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It’s Humiliating!

Due to circumstances beyond our control, many copies of the last issue of the Guild Bulletin failed to reach their owners in December. The railroad strike—remember? What happened and where—we will never know. We are terribly sorry it happened, and hope you are reading this issue without having to borrow a copy!

If each chapter president will let us know the number of members in her chapter who did not receive the Christmas issue of the Bulletin, we will send a package of Bulletins to her for distribution. --So Heidbrink.

The Cresset . . .

For regular periodic good reading, those of you who can’t finagle the editor into giving you a free subscription will do well to take advantage of the special gift offer available to CRESSET subscribers who place their orders before May 15. The gift is four free copies, before your subscription goes into effect. If you subscribe before June 1 for one year, $3.00, two years, $5.50, or three years, $8.00, you will receive the
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THE YEAR 1951 marks an important milestone in the history of the Valparaiso University Guild. This year the Guild celebrates its twentieth birthday. Therefore the 1951 Convention, to be held on the University campus on September 28, 29, and 30, will be of unusual interest and importance to every member of the Guild.

The Administrative Committee is making plans for a gala celebration. We urge every Guild chapter to send at least one representative to the Convention, and we extend to every Guild member a warm and cordial invitation to take part in the anniversary observance.

A special Convention Flash will reach you during the first week in September. But mark the dates on your calendar NOW. Come to Valparaiso for the Convention. Join in a great hymn of praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His goodness and mercy and for His blessing on our work for Valparaiso University and for the extension of His Kingdom.

ANNE L. HANSEN

ONE OF the Valpo girls using the chapel in Memorial Hall at the opening of day and before going to classes

May, 1951
There is a passage in the Book of Acts which is very appropriate for our meditation here this afternoon. On one of St. Paul’s missionary journeys, he stopped at the city of Athens in Greece; during his stay there, he walked up what was called Mars Hill. Mars Hill was for the Athenians something of a sacred place. On it were located the monuments to the Athenian gods. It was also a favorite gathering place for the Athenian philosophers. So St. Paul, like a good missionary, took this occasion to say a few words to the philosophers about God. His words were very straightforward and to the point.

“Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars Hill, and said, ‘Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, ‘To the Unknown God.’ Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you.’ (Acts 17: 22,23.)

Every culture which has ever been—not only the culture of Athens but every culture in every land and in every generation—has always had its Mars Hill with its gallery of idols and its monument to the Unknown God. This is certainly also true of our culture today, the culture in which we live and which we help to create. It too has its idols and its Unknown God. Idols, in order to be idols, do not of course have to be carved in wood and stone. They are not usually as obvious as that. The idol in which a civilization may trust above all else may be simply that civilization itself. For example, people may idolatrously imagine its god to be its own technical know-how, its own great science and technology. And the faith of that people in this idol is a faith which says: We will believe only in things which are material, for there are no things which are spiritual. We will trust only that which we can see or hear or taste or touch or smell with our bodily senses. Only that which can be put into a test-tube or which can be observed in a dissecting-room or which can be described mathematically—only that is worth believing. Our messiahs who have brought us salvation are modern physical science and technology, for have they not given us, as just one instance, the discovery of bac-
we so often, in our world today, have come to fear above everything else is change, the passage of time, the instability and impermanence of things, the here-today-gone-tomorrow character of our world. The ever-rolling stream of time has become such a tyrant and a monster in our world that we fear it and revere it as our god. In one short generation it has brought us from peace and prosperity to a first world war and then to a staggering depression and then to another world war and maybe still another. This great god Time has almost overnight swept away “the good old days” when business and employment were stable things, when married people stayed married, when sexual decency stood for something, when young men and women could plan their futures with hope and assurance—all this the great god Time, the terrible and destructive god Time, has swept away, and in its wake he has brought us instead “the world of tomorrow” with its broken homes and its mental illness, with its young people who have no hope for the future except a brief encounter and then off to war. Perhaps this almighty god of temporal change, this god of hurry-scurry here-today and gone-tomorrow—perhaps this is the number one god on our Mars Hill today.

If every culture has its idols, then the place where this fact becomes plain, becomes most evident, is a university campus. A university is in large part just a reflection of what goes on in the culture generally. At a university the life and spirit of the prevailing culture are spelled out for you in words and ideas, in books and lectures, in courses and term-papers, in faculty attitudes and student-life. It is there, too, that the idolatry of a culture becomes most apparent. It is not that universities as such are more guilty of idolatry than is the surrounding culture; it is just that in universities the idolatry becomes obvious, for there the idolatry is more talked about and more thought about. It was not accidental that when St. Paul trudged up Mars Hill, through the gallery of idols, that he should find there the philosophers.

