throughout the New Year.

--Anne L. Hansen
Another year has passed on the swift-moving wings of time. Another eventful year in the history of the Valparaiso University Guild has been recorded. A final reckoning has been made for the twelve-month period between July 1, 1948, and July 1, 1949, a reckoning which cannot be altered or amended. It is a record of hopes and of plans translated into action and achievement; it is a record of which every Guild member may justly be proud. Every chapter, every member, has had a part in making this record; for this is the record of what we have done together to support a great and noble cause. It is my privilege to present to you an over-all picture of what has been done since we met here a year ago. More detailed accounts of Guild activities will be presented later by the Executive Secretary, the National Treasurer, the Guild Historian, and the chairman of the standing committees.

The Executive Board has been in session twice during the year. It is gratifying to be able to report that the attendance at both meetings was exceptionally good. The Administrative Committee met five times. In addition, your president and the Executive Secretary found it necessary to meet early in August to confer on Guild affairs.

Through the courtesy of the Lutheran University Association I was invited to attend three meetings of the Board of Directors of Valparaiso University as well as the annual two-day session of the Board of Directors and the National Advisory Board of the Lutheran University Association. In this meeting Miss Louise Nicolay was signaly honored by being elected to the National Advisory Board, the first woman to be appointed to this board. I know that every member of the Guild will agree that Miss Nicolay richly deserves this recognition. I know, too, that she will bring to her new position the application and the devotion which have distinguished her years of service in the Guild.

I found that attendance at the deliberations of the Board of Directors and the National Advisory Board is both helpful and inspiring, helpful because it enabled me to understand the magnitude of the project undertaken by the members of the boards, inspiring because here one cannot fail to capture something of the spirit, the vision, the courage, and the devotion which motivate those who have brought Valparaiso University safely and successfully through its difficult and perilous beginnings.

Because of a sharp rise in the cost of printing only two issues of the Guild Bulletin have appeared since the last convention. You will agree, I am sure, that both numbers were unusually attractive and that the inclusion of numerous illustrations added substantially to their appearance and appeal. I must express my own grateful appreciation, and yours, to Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, the able and efficient editor of the Guild Bulletin. We are indebted to Mr. H. F. Keller, of the Home Mountain Publishing Company, for his excellent suggestions, his wholehearted support, and his unfailing courtesy.

A special Convention Flash was mailed to all Guild members in August.

Last November we found that the supply of Guild Manuals had been exhausted. The Administrative Committee asked Mrs. E. N. Moore, the retiring chairman of the Activities Committee, to undertake the compilation of a new edition of the Guild Manual from the material which had accumulated over a period of years. Mrs. Moore graciously accepted the assignment. The new Manual was ready for distribution when the Executive Board met during the last week in February. We had asked Mrs. Moore to present the Manual to the Board in person. Unfortunately, illness made it impossible for
her to come to Valparaiso at that time. The presentation was made for her by Mrs. E. S. Snyder. The members of the Administrative Committee join me in an expression of sincere gratitude to Mrs. Moore for her outstanding service to the Guild.

We hope that every chapter chairman has obtained a copy of the new Manual and that this booklet will prove to be a source of assistance and inspiration in arranging Guild programs.

The Administrative Committee authorized Mrs. Heidbrink to order 5,000 copies of a reprint of the first fifteen pages of the Guild Manual. This booklet sets forth the objectives of the Guild and will be of value to Mrs. Heidbrink and to the Field Secretaries in their promotional endeavors. Since the reprints were made from the type set up for the Manual, the cost of printing was relatively small.

In her report to the Convention last September Mrs. Moore said that the members of her committee had exhausted the resources of the Cleveland area and that she believed it would be advantageous to transfer the Activities Committee to another area of Guild membership. Acting on this suggestion, the Administrative Committee appointed the following members to the new Activities Committee: Mrs. Albert C. Moeller, of Saginaw, Mich., chairman; Mrs. G. O. Johnson, of Saginaw, and Mrs. Roy Peck, of Bay City.

We sincerely hope that all chapter chairmen will co-operate with the Activities Committee. Mrs. Moeller will always be eager to hear the details of novel entertainment programs and successful fund-raising projects. She is ready to help you and to share with you the material in her files. I say “Thank you” to Mrs. Moeller and to the members of her committee for their willingness to serve and for the fine spirit they have shown.

I am sincerely grateful to Mrs. A. O. Kampe, Mrs. W. W. Walker, and Mrs. Louis Heinicke for their loyal and efficient service on the important Revisions Committee.

It affords me special pleasure to announce that Miss Nicolay has agreed to serve as Guild Historian. Miss Nicolay is especially well qualified to serve in this newly created office. Her knowledge of the Guild stems from years of close association; her interest in the Guild is deep and genuine. I wish to ask the State Unit
officers and the chapter chairmen to assist Miss Nicolay in gathering together the material she will need for the proposed history of the Guild.

Last year the office of Guild Parliamentarian was instituted by the Convention. We feel that we are most fortunate in obtaining the services of Mrs. Walter N. Hoppe for this post. We are grateful to her for her ready and cheerful acceptance of this new obligation.

Five well-organized State Unit meetings were held last fall. Because of earlier commitments I was able to attend only the meetings of the Indiana and Michigan units, but I am confident that the warm hospitality and the cheerful good fellowship which characterized these gatherings were equally in evidence in the other State Unit meetings.

The value of the annual State Unit sessions becomes increasingly evident. They serve to draw the chapters within the Unit into closer relationship. They serve, too, as a sounding board on which the value and the practicability of new thoughts and proposals can be tested. They make it possible for a large number of Guild members to meet each year to work and to plan for the Guild, to enjoy the pleasant relationship and good food, and to be stirred and uplifted which goes with delightful companionship lifted by the quiet and the beauty of the devotions which are a part of every program.

Mrs. Heidbrink brought to each of the five State Unit meetings a vivid word picture of last year's Convention and a brief resume of Guild objectives for the months ahead.

The Administrative Committee is grateful to the State Unit officers, the chapter chairmen, and to everyone who had a part in arranging the State Unit meetings. We are sure that your efforts were well worth while and that they will be richly rewarded. Five State Unit meetings have been scheduled for this fall, four in October and one in November.

It is gratifying to be able to report the organization of five new Guild chapters: in Decatur, Ind., Aurora, Ill., St. Joseph, Mich., Shawano, Wis., and a chapter made up of women in St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Heidbrink will give you a detailed report on the new chapters. We are happy to greet the officers of the new chapters and welcome all the new members into the Guild.

