As loyal members of the Valparaiso University Guild we remember our Guild motto: "Build with the Guild."

This year we are given an additional way to build with the Guild. Over and above the $10,000.00 we shall want to raise to complete our $100,000.00 project for the furnishings of a new Men's Dormitory, we are given the opportunity to participate in the "Building for Christ" campaign.

This is a mighty challenge to us, a great opportunity to help bring the completion of a Chapel and the Men's Dorm into the immediate future.

I am confident that every member of the Guild will want to take an active part in this campaign and to work diligently to promote it, remembering the Lord's promise in the words of our convention theme: "And a new spirit will I put within you."

Work!

Thank God for the might of it,
The ardor, the urge, the delight of it,
Work that springs from the heart's desire,
Setting the brain and the soul on fire.

Yes, the work that God has given us to do this year is mighty, it is urgent, but we know it will be delightful, because it springs from the heart's desire, setting our brains and our souls on fire.

May the flame it has kindled continue to burn brightly through the year, keeping alive the "new spirit within us".

Louise Drews
NOTES by the Convention Reporter

MRS. DON BEHRMAN

"And a new spirit will I put within you" (Ezekiel 36:26), the theme of the 23rd Annual Guild Convention, is particularly appropriate. It is the spirit of renewed zeal and enthusiasm for our work in the Valparaiso University Guild which He will put within us. It is a spirit which warms our hearts and does not vanish from our minds as we board our homeward-bound trains or pass the Valpo city limit signs on the highways. While it is intensified and more pronounced as we stand in the sunlight by the Auditorium, or walk in the shadows of the great trees near Lembke and Altruria Halls, or enter the inviting and stately Guild and Memorial Halls, yet it is deeply etched and well pressed into our minds and hearts and should not fade into nothingness as we resume our daily chores at home. Proof of this is demonstrated in many projects on the campus at Valpo. And yet, each autumn a large group of eager women gather there to ask for the renewal of a right spirit within them.

While I just recently became a Guild member (a member of the new chapter, Chicago Evening), and this was my first attendance at a Guild Convention, the work of the Guild is not new to me for my Mother has long had a deep interest in it. But a different spirit was instilled in me when I saw this group of women from many parts of the States gathered together to renew their spirit, to once again become harnessed as one team, to move together, and to take another step upward and forward.

While the work to be done at Valpo is challenging, serious, and thought-provoking, I do not mean to infer that the Guild Convention days at Valpo are free from pleasure and laughter. The women who stayed at Guild and Memorial Halls last year are still recalling with a smile the night some of the men students came to serenade them. But one of the songs the men chose was far beyond the ladies' expectations—it was "O Where, O Where Has My Little Dog Gone?"—and sung in German! (And secretly, I think the women were hoping that the incident would be repeated this year, even though they had never thought of that particular song as a serenade number!) This year, however, they were absorbed with another humorous item—the double-bunk beds! I am sure when some of them went home and proudly announced to their families that they had succeeded in clambering into the top bunk,—well, they won't hear the end of it for some time to come! While I didn't room there at Guild or Memorial, my imagination runs wild with visions of the situation:

"How do I get up in that thing?" And then, I am sure, those who were fortunate enough to latch onto the lower bunks thought, after getting snugly tucked into the lower level, "Hope that thing is solid and doesn't collapse in the still of the night." Can't you just visualize some of the contortions to scoot to the second deck?

And so there was fun and laughter and pleasure mingled in with the serious work!

The convention opened on Friday with the meeting of the Executive Board and the various chapter presidents, or their representatives, and the field secretaries. As usual, the Valpo weather left nothing to be desired and only matched the brightness, warmth, and congeniality of the convention. Friday evening's social hour was most enjoyable. Mr. Ronald Sims of the Drama Department gave a reading of "The Green Pastures", Mr. David Thomas sang several songs, and then the LaPorte, Indiana chapter, as hostesses, served cake and coffee. Here it was that everyone renewed acquaintances and welcomed new representatives.

Saturday morning the general body of the convention met in the Auditorium and opened the session with devotions led by Prof. Grunau, Head Librarian. Prof. Grunau emphasized the fact that the Guild, in particular, are builders, builders not only of the University, but of Christian life and faith and character through the training and education offered at Valpo. "Let those that be greatest among you, serve"—serve God and serve man.

The general business of the convention followed and I shall not attempt a report on it as a detailed account of this is found elsewhere in this bulletin in Mrs. Schumm's minutes.

It was stimulating to hear announced that four new chapters were being presented for acceptance together with the announcement of the possibility of several others which are nearing the formative stage. How Valpo's influence has spread across the country in the 23 years of the Guild's life!

Both morning and afternoon sessions were highlighted by representatives of the University each explaining a phase of University interest, training, and instruction. Prof. John H. Strietelmier gave an interesting brief look at "The University as a Publishing House". Because Valpo is the only lay institution within the church, it is the only one that can do a publishing job for the laity. The Press is in its infancy, and while it is now swimming against streams that are powerful, the knowledge and information must be gotten out to the people, out of the academic and student circles and to the laity. Most folks who support Valpo are men and women who have not received direct help from Valpo—and these people must get something in return for their help and support. They are stockholders of the University and are entitled to know the details of the school and its activities. Progress is being made in this direction, and as I listened to Prof. Strietelmier I could see a
great future ahead for the Valparaiso University Press, a future that is being built on a firm and strong base as evidenced by his ideas and actions in this direction.