Now the task of a Christian university is precisely what Paul’s task was with the Athenian Philosophers. A Christian university must point to a culture’s idols and it must say to the culture, “You are too superstitious.” Superstitious, mind you. The world of technology, the world of business and finance, the world of arts and sciences—why, the last thing anyone would even imagine is that they could be superstitious. They, with their unimpeachable logic and their hard-headed business minds and their deviations only to what is true and beautiful? How could they be superstitious? To show that they are is the responsibility of the Christian university: To raise before their eyes the things which they so idolatrously worship, to point out that these things can be idols and that the worship of them is superstitious because they are not the true God, to remind men that the God who is true has been for them a God unknown—until they find Him in Jesus Christ. A Christian university (and this is everything that Valparaiso University stands for) must always and always remind its students through its faculty, and its faculty through its students, and the world outside through its graduates, through its publications, through its influence in the community—must always remind them to pull down the false idols of our day, and to recognize that these idols are but an Unknown God, a travesty on the God who in Christ Jesus has triumphed over the rulers of the darkness of this world, the God who in Christ Jesus has died for us and is the balm for all our misery and the forgiveness of all our evil. A Christian university like Valparaiso must always be ready to say: If so much of what Plato and Newton and Einstein have said is true, that is good; but remember that all this is true, finally, because it is the gift of Him who Himself is the Truth—the Way, the Truth, and the Life. If what Goethe and Shakespeare and Beethoven and da Vinci have done is beautiful, that is good, and enjoy it to the fullest; but when you do, give thanks to Him from whom all beauty comes, Who clothes also the lilies of the field in their fine raiment. If it is good to know history (and it is good)—the history of China or the history of modern Europe—then try with might and main to see in all this the hand of Him who is the Lord of history: Jesus Christ. The most important purpose of a university education, Valparaiso insists, is not to bring you to your knees in worship before the idol of science and technology; its purpose is not primarily to help you to find a husband or a wife; its final purpose is not even to show you how to make more money. Its ultimate purpose is to guide you, in finding a mate, in the earning of a living, in the application of science and technology—guide you to that God who creates all these things and who, in Jesus Christ, can make them and keep them good.

This, we said, is the task of the Christian university. But in this its task, the Christian university is only the instrument of the whole Christian Church, the Church of Jesus Christ. It is the abiding responsibility of the Church to speak to the world through its universities as St. Paul spoke to the Athenians; through its universities to plant squarely and firmly atop every Mars Hill, not a monument to the Unknown God, but the Cross of Christ; through its universities to bring every Mars Hill to light by seeing it always in the shadow of another hill, the hill of Golgotha.

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Our Dean of Women

Speaks...

By PROF. MARGARETTA SACKVILLE TANGERMAN
Dean of Women, Valparaiso University
Head of the Sociology and Social Work Dept.

It is becoming more and more important that women assume positions of leadership in civic, educational, and national affairs in their communities. If women, therefore, are to share responsibility with men for our social, economic, political, and religious life, our girls must have as good an education as our boys.

Of course, there are people who still believe that only a few should receive college educations and that these few should furnish the leadership for the masses. Such persons forget, however, that the decisions of democracy are not made at the top but come from the discussions and thinking of men and women everywhere, and in every walk of life. You as housewives may take a stand in your community on some public issue that may be reflected in state or national legislation. This could also be true as members of your Ladies' Aid Society or your Local Guild. We can never have too many trained minds if we wish to develop a more perfect democracy.

The importance of giving more of our women a college education cannot be stressed enough. Parents need to understand why their girls in this day and age need as much education as their boys do. Our girls need all the financial and moral support their folks at home can give them toward getting a college education.

Valparaiso University is fortunate in having a group, such as the Guild to give its time and money so that girls as well as boys can get an education if they so desire. Parents are fortunate in having a school like Valpo with its religious environment that keeps before their sons and daughters the Christian principles of Christ which create high ideals and the zeal for serving mankind.

Spiritual growth may find itself strengthened or neglected in group living. At Valparaiso University, through evening devotions held in our residence halls, with every girl becoming a voluntary participant, there is a strengthening of a common bond of Christian purpose, a continuation of that shining thread which is woven through all the University experiences and nourished by daily matins.

What Valparaiso University has to offer is described clearly in our school bulletin. I refer our new students to the inside of the bulletin's cover where we have a picture of our university's seal. We talk about our seal and its meaning: In its center is an initial “V” out of which spring the “Wings of Freedom” and the “Torch of Learning.” On the scroll beneath the “V” are written the words of the 36th Psalm, which have become our motto: “In Thy Light Shall We See Light.” The two dates on the seal are explained—1852, the date of the original founding of the University and 1925, the date of its reorganization under Lutheran Administration.

I also refer the students to the objectives of our University which are listed in the bulletin: “It is the purpose of Valparaiso University to serve young men and women, by offering them a thorough general, advanced, or special education, within an environment which will deepen their Christian consciousness and promote their spiritual growth.”