At this time I wish to thank all the Field Secretaries for their aid in furthering our expansion program. The work of the Field Secretaries is difficult; they meet with many setbacks and disappointments. Nevertheless, the loyal and devoted women who take on the responsibilities of this office carry on with courage and determination. I feel sure that every member of the Guild joins me in an expression of heartfelt gratitude to our Field Secretaries. I must address a special word of commendation and appreciation to Mrs. Erwin Kurt, Mrs. Arthur Taube, Mrs. Otto Rosenbusch, and Miss Lydia Schulz, each of whom has completed a four-year period of service. We are truly appreciative of the time and the effort so freely given to assist the expansion program.

Guild expansion is still uppermost in our thoughts and in our plans for the future. It is literally impossible to overemphasize the importance of, and the necessity for, Guild expansion. We dare not have a recession in our ranks. Nor is it enough for us to remain at our present strength. We must go forward; we must increase our membership if we are to reach the high goal on which we have set our sights. Ask yourself these questions: "Do I sincerely believe that the Guild is dedicated to a great cause? Is the welfare of Valparaiso University important to me as a Guild member? Do I feel a personal responsibility to further the work of the Guild and of the University?" If your answer is yes—as I am sure it is—you will agree that the Guild merits your enthusiastic and wholehearted support.

Valparaiso University is young; the Guild is young. Valparaiso is the first and only university within the Lutheran Church of the Missouri Synod. Every age has its pioneers and its pioneering efforts. I believe that Lutheran pioneering on the university level in the field of education is of tremendous importance in an age when the ideological frontiers of our civilization are under attack. The struggle between Christian democracy and communist totalitarianism is being waged on a world-wide battleground. Not one of us can escape its consequences. We are face to face with a stark and bald either-or decision. Either the anti-Chris-
tian and anti-democratic forces must be stopped or the cause of freedom and democracy will be lost. Over and over again statesmen, educators, churchmen, and military leaders of our day have pointed away from armed might and toward religion and education in their search for a solution of the problems which beset an unsettled and almost despairing world.

Martin Luther once gave utterance to these words: "The prosperity of a country depends, not on the abundance of its revenue, nor on the strength of its fortifications, nor on the beauty of its public buildings; but it consists in the number of its cultivated citizens, in its men of education, enlightenment, and character."

We believe that Valparaiso University can assist in training men and women of education, enlightenment, and character; we believe that Valparaiso University can make a significant contribution to the present and to the future. In the face of the challenge which confronts us can we then do too much for Valparaiso? Dare we do too little? Each one of us must find the answer to these questions in her own heart and conscience. We know that the Guild's value and usefulness to the University will increase as our strength and our numerical growth increase.

We need new chapters; we need new members. It is true that membership in the Guild carries with it certain responsibilities and obligations. But membership in the Guild also carries with it special rewards. Is it not rewarding to look at the Valparaiso University of today and to be able to say, "I have had a small part in this; I too, have helped?"

A message of condolence was sent to Dr. O. P. Kretzmann's family at the time of the death of Dr. Karl Kretzmann.

A congratulatory telegram was sent to the officials in charge of the dedi catory services of the Cleveland Lutheran High School last May. On August 12 Miss Jane Halter, Mrs. Heid-
wishing him God's continuing blessing.

We are indebted to Mr. Herbert Knopp, head of the department of University Relations, for the friendly and courteous manner in which he has made available to the Executive Secretary the facilities of this department.

On several occasions when I have been a guest in Memorial Hall, Miss Harriet Daniels, director of Guild Hall and Memorial Hall, has been a gracious and thoughtful hostess. I am grateful to her for her kindness to me.

It becomes increasingly difficult to find words to express to the members of the Valparaiso chapter and to the special Convention committees our deepfelt gratitude for the splendid manner in which they entertain us each year. We can only say ‘Thank you’ again and assure them that we realize that many hours of hard work go into the preparations for our annual Convention. Each year we marvel at the resourcefulness of the Convention committees in planning for our comfort and at their cleverness in devising a novel and beautiful setting for the Convention banquet.

Our convention motto was taken from 1 Chronicles 22:11. The words, “Build the house of the Lord, thy God,” seemed to us to be a singularly fitting theme for our eighteenth annual Convention. Two years ago we resolved to raise $100,000 to be used for the erection of a prayer chapel on the new University campus. There was, of course, no compulsion exercised in passing this resolution, nor in the decision to try to reach our goal within a three-year period. According to the plan devised by the Administrative Committee at that time, tentative yearly goals totaling approximately $35,000 were assigned to the State Units. The receipts for the first two years have been tabulated by the national treasurer. We have inserted these figures in the Convention program because we feel sure that every Guild member wants to know exactly where we stand. The amount collected for the Project Fund during two years totals $62,321.24. Operating expenses were deducted from this sum, and the balance, $54,400.00, was sent to Mr. Albert Scribner. So we see that we are almost $13,000.00 short of the figure we had hoped to reach in the first two years. This means that if we are to complete our project within a three-year period, as we had planned, we must raise the sum of $45,600 over and above operating expenses during the present fiscal year. It goes without saying that every Guild member wants to do this. It would be a really remarkable achievement—an achievement which, I am sure, would excel anything that has ever been done before by any group of Lutheran women in a comparable period of time.

It is important to say that we must not begin a new year with the feeling that an albatross has been hung about our necks. It is important to emphasize the fact that the designated three-year period was a tentative one. I have implicit confidence in the members of the Guild. I know that if it can be done it will be done and that next year at this time we shall be able to reach our goal. In another year we will work on with unabated zeal and undiminished interest. We are inspired by something higher than mere material accomplishment. Our success cannot be measured in dollars and cents alone. We have decided, by the grace of God and under His Guiding hand, to build the house of the Lord our God, to erect a chapel dedicated to prayer and worship, to bring into being a quiet sanctuary in which the young women and the young men who attend Valparaiso University may find solace and strength in intimate communion with Him who is the only true source of peace and comfort. We have set our hands to a great and noble task. We will not turn back.

--Anne L. Hansen.

HOMECOMING QUEEN and HER COURT. Left to right, Lois Bertram, Celeste Mehlberg Ruth Haje (Queen), Marilyn Schultz, and Mary Wachholz.
The 18th Annual Convention of the Valparaiso University Guild was called to order in the University Auditorium at 9:00 A.M., on Saturday, September 24th, 1949, by the president, Mrs. Walter A. Hansen.

