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THE COVER THIS MONTH



The battle planes still hover in the skies of Europe and of the South Pacific, but in the hearts of all of us is the hope that it will not be for long, and that the doves of peace which we have given prominence in the foreground of our cover this month will soon prevail. We do not expect that the war will end tomorrow or next month. But the progress of our armies gives us courage. Occasional peace rumors suggest that possibly the enemy is wearying of his war and is looking for a way out. We work for war, but we look forward to the day of peace.

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From The PRESIDENT *of Supreme Chapter*

Carrie Bonebrake Simpson (Mrs. Howard E.)

COTTEY BOARD TRUSTEES

TWO NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED to the Cottey Junior College Board of Trustees, and have assumed their responsibilities as members.

Dr. Spencer A. Larsen of Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan was appointed in April to fill the unexpired term of Dr. J. D. Elliff who resigned because of ill health. Dr. Larsen is a national authority in a specialized field in economics, yet retains the happy view-point that education should be a continuous growth in the knowledge and values that enrich life.

Edith Zimmerman (Mrs. W. G.) of Kansas City, Missouri replaces Dean Mary P. Van Zile of Manhattan, Kansas who is a member of the faculty of Kansas State College. Dean Van Zile completed her term as a member of the Cottey Junior College Board in June of this year. Mrs. Zimmerman is known to P. E. O.'s as a national parliamentarian of analytical but constructive mind, and with that is associated her wide experience in the humanities.

Our appreciation of the service of the retiring members of the board for the contribution they have made to the progress of the College is most sincere.

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REPRINT OF THE P. E. O. CONSTITUTION NOW READY

The Reprint of the P. E. O. Constitution is off the presses, bound, and being mailed to chapters and individuals who have ordered them. It is an enlivening little volume in its bright blue dress with plastic binding of a darker blue.

Government regulations decree the weight of paper stock for such purpose, consequently you will notice the new volume is lighter than the old. The type is clear and easy to read with similarity for subject matter of the same kind. You will find it easy to locate the material you wish in this volume.

(To order see page 17, May issue P. E. O. RECORD, the official price list.)

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IN APPRECIATION

Have you read the new book entitled *AS WE WERE SAYING*, the author of which is Winona Evans Reeves? If not, you have a definite pleasure awaiting you and today is a good time to secure a copy and read it.

THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE ATTENDED state chapter conventions during the past several years have

often had the delightful experience of hearing Mrs. Reeves give an address. You recall the pleasure and inspiration afforded you and how you wished you might carry to your chapter a word-for-word reproduction of what she had said? This little volume makes it possible for you to do this with certain of these essays which she has chosen for publication at the request of Chapter A, Illinois.

It was the original intention to make these copies available to the members of this chapter to which the author belongs, but the request for copies soon exceeded the first printing, and the second is going rapidly.

EACH ADDRESS IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE of the qualities which have made the author so eagerly heard in conventions. Each one carries a fine philosophy of life, each is leisurely without being lengthy and abounds with illustrative stories which one remembers. As a whole they reveal some of the characteristics which have made the author a unifying personality of P. E. O.

If you have heard Mrs. Reeves speak often, you will hear again the tones of her voice as you read. Even the little aside remark, "As we were saying" is so characteristic of her, that you will agree it is the most suitable title possible for the book.

WHY NOT PLACE A COPY OF THIS BOOK in the box of supplies of the local chapter president? Three of the essays contain excellent material interpretative of the heritage and early days of the P. E. O. Sisterhood.

(To order a copy see the Reader Ad column in the May or June issue of the P. E. O. RECORD.)

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STATE CHAPTER CONVENTIONS COMPLETED

THE THIRTY-TWO STATE CHAPTER CONVENTIONS have all been held as scheduled. Chapter representation in every state was all that could be desired. Every State normally having more than one day given to convention had cut the length of time, and all the larger state chapters having two delegates per chapter had reduced the number to one delegate this year.

THE BUSINESS SCHEDULED for each convention was completed. In some states this meant intense application for long hours, but all the members understood it was wartime necessity and everyone was cheerful and cooperative about it.

Some members liked the shortened time and heavy schedule better, others hoped we could return to more entertainment and better opportunity for seeing friends when the present need no longer exists. The question rises as to what the effect is on chapter life. Can local chapter members be kept in touch with state and Supreme Chapter plans with fewer delegates and shortened sessions?

The Educational Loan Fund

RUTH E. STOTLER (Mrs. F. L.), Chairman

IN ANTICIPATION OF September chapter meetings, we are attempting in this article to make slightly detailed explanation of some of the policies which are followed by the Trustees in granting loans from the Educational Loan Fund.