Miss Hildegarde Streufert of the Home Economics Department presented several of her students in their interpretations of "The Future of Home Economics Students". This brought a part of the University training closer to the group as they heard in the girls' own words how they expect their particular training to gear them for a better future in the years to come. They almost made homemaking and housekeeping sound attractive and inviting, to say the least! In fact, so desirable that I must remind myself of this come next housecleaning time or when the sink is full of dishes and greasy pots and pans!

Miss Patricia Reddell, a student, also gave a short talk on her student's tour of Europe this summer. This was most refreshing—and I am sure Pres. Kretzmann is still wondering what Patricia meant when she said she "saw all there was to be seen in Paris".

Saturday evening we found not only sparkle in the stars in the sky, but sparkle and glitter at the Convention banquet—sparkle in the dress of the women; sparkle in Mrs. Kretzmann's handling of her job as toastmistress; and sparkle and pleasure in the music of the Silverstein Trio presented as the evening's entertainment.

It was then most impressive to attend the candlelight vespers at Immanuel Church and to hear the officers take their vows to carry on and direct, with the help of God, the work of this group dedicated to the work of helping and assisting Valpo to rightly attain its high place in the educational and social fields in the United States and, some day, in the world.

The convention was brought to an end with the church services on Sunday morning in the Auditorium at which the speaker was Rev. Wm. Buege of Minneapolis. Once again, as on other celebrated occasions, the walls swelled with "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past". And He is "our Hope for years to come". We look to Him for guidance in the continuing growth of the Guild as we plan and chart our course. Our Guild ship may be tossed about, as the sea of life is not always calm. It may be buffeted by the strong winds of opposition and the ever-increasing communistic tendencies in the world. But He shall protect us and Valpo's ideals, if we but trust in Him, and He shall be "our Shelter from the stormy blast".

I have heard it said that a traffic light serves only to get everyone out in the middle of the street. So might we think of a Guild convention as a traffic light? It gets us out in the "middle of the street", in the stream of activity. We see what is going on around us at Valpo and the various chapters, and how the fruits of our work help to serve in making Valpo stronger and firmer and able to take a few more steps up the ladder. The traffic light halts us as it shows red: Stop and examine your work. Have you done enough in the past year towards helping Valpo? Have you given your all to the work of the Lord? And then the light turns amber: It is the sign to "shift your gears", as it were; to get ready for the year ahead; to be ready to forge beyond all expectations when you return home to your own chapter work. And then, finally, the light is green. We move forward in our Guild work with the Lord's promise, "And a new spirit will I put within you".

MEMBERS of the Silberstein Trio who presented the musical portion of the Banquet program on Saturday night.
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 Parliamentary 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:
Is it correct to address the President of the Guild as Madam Chairman?

ANSWER:
No. She has the official title of President, therefore she should be addressed as Madam President. If the Vice-President is the presiding officer she also is addressed as Madam President. When any other officer or member is the presiding officer, she is addressed as Madam Chairman.

QUESTION:
Is it proper to suspend an article in the by-laws?

ANSWER:
No. It is illegal to suspend by-laws. If the article in question is not workable to the satisfaction of members, steps should be taken to amend the article.

QUESTION:
Are the minutes usually read when meetings are held annually? How are they approved if the reading of the minutes is dispensed with?

ANSWER:
When there is a long interval between meetings, it is well to include in the standing rules that the minutes shall be read and approved by the Administrative Committee or by the Executive Board at its next regular meeting. Or, by motion, one of these groups or a special committee may be empowered to correct and approve them. In this case the record should include the word “Approved” with the date and signature of chairman of the committee authorized to approve them.

In the case of a delegate convention, it is likely that a new group of delegates constitute the voting body at each successive convention. Therefore it is illogical and impractical to have delegates take action upon the minutes of a previous meeting at which they were not present. Each convention must attend to its own minutes, either by having the convention approve them before adjournment or by authorizing a committee to approve them at its next meeting.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN from the Menominee Indian reservation who entertained the Wisconsin-Minnesota State Unit at Shawano, Wisconsin.

MRS. O. P. KRETZMANN, toastmistress, presiding at the 23rd annual banquet at Central Junior high school.

November, 1954
The twenty-third annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild was opened with a devotional service in the University Auditorium, Saturday, September 25, 1954 at 9 a.m. The assembly sang the hymn, "Love Divine, All Love Excelling."

In a meditation based on a portion of I. Corinthians 14, 26, "...Let all things be done unto edifying," Professor Herman C. Grunau, Head Librarian at Valparaiso University, pointed out that the kind of edifying, or building going on at Valparaiso University calls for a special gift or talent. It is one that Christ alone can supply. "...and a new spirit will I put within you."

"At Valparaiso University," Professor Grunau said, "we are not building just another university. We are building a Christian faculty, we are building a Christian student body and we are building with the Gospel. As long as we do this, Christ is our collaborator and will guarantee success."

In conclusion Professor Grunau declared, "The Guild is doing a noble work—one which means much in the sight of God. On the last day, many souls saved through edifying here will rise up and call you blessed."

An anthem by the Chapel Choir under the direction of Dr. M. Alfred Bichsel closed the devotional period.

The convention business session was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, President, who extended a sincere welcome to all.

The Secretary's report on the proceedings of the Executive Board meeting in Recital Hall, Friday, September 24, 1954 were approved.

Mrs. William A. Drews, first Vice-President, took the chair while the President gave her annual report. Mrs. Birner called attention to the convention motto: "...and a new spirit will I put within you," (Ezekiel 36:26) and prayed that God would bless us with this spirit in fullest measure. She reported on her official activities, stating that the year just ended had been a most fruitful one because of the combined efforts of all the Guild's members.