Prof. Theo. Hoelty-Nickel served as accompanist for the singing of the hymns, "O Blessed Holy Trinity" and "Christ is our Cornerstone," as well as for the two chorals sung by the Chapel Choir. The opening devotional service was in charge of the Rev. Armin C. Oldsen, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Valparaiso, Ind. He based his address on Psalm 8 pointing out how God's glory is magnified: not only by His works, but also by His great love for man. On the other hand, this undeserved love of God also obligates man to forget about himself and think about others. This is shown by Christ Himself, when he told the scribe: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

After a brief greeting, Mrs. Hansen appointed the following Resolutions Committee:

Mrs. G. E. Penson, chairman; Miss Lily Fedder, Mrs. John Gleason, Mrs. Otto Sohn.

Miss Roberta Ihde is Reporter for this convention.

Committees which served during the past year are:

- Activities: Mrs. Albert Moeller, chairman; Mrs. Roy Peck, Mrs. G. O. Johnson.
- Nominations: Mrs. A. A. Taube, chairman; Mrs. Fred Firchau, Mrs. Erwin Kurth, Mrs. E. A. Ritchie, Mrs. F. J. Schumm.
- Revisions: Mrs. O. A. Kampe, chairman; Mrs. Louis Heinecke, Mrs. W. W. Walker.
- Historian: Miss Louise Nicolay.
- Parliamentarian: Mrs. W. N. Hoppe.

Upon recommendation by the Executive Board a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1948 convention was seconded and carried.

The minutes of the Executive Board meeting held September 23, 1949, at 8:00 P.M. were read and approved.

Mrs. E. F. Stegman, First Vice-President, then took the chair while the President made her annual report. In this excellent and very comprehensive report Mrs. Hansen stated that we all had a part in making the record of the past year; that it is a record of hopes and plans translated into action, and one of which the Guild can justly be proud. However, if we are to achieve our goal to "build the house of the Lord, our God," as indicated by our convention motto, we must go forward. The net amount collected for the Project Fund, after deducting operating expenses, during two years totals $54,400. We are about $13,000 short of the figure we had hoped to reach in the first 2 years. This means that if we want to complete our project within a three-year period, as we had planned, we must raise the sum of $45,600 over and above operating expenses during the present fiscal year. "I know that if it can, it will be done," she continued, "so that next year at this time we shall be able to rejoice over a completed project. However, if through conditions beyond our control it proves impossible to raise the balance needed this year, then we will work on with unabated zeal."

The following Resolutions as presented by the Resolutions Committee were adopted:

Whereas, the annual report of the National Guild President contains much information of interest and inspiration to the membership at large, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the report of the president be printed in the next issue of the Guild Bulletin.

WHEREAS, during the past two years an amount of $54,400.00 has been contributed toward the Prayer Chapel Fund; and

WHEREAS, this project was to be completed within three years and the remaining amount needed is $44,254.00;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Guild put forth special efforts and give their whole-hearted co-operation to bring this project to a conclusion during the coming year.

Miss Vivian Kossman submitted statement of Receipts and Disbursements as follows:

Bal. on hand July 8, 1948 ........ $ 743.41
Current Fund .................. 7,075.77
Project Fund .................. 31,567.24
Guild Special .................. 305.00
Convention (1948) .......... 84.70
Sale of Pins .................. 62.90
Received in error, later refunded 54.80

Total .......................... $39,893.82
Total Disbursements .......... 37,503.06

Bal. in bank July 2, 1949 ...... $ 2,390.76

Chapter financial reports as well as comparative reports by chapters and State Units for the years 1947-48 and 1948-49 are contained in the Convention handbook. These statements and
the accounting records of the Treasurer had been verified by Mr. J. A. Sauerman, Treasurer of the Lutheran University Association, as stated in his letter of August 2, 1949. Thereupon this certification and the Treasurer’s report were accepted. Mr. Sauerman again congratulated the Guild on the splendid support given the University during the year just closed.

WHEREAS, we have heard the wonderful report of our National Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, we realize that this success is due to the fine work of each local chapter and to each individual member of these Chapters;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to extend our heartfelt thanks to all.

The proposed budget for 1949-50 was submitted; same calls for a sum of $4,487.50. A motion to accept same was carried. The budget resolution read as follows:

WHEREAS, a budget based on past expenditures and allowing for additional expenditures has been submitted;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed budget for 1949-50 in the amount $4,487.50 be accepted.

Next in order was the report of the Nominating Committee, by Mrs. A. A. Taube, chairman. Following is the list of candidates:

President: Mrs. Walter A. Hansen, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Mrs. Wm. Holtz, Elgin, Ill.
First Vice President: Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, Mattoon, Ill.; Mrs. E. J. Gallmeyer, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Second Vice President: Mrs. Karl Kurth, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. F. W. G. Mueller, Napoleon, O.
Secretary: Miss Emily Doell, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. A. L. Leman, Appleton, Wis.
Treasurer: Miss Vivian Kossman, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Robert George, Saginaw, Mich.
Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, South Bend, Ind., was nominated from the floor as candidate for Second Vice-President. There being no further nominations a motion was duly made, seconded and carried to close the nominations. The chair appointed the following to serve as Tellers: Mrs. E. W. Broders, Mrs. George Hoyer, Mrs. Erich Voigt.
"So" Heidbrink, our Executive Secretary, in her annual report stated, "we are joined together in the common belief that the Guild has a real contribution to make to the welfare of Valparaiso University. God has set an open door before us and we must accept His challenge." She presented five new chapters and they were officially accepted into membership. They are at Decatur, Ind., Aurora, Ill., Shawano, Wis., St. Joseph, Mich., and an evening chapter in St. Louis. We now have 69 chapters.

She expressed sincere gratitude to Mrs. E. F. Stegman, who has now served as First Vice-President for the time allotted by our By-Laws; also to the following Field Secretaries who must terminate their services under the terms of our By-Laws, at the close of this convention:

Mrs. A. A. Taube, Northern Illinois; Mrs. Erwin Kurth, Indiana; Mrs. Otto Rosenbusch, Michigan; Miss Lydia Schultz, Wisconsin.

Plans for the 1949 State Unit Conventions are well under way, and Mrs. Heidbrink hopes as many as possible will attend.

In conclusion she urged all to heed the call to service so that we may complete the building of the Prayer Chapel, which will mean so much to our students and to our campus.