In the policies appearing in the May, 1944 P. E. O. RECORD, under the amount of money loaned, is an item to the effect that the total indebtedness to all sources of a loan fund girl upon finishing school must not exceed \$800.00. In addition to the stipulation in the by-laws of our Constitution which sets \$800.00 as the maximum amount a girl may be indebted to *our own fund*, the Board of Trustees some time ago adopted the policy limiting a girl's total indebtedness to *all sources* at \$800.00. The girl's budget which she submits to the Trustees must show that she will be able to complete her educational program without incurring a greater indebtedness to *all sources* than the sum of \$800.00. If a girl's course cannot be completed under that limit, we feel that she should be encouraged to change to a less expensive course. The Trustees discourage in most cases the assuming of even an \$800.00 indebtedness. Young girls seldom realize how great a burden such a debt can become. The counsel of the sponsoring chapter is invaluable in this respect.

Many chapters ask if they may sponsor more than one girl at a time. Yes, there is no restriction in that regard. We ask only that the chapter carefully investigate each and every girl it sponsors. The fact that a chapter has never had a disappointing experience with any of its loan girls, should not indicate any lessening of its care in each investigation. And conversely, the fact that a chapter may have had a loan girl who has been remiss in her re-payment, should not in itself deter the chapter from sponsoring some other worthy girl.

We have received several questions as to whether or not race, ancestry, religion would bar an applicant from consideration. The answer is emphatically no. Each application is considered upon its own individual merits.

Under our Policies, we state that the first installment of a loan for nurses' training will not be paid until she has successfully completed her probationary period. We also state that in Freshman loans for two year ter-

minal courses, no funds will be given until after satisfactory completion of one quarter or one semester's work. This brings up the question — May a girl borrow from another source for the period of probation? Yes, she may, and the amount borrowed from the other source may be considered as an expense and repaid from our loan when it is acquired. However, this item *must* appear in the girl's budget.

When we resume our chapter September meetings let us re-dedicate ourselves to the service of P. E. O., and to the furtherance of our educational projects. If we count our riches by the worth of the interests which are ours, we are rich indeed!

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Chapter C, Little Rock, Arkansas, reports the interesting project of keeping a scrap book of publicity, the college records and later activities of girls sponsored by the chapter for educational loan funds. The latest insertion is the announcement of the engagement and marriage of Miss Yvonne Theiss and Mr. Joseph Thomas Sefick. Both were students at Park College, he later entering the Princeton Theological Seminary, and now working at the DeWitt Memorial Church.

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A CLUBMOBILE COLLECTS

As a feature of the Pennsylvania State Chapter Convention, there was a clubmobile that, instead of passing out doughnuts and coffee, collected funds that other and larger machines might do that for men overseas.

It was a toy clubmobile that belonged to Bob Blaine, the young son of the state chapter president Marion Blaine (Mrs. Earl C.). With Bob's permission, his father painted it the regulation army olive drab and painted on it in white letters "United Victory Fund, P. E. O. Sisterhood."

Bob then lent it to his mother and her convention.



In violation of army rule, a hole was cut in the top that it might receive gifts for the Victory Fund.

While all chapters in Pennsylvania had already made gifts to the fund, when the clubmobile was unloaded it was found to contain more than \$900, this in a state having only eleven chapters.

For extra cargo, all who made gifts were asked to accompany it with poetry, which as one member said was in part "limping lines" — but when read in convention showed cheerful givers. By way of inspiration, a printed card was set before the truck on which were printed these lines written by a B. I. L.:

*When he's homesick, feeling blue
Far from Mom and Pop and Sue
That's the time when P. E. O.
Comes with help for G.I. Joe.
Clubmobiles bring aid and cheer
Make Joe feel that home is near
Boost the Victory Fund and show
That YOU'RE backing G.I. Joe.*

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THIRTY-ONE ROADS TO THE WHITE HOUSE

Alberta Powell Graham (Mrs. H. A.), Chapter HC, Ottumwa, Iowa is author of "Thirty-one Roads to the White House," which entertainingly high lights the boyhood of the Presidents of the United States, is the first of the series of history books for children. Shortly it is to be off the press of Thomas Neison & Sons.

"So Much To See in Washington" is the title of the second volume. Both have been written so that they may be used as supplementary school readers. Their publication came about through their author's discovery in the Library of Congress that there were no specific books on either of these subjects. While they are written in an informal, entertaining style, the author has been careful to keep close to historical facts.

With a successful career behind her in the writing of children's poems, plays, music, songs and pageants for juvenile magazines and musical publications, this is the Ottumwa, Iowa, woman's first venture into the field of historical stories.