Mrs. William Steinfeldt, Treasurer, submitted the financial report, as follows:

Balance on hand, July 1, 1953 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $ 2845.58
RECEIPTS:

Current Fund ........... $ 7757.65
Project—Chapel ........ 1667.50
Project—Dormitory     38394.27
Furniture ................ 389.00
Guild Special ..........  54.10
Sale of Pins & Seals ...  20.00
Travel Refund Donations 100.00
Convention .............  48382.52

TOTAL .................. $51228.10

DISBURSEMENTS:

Current Fund ........... $ 8000.00
Project Fund—Dormitory 33500.00
Project Fund—Chapel ...  1667.50
Guild Special ..........  410.00
Expenses .................  5066.17

TOTAL BUDGET ........... $6462.50

Balance on hand, July 1, 1954 .... 2584.43

A letter of audit from Janet L. Sievers, Assistant Professor in the Department of Business and Economics at Valparaiso University, certified that the books were in excellent order. The Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Mrs. Steinfeldt read the proposed budget for 1954-55 itemized as follows:

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TOTAL BUDGET ........... $6462.50

The following resolution was adopted:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed Budget for 1954-55 in the amount of $6462.50 be accepted.

During the Executive Secretary's report to the Convention, Mrs. Ruprecht presented four new chapters for acceptance in the national Guild. They are:
- CHICAGO, ILL. EVENING—organized by Mrs. G. E. Penson
- NASSAU-SUFFOLK—organized by Mrs. Otto Sonderegger, Chicago.
- GRIESSEL, NEW YORK, and Mrs. Edward Griessel, New York, and Mrs. Lowell Miller, Effingham, Presidents of the new chapters, were introduced to the Convention.

The Resolutions Committee presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, the following new Chapters have been organized in the Guild within the past year: Westchester, Bronx, Manhattan Chapter; Nassau-Suffolk Chapter; Effingham Chapter; and Chicago Evening Chapter, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend a hearty welcome to them, offer our congratulations and wish them the Lord's richest blessings.

Concluding her report Mrs. Ruprecht commended Chapter secretaries for their promptness in helping to keep the membership files up-to-date; thanked the Field Secretaries for not permitting their efforts to gain new chapters to become dreary, tiresome chores; expressed appreciation to the State Unit Presidents for carrying on their respective responsibilities and conveyed the sincerest thanks of all of us to the two national officers who are retiring, Mrs. Birner and Mrs. Steinfeldt.

A panel of Michiganders—Mrs. Fred Jens, Mrs. Fred Donner and Mrs. G. Walter Schoedel, competently presented an informative discussion on the manner in which Michigan chapters are cooperating with the Field Secretary in an effort to gain additional chapters.

Mrs. Norman Gilles, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the slate of candidates for national offices. They are:

PRESIDENT:
- Mrs. William A. Drews, Buffalo, N. Y.
- Mrs. E. S. Snyder, Cleveland, Ohio

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:
- Mrs. Roy C. Frank, Washington, D. C.
- Mrs. W. W. Walker, Elyria, Ohio

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:
- Mrs. Charles St. Clair, Rockford, Ill.
- Mrs. B. E. Buente, Evansville, Ind.

SECRETARY:
- Mrs. Frank J. Schumm, Toledo, Ohio
- Mrs. John W. Westerman, Baltimore, Md.

TREASURER:
- Mrs. Leonard Oehmke, Detroit, Mich.
- Mrs. Walter Kraus, Monroe, Mich.

The slate was accepted.

The President appointed the following tellers:
- Mrs. Harold Graumiller, Chairman, Detroit
- Mrs. Charles Bretzke, Wausau
- Mrs. Otto Bufe, Cincinnati
- Mrs. Emil D. Frank, Gary

Ballots were distributed for voting. The election of officers to serve during the next year took place.

At this time Mrs. Ruprecht presented the Field Secretaries. In attendance were:
- Mrs. Roy C. Frank, Eastern Area
- Mrs. Fred Homann, Central Illinois

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We were sorry that for reasons beyond their control four of our Field Secretaries were unable to attend the Convention. We missed:

- Mrs. Clarence Westermeier, Southern Indiana
- Mrs. Louis Heinecke, Michigan
- Mrs. E. Russel Buehl, Ohio
- Mrs. I. N. Olson, Wisconsin

State Unit Presidents were also introduced to the Convention. Mrs. W. A. Feuerpfell, Wisconsin, was recuperating from an accident and could not be present. Recognition was given to:

- Mrs. K. A. Bliese, Illinois-Missouri Unit
- Miss Irma Lange, Indiana State Unit
- Mrs. Fred Jens, Michigan State Unit
- Mrs. F. W. G. Mueller, Ohio State Unit

Mrs. Birner welcomed and introduced the Reporter for the Convention, Mrs. Donald Behrmann, Chicago.

Mrs. Albert C. Moeller, Chairman of the Activities Committee, has two new programs. “An Evening in Switzerland” and “Flowers and Trees of the Bible” may be obtained by writing to her at 715 Brier Hill Lane, Saginaw, Michigan. “Tried and True” projects are still the best source of revenue. Mrs. Moeller requested that a copy of all successful programs be mailed to her for the Activities file.

The Chairman of the Revisions Committee, Mrs. W. W. Walker, suggested that all incoming presidents of chapters and state units study the by-laws of the Guild. Copies of the by-laws are available through the Executive Secretary’s office.