The following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS credit for much of the success of the Guild is due our Executive Secretary, Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink; and

WHEREAS she has again graciously, untiringly, and capably assisted with the affairs of the Guild during the past year;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend to her our sincerest thanks; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the report of our Executive Secretary be printed in the next issue of the Guild Bulletin.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edward Stegman has faithfully and ably served the Guild in the capacity of Field Secretary of the State of Indiana, and as second and first Vice-President during the past eight years;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the heartfelt vote of thanks be extended to her.

WHEREAS, the Guild is deeply grateful for the progress made under the capable leadership of its Officers, Field Secretaries and Presidents of State Units;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Guild extend to them hearty vote of thanks.

WHEREAS, the Lutheran University Association and the Board of Directors have given their support to the Guild program and have underwritten the Guild office again for the past year;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that our grateful thanks be extended to them.

Dr. O. P. Kretzmann's account of his tour of the Far East made us realize that this truly is "One World," tied together through the medium of the airplane and the radio.

Because there is a growing realization that spiritual problems of the occupation forces are important, the Chief of Chaplains in Washington, D. C., sent Dr. Kretzmann together with three other American clergymen, to Japan, Okinawa, Guam and Hawaii to survey religious conditions. This was the first mission of its kind. They visited all occupation generals and held retreats for service chaplains.

The greater percentage of boys who now enter the armed services of our country are very young. About 50 per cent come from broken homes and military service seems to offer them the means of escaping their unhappy situations. They do not have much work to do, hence there is grave danger that they will get into trouble. Consequently the task of the chaplain in peace time is very hard. Our chaplains are of the finest in the field.

The entire trip was made by plane and Dr. Kretzmann was able to observe, first-hand, the ability of our airmen. It aroused in him a tremendous admiration for the American boy in aviation, he said, and for the heroism displayed in following the call of duty in peace and war.

Japan, where the party spent most of its time, is a land of contrasts. Within short distances one sees unimaginable luxury and abject poverty. The country is about the size of the State of Montana, with a population of 80,000,000 and increasing at the rate of 1,000,000 a
year. Dr. Kretzmann said he never saw so many babies in all his life! In the past the mortality rate was very high; however, since our Army Sanitation and Public Health Corps moved in they have succeeded in prolonging human life. Nevertheless, if they do not receive more land within the next decade, the country will be so overpopulated that it will be impossible for them all to exist. Only 17 per cent of the land is tillable. Food, particularly rice, is all they ask for, and any group or leader who will supply that need, will receive their consideration. It is taken pretty well for granted that “as Japan goes, so goes Asia.”

To the Japanese people General Douglas MacArthur is the symbol of American power, and they treat him like royalty when he makes his daily visits to his office. He told Dr. Kretzmann that he believes Christianity would make Japan a bulwark against Communism, but that the church must act promptly. That there is willingness on the part of the people to accept the Gospel is shown by the fact that when Pastor W. J. Danker, first Lutheran missionary to the Japanese, posted one notice for one day on a Tokyo street-corner, 150 children reported for Sunday-School. While in Japan, Dr. Kretzmann also addressed a gathering of 100 Japanese doctors, nurses, lawyers and professional people, outside the home of Pastor Danker.

In order to prepare Germany and Japan as an anchor against Communism these countries will need Christian teachers. At present there are a number of girls on our campus qualified for this work. Valparaiso University would also like to bring Japanese students to our school.

At the conclusion of his talk, members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Mrs. G. O. Johnson reported for the Activities Committee. She said they are interested in two types of materials, cultural and amusing. These and copies of Chapter calendars are to be sent to Mrs. Moeller, 715 Brier Hill Lane, Saginaw, Mich. It was suggested that Mrs. Moeller’s address be included in the masthead of the Guild Bulletin. Chapter presidents were asked to give a copy of the Guild Manual to their program chairmen.

Mrs. Louis Heinecke of the Revisions Committee read their report. Their recommendations to change the National By-Laws were adopted. In their final form they read:

ARTICLE V, Section 1: Delete present section, insert: The last week-end in February be set aside for the winter meeting of the Executive Board, and the last week-end in September for the National Convention.

ARTICLE XII: Add—It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to advise the presiding officer on points of parliamentary law, and also to give similar advice to the Guild and the Executive Board or Chapter when they request it.

It shall be the duty of the Historian to compile a comprehensive history of the Valparaiso University Guild.

Miss Louise Nicolay presented her report as Historian. Much valuable and important material has been received so far from organizers of the Guild and chapters. However, if any one has any Guild material stored away in that old trunk, particularly from the years 1930-1942, Miss Nicolay will be happy to receive it. She promises, too, that all items will be preserved and returned after their use. State Unit Presidents and Field Secretaries can be very helpful to the Historian by furnishing a brief resume of the organizational meeting of new chapters, place and date of first meeting, how and by whom organized, number present, etc.

On the fourth day of the convention, Mrs. Karl Kurth, elected Second Vice-President at national convention.

After some announcements by Mrs. Heidbrink the meeting recessed for lunch.

A Workshop for Treasurers was conducted by Miss Vivian Kossman at 1:30 P. M. The second session of the convention was called to order by the President at 2:00 P. M.

Roll Call revealed that 59 chapters were represented either by their president or her substitute; also three Past Presidents, the six National Officers, the eight Field Secretaries, the five State Unit presidents, our Parliamentarian and our Historian were in attendance.

The secretary read the following correspondence which had been received:

A note of thanks from Jane and Al Looman for their wedding gift.

Acknowledgement of our greetings to the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League convention in Cleveland in July.
PRESIDENT KRETZMANN addressing convention on “The State of the University.”

Greetings from the L.W.M.L. by their national president, Mrs. Sadie Fulk Roehrs.

Miss Erica Ludolph from Frankfurt, Germany, studying Social Welfare work at our University, was a guest speaker. We were moved by her ardor. Having lived through Hitler’s regime she is well qualified to appreciate the American way of life. We will do well to heed her plea to treasure our priceless liberties.

Mrs. E. F. Stegman, First Vice-President, presented the Guild Special for 1948-49, a pair of five-branch silver candelabra; also a Tropical Worsted cassock, with sash to match, as well as two surplices made of beautiful white nylon material. Dr. Kretzmann accepted these gifts in behalf of the school, saying the candelabra will help to beautify social functions, and that the vestments will be worn with gratitude. His happiest day will be when he can wear them to officiate in the new Prayer Chapel.

He then proceeded to report on the University. A levelling off in enrollment had been expected, but much to the surprise of the Administration it is higher than ever, 2,058, and it is believed that it will remain at around the 2,000 mark from now on. There are 650 freshmen, 230 in the Engineering school, 146 in the Law School, 1,680 are taking Arts & Science courses. One hundred and thirty-five men and women are on the faculty.