The responsibility of Valparaiso University is directed not only toward its student body, but to the church which supports it, and to the society in which it exists. I ask our freshmen women whether they fully appreciate the privilege they have in attending a school with such objectives as ours, and whether they realize the significance of the responsibility they are now facing as future graduates of a school with such high standards. I ask you as members of the Guild, whether you, too, are aware of the tremendous responsibility and part you are playing by supporting a university which has such high standards.

Another booklet which I talk about to our...
freshmen women is our handbook. This hand-
book tells a freshman on her first day at college
much that she wants to know: how late she can
stay out at night; how our student government
operates; what traditions Valparaiso has.
Now there is another, an unwritten college
handbook, that would tell, if it could, all the
things a freshman wants to know if only he or
she could read it: how to get along with people,
how to get a date, how to get dreams fulfilled,
what to do to get good grades, how to dress,
what to do for homesickness, worries about
love, money, poor grades, extra-curricular ac-
tivities.

At eighteen, boys and girls alike need the
fulfillment of the basic desires which Dr. Wil-
liam Thomas, the eminent sociologist, writes
about: Security, Love, Recognition, and New
Experiences. These are desires all of us have
but to many freshmen entering college their
feelings of security and recognition are pretty
"nil" and they are filled with worries and
anxieties. If they learn to manage their personal
lives in college, their later adjustments to life
in general will be successful.

Whether one approves of it or not, the fact
remains that when a college graduate attempts
to find, and to hold, a position her social quali-
ties are the first characteristics observed by her
superiors and associates. More than any other
place in college, the residence halls afford an
opportunity to gain poise and ease in social re-
lations, and a familiarity with the simple social
conventions that good taste demands.

We have a residence hall program set up just
as an academic curriculum is set up. The educa-
tional values of our program are to provide spe-
cific learning experiences through which the
student learns by doing. Our program derives
its effectiveness from being built and admin-
istered on a foundation of genuine belief in the
individual, her abilities, her inherent rights
and responsibilities, and a belief in putting into
action our democratic way of life in all group
decisions made in regard to our living together.

We at Valpo believe that the residence halls
are a real extension of the educational work of
the college. For that reason we have two direc-
tors in our residence halls who have their mas-
ter's degree in personnel and guidance work.
This is an excellent beginning. As we grow in
numbers and are financially able to do so, we
hope to have directors in all halls who are
trained to do individual counseling and to guide
all group activities.

The social programs in our halls are planned
in a manner that will develop our students so-
cially. Such a program is more than a series of
parties arranged to give good times. Our pro-
grams are being as carefully planned as our
academic curriculum. Social experience is
strengthened through parties, and teas, and
open house. Each girl is given opportunities for
committee participation and in planning and
carrying out the traditional parties.

The wholesome atmosphere of a well-regu-
lated dormitory, in which each member feels a
warm sense of security and of belonging—a
place to return to each day and in which to
feel happiness—this does not just "come about"
without constant supervision and guidance and
motivation on the part of the women connected
with the lives of our women students. Many a
situation which might reach alarming propor-
tions is anticipated by a good hall director be-
cause she is trained to recognize and deal with
behavior problems. The atmosphere created by
the director and her student assistants becomes
that of the student group in her hall.

As a member of a self-government group,
each student learns to think of herself as a
member of a larger community. Dormitory rules
are made for the good of the group, and their
enforcement by student opinion and honor sys-
tem teach self-discipline. Rule breaking is then
frowned upon. Citizenship, Democracy, those
important concepts in our world of today, take
on new significance as each hall member finds
herself sharing in this student government.

Membership in a group where one must take
as well as give makes it possible to build a con-
structive attitude toward life which is essen-
tial to a liberal education. The girl or boy who
enters college with a very sharply defined atti-
dude toward a certain race or creed or belief
often changes these attitudes in college. Some-
one once described in five single words the dif-
ferent levels in the development of human at-
titudes: Extermination, Exploitation, Tolera-
tion, Admiration, and Cooperation.

The above word descriptions picture the pro-
gress of human relationships, from the mere
struggle for existence to the ideal of human
brotherhood. Social education is directed tow-
ard this ideal and can best be accomplished
through units that can give not only this sense
of belonging and security but can also create
a medium of group opinion in which false
standards languish and die, and where the art
of living together in grace and dignity and
charm can be made a part, and a very real part
of a liberal education.

Our students live with students from many
foreign countries. Prejudice and misunder-
standing disappear when young women and
men from Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska, for
example, exchange experiences with students
from Korea, Japan, Nigeria, Finland and other
countries. Robert Oppenheimer once said, "Per-
haps the best way to send knowledge is to wrap
it up in a person."

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The semi-annual meeting of the Executive Board of the Valparaiso University Guild was opened with a devotional service in the University Auditorium on February 23, 1951, at 1:30 p.m.