Miss Louise F. Nicolay, historian, stated that a routine account of any new achievements accomplished at this convention will be incorporated in the historical record of the Guild.

Our Parliamentarian, Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, commented on the high standard of parliamentary procedure in Guild meetings. Any questions directed to her will be answered in the “Parliamentarian’s Corner” of the Valparaiso Guild Bulletin.

For the first time, many of us were made aware of the fact that there is a Lutheran University Press at Valparaiso. Professor John H. Streitelmeier, Assistant Professor in Geography and Geology, spoke on the topic “The University as a Publishing House.”

“The Lutheran Press is in an embryonic stage,” said Professor Streitelmeier. He stated it is endeavoring to be a good influence in the cause of Christian education and culture through the printed word. Its purpose is to supply students, alumni and supporters of the University with “a continuing commentary of artistic and cultural trends.”

Roll Call by chapters revealed that two hundred thirty-eight members and guests were present representing seventy-four chapters.

Announcements were made by Mrs. Ruprecht.

Mrs. Graumiller, chairman of tellers, read their report.

The Chair declared the following candidates elected:

President ................ Mrs. Wm. A. Drews
First Vice-President ........... Mrs. Roy C. Frank
Second Vice-President .... Mrs. Charles St. Clair
Secretary ...................... Mrs. Frank J. Schumm
Treasurer .................... Mrs. Walter Kraus

The meeting recessed at 11:40 a.m.

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The second session of the Convention was called to order at 2 p.m.

The newly-elected officers were officially recognized.

Mrs. C. Blomstrand, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, offered the following resolution which was adopted:

"WHEREAS, Mrs. E. T. J. Birner has gratefully, untiringly and most capably fulfilled the duties of her office as President of the National Guild for the past three years, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend to her in deep appreciation of her faithful service a rising vote of thanks."

Dr. O. P. Kretzmann voiced the University's appreciation of Mrs. Birner's services.

Speaking for the Resolutions Committee, Mrs. Blomstrand presented the following resolution which was adopted:

"WHEREAS, Mrs. Wm. F. Steinfeldt has most faithfully and efficiently served the national Guild as Treasurer for the past three years, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend to her our sincere gratitude."

We listened to Miss Patricia Reddel, student at the University, as she spoke on "A Student's View of Europe." Her lively manner and vivid language delighted the audience.

Miss Hildegarde Streufert, Instructor in Home Economics at Valparaiso University, presented an informative topic, "The Future of Home Economics Students." She was assisted by a group of Home Economics majors. Each student talked briefly on a phase in the course. Miss Streufert summarized this "aerial view of homemaking" and invited the Guild to visit the department.

The men of Lembke Dormitory enjoyed the benefits of the refurnished lounge for months before this 1953-54 Guild Special was formally presented to the University by Mrs. Wm. A. Drews, first Vice-president. Mrs. Drews commended all chapters for the promptness with which they contributed to this fund.

Facts and figures loomed up largely when President Kretzmann gave his annual "State of the University" report. It has been an astonishing achievement to house the 1935 students presently enrolled at "Valpo" plus the 26 new faculty members and their families. The need for three or four dormitories close to each other is urgent. Dr. Kretzmann explained how Valparaiso University will benefit from the proposed "Building for Christ" offering which will take place on Sunday, March 20, 1955. $2,500,000 will be allotted to the university with the stipulation that one-half of this amount must be used to retire our debt on buildings already in use. $750,000 will be allocated for a chapel. "This is the biggest thing that has happened to us in twenty-five years," said President Kretzmann. He appealed to all leaders and individuals in the Guild to cooperate towards the attainment of this goal, especially in their local congregations. Concluding his report, Dr. Kretzmann stated that we are now at the threshold of Guild expansion and asked us to continue to seek for those new members who will have a specific interest in what we are accomplishing at "Valpo."

Miss Marie Ehle, a member of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Lutheran University Association has asked for the loan of the Chapel Fund for use toward construction of the men's dormitory, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that we instruct the Board of Directors of the Lutheran University Association to transfer the Chapel Fund to notes against the men's dormitory, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Guild respectfully petition the Board of Directors of the Lutheran University Association to earmark the first funds realized from the Building for Christ offering for repayment to the Chapel Fund."

The motion was adopted.

In answer to a question, it was stated that there was approximately $107,000 in the fund. Memorial wreaths and interest on the investment have increased the original $100,000 fund. Mrs. H. A. Eberline, past president of the Guild, remarked that she especially liked the clause in the resolution which protects the funds for the Chapel.

Mrs. Dale Evans, third member of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

"WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of The

WOMEN REPRESENTED ON PROGRAM at Indiana State Unit: 1 to r.: Mrs. Louis Jacobs, Northern Indiana field secretary; Mrs. Herman Krueckeberg, chairman, Mrs. Clarence Westerner, Southern Indiana field secretary; Mrs. O. P. Kretzmann, convention speaker; Mrs. R. Waldschmidt, soloist.

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Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has authorized the Building for Christ Offering with a goal of $5,000,000 and

WHEREAS, Valparaiso University will receive $2,500,000 of this amount, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Guild heartily endorse this fund raising program of Synod, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a letter expressing our grateful appreciation for this effort, and pledging our whole-hearted support, be sent to the Board of Directors of Synod."

Mrs. Evans presented the resolution of thanks as prepared by the Resolutions' Committee. It was adopted.