At this point he introduced Mrs. Margaretta Tangerman, the new Dean of Women. A school gets its tone from the women, Dr. Kretzmann said, so for quite some time the University has been looking for someone to fill what is considered the most important position on the campus. Mrs. Tangerman had first come to Valparaiso as an instructor in the School of Social Work.

Continuing his report Dr. Kretzmann stated that 1950 will mark the 25th Anniversary of our University under Lutheran management and administration. It continues to be the largest Lutheran School in America. A $120,000 budget has been set up for Student Aid; to get in all the academic work it is necessary to have 7:00 A. M. and 6:00 P. M. classes. This is not as it should be and we are looking forward to the day when we will have adequate classroom. The Chapel will perhaps be the first building to be erected, as the Lutheran Laymen’s League has a longer way to go than the Guild in their collection of funds. Added housing problems are brought about by the school’s spectacular growth. Many changes have been made and the next ten years will see more.

In spite of the fact that we raised our tuition we are at the bottom of the list as far as education costs go. To facilitate the work of the Department of Public Relations we were asked to send in the names of Confirmands in our respective churches each year.

At present there are between 15 and 20 exchange students on the campus, two from Nigeria (one of them the son of a tribal chief), two from India, one from Australia, one from China. A number are from the European continent.

Seventy-two per cent of the student body last year was Lutheran. Dr. Kretzmann said it is a source of wonderment to him sometimes as he looks over a group of new students, how oblivious they are of their blessings! And, when after four years they graduate, they have developed into full personalities!

Dr. Kretzmann commended the Guild, saying “it is a source of strength.”

Mrs. Hansen thanked him for this informative talk.

There was discussion as to the Guild Special for 1949-50. It was finally resolved that it be some improvement in Lemke Hall, boys’ dormitory. The Administrative committee was empowered to decide on what it should be.

WHEREAS, most of the Guild Specials in past years have been for the benefit of the Girls’ Dormitories; and

WHEREAS, Lemke Hall, the men’s dormitory, is greatly in need of improvement,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1950 Guild Special be used for the improvement of the office or lounge at Lemke Hall, the choice to be left to the Administrative Committee.

The Election returns were now announced:

President: Mrs. Walter A. Hansen, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; First Vice President, Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, Mattoon, III.; Second Vice President, Mrs. Karl...
Permission was granted the tellers to destroy the ballots.

Mrs. Heidbrink made the usual announcements pertaining to the Guild banquet and other matters.

The Resolutions Committee moved the adoption of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Memorial Wreath is a valuable source of income; and
WHEREAS, a number of requests have been made for a special Guild Memorial Wreath card,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a special GUILD Memorial Wreath card be printed.

WHEREAS, President O. P. Kretzmann has again inspired the convention with his most interesting and thought-provoking talks;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we express our sincere thanks and gratitude to him.

WHEREAS, atheistic Communism constitutes an ever present threat to the preservation of our Christian heritage, our American liberties, and the peace of the world; and
WHEREAS, we, as representatives of the Valparaiso University Guild, are dedicated to the building of a University devoted to the keeping of our Christian heritage;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, individually and collectively rededicate ourselves to the great task of preserving our American and Christian heritage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we use every channel of information to warn especially our youth of the danger of Communism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we pray earnestly for the continued protection and guidance of Divine Providence over our country, our church, and our University to the end that they remain true and faithful to the ideals for which we stand in these days of confusion and fear.

WHEREAS, our 18th Annual Convention has been inspirational, as well as enjoyable to all who attended; and
WHEREAS, much thought and effort was required in planning the many details;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that our sincerest thanks be extended to the following who have contributed so much in order to make the 1949 Convention of the Valparaiso University Guild such a great and blessed success;

The Convention committee of the Valparaiso Chapter of the Guild;
The chaplain, speakers, organists, and others who helped in building the spirit of the Convention;
To all who in any way, aided by their prayers, gifts and labors added blessings to these days of meeting.

This concluded the business to come before the convention and a motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn. We closed with the hymn, “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!” and the Lord’s Prayer spoken in unison.

Because Dr. Ad. Haentzscheel has been called to St. Louis on urgent business he was unable to conduct the Forum which followed immediately after the close of the convention. Dr. Zoltan Sztankay of the Department of Political Science and Government had been asked to speak instead on “The Europe As I Lived In It.” Dr. Sztankay spent 19 years in the Hungarian consulate, and is an expert on the Near East. He came to America as a Displaced Person.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY W. DOELL,
Secretary.
REPORT
of the
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

To the Members of the
Valparaiso University Guild:

The 18th national convention of the University Guild gives us again a real opportunity to share our experiences, to discuss our common problems, and to take inventory of our progress. It provides a renewal of dedication to those high aims for which the Guild was organized. On this occasion there towers in the minds of those who have devoted many years of consecrated service, and in the minds of those who are just taking up the work in the Guild, the consciousness that we are joined together in the common belief that the Guild has a real contribution to make to the welfare of Valparaiso University.

I am both humbled and awed by the amount of work that has been accomplished during the year. I owe a debt of gratitude to all of you for the privilege of seeing the truly good side of the Guild. The kind, generous, constructive things that are the life-blood of the Guild have staged a constant parade across my desk. I have followed the work and efforts of the women of the Guild who have given generously of time and energy to promote the program of the Guild. God has blessed our labors. We dedicate this convention to His glory.

I am keenly aware that God has counseled us in love and wisdom. The accomplishments are by His might! By His spirit we shall be inspired to praise Him and to serve Him, working together with joy so that God’s kingdom might be extended and souls be saved. God has surely set an open door before us, and we must accept His challenge. Let us therefore rise up and build! Even if we cannot get near to the heights, isn’t it better to press towards them than to content ourselves with groping about in the valleys? Browning knew what he was talking about when he wrote: “A man’s reach should exceed his grasp, Or what’s a heaven for?” Heaven will not be found in the bargain basement; we must live on the roofs if we would see the sky!

Let us be glad that we have an opportunity to provide a means which will minister to the soul—for that ministry lasts for eternity. If you are aware of being instrumental in winning an immortal soul, nothing in your life will give you as much pure satisfaction and inner joy. Living sincerely—in Him—calls for nearness to the very heart of God. It means that we should so know the will of our God and be so close to His purpose for us and our life, that His thoughts become our thoughts. It means special concern for those who should remain in His kingdom. From Him we can learn concern for others and get the courage and thought of full-time service to God. Let us trust Him so to direct our lives that they might be lived sincerely—in Him.

