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The Guild Christmas tree, lighted, on the University campus
On Campus...

By Mrs. Wm. Buege
Convention Reporter

This year I would like to take you with me to the 1953 Guild convention held at Valparaiso University the last weekend in September. Particularly do I want you to feel the philosophy of the University as expressed in the words and life of its President, its faculty members, the Guild officers, and the students themselves. Only “on campus” can we fully appreciate how God has blessed us by granting the privilege to work together with Him in this great and noble cause.

The words of our University President, Dr. Kretzmann, as he informally spoke to the executive board, as he addressed the convention in session on The State of the University, and as he conducted the devotions at candlelight vespers late Saturday evening, bring all of us closer to our University. With him we thrill to the large enrollment; we understand the vital need for a new men’s dormitory; we praise the students for their part in helping erect a Student Union which many of them will never have the opportunity to use; we resolve that some day soon, yes very soon, we personally will do something to build a large church on campus so that all of our young men and women may be encouraged in formal worship of their God; we see the whole of life, man and his God.

Always we are aware of the fact that all faculty members and students alike (those on the convention program and those whom we just casually meet) “have seen Jesus”. Dean Bauer’s devotional meditation (Continued on Page Fifteen)
The motto for our convention this year are words spoken by one who lived in a century long past. They are recorded in the 1st Book of Samuel, 12th verse of the 7th chapter. They were spoken by Samuel, a priest and prophet of God, after a clear and direct manifestation of our God's mercy and answer to prayer.

Aptly expressing the thought and feeling of your Administrative Committee, these words were chosen by them as a motto for this 22nd annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Twenty-two years ago, our organization had its beginning in the work of a small group of women who called themselves "The National Women's Committee of Valparaiso University". To them we owe a debt of gratitude for their deep understanding of the need for Christian training of our youth, for their love, their courage, and their perseverance in the course that has resulted in the growth and establishment of our University Guild of today. Today we look back over the twenty-two years of steady growth in number and accomplishment and, in effect, with Samuel we erect the stone, Ebenezer, and say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

The resume of the official activities of the Guild is readily compressed into a capsule of a few sentences. Since the convention a year ago, your Administrative Committee met four times, the Executive Board twice, with good attendance throughout the year. Mrs. R. C. Frank, second, vice president, was excused from attending the December meeting of the Administrative Committee since she had just returned home from an organization meeting in Delaware. Your National President took the count in a bout with the flu and was graciously excused from attending the meetings in February, which were then capably taken over and conducted by the first vice president, Mrs. Wm. Drews. Our treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Steinfeldt, could not be with us for the June meeting of the Administrative Committee because of the serious illness of her brother.

The meetings of five State Units were held during the month of October as scheduled. Three were attended by the Executive Secretary, at that time Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, and the national president, Mrs. Birner. The Indiana and Illinois-Missouri State Units met the same day, October 18, with Mrs. Heidbrink bringing the convention report to Illinois, and your national president and Miss Louise Nicolay, historian, reporting in Indiana.

A change in the Administrative Committee was announced in the meeting of the Executive Board in February. Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink resigned her duties as Executive Secretary of the Valparaiso University Guild. She had served our Guild faithfully and well for approximately six years, at the same time holding the position as secretary to the President of our University. The priority claims of the President's office were conceded and her resignation was accepted with regret. We are grateful to her for her willing acceptance in the past years of the responsibility involved in the office of Executive Secretary and for her efficient and kind cooperation at all times with the officers of the Guild. I'm sure that the welfare of our Guild will always be close to her heart.

Mrs. Heidbrink's successor, Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht, was then appointed to the office and assumed her duties December first, 1952. We are indeed fortunate to obtain the services of Mrs. Ruprecht for this position of leadership. You will find her a willing and interested promotor in the work of the Guild, a strong link between the University Administration and your own Administrative Committee. May God keep her in good health and bless her with strength and courage to carry on in the office which she accepted, and grant her success in her endeavor according to His will.

Two numbers of the Valparaiso University Bulletin, Guild edition, were published and mailed to Guild members. Edited by Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink in November '52 and Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht in June '53, these Bulletins presented a detailed account of the convention last September and the Executive Board meeting in February; they give an account of State Units meetings and introduce new chapters; they pass along bits of news from here and there in the Guild and are a source of inspiration to Guild members. For all this, we express our sincere gratitude to the editors, Heidbrink and Ruprecht.

Letters of welcome were sent to the presidents of new chapters, extending to them our joyful welcome, and wishing them success in their work for a common cause.

A president's letter was mailed to all chapter presidents on May 8, requesting Guild members to give serious consideration to the problem of student enrollment. The encouraging response from a number of chapters was greatly appreciated.

A Flash with the registration blank was mailed to all Guild members to notify them of this convention, and to give them additional information.

In accord with the resolution of the Executive Board, official greetings were sent to our sisters-in-faith in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League convening at Portland in July.

Representing our Valparaiso University Guild, your president attended the meetings of the Board of Di-
rectors of the LUA and VUA last October and again in April. The privilege of attending these meetings is of inestimable value, leading as it does to a better understanding of the problems and headaches of a university administration. The project chairman, Mrs. Walter A. Hansen, and I were given opportunity to speak for the Guild about the possible early construction of the proposed men’s dormitory. The urgent need for the dormitory is recognized by the Board and has been receiving every consideration.