"WHEREAS, this Twenty-third Annual Convention has been a source of inspiration and stimulation to all who attended, and

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 1954 Annual Convention of the Valparaiso University Guild a great and blessed success:

The Convention Committee of the Valparaiso Chapter of the Guild
The LaPorte, Indiana Chapter
The Chairmen of the Standing Committees

Dr. M. Alfred Bichsel and the Chapel Choir
The speakers:
President O. P. Kretzmann
Professor Herman C. Grunau
Professor John H. Strietelmier
Miss Patricia Reddel
The Reverend William Buege

The Panel members from the Michigan State Unit
Miss Hildegarde Streufert and the Home Economics Majors
All others who helped in stimulating the zeal of the Convention, and all who by their talents, labors and prayers added inspiration and blessing to these Convention days."

In relinquishing the gavel, Mrs. Birner declared her joy for having had the opportunity to serve as president of the Guild; in accepting the gavel, Mrs. Drews implored Divine help in her new responsibility.

After announcements by Mrs. Ruprecht, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

President Kretzmann led us in prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Frank J. Schumm, Secretary

NOTE: At the Executive Board meeting on September 24, 1954, it was decided that the "Guild Special" for 1954-55 will be new furniture for the Barracks' lounge rooms.
Report of the National President

MRS. E. T. S. BIRNER

Not long ago I heard it said that we are a great church. The speaker, addressing a group of Lutheran Laymen, substantiated his claim by pointing to the Lutheran Hour and This is the Life, a radio network and a television program unequalled in their field by the product of any other denomination. He did not speak with the voice of boasting. The success of these efforts he attributed to the spirit and will of the consecrated church membership supporting them and above all, to the blessing of our Almighty God.

The greatness of a church is not in ourselves that we should walk in pride and glory. We are a great church only because we have a great God, the God of the Bible, Father, Son and Holy Ghost; we have a great message, the message of salvation, through faith in the redeeming work of our Savior; we have a great program, to bring Christ and His salvation to the nations of the world, to bring Christ to our own where ever they may be, to keep our own with Christ.

Why are we here? Because as members of the V.U. Guild we are a part of the great program of our church. You cannot come to this campus year after year without becoming increasingly aware of the conviction generally held here “that the only justification for a church-related college or university lies in its spiritual emphasis and its religious training.” We have here a great university because it is a citadel of our faith. It is not a finished product, not a completed work, it is rather a task that is just begun, a program in which we have a living, active role.

This is our 23rd annual convention. We look back over this short span of years and say that much has been accomplished. We look into the future and see much more that is to be done. Realizing that without God’s blessing we can accomplish nothing, the Administrative Committee chose as a motto for this convention a portion of the 26th verse of Ezekiel 36” and a new spirit I will put within you. It is for this spirit we pray as we open our session of deliberation and planning.

We have again experienced a year of activity. The steady progress of our Guild work is evident in the reports of our national treasurer. State Unit presidents, committee chairmen, field secretaries and chapter representatives. We feel that it has been a successful year, fruitful result of the combined efforts of Guild members and officers. We are deeply grateful for their fine work and gratefully recognize their efficiency and cheerful cooperation.

Your Administrative Committee held three meetings since the convention a year ago. The Executive Board met twice. The five State Unit meetings were attended by the executive secretary and the national president. The Guild was represented at meetings of the Valparaiso University Board of Directors by the national president. Last spring, I had the privilege and pleasure of speaking to the Guild Chapter in St. Louis. I find that the needs of the University are being met throughout the Guild with a ready response and a warm desire to be of help.

You heard this morning that we are builders. Before we were builders, we were visionaries. Ezekiel had a vision. He stood in a valley full of dry bones and spoke saying, “Hear ye the Word of the Lord” and the bones came together and flesh came up on them and breath came into them and they lived. Someone had a vision a comparatively few years ago. There are those today who still hold this vision and dream dreams. Yes, we must be practical, we must be realistic about material things. We need buildings and physical properties—and, we must be academically sound, we must attain and keep a high scholastic rating—but these alone will not assure us the great university we envision. We may turn to Ezekiel and hear God’s Word “I will put a new spirit within you.” That is a promise of our God. Let us take the dry bones of materialism, the dead bones of scholasticism—let the flesh of the Church come upon them and the breath of the Spirit of God come into them and they shall live. We are a great church and we have a great University with a great program. Let us continue to give them our support through our labors, our gifts, and our prayers.

CHAPEL CHOIR assembling for Sunday morning worship service at the Auditorium.
Report of the Executive Secretary

MRS. E. H. RUPRECHT

As we come to the close of this 23rd year of the existence of our national Valparaiso University Guild, we look back with mingled emotions of pride, humility, and joy. Joy, in contrast to happiness, is more substantial and stable, because it is less dependent on outward circumstances for its warmth and glow. However, the joy we have in the accomplishments of the Guild is primarily the joy that is the harvest of three things. It is nurtured on warm, radiant fellowship. I am sure you will agree that the fellowship of fellow Guild members has been a reward for long and arduous hours of work on humble tasks for the promotion of the Guild work.

Joy is also nourished by and thrives on creative, constructive work, and here each one of us is given the privilege of evidencing that joy in our various ways in which we assist the Guild program, whether it be through work on committees, work as an officer, work for specific projects, or carrying out the work of the Chapter in general. To be engaged in constructive work that eventually works for the welfare of others is to know joy.

Then joy thrives on a sustaining, triumphant faith, and this, I do not doubt is a great possession which each of us has been granted through our petitions to the Heavenly throne—a faith in Christ which sustains joy under all conditions.