We have one Lord; we share a faith and a loyalty. Like the waters of a mighty, surging stream, we move on in the same direction by the same silent pull, but on the way we may whirl in our separate little eddies. We belong to the same eternal family, with the same Heavenly Father and Savior, but as children of an earthly home we may show much variety in temperament and taste and aptitudes. But our differences are essential to the full, rich measure of service we can render our Guild in the individual chapters.

We remember our chapters today for the service they gave. In many instances it has meant sacrifice and struggle and the assuming of responsibility to attain the goal set for the year. In some chapters the fine record of last year fell a little short, and in other chapters it was exceeded. The achievements of the year are a real tribute to the fine spirit of cooperation, and to the enterprise and effort which characterizes our University Guild and which enabled us to reach the goals of success. Judging from past performance, unless there is the addition of a great many new chapters, it will take more than one more year to complete our goal of $100,000 for the building of the prayer chapel. However, perhaps with a little extra effort this next year on the part of EACH chapter we might attain our goal of $100,000 in three years and bring our dream of a prayer chapel into reality that much sooner.

The addition of more chapters to the Guild would be of tremendous help. Our Field Secretaries would be most grateful for any assistance individual members of the Guild could give them in the organization of new chapters. This past year we made a concerted effort in expansion by having the Field Secretaries contact the mothers of many of our students on the campus, hoping that they might be able to arrange a meeting of interested women in their community for the purpose of having one of our members tell the story of the Valparaiso University Guild and the purposes and ideals of the University. Some of the letters remained unan-
answered, others notified us that they were not interested, and a few made a very real effort to be helpful. While through this effort we have not added a new chapter to the Guild, I feel sure that in some instances the organization of a chapter will result because of the work that has been done this year.

New chapters were organized in Aurora, Illinois; Decatur, Indiana; Shawano, Wisconsin; St. Joseph, Michigan; and last week a long distance call from an alumna brought the good news of the organization of from a new chapter—the 69th—in St. Louis, called the St. Louis Evening chapter. Many of our former students will be active members in this chapter. All five of these chapters have made excellent beginnings. They have both the heart and the will to do, and they will contribute real strength to the national Guild. By the grace and help of God they will go forward with determination to help us in our program.

I should like to mention here, too, that although the women of Frankenmuth, Michigan, have not as yet found it feasible to officially organize a chapter of the Guild, they have, nevertheless, again this year sponsored a Valpo Guild night which netted a contribution of over $128.00 to our chapel fund. I know I express the appreciation of every member of the Guild for this helpful gesture.

In a number of other communities the ground work which has been laid will culminate in the organization of new chapters within the next few months. We hope to also invade new territories during the coming year, and we would be grateful for your prayers for success in this most important phase of our work.

Together with the sincere gratitude I wish to express to the Field Secretaries for their continuing crusade for the expansion of the Guild, it is necessary to take notice of the fact that under the terms of our By-Laws the following must terminate their services to the Guild as Field Secretaries at the close of this convention: Mrs. Taube (Northern Illinois); Mrs. Erwin Kurth (Ind.); Mrs. Otto Rosenbusch (Mich.), and Miss Lydia Schultz (Wisconsin). We have followed the work of these consecrated women for four years. They have given generously of their time and energy to bring the cause of the Guild to our people. I am convinced that they have given more than we can understand, appreciate, or thank them for. We are grateful for these loyal members and leaders, who have proved themselves in word and deed, in service, and in responsibilities entrusted to them. I take this opportunity to give public testimony of our gratitude to Almighty God for the manifold blessings to the Guild through their faithful service. Their courage in the face of difficulties, their love for the work of the Guild, their unswerving loyalty to the purposes and objectives of the Guild have earned for them a large and permanent place in the hearts of the members of the Guild.

We still have much work to do! We must keep on building a greater Guild, for the Guild must keep pace with a greater University. As we appoint new Field Secretaries at the close of this convention I believe we can go forward with the same spirit and leadership, the same devotion to our common cause, based on our united conviction that we are serving One Who is greater than we, and to Whom we owe all that we have and are.

I should also like to pay real tribute to one of our national officers, Mrs. E. F. Stegman, our first vice-president. Out of respect for her sincere request, her name was never placed on the ballot for president of the Guild. She has served her office for the time allotted by our By-Laws and for the present, at least, she leaves the Administrative Board of the Guild. I should like to express publicly a heartfelt word of gratitude for her friendship and companionship during these years. Hollowed and cherished are our affections for her. She has self-sacrificingly, with abundant gratitude to God labored where the honors of men are fewest. But her faith, vision, devoted loyalty, untiring zeal, and her fine counsel in an exceptional degree have given the Guild a splendid leadership for which it is deeply grateful, and we acknowledge here a debt of gratitude that never can be fully repaid.

The Guild's special gift to the University at this convention is a pair of silver candelabrum, 15½ inches high with a spread of 12 inches and five lights. Also a Tropical Worsted Cassock, and two surplices made of beautiful nylon material. These will add to the graciousness of living on the campus and the beautifying of our services in this auditorium.

Another scene from “Gypsy Memories"
The presidents of all State Units gave interesting reports last evening on the areas of work entrusted to them. The personnel in these offices has changed since the last convention, and I should like to present these new presidents to the convention: For Illinois, Mrs. William Holtz; Indiana, Mrs. Melva Turbin; Michigan, Mrs. Fred Firchau; Ohio, Mrs. E. S. Snyder; Wisconsin, Mrs. E. A. Ritchie. Plans for the state conventions in 1949 are well under way and will be held at the following places and on the following dates:


These State conventions are always a source of good fellowship and real inspiration. Each and every State convention last year was planned with the greatest of care and afforded splendid opportunities for promoting interest in the Guild and the University as well as providing delightful social opportunities. Your interest in the Guild’s present status and your pledge of loyalty to its future can come only by taking time to know what makes it tick. So I would urge you who are here today to try to interest as many of your members as possible to attend the State conventions.

The vacation season is at an end. The work of the Guild begins to move into high gear. Renewed and refreshed, members of the Guild will roll up their sleeves and go to work. With God’s help they will accomplish great things which will be manifested fully only in eternity.