The report of the national treasurer and that of the Executive Secretary give evidence of the successful year in the work of the Guild at large. For this success, we credit and are deeply appreciative of the fine work of the committees, the field secretaries, the officers of the State Units, of the chapter presidents, and their active memberships.

Again we gratefully recognize the warm welcome and the generous hospitality of the local chapter of the University Guild. To the Chicago chapter for an enjoyable social hour, we say, “Thank You!” Personally, I am indebted to the members of the Administrative Committee who have given freely of their time and energy to assist in directing the affairs of the Guild. The entire Administrative Committee is deeply grateful to President Kretzmann, who takes time out of his busy day to consider Guild problems whenever called upon for help or advice.

I would conclude my report with a description of a cartoon which made me pause a moment and think. A man stood braced against a closed door, a key hanging from a loop of string held in his hand, while he spoke to a child who wished to enter, “Sorry, kid, you can’t go in.” The door is closed.” Written along the cross beam of the cross emblazoned on the door were these words, “Knowledge of God.” Here, the door is NOT closed for in our Valparaiso University we have a school with an avowed purpose of serving young men and young women in fields of learning within an environment which will promote their spiritual growth. To foster the welfare of Valparaiso University is the aim and purpose of Valparaiso University Guild. We have come a long way to the place between Miszpeh and Shen where is erected the stone called by Samuel Ebenezer. “Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.” But the work is not finished. Much, much remains to be done. In view of this fact, I unhesitatingly ask you to continue in whole-hearted support of the work of our organization for your University. Uphold it with your prayers, your interest, your sons and daughters of college age, and your material support. Ebenezer—the stone of help. The Lord has helped us hitherto. We pray for His gracious help and guidance in the future.
My dear Sister Guild members:

Coming before you today with my first formal report for the members of the national organization brings mixed feelings. It is with a feeling of humility and awe and also with a feeling of joy and thankfulness that I have been chosen to serve you in the capacity of Executive Secretary. I realize the great responsibilities that are mine. When first I reached the decision to accept this important office, I came across a few lines which have been a guide or motto for me: They are these

In my humble way, Every passing day,
Let me serve Thee Lord.
May my office be Glorifying Thee
Let me serve Thee Lord.

Every now and then, in business, in our personal lives, in church work, and in Guild work, it is a good idea to pause, to sit back and to take stock. It is good to see where we are going. It is good to look within and without. It is good to look ahead and not back.

It is good to be satisfied in a small sense, but restless in the large. These are my feelings when I look back over the past year. It has been a good one, generally speaking, but we must sit back and take stock. Have we all, as Guild members, done all we can for the promotion of the Guild and the University? Have we honestly given our full support to our local Chapter? Have we all assumed our share of the responsibility and carried our load? We must not rest until our horizons have been enlarged and until we feel there is no more work to be done. I am sure all of you will agree with me that that time will probably not happen to us in our generation while we live on this earth.

In looking back we have been especially happy over the addition of our new Chapters, gained through the efforts of our loyal field secretaries, interested Guild members and friends, and also through the work of your Executive Secretary I am sure (or at least I sincerely hope) that all of you have read the last Guild Bulletin in which was published a list of new Chapters gained during the year.

Anderson, Indiana, held its organization meeting on November 21st when Mrs. Bartholomew, Mrs. Heidbrink and I presented the Guild program to the women there. Mrs. Wm. Connelly is the new president of that Chapter.

Our field secretary in Southern Indiana, Mrs. C. Westermeyer, was instrumental in forming the Evansville, Indiana group—Mrs. B. E. Buente, president.

Our eastern field secretary, Mrs. R. C. Frank, gathered a group of interested women and several alumni who journeyed to Delaware to establish a Chapter called the DelMarVa group. They are represented by Mrs. Kleinwachter today.

Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew interested the women of the Garrett, Indiana congregation to organize a Chapter, whose president is Mrs. Don Debele.

Next came our sister farthest away—Miami, Florida, a Chapter which was organized through the efforts of Mrs. Van C. Kussrow, mother of one of our faculty members on campus, and also through the help of Pastor Schumacher of North Miami. Should you be vacationing in Miami this winter, I would urge you to seek out some member of this Chapter, perhaps attend a meeting or one of their functions, and tell them a little bit about what we are doing "way up north."

The St. Louis Evening Group had been inactive for a number of years, but through the perseverance of Miss Mathilda Wienhorst, and several other interested alumni, it was reactivated at a luncheon meeting attended by Mr. and Mrs. Ruprecht.

Green Bay, Wisconsin had long been looked at covetously and your Executive Secretary visited and organized a Chapter there late in April. Mrs. R. Bartz is the president.

Then followed Wittenberg, Wisconsin. These women had been contacted by a neighboring Chapter and when your Executive Secretary was invited to speak to them, they agreed to form a new Chapter. Mrs. Ada Wasbotten is the new president.

We may also announce the formation of a new Chapter in Columbus, Indiana. Together with the women from Seymour, these members constituted one Chapter. They have now agreed to form separate Chapters, and thus we have gained one new Chapter for our roster. Miss Doris Westermeyer is president of the Columbus Chapter (mother-daughter) and Mrs. Luella Stone of the Seymour group.

This has totaled eight new Chapters, plus one reactivation during the year. We would be most happy to announce next year that we have doubled this number. You women can help us do this. You can seek out new fields for us, you can talk Guild to your relatives or friends in other communities where there is no Guild Chapter; and you can write us if there is a faint glimmer of hope for a new Chapter.