Following the singing of the hymn, "Soul What Return Has God, Thy Savior," the Rev. Robert Bertram addressed the assembly on the text recorded in Acts 17:22-23. Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars Hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious, For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, "To The Unknown God." Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you.

Rev. Bertram stated that every culture in every land and nation has had an altar built to the unknown God. Pointing out the idols worshiped in our day, Rev. Bertram declared that it was the duty of a Christian University to direct its students to the true God. Teaching them that the discoveries of science, the beauty of sculpture, music and poetry and art are gifts from the hand of God. The final purpose of a Christian University is to drive its students to that God, by directing them to the cross and there behold their Saviour Jesus.

The Chapel Choir, directed by Dr. M. A. Bichsel, rendered an appropriate anthem.

The business session of the Executive Board was called to order in Recital Hall at 2:00 p.m. by the President, Mrs. Walter A. Hansen. In her remarks Mrs. Hansen declared that only two months had elapsed since the bells rang in a Happy New Year. In wishing friends and loved ones a Happy New Year there was a note of anxiety in our greeting as to the future. In the past two months of 1951 nothing has happened to assuage our fears. She urged that in these troubled days we work with intensified ardor for a brighter tomorrow in which our children can be safe and free; a tomorrow not overshadowed by war. The chairman extended a warm and friendly greeting to all members of the Guild. She declared that the excellent attendance was convincing evidence that Guild members are vitally concerned about the future of our youth.

The minutes of the Executive Board meeting of September 29, 1950 were read. There was a slight correction in the minutes. The corrected
minutes were approved.

The Chairman announced the Standing Committee appointments made in the November Administrative Board meeting.

Activities: Mrs. Albert C. Moeller, Chairman; Mrs. Roy Peck, Mrs. G. O. Johnson.

Revisions: Mrs. A. O. Kampe, Chairman; Mrs. Louis Heinecke, Mrs. W. W. Walker.

Parliamentarian: Mrs. W. W. Hoppe.

Historian: Miss Louise Nicolay.

At this time the secretary proceeded with roll call. Each chapter president was asked to respond by reporting on the most interesting and successful project conducted during the past year. Two past presidents, six national officers, the chairman of one standing committee, eight field secretaries, four State Unit presidents, the historian, the parliamentarian, fifty-three chapters represented by their presidents or representatives and three guests were in attendance.

The roll call was interrupted to hear Dr. Marshall Jox, dean of men and director of the personnel program. The chairman introduced Dr. Jox who then spoke on the topic, "The Freshman Program."

Dr. Jox outlined the activities of freshmen during their first week on the campus. He stated that the transition from high school to college is not easy to make. In this period of adjustment the University tries to be realistic. The orientation program began in 1943 and is constantly being improved.

Freshmen are required to take certain tests which reveal aptitude and personality traits, also placement tests to find the level at which high school has brought them. New students are assisted in selecting courses of study. By the end of the week freshmen have become familiarized with the campus and the traditions and regulations of the University. Mrs. Hansen thanked Dr. Jox for his interesting and informative address.

Dr. Oliver Graebner, associate professor of Education and Psychology and in charge of placement service for seniors, was next introduced by the chairman. Dr. Graebner explained that the purpose of the placement service is to aid the senior in his vocational future. Every effort is made to assist the student before he becomes a senior by helping him to interpret the various tests, and by special counseling. Seniors are required to register and discuss their plans for the future. Interviews are arranged with prospective employers. Dr. Graebner stated that girls are becoming interested in Engineering, accepting positions in offices and drafting rooms. The student's record is kept on file permanently, and the placement service is offered without charge.

Mrs. Hansen thanked Dr. Graebner for enlightening us on the valuable assistance offered seniors through the placement service.

Roll call was resumed and chapter presidents continued their reports on successful activities.
These reports were presented with a great deal of enthusiasm. Many novel and unique projects were introduced. Efforts, too, had been concentrated on expansion and student rallies. One chapter had arranged for a group of juniors and seniors to spend a day on the campus of Valparaiso University. The chairman commended the chapter presidents for their interest and enthusiasm in promoting the Guild’s program. She stated that she is impressed by the originality and ingenuity of those responsible for Guild activities, and expressed her sincere gratitude for the work accomplished.

The next order of business was the election of a Nominating Committee. This committee will present a slate of officers for the Guild at the 1951 national convention.

The following nominations were made:
Mrs. Carl D. Lubbert—Baltimore; Mrs. Walter Feuerpfeil—Milwaukee; Mrs. M. H. Borgelt—Minneapolis; Mrs. William Fenske—Detroit; Mrs. F. J. Schumm—Toledo; Mrs. Roy Frank—Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Walter Schmaltz—St. Paul.

A motion to close nominations was seconded and carried.