I sincerely hope all of you have experienced this joy in working for the Guild the past year. The very fine report of your presidents—the activities in which we know you are engaged, the report of the treasurer and the substantial amount of money you have raised for the project and for the University—the increased enrollment at which many of you have worked so hard and faithfully—all are concrete evidences of your joy in working for Valpo.

To me, too, this great work of being your Guild Secretary never becomes a dreary or a tiresome chore. During the past year I have attended each one of the State Unit meetings and have gained much inspiration from hearing your reports and meeting you individually. It has been my privilege to address many of your groups at dinners or regular Chapter meetings, and I am sure this fellowship has been a happy and joyous period in my life.

My joy increased over the addition of four new Guild Chapters. The first to be gained was that of the Chicago Evening group which was formed during the cold wintry month of January. Mrs. Penson and her daughter, Mrs. Behrmann worked hard and faithfully to bring this Chapter into being and its new president is Mrs. Otto Sonderegger. Next to be gained were two new Chapters in the New York area. These were secured through the efforts of our field secretary Mrs. Roy C. Frank, and we are all most happy over the acquisition of these new Eastern sisters of ours. We hope that New York will benefit by its association with the Valpo Guild. The two new chapters are at present called the Nassau-Suffolk Chapter of which Mrs. Hans Volk is president; and the Westchester, Bronx, Manhattan Chapter of which Mrs. Edward Griessel is president. Then through the efforts of Mrs. Fred Homann, our Central Illinois field secretary, we have recently gained the Chapter at Effingham, Illinois, of which Mrs. Lowell Miller is president. We are most happy to present these chapters to you for your approval.

Several other groups are very near the actual organizational line. We hoped we might have them as members at this time, but we feel confident that at the time of next year's convention, they, too, will have joined our ranks. At this point, I should like to ask each of you again to help in securing new Chapters for our national membership. Should you know of a neighboring city where there is no Guild Chapter, or have a friend or relative in a distant city whom you feel might be interested in Guild work, we would appreciate your telling us of the possibility of coming into that area. You may talk Guild to these women yourselves—create an interest in the work—and then perhaps write me so that I may follow up on your initial opening. Having someone in direct contact with these women often helps more than trying to establish contact from a distance. We have heard (or shall hear) of the efforts of the women in Michigan to accomplish just this purpose.

We feel that this year again our Memorial Wreath fund has grown substantially and we would again urge that you use the Valparaiso Memorials whenever a request is made in your local congregation.

Many of you have written in for seals to decorate your programs and I feel this is a good idea for the seals are attractive and decorative and tell the story of Valpo in a subtle way. We need to publicize our Guild meetings constantly in our local papers and I am sure most of you are continuing to follow this excellent way of advertising Valpo.
We feel that your work has been rewarded in the field of student procurement. Those chapters who have worked so faithfully in holding “Coke parties” or “Valpo Round-ups” can surely see the results of their efforts in this year’s increased enrollment. Our vision must not be limited, however, and we must continue to stress this very important aspect of our work as Guild members.

We have had excellent cooperation from Chapter secretaries this past year in sending us changes of addresses as they occur from time to time and also new members as they join. Our yearly plea for a complete list of chapter membership and new officers has been answered almost 100%—this is so important in keeping our files up to date and keeping you members happy by receiving mail which comes from this office.

We hope that each one of you who is here today will go back to your Chapters with a complete report of this 23rd convention. If there is more than one of you here, why not divide the report and each one talk on some particular phase of the convention, giving it a complete and overall coverage. It is far better to report on events and activities as they occurred than to wait until the minutes are printed and then try to report from them. We would like to have you bring a living and vital report to your Chapter members. We would like each Chapter member to attend this national convention, but since that is an impossibility, make them see it and live it through your report!

I feel the need once more of expressing my thanks to the national officers who have helped in making this 23rd year a smooth functioning, well running one; to two officers whose terms have ended—Mrs. Birner, who has so ably chartered our course during the past three years, and to Mrs. Steinfeldt, who gave untold hours of consecrated work in taking such excellent care of the Guild funds, we give our sincerest thanks. To Dr. Kretzmann and to Mrs. Heidbrink, whose wise counsel I have sought on so many occasions; to the field secretaries and state unit presidents who take care of their individual responsibilities in such an able and efficient manner, and to each one of you 6,000 members, who work so faithfully and so tirelessly for the Guild and the University at large, I thank you.

This Joy which the Lord has given us has also been expressed in an old Quaker prayer which says: “O Lord, who hast illumined the hearts of men of old, and who hast given them the Light with which to walk in Thy paths; so also do thou illumine my heart and give me the Light with which to finish my task, and the Joy of working for Thee.”

HAT AND ACCESSORY SHOW, conducted by St. Paul, Minnesota Chapter. Members modeled modern hats and accessories, demonstrated how a new hat can dress up an old outfit; and also modeled Parisian hats (pictured above) from the collection of a Guild member, Mrs. Horace Gibson.
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ILLINOIS STATE UNIT—Elgin, Illinois

Good Shepherd Church in Elgin provided the meeting place for the Illinois State Unit meeting. The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. K. A. Bliese and the national board was represented by Mrs. Charles St. Clair of Rockford, newly elected second vice-president. She spoke of convention news in retrospect and urged full participation of the Guild women in the Building for Christ campaign. During the noon luncheon the women were entertained by Mr. John Hasegawa, who spoke of the customs of his native Japan, demonstrated a flower arrangement, and told of his pleasure in attending Valparaiso University. Professor Wilmar Bernthal of the business department of Valpo spoke of the work in his department and the opportunities presented the student graduates in the business world at the present time. Officers of the Illinois State Unit are:

Pres. Mrs. Wm. Schmeling, Rockford
V.P.: Mrs. Alvin Hitzemann, Aurora
Sec.: Miss Esther Schenkell, Chicago
Treas.: Miss Vivian Kossmann, Chicago

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIT—Bay City, Michigan

The session opened with a coffee hour in the Memorial building at Bay City on October 13th. Devotions followed this social hour conducted by the Reverend Herman F. Zehnder. The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Fred Jens. In the afternoon Mr. Elmer P. Simon, Frankenmuth attorney and a Valpo alumnus spoke on “The Pre-war Student Looks at Valparaiso Today.” Mrs. Wm. A. Drews, newly elected national president reported on the national convention, and Mrs. C. R. Heidbrin of Valparaiso entertain the guild secretary and spoke of the Building for Christ campaign, and general University news. Entertainment during the noon luncheon featured children of the members who performed with roller skating numbers, baton twirling and tap-dancing. Favors were brown and gold Vs of gold foil. Michigan State officers are:

Pres.: Mrs. Fred Jens, Lapeer
V.P.: Mrs. Wm. Kuschel, St. Joseph
Sec.: Mrs. Robert George, Saginaw
Treas.: Mrs. LeRoy Lutz, Flint

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OHIO STATE UNIT—Milford Centre, Ohio

Under the capable leadership of Mrs. F.W.G. Mueller, the Ohio State Unit convened on October 20, 1954, with the Union County Chapter as Hostesses. Mrs. Wm. Haeseler, field secretary, gave her report and announced the acquisition of a new chapter, Niagara Falls. Mrs. Wm. A. Drews, newly elected national president, represented the Administrative Committee and gave an interesting review of Guild work, the national convention, and an overall picture of the Building for Christ program. Pastors E. Hoeferkamp and A. Boester officiated at opening and closing devotions. State officers are:

Pres.: Mrs. F.W.G. Mueller, Napoleon
Vice-Pres.: Mrs. A. Heidtman, Toledo
Sec.: Mrs. Walter Mayer, Marysville
Treas.: Mrs. D. W. Wetterman, Columbus

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INDIANA STATE UNIT—Decatur, Indiana

Zion Lutheran Parish Hall in Decatur was the scene of the November 3rd meeting of the Indiana State Unit. Miss Irma Lange as president conducted the business meeting, and Pastor Schmidt conducted opening and closing devotions. The tables were beautifully decorated with fall flowers in large and small pumpkin containers and matching yellow tapers. Mrs. O. P. Kretzmann gave an account of “Life in the President's House” and Mrs. Rudolph Waldschmidt of Valparaiso entertained with vocal selections. Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht spoke of the program of Building for Christ, as well as University happenings in general. The Indiana State officers are:

Pres.: Miss Irma Lange, Seymour
Vice-Pres.: Miss Paul Seehausen, Valparaiso
Sec.: Miss Marie Knoke, Seymour
Treas.: Mrs. F. H. Koenneman, Ft. Wayne

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WISCONSIN-MINNESOTA STATE UNIT—
Shawano, Wisconsin

In a colorful October setting the Wisconsin-Minnesota State Unit held its annual convention in Shawano on October 12th. Miss Viola Krueger of Merrill, vice-president, presided in the absence of Mrs. Feuerfell, State Unit president, who was unable to be present on account of illness. Morning sessions were held at St. James Church and the noon luncheon at the school hall. Entertainment and the general convention theme was provided by a group of Indian women and children from the Menominee Indian Reservation who were attractively costumed and presented Indian folk lore and dances. Tables were decorated with Indian dolls, tepees and the like. Dean Herman Hesse of the department of engineering at Valparaiso University addressed the women on the topic “The Cotton Gin and the Sewing Machine”. The national board was represented by Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht who presented the Building for Christ campaign and other Guild and University news. The Wisconsin-Minnesota officers are:

Pres.: Mrs. O. A. Reinke, Appleton
Vice Pres.: Mrs. Herman Gehrze, Shawano
Sec.: Miss Margaret Tiller, Wausau
Treas.: Mrs. George Sievers, Antigo

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Guild Bulletin
**"BUILDING for CHRIST"**

A Five Million Dollar collection is being sponsored by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to aid Valparaiso University and other Church agencies. The special collection, to be held March 20, 1955, is known as “Building for Christ.”

Benefiting agencies, besides Valpo, are Bethesda Lutheran Home, Lutheran Deaconess Association, Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf, and Synod’s Board of World Relief and Refugee Service.

In sponsoring “Building for Christ,” Synod officially acknowledges that these organizations, none of which receives any appropriation from the Synodical budget, are nevertheless doing important and vital work of the Church. All stood aside for Synod’s oversubscribed $10 million “Conquest for Christ” effort in 1951.

Valparaiso University will get $2,500,000 from the “Building for Christ” collection. Half will be used to pay for completed buildings; $750,000 will go toward a 2,000-seat chapel auditorium; and $500,000 will be used to undergird financing of other urgent construction.

Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown, Wis., the only Protestant school in America for care, training, and religious instruction of epileptic, spastic, and mentally retarded persons, will receive $1,700,000. The funds will be used to complete a remodeling program, erect a new dormitory and a new school, and purchase needed equipment. Bethesda has 425 people in facilities rated adequate for only 300. More than 100 names are on a waiting list.