I am sure that you are all as happy and as thrilled as we are to hear of the gratifying increase in enrollment at Valparaiso this Fall. Dr. Kretzmann, I am sure, will have more to report on this subject. However, may I express my thanks to you, as Guild women, who have had such a definite and important part in bringing these students to our campus. I know there are many, many Chapters who have held Open house for students in high school and have used other
methods of encouraging student enrollment at Valpo. For all this we are tremendously grateful, and we would urge that you continue in this effort as a vital part in your Guild program. I said yesterday that using alumni in your own locality is a fine idea, and the use of students now on campus is to be encouraged. Mr. Mark Young will add further details to this part of your program. I wish that many of you could be with us the opening week of school to see the freshmen students arrive—they are so full of enthusiasm, so eager, and still so fearful underneath their bravado about what the years ahead at Valpo have to offer. This year the parents accompanied them and were invited to a meeting in the Auditorium where policies and procedures were explained to them concerning their sons and daughters versus the University. I feel this was a splendid method of education and I feel the questions they had to ask that day will satisfy and prevent many anxieties in the future.

We would urge you to continue to use your Memorial Wreath cards. It might interest you to know that during the year 1952, $1,565 dollars in interest alone was realized on our investment of the Chapel fund. These Memorial Wreath contributions continue to flow into that fund and totaled approximately $1,900 this past year.

We would also urge you to continue to work zealously on the project which is a continuation from last year. Sometimes it is difficult to work for something we cannot see, something we cannot lay our hands on, but it is just as important to continue to work for our project—the raising of funds for the furnishing of a new men's dorm, as it ever was. Dr. Kretzmann will elaborate on the present plans in a short time. We all know that it is up to us as individuals to see that our own home is equipped and well furnished, tastefully and practically. Now we would like you to visualize the new equipment in the new men's dormitory as a goal which may soon be completed, and how proud and what a source of satisfaction it will be to all you women here today when you can be taken through the new dorm and point to the furnishings and say with pardonable pride in your voices—"This is what we did."

Our Guild office continues to wish to help you. You know we can supply you with pins, with seals, with the necessary supplies and materials for the operation of your Chapter.

We would continue to stress the use of the local press for publicity for your Guild events in order that Valpo might be publicized. A newspaper is a powerful agency in a community and its use is a great help in public relations for the University.

If you have problems, if you have questions, if you need information, please do not hesitate to write your Guild Secretary. You have noticed in the financial reports given that some Chapters have increased their contributions, others have fallen down a bit, but the general over-all picture is good, bright and encourag-


ing. Let me emphasize again that the small Chapters with small membership, and comparatively less contributions, are just as necessary and vital a part of our national Guild organization as are the larger Chapters. We need all of you. We need your financial support, but we also need your prayers, your interest, and the resultant promotional work which you set in motion by being a member of an active Guild Chapter.

I cannot close this report without giving thanks, especially warm and personal, to "So" Heidbrink and all the help she has given me this past year. She has helped me over many a milestone, and without her the continued smooth operation of your Executive Secretary's office might have had many pitfalls.

I have felt this same spirit of cooperativeness from Dr. Kretzmann, from our national officers, from the State Unit Presidents, the field secretaries, committee members, and from each Chapter and each individual member of the Guild. Each one of us is looking ahead and not back. Each one is restless to be doing more and greater things. The richness of our lives, creative and receptive, depends on how closely we identify ourselves with the struggles and problems of the Guild, of the University and of the work of the Church at large. I agree with the person who has said, "I like to work with and walk with people who put their hand in mine and say 'Let's do it together'!"

Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht
Executive Secretary
The twenty-second annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild was opened with a devotional service in the University Auditorium, on Saturday, September 26, 1953 at 9:00 A.M. After the singing of the hymn, “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”, Dr. Walter E. Bauer, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, addressed the assembly, basing his remarks on St. John’s Gospel, the fourteenth Chapter.

Dr. Bauer commended the Guild for taking time out to attend the convention, thereby showing in a tangible way their devotion to a common cause.

Seeing Jesus in all our work through the eyes of Faith makes our work acceptable in the eyes of God, no matter how imperfect our labors may be. Jesus speaking to His disciples before His ascension into heaven said: “Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me”. It was Jesus active in the lives of the early Christians that led thousands to give their lives to the cause of Christianity. The world cannot understand such devotion because it does not see Jesus.

At the close of Dr. Bauer’s address the Chapel Choir sang an anthem based on the 135th Psalm, “Praise ye the Lord, Praise ye the Name of the Lord”.

Our president, Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, called the meeting to order at 9:30 P.M.

Mrs. Birner extended greetings and expressed her pleasure at the fine attendance.

Committees which served during the past year are the following:

**ACTIVITIES:**
- Mrs. Albert Moeller, Chairman
- Mrs. R. Peck
- Mrs. G. O. Johnson

**REVISIONS:**
- Mrs. W. Walker, Chairman
- Mrs. Louis Heinecke

**NOMINATIONS:**
- Mrs. Paul Block, Chairman
- Mrs. Paul Sechauzen
- Miss Louise Nicolay
- Mrs. Carlton Fix
- Mrs. E. R. Buehl

**RESOLUTIONS:**
- Mrs. Fred Reddell, Chairman
- Mrs. Emmanuel Unrath
- Miss Jane Rock

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:**
- Mrs. W. N. Hoppe

**HISTORIAN:**
- Miss Louise Nicolay

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At this time Mrs. Ruprecht, Executive Secretary, announced that records of a complete service of Chapel Choir Music were available for five dollars each. The records could be purchased in the office of M. Alfred Bischoel, director.