The chairman appointed Miss Ellen Havekotte, Miss Orma V. Keuper and Miss Viola Krueger as tellers.

Mrs. Moeller, chairman of Activities, in her report thanked the members for their support. Many calendars, as well as reports on novel and successful activities had been received. Mrs. Moore had sent directions for the making of dolls. Samples of cook books, Aurora chapter’s project, were also available. Mrs. Moeller urged that when writing her, requesting program suggestions, to be sure to mention the type and purpose of the program so that the proper materials will be sent.

Mrs. Heidbrink announced that Dr. O. P. Kretzmann had called from Florida this morning extending greetings and best wishes for a successful meeting. At this time Mrs. Heidbrink

OFFICERS of the University Guild. Seated, left to right, Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, Miss Vivian Kossman, Mrs. W. A. Hansen. Standing, left to right, Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, and Mrs. Karl Kurth.
invited the assembly to attend a dinner at the University Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. as guests of the University. Mrs. Franklin M. Quinn, L.L.B. parliamentarian, lecturer and teacher, is to be the speaker. Mrs. Hansen extended a special welcome to the three visitors from the Rochester, Indiana Chapter. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. E.T.J. Birner, first vice-president, offered the closing prayer.

Saturday, Feb. 24, 8:10 a.m.

The second session of the Executive Board of the Valparaiso University Guild was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Karl Kurth, second vice-president.

In the absence of Mrs. O. A. Kampe, chairman of the Revisions Committee, our president stated that this committee had no report to submit at this time. Then followed the sad news of Mrs. Kampe’s bereavement. Mrs. Hansen informed the assembly of the recent death of Mr. O. A. Kampe.

A resolution expressing the heartfelt sympathy of the Executive Board of the National Guild to Mrs. O. A. Kampe was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS God in His perfect wisdom and love has called home Mr. O. A. Kampe from his many and great labors in the Church of Christ:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Executive Board of the National Guild express their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Kampe in the great loss which she has sustained with the prayers that God comfort her abundantly with all the hope and promise of the Gospel.

The following were elected to serve on the nominating committee:

Mrs. Roy C. Frank—Washington, D. C., Chairman; Mrs. F. J. Schumm—Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. M. F. Borgelt—Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. W. A. Feuerpfeil—Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. Wm. Drews, New York, stated that lack of leadership and a convenient time has delayed organizational efforts in East Aurora and Rochester.

Mrs. F. J. Schumm, Ohio, reported that Youngstown had decided to postpone the organization of a Chapter. She will continue her efforts in Zanesville.

Mrs. Wm. Homan, Illinois, has had several disappointments in her field, but is encouraged with developments in Decatur, Ill.

The chairman introduced Mrs. Otto Rosenbusch and Mrs. Carl Thrun, newly appointed Field Secretaries for Michigan.

Mrs. Rosenbusch reported that leads she had thought might result in Chapters had not ma-
tialized. She will make every effort to organize a Detroit evening group.

Mrs. Heidbrink, reporting for Mrs. C. E. Westemeier, stated that a Chapter had been organized in Elberfeld, Indiana, and that Evansville was considering an organization.

Mrs. Paul Roehrs stated that an organizational meeting will be held in Antigo, Wisconsin. Fond du Lac, too, seemed promising, while Wisconsin Rapids was still undecided.

Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew reported that a meeting had been held in Bremen, Indiana and she is hopeful that an organization will result.

Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, Executive Secretary, commenting on the reports of the Field Secretaries, declared that trying to educate and orientate Lutheran women in the program of the Guild is a long process, however potentials are great. Personal contacts and meeting with small groups of women will eventually bring results.

In the absence of Dr. Kretzmann, Mrs. Heidbrink read excerpts from his Campus Commentary. Dr. Kretzmann writes: “World conditions have cast a pall over many activities. The present situation is harder on the younger generation than an all-out war. The problems of the young people must be met with profound understanding and sympathy. A great part of their youth will now be given to a life which they have never planned and for which they are not responsible.

“There no doubt will be a sharp reduction in male enrollment. It is very important that the names of every boy and girl considering college be sent to the University.

“A course in Elementary Education has been added to the curriculum. Courses will begin in September 1951. The University is not entering the field of training of parochial school teachers, but is training students for teaching in the public schools. The introduction of good Lutheran men and women in the public school system can have a definite effect on the work done on the elementary level in public schools.”