For the new year—for you and for me—some things are clear and definite. We can take time to study God’s pattern for our own lives. He taught us to live the present moment—unshadowed by anxiety over what is ahead. When he said: “Be not anxious for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself,” Jesus was not discounting foresight; but He was telling us not to strain ourselves today by tackling tomorrow’s tasks. If we learned that, there would be less nervous strain. It comes from trying to do tomorrow’s work today, or this afternoon’s tasks this morning. The only way to win assurance is by leaving tomorrow entirely in the hands of God and by receiving from Him all we need for today. We must learn to bow before God in real faith that He will do for us what we cannot do for ourselves; that God can be relied upon; that our strength can come out of weakness; that perhaps only those who have tasted the fruits of dependence upon a Higher Power can understand the true meaning of personal liberty.

As women of the church, we often have the demands of the church rivalling with other honorable demands for our time and talents. But any time or talent invested in the church — of which the University and the Guild are a part — is most likely a far more significant investment than if it were invested elsewhere. We are concerned with the salvation of men’s immortal souls. Any work which furthers the work of the church is a task in the highest program on earth. Thank God that there are thousands like you who are heeding that call to service. Thank God that there is in your heart a driving dynamic faith and a willingness to serve the University and its students in helping to build a prayer chapel—a hallowed church—where many will come to worship, fall on their knees, and promise the living God fidelity, love, loyalty, and devotion. And we can rest assured that God will help them as He gives them His grace to abound more and more in Him. And may He bestow upon all who worship in this prayer chapel genuine humility and dauntless courage so that they may serve Him with boldness and confidence of heart.

May this new year find us devoted to the eternal God of Love and filled with power to do His will. And out of this convention may there come the stronger bonds needed in all phases of our work. May this convention serve to set our hearts ablaze anew with a passion to bring new energy and zeal to our tasks and a unity of purpose, so that we can carry to a successful completion the important project which will mean so much to our students and to our campus.

May our holy and gracious Father, the only Wise God, who ordains and appoints all things according to His divine wisdom, and entrusts His talents unto each of His servants, always order the work of our calling and all our affairs so that we consider, first the glory of His name, the increase of His kingdom, and the fulfillment of His holy will. May He give us that spirit of counsel and of wisdom that we err not in our purposes. May He grant us holy courage and good counsel, and make us instruments in His hands, that we may humbly and rightly apply the gift which He has entrusted to us, unto His glory and the good of our University and its students. Therefore may He promote all that we have or shall have to do, and hold over us always His almighty arm of grace, and grant us the necessary health and strength of body and soul to attain the goal before us. And so let us continue to Build with the Guild! —So Heidbrink
CONVENTION

reflections . . .

This is the Guild convention, all the impressions that escape note-taking and news releases. Friday night and the fellowship hour in Guild Hall...the gracious room with its fireplace and the soft sounds of teacup meeting saucer and quiet conversation.

Matins on Saturday...the altar candles making little pools of holiness in the early morning...delegates absorbed in worship but not quite able to close out thoughts of how good it will be to really have a chapel for a school where so many prayers are spoken.

The cavernous, venerable auditorium vibrant with women during the sessions...a sprinkling of husbands charmed by the feminine ease of conducting business sessions and proud their wives are part of so dignified an assembly...the painlessness of big decisions when all present so earnestly desire the same goals.

And between sessions a stroll down the flagstone path on South Campus...watching a young couple with books under their arms walk through crisp, red leaves...the library as sedate as ever under its ivy frosting, straining to contain more scholars than it was ever meant to.

The stimulation of speeches—on Japan by the President, by a student from Germany and by a professor who was a member of the Hungarian Embassy...the announcement that Russia has the atom bomb seeming a little less harrowing when one can at the same time behold a community of youth growing in the wisdom of Christ.

The sparkling gaiety of the annual banquet, checkered table cloths, candle-dripped bottles, waitresses in whirling skirts and peasant blouses, the little wooden salt and pepper shaker kegs for favors...a campment of gypsies strayed into a university town...the gentle bantering of the toastmistress...each program a miniature bit of gypsy art...the program of song and music catching the temper of the wild gypsy abandon.

Then the midnight vespers coming like a benediction on the deeper meaning of the day...the solemn installation of the officers by Dr. Kretzmann...a few goodbyes then and more after the services the next morning.

Emerging from the convention was the sure feeling that it was more than the companionship of the university family, more than the inspiring discussions, more than the excitement of a formal banquet. It's walking down a road in a little Indiana town and seeing a stately Guild Hall rising on the new campus, knowing that in a few years a prayer chapel will take its place on the hill beside it, and that many hands working together will have accomplished it.

--Roberta Ihde, Convention reporter.

MISS ROBERTA IHDE, University publicity secretary, and reporter for the convention.

WISCONSIN STATE UNIT

Reporting . . .

The Fourth annual convention of the Wisconsin-Minnesota Unit of the Valparaiso University Guild in Beloit has come and gone. For those of us who had the privilege to attend on October 11, it afforded opportunity to become better acquainted with our officers and fellow members of the Guild.

While we did not exceed the record attendance of the 1948 convention, what we lacked in quantity was more than made up in quality.

We were signally honored in having our Na-
tional Guild President with us, and everyone attending went home inspired by the message given by our guest speaker, Rev. Armin Oldsen.

The day of our convention was blessed with beautiful fall weather. We had very interesting reports from our separate chapter chairmen and enthusiastic participation in discussion by all members. There was a healthy exchange of ideas for raising funds and we were all thrilled that at least three more communities are thinking seriously of organizing chapters.

The members of our Unit are very grateful to the host chapter of Beloit and to their pastors for being so very hospitable to us during our stay in their midst.

The delicious meal served us by the members of St. John's Ladies' Aid stands out as one of the high points of our conventions.

The 1950 State Unit meeting will be held in Clintonville, Wis., and because of its ideally central location, we will surely have a record-breaking attendance.

Submitted by Olivia O. (Mrs. E. A.) Ritchie, President, Wisconsin-Minnesota State Unit.

INDIANA STATE UNIT

The fourth annual meeting of the Indiana State Unit was held at Logansport on October 15th, 'with 100' members present, representing ten of our eleven chapters.

After a most delicious luncheon served by the Mary Martha Circle of St. James Church, Rev. B. Schumacher spoke on "After Sunday--What Then?" Rev. Schumacher pointed out that the responsibilities of the minister and members do not end with church attendance on Sunday.