There was no objection to dispense with the reading of the 1952 Convention Minutes, because they had been published in the November issue of the Guild Bulletin.

It was moved and seconded to approve the 1952 Convention Minutes. Carried.

A report on the proceedings of the Executive Board Meeting on Friday afternoon Sept. 25 was read by the secretary.

Mrs. Wm. A. Drews, first vice-president took the chair while our president gave her annual report. Mrs. Birner briefly reviewed the official activities of the Guild since the 1925 Convention.

“The Motto for our convention this year, said Mrs. Birner, are words spoken by one who lived in a century long past. They are recorded in the 1st Book of Samuel, 12th verse of the 7th Chapter. They were spoken by Samuel, a priest and prophet of God, after a clear manifestation of God’s mercy and answer to prayer. We have come a long way to the place between Miophe and Shen where is erected the stone called by Samuel, Ebenezer—Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. Our work is not finished. Much remains to be done.”

The speaker urged the Guild to continue in wholehearted support of the University with prayer, interest, sons and daughters of college age, and material support.

A resolution of thanks was extended to Mrs. Birner.

Mrs. Wm. Steinfeldt, treasurer, submitted the following statement:

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ON THIS beautifully appointed table you see the new dishes purchased as the Guild Special for 1953, also the silverware and silver service donated as a Guild special in former years.

fund through Memorial Wreaths. During 1952, $1,565.00 in interest was realized on the investment of the Chapel Fund.

Mrs. Ruprecht urged that we continue to work zealously on our project—the raising of funds for the furnishing of a new men’s dormitory.

A resolution expressing appreciation was passed.

The resolutions Committee presented the following resolutions which were adopted:

WHEREAS, our former Executive Secretary, Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, so ably and untiringly worked with the Guild until her retirement, therefore 
BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend to her our sincere thanks and appreciation for her loyal efforts.

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League at its Convention in Portland, Oregon, this past July resolved to grant $60,000.00 for the building of a new Deaconness House on the campus of Valparaiso University, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend to this organization our deepest appreciation and thanks.

The next item of business was the report of the nominating committee. Miss Louise Nicolay presented the following slate:

PRESIDENT:
Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, Mattoon, Ill.
Mrs. W. A. Fuerpfell, Milwaukee, Wis.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:
Mrs. Wm. A. Drews, Buffalo, N. Y.
Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, South Bend, Ind.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:
Mrs. R. G. Frank, Chevy Chase, Md.
Mrs. M. F. Borgelt, Minn., Minn.

SECRETARY:
Mrs. F. J. Schumm, Toledo, Ohio
Miss M. Wiensch, St. Louis, Mo.

TREASURER:
Mrs. Wm. Steinfieldt, LaPorte, Ind.
Mrs. W. Krause, Monroe, Mich.

Since there were no further nominations from the
floor, nominations were closed and the slate accepted.

Mrs. Birner appointed the following tellers:

Miss Emily Doell
Mrs. E. F. Stegman
Mrs. Alice Schaefer

Ballots were distributed and we proceeded with the voting.

Mrs. Ruprecht presented the Field Secretaries. New Field Secretaries assuming their duties after the convention include:

Mrs. Louis Jacobs .... Northern Indiana
Mrs. Fred Hohman ............ Illinois
Mrs. L. Heinecke ............. Michigan
Mrs. Russel Buchl ............ Ohio
Mrs. I. Olson ................. Wisconsin

State Unit Presidents announced the time and place of their meetings.

Illinois ........ Crystal Lake, Oct. 24
Indiana ........ Ft. Wayne, Nov. 7
Michigan .......... St. Joseph, Oct. 27
Ohio ............ Pittsburg, Oct. 16
Wisconsin ......... Oshkosh, Oct. 13

A resolution thanking the officers, field secretaries and state unit presidents was adopted.

Mrs. A. C. Moeller, Chairman of the Activities Committee, gave a detailed and interesting report on novel and successful Chapter projects. She urged all chapters to concentrate efforts on a Christmas program this year. Materials are available for those who would like suggestions. Mrs. Moeller again urged all chapters to send their calendars for the year.

Mrs. Norman Gilles, president of the Cleveland Chapter, presented the University with a beautiful linen cloth to be used for various functions on the campus. The cloth is composed of twelve linen napkins which had been autographed by members and friends of the Cleveland Chapter. These were then embroidered by twelve key women. A charge of fifty-cents per autograph resulted in net proceeds of six-hundred fifty-three dollars.

Mrs. Birner thanked Mrs. Gilles and the Cleveland Chapter for this beautiful gift.

Mrs. W. W. Walker reported that no changes in the By-laws were found necessary.

Miss Nicolay, Historian, announced that important data had been properly placed in the files of the year. Miss Nicolay then presented the Guild with a bound volume of Guild Bulletins covering the period from 1938-1953.

Mrs. Birner thanked our Historian for this very valuable contribution.

Our president now introduced Dr. Luther P. Koepke, the new Dean of Men at Valparaiso University.

Dr. Koepke commented on the fine character and

MRS. HAROLD MEILAHN, President of the Chicago Chapter, who were hostesses at the tea in Kroencke Hall Friday evening, is pouring for the guests.