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ON APRIL 6TH the national officers of Sigma Alpha Iota installed the Beta Lambda chapter on the Valparaiso campus. This is a professional music fraternity and is favorably known in musical circles on many campuses. After the installation, initiation, and dinner there was a reception for the faculty of the Music Department and a musical program by the newly initiated members of S.A.I. Members of the Guild will note that the refreshment table is adorned with “Guild Special” gifts: the silver coffee service, tray, two silver candelabra, and the silver teapots. Members of the Beta Lambda chapter at Valparaiso University are pictured, standing from left to right: Anna Wittekind, Glenn Ellyn, Ill.; Vera Steffey, Hammond, Ind.; Lois Werner, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Beverly Schwerman, McHenry, Ill.; Ruth Frankenstein, Decatur, Ill.; Louise Telschow, Marengo, Ill.; Cecelia Denker, Fond du Lac, Wis.; Susan Roehrs, Wausau, Wis.; Ardith Wehling, Beecher, Ill.; Lois Blais, Austin, Texas; Julia Koesterling, St. Louis Mo.; Inez Merneck, Hammond, Ind.; Maybelle Magee, Chicago; Dorothy Kupke, Osage, Iowa; Marlis Drows, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mary Craig, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Dona Mae Clausen, Sioux City, Iowa; Mildred Powell (Mrs. Newman), Valparaiso (patroness); Joyce Zastrow, Milwaukee; Mary Evelyn Golz (Mrs. John), instructor in music, Valparaiso; Ada Clare Speckman, instructor in music, Valparaiso. Seated at table: So Heidbrink (Mrs. C. R.) and Flora Kretzmann (Mrs. O. P.), patronesses.

Twelve Guild Bulletin
We Invite You . . .

Important forces touching the major areas of American life will be analyzed and discussed in one of ten institutes on the Valparaiso University campus this summer. Among the speakers will be Mrs. Walter Hansen, national president of the Valparaiso Guild.

Topics for analysis and discussion include Journalism and the Church, Education and the Church, Family and Education, and Radio, Movies and Television and the Church. This appealing program is offered by the Institute of Christian Thought, being held from June 19 to 21 for the first time in the history of Valparaiso University.

The institute is designed to appeal to women and, in fact, "the Institute of Christian Thought relies for its complete success on the contributions of the laywomen and especially the mothers," according to Victor H. Hoffmann, director of summer institutes.

Adding emphasis, Mr. Hoffmann (who presented an address at the 1950 national guild convention) continued, "The more women who attend and participate in this institute, the more thorough will be our discussion in regard to the home and the important influences upon it."

Laywomen, laymen, teachers and pastors attending and participating in the Institute of Christian Thought will attempt to analyze three major areas of American life, the important forces influencing each, and their relationship to each other, during the three-day discussion program. Besides the home, the areas are education and the Church.

Mrs. Walter A. Hansen will discuss the place of radio, the movie, and television in American life. Group discussion will follow on Media of Communication and the Church.

How to write for the church will be the topic of three successful journalists. They are Alfred P. Klausler, managing editor of the Walther League MESSENGER; John Strietelmeier, managing editor of the CRESSET, the newly adopted "voice of Valparaiso University"; and Herbert Steinbach, managing editor of the daily Valparaiso VIDETTE-MESSENGER.

Dr. O. P. Kretzman, president of the university, will discuss the place of the church-related university in American society. He will explain the unique principles of the philosophy of Christian education offered at Valpo.

Dr. Walter E. Bauer, dean of the faculty, will speak on the place of Christianity in the curriculum of the church-related university. Dr. Bauer this year celebrated his twenty-fifth an-
niversary at Valparaiso University. He has been dean since 1946.

Prof. Oliver E. Graebner, director of placement and vocational guidance, will then introduce the floor discussion in the general area of Education and the Church with his talk on jobs for the graduates of a church-related university.

In the general area of Family and Education, the director has selected the challenging topic, “What can a family rightly expect of the mother in the way of informal education?” To stimulate discussion, Mrs. Marshall J. Jox and a leading Lutheran clergyman have been invited to address the institute.

An added attraction will be the appearance of an interior decoration expert at the Institute of Christian Thought. As at all the institutes, there will be a keynote banquet. The banquet is included in the nominal fees for the June 19-21 meeting.

Other appealing summer dates are July 15-21 when the week-long Institute on the Church and Modern Culture will be conducted. Valparaiso University is cooperating with the Lutheran Academy for Scholarship to present the general theme: Lutheranism as a Cultural Force.

This institute aims to help clarify the thinking of the Church in the fields of education, the arts, the theory and practice of government, the social sciences, welfare work, and the science of theology. Speakers include outstanding leaders of the Lutheran and the American Christian Churches.

Many churches in recent years have established research programs to study the rural church in America. Valparaiso University, with the Rural Life Institute on July 26 and 27, is entering the field for the first time. Essayists for this institute are experts in the problems of rural life and the rural church.

Frank R. Neu, the top country editor in America, and Dr. Calvin Schnucher, director of Rural Church and Life work at the Theological Seminary of Dubuque (Iowa) University and foremost authority on the rural church, are two of the top-notch speakers.

The second institute on Race Relations, scheduled for July 30 and 31, will carry on in presenting issues and leaders in this important area of American life. Scientific facts bearing on race relations from anthropology, sociology, psychology, economics, and politics will be presented. They will be followed by a Christian directive.