During the business session we were pleased to have Mrs. Walter Hansen, national president, give us a report on the recent national convention. Much interest was shown in the many different programs and plans of the chapters as each chapter president gave a brief report on the chapter activities. Decatur, our newest chapter, and already an active one, with 76 charter members, was formally accepted into the state unit. It was resolved we continue our support of the national project, the prayer chapel. In connection with this we are proud that Indiana has, in the past two years, made the quota, and with the enthusiasm shown at this meeting we are certain that every effort will be made to "go over the top" again this year. Following the afternoon session members had the opportunity of seeing the State Hospital.

As we left for home after saying "thank you" to Mrs. Henry Becker, president of the Logansport chapter, and to all the members who helped make the day so successful; and after we had said goodbye to the new friends we had made, and the old ones we had met during the day, I am sure that we all had that "warm feeling" that comes from having spent a day in Christian fellowship. And I am sure, too, that many of us are looking forward to our meeting next year in Indianapolis.--(Mrs.) Melva Turbin, President, Indiana State Unit.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIT

The seventh "Michigan Day" meeting or the fourth organized Michigan Unit meeting, was held in Trinity Lutheran Church on October 21 at Lansing, Michigan. Pastor Philip Schroeder opened morning devotions, basing his sermon ette on "Go Today and Work in My Vineyard." At the opening of the business session, Mrs. Harold Brown, program chairman of the host Chapter, welcomed members. The absence of Mrs. H. Merz, due to a tragic accident, resulted in a vote by acclamation for Mrs. F. Jens to act as secretary pro tern. Resolution was passed for Mrs. H. Merz's speedy recovery. Balance in the treasury reported as $56.08. Roll call showed 230 present, and 10 chapters represented. Jackson and St. Joseph not represented.

Luncheon was served in Emmanuel Lutheran Church by the Women's Missionary Society. After lunch the Lansing Chapter presented a skit. "The Scandal," very humorous and enjoyable. Mrs. H. Eberline reported on the extra project undertaken by the Unit, the Kreinheder Memorial Window in the Prayer Chapel, as being a little short of $300 of the $2,000 goal.

At the afternoon sessions our Field Secretary, Mrs. O. Rosenbusch, reported that through national efforts the St. Joseph Chapter was added, and that all chapters cooperated splendidly in a state-wide canvas for additional chapters. Chapter presidents were then called on to give a report of their activities. Mrs. R. Nametz gave two lovely vocal selections. "Lansing," Michigan state capitol, was the title of Mr. W. Patenge's address. "Convention Postscript" was given very efficiently by Mrs. Walter Hansen, National Guild President.

Resolutions passed: That extra effort be put forth by all to complete the Prayer Chapel project during the year 1950; that a vote of appreciation be given Mrs. O. Rosenbusch for her efforts during her term as Field Secretary; that we express appreciation to speakers, committees and host chapter for a successful meeting.

A good cross section of ideas was given as to the possibility of changing the permanent date (third Friday in October) of the Michigan State Unit meeting because it may conflict with Homecoming at Valpo. Motion made to put this matter in the hands of the Executive Board for further investigation.
The meeting adjourned with the singing of hymn, “Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing,” prayer and the Benediction by Rev. Philip Schroeder.--Pearl (Mrs. Fred) Firchau, President, Michigan State Unit.

ILLINOIS-MISSOURI STATE UNIT

The Illinois-Missouri State Unit meeting was held on October 28 at Melrose Park, Illinois, with an attendance of 113.

Our unit now numbers 12 chapters with 531 individual members. All but two chapters were represented at this meeting.

It was with regret that we learned that Mrs. Heidbrink, our Executive Secretary, could not be with us, but we were delighted to have Mrs. Walter Hansen, our National President, present to give the report of the National convention.

Mrs. C. Rodewald, director of Altruria Hall, and assistant director of Health Service, told about the life of freshmen at Altruria.

A delicious luncheon was served by the ladies of the church, followed by a musical interlude.

All in attendance enjoyed a tour through Amling's greenhouses and beautiful salesroom before the meeting started.

I think perhaps we were rather a festive looking group as Mrs. Weiss, the Convention Chairman, presented the presiding officers with beautiful chrysanthemum corsages, and all who enjoyed the tour were given a rose at Amling's.

If all who attend the various State meetings are inspired to greater zeal for the Guild's present project, the Prayer Chapel, we might reach our goal of $45,600 for this year.

Let us all implore the Lord's blessings upon our efforts.--Emma (Mrs. W. P.) Holtz, President, Illinois-Missouri State Unit.

OHIO STATE UNIT MEETING

The fourth annual convention of the Ohio State Unit took place on Tuesday, November 15, in the auditorium of the Higbee Company on Cleveland's Public Square. Rev. H. W. Bartels, president of the English District, conducted the Devotions. Mrs. E. N. Moore welcomed the group on behalf of the Cleveland Chapter. Mrs. E. S. Snyder, State Unit President, also extended a hearty welcome. Mrs. J. E. Melchet, secretary, read the minutes. Treasurer's report by Mrs. Paul Pennekamp showed that all chapters have again responded with their dues. The reports of Field Secretaries, Mrs. F. J. Schumm, Toledo, and Mrs. W. A. Drews, Buffalo, proved our Field Secretaries are working very hard to build new chapters. We were very happy to have our National Guild President, Mrs. W. A. Hansen, give us the highlights of the National convention. Her charm and gracious manner and her excellent report were warmly received and made us all appreciate what a fine Guild president we have. The National Treasurer, Miss Vivian Kossman, then gave the financial statistics of the Guild. Surely, we have great cause to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the love He has poured into the hearts of all Guild members to further our work for Valparaiso University. We regretted deeply that our Executive Secretary, Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, could not be with us in person, but we felt certain that she was with us in spirit.

Luncheon was served to 200 in the same large room by the Higbee Company at beautifully decorated tables. The afternoon session was opened with roll call of chapters. Mr. Ed. Kuekes then entertained us with a lovely musical presentation of bells. During the intermission of his program a small choir, directed by Mrs. Theo. Eickhoff, sang "Hail to the Brown and Gold." The applause which followed the choir and Mr. Kuekes' numbers proved that good music is always enjoyed and appreciated. After a few business matters were disposed of, our speaker for the afternoon, Dr. L. A. Wehling, was presented to the group. His topic, "The New Department of Government" was most interesting. An open forum followed Dr. Wehling's address. Reports of the Resolution committee were presented by Mrs. N. E. Bishop, chairman of that committee. After the closing hymn and prayer the choir sang the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned. Mrs. N. P. Thompson and Mrs. Leroy Burley merit our gratitude especially for the lovely name cards and programs.--Dorothea (Mrs. E. S.) Snyder, President, Ohio State Unit.