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quality of the students on the campus, which is a reflection on their home life and training.

"Christian education," said the speaker, "begins at birth and ends at death. The University plays a very important part in this phase of education during the impressionable years the student spends on the campus. Housing for the men presents a problem. The University has taken over several residences and conditioned them to house the boys. All are eagerly looking forward to the erection of the new dormitory for men."

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Dr. Luther P. Koepke is the newly appointed Dean of Men for Valparaiso University, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend to him our best wishes for God's blessings, and pledge our full support in his work.

The business of the morning session was completed earlier than scheduled. There was some discussion as to the advisability of beginning the afternoon session earlier. It was moved and seconded to begin the afternoon session at 2:00 P.M. as scheduled. Carried.

The meeting was recessed at 11:45 A.M.

The second session of the Convention was called to order at 2:00 P.M.

A resolution of thanks to the Cleveland Chapter for the beautiful table cloth presented to the University was adopted.

The tellers reported the following elected:

President ............ Mrs. E. T. J. Birner
First Vice President ... Mrs. Wm. A. Drews
Second Vice President ... Mrs. R. C. Frank
Secretary ............ Mrs. F. J. Schumm
Treasurer ............ Mrs. William Steinfeldt

A resolution addressed to the retiring Secretary, Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, was adopted.

WHEREAS, Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew has graciously, untringly, and most capably fulfilled the duties of her office as secretary of the National Guild for the past three years, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend to her our deep appreciation for her faithful service, and a rising vote of thanks.

Mrs. R. C. Frank now introduced Mrs. Evelyn Huang, wife of a professor in the English Department of the University.

Mrs. Huang was born in Singapore. She had been in the United States for one year, and at Valparaiso University just three weeks.

The speaker was one of four children. She spoke reverently of her Mother who assumed the responsibility for the training and education of the children after the death of her father. Mrs. Huang paid tribute to all mothers present.

The speaker touched briefly on the climate, geographical aspects, population, education and religion of her native Singapore. She stated that the American Missionaries were doing an excellent work, spiritually, mentally and morally.

Roll call revealed that there were 235 Guild members attending the National Convention.

Miss Shirley Flynn, Department of Physical Education, gave an interesting talk on "What is Physical Education?" The speaker emphasized the importance of physical education in relieving tension, which is the key to longer life.

Students in the department of physical education receive a well rounded education. They are trained to teach and also trained in other fields. Miss Flynn then introduced a number of charming young ladies majoring in Physical Education. Each one spoke briefly on one phase of Physical Education that she planned to pursue.

Mr. Mark Young in charge of student Procurement warned that we must not be lulled into a feeling of satisfaction because of the increased enrollment on the Campus of Valparaiso University this semester. The speaker urged that Guild members send in names of prospective students, and continue in their effort to interest students through various activities.

A resolution thanking Mrs. Huang and Mark Young was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, God has blessed our University with an enrollment beyond expectations, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we give thanks to Him for his blessings and pray for his continued help.

Mrs. William A. Drews, first vice-president, presented the Guild Special for 1952-53. She first presented the eighteen dozen cups and plates of Syracuse China in the Embassy pattern. Several of these pieces were displayed on a table.

The China will be stored in Alturria Hall and is to be used by the women in the residence Halls on the campus for entertaining.

Mrs. Drews then presented a beautiful President's gown in a rich brown material, trimmed in dull gold velvet to President Kretzmann. Dr. Kretzmann accepted the gifts with gratitude.

President Kretzmann then displayed a beautiful sterling silver Mace, a gift to the University by two alumni.

The Mace was designed by a pastor's wife in the East. It is carried by the University Marshall at formal convocations. The cost of the Mace is one thousand dollars.

President Kretzmann also announced that the University now has the complete collection of Midwestern Artists presented to the University by Mr. Percy Sloan of Chicago, owner of this fine collection. The collection is valued at one-hundred thousand dollars.

In his will Mr. Percy Sloan bequeathed an amount of money, the income from which is to be expended for the maintaining of this collection of art, insurance, etc.; and the balance of the income, if any, after expenses are paid, is to be used to augment the collection.

Many beautiful pictures of this collection have been

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hung in Altruria Hall. Remaining pictures will be hung and displayed in other buildings.

Reporting on the University, Dr. Kretzmann stated that the enrollment would reach 1840. There has been a profound change in the Lutheran Church. More of her women are attending college. To date there are 1021 men and 806 women enrolled on the campus of Valparaiso University.

Another important announcement by Dr. Kretzmann concerned the acceptance of women graduates from Valparaiso University by the American Association of University Women. This acceptance is retroactive.

The following resolutions were adopted:
WHEREAS, President O. P. Kretzmann has again contributed so much to the spiritual atmosphere of our Convention through his timely counsel by word and sentiment, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that we express our sincere thanks and gratitude to him.

WHEREAS, President O. P. Kretzmann has inspired us with the message that the Men's Dormitory is becoming a realization, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that we encourage the National Guild, The State Units, the Local Chapters, and individual members to strive more zealously, work more fervently, and pray more diligently for the completion of these projects.

WHEREAS, the American Association of University Women has made it possible for the women graduates of Valparaiso University to become members of its organization, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend our sincere thanks to the Dean of Women, her staff of residence directors, the faculty, and the women on the campus for their part in making this program possible; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the National Board of the A.A.U.W.