Mr. Hoffmann’s star performer of the entire summer program of ten institutes will be on campus June 11 and 12 for the challenging Labor-Management Institute. He is the unanimously reelected president of the UAW-CIO, Walter Reuther.

The interesting program for this institute is divided into three phases; The Place of Christianity in Labor Relations, The Economic Factors of Christian Thought, and Economic Trends and their Implications to the Church.

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Aurora, Illinois...
Reports a successful musicale and tea in December, and a luncheon meeting in February at Our Saviour's Church at which Mr. Otto Springborn talked on china painting and displayed some of his work. On April 21 this chapter sponsored a concert by the Valparaiso University Choir.

Mishawaka-South Bend, Indiana...
On January 13 this chapter made it possible for 30 junior and senior high school students to visit the Valpo campus. The expense of bus transportation and meals was pro-rated among the members of the chapter. In addition to a tour of the campus, this group of high school students also enjoyed an operetta in the afternoon and a basketball game in the evening.

Detroit, Michigan...
Entertained 1,000 guests in January at the Twentieth Anniversary celebration of the organization of the chapter. At the February meeting they heard the story of ice cream, and in March there was a book review at St. Mark's Church. A large “Dollar Day Fair” was held in April at Christ Church. On May 23 there will be a conducted tour of Cranbrook, and on June 18th the chapter is planning a program for television with audience participation over WJBK-TV.

Saginaw, Michigan...
Started its activities for the year with a Guest Day Luncheon at the Germania Club at which time Miss Marie Moehring, an alumna of Valparaiso University and at the present time Supervisor of Nurses at Deaconess Hospital in Detroit, reviewed college life at Valpo. A baked goods sale, a rummage sale, a telephone card

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Valparaiso, Indiana...
Is making plans to entertain 125 senior girls at a dinner on May 1 at which time the program will include an expression of the ideals and objectives of the Guild. A Taster's Treat Evening in March, and a successful sale of baked and cooked foods in April on the campus helped to fulfill the chapter's obligation to the National Guild.

Hammond, Indiana...
Served an Easter breakfast in St. Paul's Lutheran Parish House. Somewhere nearby you will find a picture of some of the Guild members as they were getting things ready.

Last year's silver anniversary stamp proved so successful as a means of publicity for the university and a source of welcome additional revenue that it was decided to repeat the performance. This year thousands of similar stamps, this time honoring the first graduating class of the College of Engineering, will be widely distributed. They are beautifully printed in green and black and white.
Minutes  

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Mrs. Heidbrink expressed her gratitude to all who had been instrumental in building and expanding the University, and also the hope that all present would leave with a willingness to continue.

The chairman introduced Mr. E. H. Ruprecht in charge of student procurement at the University.

Mr. Ruprecht stated that there had been a very gratifying response to the request for names of students, and that replies were still coming in. Certain sections of the country, however, had not responded.

The speaker stressed the importance of encouraging boys to enter college and remain as long as possible. The University is depending on girls students to maintain its level of enrollment.

Mr. Ruprecht suggested that the major duties of student procurement be assigned to the vice-president on the chapter, state and national level. Personal contacts, co-operation with the Activities Committee in planning student rallies and teas, and close co-operation with field men from the University, who can cover their territory only once, were listed as aids in student procurement.

The chairman thanked Mr. Ruprecht for his address and expressed the hope that the chapter presidents would present the suggestions made by the speaker in their respective chapter meetings.

The Treasurer, Miss Vivian Kossman, presented her report.

Balance on hand 7-2-50 ............. $ 1,559.84
Total Receipts ........................ 16,966.18

Total ................................ 18,526.02
Total Disbursements ................. 16,964.37

Cash in Bank .......................... $ 1,561.65

Miss Kossman stated that a total of $1000 had been received since arriving for the meeting. To date a total of $98,000 had been received in the Prayer Chapel Fund.

The following resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Lutheran University Association and the National Advisory Board and addressed to the Guild was read by the secretary:

"WHEREAS the University Guild has again during the past year recorded splendid progress in its organization and its great service to the University; and
WHEREAS the University Guild has resolved to complete during the current year its gather-
ing of $100,000.00 for the University Chapel and to make in addition a substantial contribution for the general support of the University.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors and the National Advisory Board recognize with deep gratitude the outstanding achievements of the Guild under the devoted leadership of its president, Mrs. Walter Hansen, and of its executive secretary, Mrs. So. Heidbrink."

A letter was read from the retiring secretary, Miss Emily Doell, expressing her appreciation for the gift presented to her at the annual banquet.