Mrs. Graham has an interesting collection of dolls from foreign countries made during her prewar travels abroad. An unusual Belgium doll is the heroine of a story by Mrs. Graham in a recent issue of the Junior Red Cross Magazine. She is now starting a collection of dolls from the tribes of the various American Indians.

BRITISH COLUMBIA



PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

Reported by
MARGARET J. E. TURNER,
Chapter Q, B. C.

ALTHOUGH Saturday, June 3, was the official day for the sixteenth annual convention of P. E. O. in British Columbia, Canada, the banquet held in the ballroom of the Empress Hotel, on the evening of June 2, constituted the delightfully informal opening event. There under the soft glow from the beautiful crystal chandeliers, delegates from every chapter in the province, B. I. L.'s and guests from across the border, found their places, marked by dainty floral place cards.

Mrs. Myrtle Lane, convention chairman, presided. The invocation was given by Rev. R. L. Sandercock. Hon. N. W. Whittaker K. C., proposed toasts to the King, and the President of the United States, followed by the International Anthem. Mrs. Lane then introduced the honor guest, Mrs. Mabel Scurrah, Past Provincial President, and Rec. Sec. of Supreme Chapter, who, brought greetings from Supreme Chapter, and outlined the history and scope of P. E. O. since its inception. She emphasized the increasing need for education in the post-war world, and struck a note which was to emerge as a dominant one during the convention the following day, that of the essential place of education in any program for lasting peace.

Mrs. Lane presented Mrs. Alice Smith, provincial president, who presented her officers, seated with her at the speakers' table. Then by way of introduction to the program to follow, she asked her listeners to imagine themselves seated in the Assembly Hall of Iowa Wesleyan College, on the night of June 2, 1870. The curtain rose on a delightful scene of graceful hoopskirts, and excited girlish twitterings, for the newly formed P. E. O. Society was about to present a novel and daring innovation in College circles, — a benefit concert to aid Civil War Veterans. The program which followed was a rare musical treat of high calibre. Much credit goes to Mrs. Thelma Johns, who wrote and directed the sketch, and arranged the musical numbers, and to her excellent committee, for the quality of the performances, and the beautiful and authentic costumes.

The next scene purported to be an offering by the College Dramatic class. This was a one-act play, *In Waltz Time*, presented through the courtesy of the Victoria Little Theatre Ass'n. under the direction of Edith Gibson, and admirably suited to the reminiscent nature of the program.

Registration for the convention proper took place at 8 o'clock the morning of June 3. After the pro-

cessional, the convention was opened with singing the International Anthem, devotions by Mrs. Lillian Taylor, followed by the singing of a hymn. Mrs. Alice Smith presented the convention program, dedicated this year to Mrs. Bertha O. Clarke, first provincial president, affectionately known as "mother of P. E. O. in Canada", and convention courtesies were extended by Mrs. Helen Hurn, recording secretary Provincial Chapter. Mrs. Mabel Scurrah, past Provincial presidents, and Provincial Chapter officers were introduced.

Mrs. Myrtle Lane gave a sincere address of welcome, and Mrs. Hazel Whitley, in responding, asked that we, who are still able to meet freely in such pleasant surroundings, remember those in all parts of the world who are less fortunate.

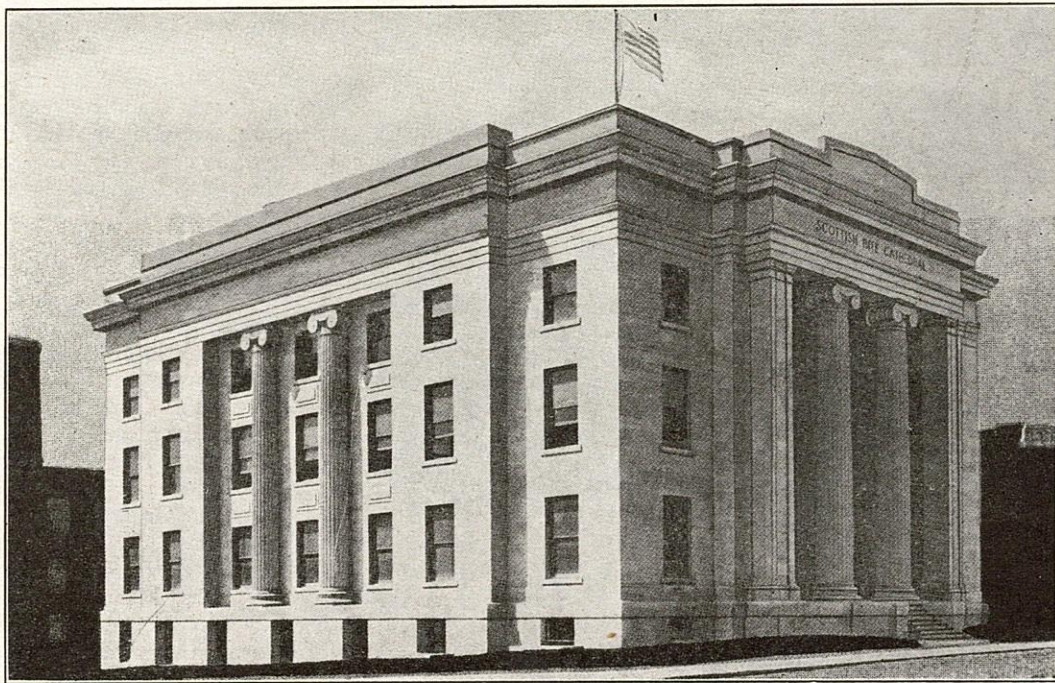
An interesting feature was the presentation of charters, by Mrs. Lillian Morgan, Organizer, to three new Chapters, U, V, and W, and the welcome extended to them by Mrs. Scurrah. Mrs. Margaret Wilson, Chapter U, responded, and Mrs. Dorothy Bigsby, a young and pretty member of Chapter V, which is composed entirely of young married women, was introduced with pride as a charming example of Cottey College graduates. She sang two delightful numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Gough.