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Lutheran University Association and of the Valparaiso University Association have given their support to the Guild program and have under-written the office of Executive Secretary again for the past year, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that our grateful thanks be extended to them.

RESOLVED, that the Guild Special for 1953-54 be used for furnishings in the Entrance of Lemble Hall.

A telegram expressing good wishes for a successful Convention from Mr. Paul Brandt, president of the Board of Directors, was read by the secretary.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:
WHEREAS, this annual Convention has been a source of inspiration and stimulation to all who attended, and

Mrs. F. J. Schumm, Toledo, Ohio—Newly elected Secretary.

WHEREAS, much careful planning and effort were required, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that our sincerest thanks be extended to the following who have contributed to a large extent in making this 1953 Annual Convention of the Valparaiso University Guild so great and blessed a success:
The Convention Committee of the Valparaiso Chapter of the Guild; The Chicago, Illinois, Chapter; The Chairmen of the Standing Committees; The speakers; The Drama Department of Valparaiso University; The Department of Physical Education; The Central Junior High School; Dean Walter E. Bauer; Dr. Alfred Bichsel, and the Chapel Choir; Mrs. Arnold Scherer; The Rev. Herbert Lindemann; And to all who in any way aided by their prayers, gifts, and labors, added blessings to these days of busy meeting.

Mrs. Ruprecht announced that the amount in the Chapel Fund to date is $107,708.55. In the Men's Dorm Furniture Fund $26,500.00.

Following announcements concerning the Guild Banquet, breakfast in the Hole, Altruria Hall, and Divine Services in the Auditorium Sunday morning, with Rev. Herbert Lindeman as the speaker, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Dr. Kretzmann led the assembly in the praying of the Lord's prayer in unison.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, Secretary

December, 1953
STATE UNIT CONVENTIONS

October 13, 1953—Oshkosh, Wisconsin—Wisconsin—Minnesota State Unit

The State Unit convention was held in Grace Lutheran Church, where the pastor, Rev. Ernst Lehninger gave the opening devotions. Mrs. W. Feuerpfiel, president, carried on the business sessions, with reports from the National President, Mrs. Birner and the field secretary, Mrs. Ruprecht. Brief resumes of Chapter activities were given by the individual Chapter presidents. A delicious noon luncheon was served by the Trinity Ladies Aid, with entertainment provided by Blanche Jennison Hay, a local woman, giving several entertaining readings, called “Sketches from Life”. Miss Shirley Groh, deaconess field representative then spoke of deaconess work and life at Valpo. New business was followed with an invitation extended from Shawano, Wisconsin for next year’s convention. Mrs. A. J. Pitz of Oshkosh served as convention chairman.

October 16, 1953—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—Ohio State Unit

The Ohio State Unit convention was held at First Trinity Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The luncheon at Trinity Parish Hall at noon was followed by a most interesting and scenic bus tour of the city, which included a trip on the famous “Incline”, and concluded with a brief tour of the Museum. Business sessions followed at the church under the leadership of Mrs. F.W.G. Mueller, with various officer and chapter reports. The evening was climaxed with a banquet at the Parish Hall at which Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht was the principal speaker, and Mrs. Birner, national president, gave her report. A number of readings and vocal selections by Guild members provided the entertainment for the evening. All members present were then taken as guests into the homes of the Guild members for the night. Mrs. L. G. Leonard was convention chairman.

October 24, 1953—Crystal Lake, Illinois—Illinois and Missouri State Unit

The opening devotions were conducted by the Reverend A. A. Wessler, pastor of Immanuel Church, Crystal Lake. Mrs. Karl Bliese presided as State Unit president and reports were given by the State officers, and by Mrs. E.T.J. Birner, national president, and Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht. The noon luncheon was served at the Crystal Lake Public grade school auditorium, at which Prof. Herman Grunau, University Librarian, was the main speaker. Mrs. O. P. Kretzmann gave a short talk entitled “Highlights in the life of a University President’s Wife” which was most favorably received. The announcement of a new Chapter was made at this meeting, namely, the Chicago Evening group, under the temporary chairmanship of Mrs. Don Behrman. Chairman for the day was Mrs. Erich Utech.

October 27, 1953—St. Joseph, Michigan—Michigan State Unit

The Reverend Martin Zschoche conducted the devotions for the Michigan State Unit meeting held at Trinity Lutheran Church. This was Pastor Zschoche’s first sermon to be delivered in the church since his installation as pastor of Trinity. St. Joseph. He was assisted by the Reverend E. C. Ripke, Sawyer, Michigan, pastoral counselor of the State Unit. During the business session, conducted in Trinity Auditorium, Mrs. Fred Jens presided. Reports of Chapters were given, together with officers’ reports, and an open forum. Pastor Paul Wachelwesky concluded the afternoon session with prayer. Punch and cookies were served by the local chapter at beautifully appointed tables. The evening’s Banquet, at which Mrs. W. A. Kuschel served as toastmistress, was highlighted by an address by Dr. O. P. Kretzmann. Mrs. Birner, Mrs. Jens, and Mrs. Ruprecht gave reports, and the Trinity Lutheran Choristers presented a program of music. Local hostesses took care of overnight lodging for the guests.

November 7, 1953—Ft. Wayne, Indiana—Indiana State Unit meeting.