September 28-30 were fixed as the national Convention dates, and the observance of the twentieth anniversary of the Guild's existence.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Our President offered a closing prayer, after which the assembly joined in the praying of the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, Secretary

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for those of us who live here at Valparaiso and who work for the university full time, to lose sight of this responsibility. If we are faculty-members we might be tempted to imagine that the purpose for which we are here is to earn bread and butter. Or if we are students we might be tempted to imagine sometimes that the purpose for which we are here is simply to go to college. But I don't think we are ever so apt to forget why you, the Guild, are here. We all know that for you to faithfully, generously engage in the work of the university as you have done is not just so matter-of-fact as the earning of a living; for you it is not the doing of something you would be doing anyway. For you it must have involved a decision to do this, and to do this in addition to all the other things your life is concerned with. You must be very sure why you are doing this for the Church, for Valparaiso, for the world. And seeing you at work in our midst does call us, too, back to our purpose. It is an inspiring thing for us to watch you—you who are willing to be the Church of Jesus Christ.

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The American way of life amazes and delights our students from other lands. The "give and take" in our colleges astonishes them. One young student from Germany said, "It's wonderful to hear students entering into discussions in a class room. In Germany we sat and listened
and were never allowed to participate or contribute any ideas we might have.'"

A survey of foreign students shows that one out of five come here to study engineering. The foundation is thus laid for highways, bridges and factories which will change the face of tomorrow's world, bringing us closer together. The social sciences and social work are next in popularity, laying foundations for better human relationships and understanding of each other.

Although the earth has become a tight little island and all of its peoples are neighbors, there are still fences between them. Perhaps, as Robert Frost, the poet, writes, "Good fences make good neighbors;" but unless neighbors can communicate with one another, can understand each other, the fences become walls, and walls soon or later turn into fortresses.

Nations are now so tied together that none can plan its own tomorrow without having heed for the welfare of the world. We have proved ourselves unequal to the task of achieving a world of freedom from fear, want, disease, and ignorance. We must pass on this task to the children of today and tomorrow who will need to be better educated than ever before. We of the older generation can help by seeing that as many of our youth as possible can obtain college training.

The things in civilization we most prize are not of ourselves. They exist by grace of the doings and sufferings of the continuous human community in which we are a link. Ours is the responsibility of conserving, transmitting, rectifying, improving, and expanding the heritage of values we have received so that those who come after us may receive these values more abundantly. This is the end of all good educational training: to help students find satisfying, useful work; the right kind of play; love for their fellow men; and a religious faith that gives purpose and direction to their lives. Poise in a world of turmoil; hope in the midst of distractions; courage in danger; endurance and faith in times of darkness—these are all by-products of the religious faith we hope to pass on to our students here at Valparaiso.

In appraising the world today too many women are content to wring their hands, bewail vaguely the dreadful state of affairs and assume a "what's the use attitude." They refuse to face the fact that although they are only one little person on this troubled planet, they are part of it and therefore responsible for their part.

Other women, such as you, know well enough that one little person can never be an Atlas bearing the world on her shoulders but you know that one woman allied with many other women with whose purposes you are in sympathy and whose policies you can help to form, can constitute a strong force for effective action.

One of the finest organizations I know where action is taking place and where that action is helping to build a better world through helping young people to get an education is the Valparaiso University Guild.

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June, July, and September copies free. Your subscription will begin with the October issue. There is no August number.

Publication of the CRESSET was taken over by Valparaiso University from the Walther League. This is another step the university is taking to fulfill its obligation to further a truly Christian way of life among Christians everywhere. Each issue will carry a central theme. For May the theme is the home. The June topic is recreation. Later issues will feature other pertinent areas of daily life.

Pres. O. P. Kretzmann, who founded the magazine in 1936, will continue as editor. Of the magazine, which will continue to be a review of literature, the arts and public affairs, he said "THE CRESSET can and must become the voice of Valparaiso, speaking to those members of its constituency who, though they are not on the campus, have a very real claim upon the teaching facilities of the University." Prof. John Strietelmier of the geography and geology department will continue as managing editor, a post which he has held for the past year.

Other members of the editorial board are Victor F. Hoffmann of the government department, Dr. Ernest B. Koenker of the religion department, Prof. Carl Krekeler of the biology department, Dr. Frederick K. Kruger of the sociology department, Lester H. Lange of the mathematics and physics department, Paul Phipps of the English department, and Prof. James Savage of the School of Law.

"A man without any musical training, upon finishing the book, determined to begin a collection of Bach recordings to belatedly initiate a sense of music appreciation which he felt he lacked." The book referred to is "The Little Bach Book for Laymen and Students." The glowing tribute was paid by Kenn Lawrence, critic of Station WTO1, Toledo, Ohio, in a broadcast of March 23. "The Bach Book" is a Valparaiso University Press publication, edited by Prof. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel, music department head. Portions of it were written by President O. P. Kretzmann and Dr. Heinrich Fleischer, visiting professor of music.