The Lutheran Deaconess Association, which conducts a four-year training program at Valparaiso University for young women who will render full-time professional service to the Church, will get $250,000. This amount is urgently needed for construction of an adequate campus residence for the growing number of deaconess students.

The Board of World Relief and the Refugee Service will divide $400,000. The World Relief Board, which last year distributed food, clothing, and emergency aid to victims of hunger and disaster in 17 countries, will get $270,000 to meet costs of shipping and distribution of donated supplies. The Refugee Service, which assures American homes and employment to Lutheran refugees from foreign countries, will receive $130,000.

Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf, the second Protestant school in America for Christian education of the deaf (the first: Detroit Lutheran Institute), is to receive $150,000 for remodeling and equipping its recently purchased plant. Located on Long Island, New York, the new school occupies a $2 million estate bought for $216,000. The remodeling is required for its permanent state charter and to increase its capacity to 120 resident students.

The Board of Directors of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod determined the individual goals of “Building for Christ.” They are minimum needs of the participating agencies. The requests have been combined and jointly sponsored by the Synod Board, on the recommendation of representatives of the Synodical Fiscal Conference, to eliminate repeated appeals to members of our Church.

Organization of the “Building for Christ” collection will parallel that of “Conquest for Christ.” It will be directed by an operating committee headed by Synod’s president, Dr. John W. Behnken, as honorary chairman. A member of Valpo’s and Synod’s Boards, Dr. E. J. Gallmeyer, is chairman. Lutheran Hour director, Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, is executive director of the campaign.

There will be District “Building for Christ” committees in each of the 32 North American districts of Synod. These will arrange for Circuit “Building for Christ” committees in each circuit of their districts. These in turn will line up Congregational committees in each congregation within their circuits.

More than 5,000 Congregational “Building for Christ” committees will organize teams of volunteer solicitors to carry out a Synod-wide, door-to-door, every-member canvass on March 20, 1955. In all, about 25,000 workers will be needed.

Perhaps you will be invited to serve in this great “Building for Christ” organization. You should take this opportunity gladly for you not only will be valuable serving our beloved Valparaiso University, but you will also be aiding our Church and others of its related agencies in carrying out our Christ-directed educational and charitable missions throughout the world.

Your personal support and encouragement of “Building for Christ” are vitally important to Valparaiso University as well as to the success of this Five Million Dollar special collection. Using the “machinery” of Synod, as it does, “Building for Christ” will bring our Lutheran University to the attention of many in our Church whom we have never before been able to reach.

Valpo needs their support now, and it needs their potential support in the future, added to yours, so that it may continue to expand and to effectively serve our Church.
FUND-RAISING IDEAS

The following is a list of the Fund Raising Ideas and Program Suggestions which were offered at the Workshop for Program Chairmen by the Activities Committee.

Mrs. E. C. Moeller
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Saginaw, Michigan

FUND RAISING:
- Paper Shell Pecan and Pecan Nutmeats available from Atwell’s Pecan Products—Wrens, Georgia
- Haygood Nut Store—Jackson, Mississippi
- Greeting and Christmas Cards and Novelties from Wetmore and Sugden, Inc.—749 Monroe Ave., Rochester, New York
- Sunflower Knit Dish Cloths from Sangamon Mills—Cohoes, New York
- Priced at $1.40 per dozen Postpaid to you in 10 dozen lots.
- Paper Napkins with Scripture Text from George M. Straub—5642 N. Maplewood Ave., Chicago 43, Illinois
- Priced at $14.21 delivered. Dinner size 16 x 17” come wrapped 40 napkins per package, 24 packages in a carton.
- Holiday Coin Card from Coin Savers—New Cumberland, Pa.
- Magna-Star—Silver cleaning plate—from Paramount Die Casting Co.—St. Joseph, Michigan
- 50 pieces cost $30.00; 100 pieces cost $50.00—Suggested selling price—$1.00.

PROGRAMS
- “Evening in Switzerland” Featuring an All-Swiss Bazaar. Swiss products including Woodcarvings and novelties sell from $.50 up. Swiss handkerchiefs and scarfs from $.65 up. These will be shipped on consignment with a 20% on sales profit. Scenic Wall Posters for decorating display area are available. Also, recipes for cookies to be served with punch or tea. (Swiss Recipes)
- “Mary Garden Fashion Show by Trans World Airlines”

Program includes: Chairman’s Introduction, Your Travel Wardrobe and You, Commentator’s Script, Travel Tips. Films—Overseas Run—A 27 min. sound color film,—Letter to a Pilot—A 30 min. Black and white sound film, Flight into Time—A 27 min. sound film in color and —Flight to Romance—A 27 min. sound film in color. Miss Gordon “Travel Advisor” is available as a speaker. There is no fee or expense, but there must be an adequate audience.

“Know Your State”

Dates of official designation, and the story of why each was selected. Giving State Nicknames, State Trees, State Flowers and State Birds.

“I. Indian and his Music”
- I. Indian Tribal Music
- II. Indians and Their Customs.
- “American Music as Related to American History”
- “Hymns of the Month”
- “Songs of the Month”
- “The Flowers and Trees of the Bible”
- “Blended Music and Poetry”
- Christmas and Holiday Program—“Bethlehem Road”
- Easter Pageant—“The Last Seven Days”
- A list of Nonroyalty Plays for Women
- Two Playlets—“Pageant of Freedom”
- “My Country ’Tis of Thee I Sing”
- Mother-Daughter Banquet Program—“Hands”
- Portraits Tea—Now and Then Program
- Christmas Decorations for Fun and Profit