The Indiana State Unit meeting was held at Re­deemer Lutheran Church, where the Reverend Herbert Lindemann conducted the devotions. Prior to the service coffee and coffee cake was served to the members who had arrived for early registration. The noon luncheon was held in the church dining room, followed by a talk delivered by Prof. Herman Grunau, Uni­versity Librarian. Miss Irma Lange presided at the business meeting, at which reports of officers and Chapter presidents were given. Mrs. Birner and Mrs. Ruprecht reported for the national officers. Mrs. H. F. Koenemann was elected treasurer of the State Unit replacing Mrs. Eickhoff whose term had ended. Mrs. Walter A. Hansen served as chairman for the day.

Thanks to Out-Going Field Sec’ys

Our heartfelt thanks are hereby extended to the three women whose terms as field secretary have ended with the 1953 convention. We wish to thank them for their untiring efforts in behalf of the Guild—they have spent many hours of quiet work that is never witnessed by others, and they have spent much preparatory work before a Chapter can be formed—all of which does not appear on the surface. We know these women will continue to spread the word of the Guild in their respective localities and will help those who follow in their fields.

THANK YOU:

Mrs. G. E. Penson for work in Northern Illinois
Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew in Northern Indiana
Mrs. Paul Koehrs in Northern Wisconsin

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Year after year, as I observe the functioning of this University, I become more and more convinced that this is not the work of man. This conviction is strengthened every time I look beyond the campus and witness anew the loyalty and devotion of thousands of people like yourselves. But few experiences in the life of the University are so reassuring as the annual convention of the Guild right here on the campus. Here you are, once again, taking time out from your private and personal duties, having traveled at your own expense and some of you a long distance, attending sessions and performing other chores which call for understanding and patience and cooperation—here you are assuring us again in a tangible way that you share our labors and our problems.

I suppose a psychologist could give a ready explanation of this phenomenon. But I am also sure that his explanation would not go very far beneath the surface of this amazing reality. And it is just that—an amazing thing—this active devotion to a common cause by so many people, who in a material way have nothing to gain—it is something almost unique in American education.

Well, there is an explanation. We sang about it a few moments ago. But that great and beautiful hymn is only a faint echo of the words that inspired it. They are the words of Jesus: "Yet a little while, and the world shall see me no more; but ye see me."

These words are among the most profound words uttered by our Lord, and their profundity and their truth have become increasingly clear through the centuries.

What was it that led hundreds of thousands of Christians to give their lives in the most excruciating martyrdom? The world did not understand, because the world did not see what they saw. They saw Jesus, who by operation of the Comforter, had become alive in them. What is it that makes millions of people today, in every walk of life, bear burdens and endure hardships and do impossible things? The world does not understand, because the world does not see what they see. By faith they see Jesus, they hear His voice, and they follow in His steps.

And that is why you are here this morning. We may not always be fully aware of it, but deep down within us there is something which is not of us, which is not of the world. It is the groaning of the Spirit within us, struggling with our spirit to make us see what the eye of flesh cannot see and to hear what the ear of flesh cannot hear.

This is the explanation of all Christian activity. It is a manifestation of the Spirit of God at work. It is a blessed thing to know this truth for without such knowledge our labors would be meaningless and futile.

When all that can be said and done about education and learning and science has been said and done, one fact remains for us here at Valparaiso: unless in all our work we see Jesus, and unless we go about our work as a labor of love for Him, we strive in vain. But if we keep our eyes fixed on Him, no matter how imperfect our work may be, it will be a reflection of His image in us. And it is our fervent hope and prayer that by the light of that reflection many others will be led to see what we see.
Parliamentarian's Corner

by MRS. WALTER N. HOPPE

An organization, whether large or small, must be conducted according to established rules and methods of procedure. It is an accepted fact that business may be guided in a systematic manner and in a much shorter space of time by applying the rules of Parliametary Law. A fair knowledge of this subject will greatly aid the members and will increase the efficiency of the officers.

It is the intention of the writer of this column to answer such questions on parliamentary procedure as are of general interest to the Guild membership and which will help to improve organization.

QUESTION:
As president of our chapter, I must preside over the annual election for the first time. Please tell me how to handle the report of the nominating committee. What is the procedure on elections?

ANSWER:
When the time has arrived to hear the report of the nominating committee, the president should ask the recording secretary to read the article in the by-laws that govern the election of officers. The president then calls for the report of the nominating committee. After the report is read by the chairman it is handed to the president who repeats the names of the persons the committee has placed in nomination and then asks for nominations from the floor. The president continues until there has been ample time for nominations from the floor for each office to be filled. After ample time has been given and there are no further nominations it is not necessary to move to close nominations. The president may declare nominations closed by saying, “If there are no further nominations, they are closed.”

The president having previously appointed tellers (usually three will suffice) now asks them to distribute the ballots. The members proceed to ballot. The ballots are then collected by the tellers, the members depositing them in a basket or box or any other receptacle provided for that purpose.

QUESTION:
 a. How can the election be simplified if there is only one candidate for each office? b. How does one proceed to have the secretary cast the ballot?

ANSWER:
 a. The correct procedure depends upon your by-laws. If they say the election shall be by ballot, then there is no short cut and the members must vote by ballot. If the by-laws contain this provision: “In case there is only one candidate for an office the election may be by voice, or the secretary, by unanimous vote, may be instructed to cast the ballot for the candidate. This plan is less time consuming but undoubtedly your elected officers will be given a feeling of reassurance if the individual members give them their vote of confidence in the secret ballot. It is an honor due your officers.

 b. When the secretary is directed by motion, carried unanimously, to cast the ballot for a certain person for a specified office, she writes the name of the candidate on a blank piece of paper. She stands and says: “Madam President, by order of the chapter, I cast its ballot for Mrs. A for president.” She hands the ballot to the presiding officer and resumes her seat. The presiding officer then announces that Mrs. A has been elected president.

QUESTION:
Does the tellers report include the number of votes a losing candidate receives?

ANSWER:
Yes, It is a legal requirement for the tellers report to show a tally with the number of ballots that were cast, and the number of votes each candidate received. The report should contain the number of ballots cast, the number necessary for an election, which is always a majority unless there is a by-law to the contrary. Next the number of illegal ballots, if any, followed by the names of the various candidates with the number of votes cast for each. This report is read by the chairman of the tellers and handed to the president. The report should never state who is elected. The president reads the number of votes again and declares the election of the candidates receiving the majority of votes cast.

(Editors' Note: Mrs. Hoppe has kindly consented to submit a question and answer corner in each issue of the Bulletin. Should any Chapters or individual members have questions on parliamentary procedures that they would like answered in this manner, kindly write Mrs. Hoppe so that she may include some of them in the next issue.)

VALPO ALUMNI attending the September Executive Board Meeting. Back row, Mrs. Paul Tomell, Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew. Front row, Miss Audrey Haessler, Mrs. Robert Tank, Mrs. Dale Evans.
Chapter Chatter

Seven new entering students from Shawano, Wisconsin, have mothers who are active in Guild work and produce their sons and daughters in the 1953 Freshman Class as evidence of their efforts in the field of student procurement. The students are Gerald Moede, Robert Gehrke, Harriet Huntington, Donald Damrow, Charles O'Brien, Fred Olson, and Penelope Hoffmann.

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Two and a half pairs of gloves were discovered after the national convention; one black pair and 1½ white pairs. Owners may receive them by writing to the executive secretary's office.

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DECATUR, INDIANA

A floral demonstration was presented at the first fall session of the Decatur Chapter, with Mrs. Willard Fawbush as president. Convention reports were given, and it was voted to have a talent bank project. The annual rummage sale was announced.

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BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Mrs. E. H. Pretzer opened her Rosemary Lane home to Valparaiso Guild members and friends for a fall tea, with bronze and yellow flowers marking the central flower piece. Past presidents of the Chapter assisted in pouring.

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CONVOY, OHIO

The Van Wert County Chapter met at St. Paul's Church in Convoy, being entertained with slide color pictures of Europe and Africa presented by Miss Elma Dauler of Ft. Wayne who spent considerable time in those countries the past summer. Plans for a supper were made.

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THE SOUTH BEND-MISHAWAKA Chapter will have a Christmas Musicaie and Pageant on Sunday, December 6th, at 4:00 P.M. The Chapter will sponsor the Valparaiso University Choir on January 24, 1954.

ON CAMPUS...

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Saturday morning reminds us that the University is not the work of men, but is the Spirit of God at work in the hearts of our leaders. The Chapel Choir directed by Dr. Bischel reflects the love of God in its inspired rendition of the 125th Psalm. Dr. Hahn, chairman of the Department of Speech and Drama, vitally expresses the ideals of the Liberal Arts College. Pastor Lindemann's sermon on Sunday morning urges us to fill our hearts and minds and soul with the holiness of God. All show a vital interest in the student as an individual and his relationship to God.

Both our new Executive Secretary, Mrs. Birner, and our Guild President, Mrs. Birner, same deep convictions and humility in their work! I do not want you to leave campus though thinking that serious thought and discussion fill every day. There are times of relaxation and moments of laughter. Friday evening the department drama entertains all of us with a delightful interpretation of the Spanish play, A Sunny Evening. Follow that more than twenty of the women faculty members are introduced and we are invited to chat with them during the social hour that follows. As the Chicago Chapter serves from a carefully appointed tea table decorated with chrysanthemums joining the two silver candelabra, we admire the beautiful pictures adorning the walls of Kroencke Hall—these are part of an art collection which was a gift to the University from the Sloan Estate.

The Saturday night convention banquet is always an unforgettable occasion. The banquet hall, glowing with gold candles, impressive with its long tables ornamented by unusually original brown and gold centerpieces, and alive with the laughter and gay repartee of almost three hundred Guild members, made an indelible impression. Not one of us but wished that she might transport the entire setting to her own community so that every home Guild might enjoy such delightful and stimulating surroundings. The program, spiced into smooth transition from one number to the next by our talented toastmistress, Mrs. Arnold Scherer, and including the beautiful interpretations of the orchesis group, the musical selections from Rogers and Hart as presented by Van C. Kussrow, Jr., the piano numbers of Professor William Kroeger, made each one marvel anew at the outstanding talent that we have "on campus".

One would think that the banquet was climax enough to another glorious Guild convention, but Sunday morning again we enjoy the warm and friendly hospitality of the Valparaiso Chapter as they serve breakfast in Altruria Hall. How we appreciate the opportunity to visit once more and to bid "good-bye" to old and new friends whom we promise to meet again next September.

The close of the twenty-second annual Guild convention—the end of another visit "on campus"—can there be a life still unwilling to dedicate itself to a higher degree of consecration to God to do this, His work?

Gladys Katherine Buege