Mrs. Mary Dawe spoke on Our United War Effort, of which P. E. O. may well be proud. Mrs. Marjory Fraser told of the growing Victory Fund, amounting now to over \$1200, usually devoted to the purchase of clubmobiles, but of which a percentage this year will be contributed to the Prisoners of War Fund.

The high light of the morning session was the address *Looking Forward* by Mrs. Scurrah. She reviewed the social conditions during the early days of P. E. O., at which time home was paramount, and clubs and societies secondary. With the advent of women's admission to colleges and the franchise, there came about a gradual but steady change in the social status of women. Women took their place in professions, in Parliament, in colleges, became leaders in humanitarian movements. Throughout all these changes, however, the Christian ideals of P. E. O. upon which the Sisterhood was founded, have stood the test of time; indeed, during the troubled and difficult days of the last war, and of this one, they have in some respects, reached new heights. Not to be lost sight of, though, or neglected, is the contribution of

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NEBRASKA



STATE CHAPTER CONVENTION

THE FIFTY-FIFTH Annual Convention of the Nebraska State Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood was held in Omaha, April 18, 19, 20, 1944, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. It was presided over by Mrs. Mary C. Nixon whose sincere desire, often expressed, was for a convention long to be remembered for its warm friendliness and mutual helpfulness. The Convention Theme was "Faith In Tomorrow's Peace."

The twenty Omaha Chapters Group IX entertained at the Hotel Paxton, and the general chairman of arrangements was Mrs. Irene Van Brunt, DD. The convention opened on the afternoon of April 18 with the officers in their places: President, Mrs. Mary C. Nixon, CR, Omaha; First Vice-President, Mrs. Marian H. Crites, BL, Chadron; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Eva M. Curtiss, DL, Lincoln; Organizer, Mrs. Rebecca P. Lee, AJ, Fremont; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Florence Stewart, CK, Grand Island; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Helen Riddell, A, York; Treasurer, Mrs. Bessie Buchanan, AK, North Platte.

The guests of honor introduced were: Mrs. Bessie R. Raney, Second Vice-Pres., Supreme Chapter, who was the Supreme Chapter represen-

tative; Miss Rose M. Owens, Treasurer Supreme Chapter; Mrs. Bertha Clark Hughes, Past Pres. Supreme Chapter; Mrs. Alice H. Scott, Past Pres. Supreme Chapter; Mrs. Erma Griswold, BZ, wife of Gov. Dwight Griswold.

The past presidents of Nebraska State Chapter present: Mrs. Viola J. Cameron, Mrs. Ada H. Mead, Miss Rose M. Owens, Mrs. Mae Bond, Mrs. Ona T. Baird, Mrs. Bertha C. Hughes, Mrs. Bernice K. Tillett, Mrs. Elizabeth Stephens, Mrs. Anna Loutzenheiser, and Mrs. Edna B. Casper.

The devotions for the opening session were led by Mrs. Florence Corning, BK, for the second session Mrs. Vera Gillespie, BX, and for the third, Miss Grace McLain, DY. Thoughts gleaned for these beautiful messages: that we examine our hearts and habits to see if we can improve the devotion of our discipleship, and, that we build the thing into our lives that Abbie Deal in "A Lantern In Her Hand" cov-

eted for her grand-daughter, namely — creative faith. Miss McLain said, "The P. E. O. star serves us as Abbie's pearl necklace served her. The star is a symbol of those things we desire for the young women who follow after us."

After the president declared the convention formally opened, she said, "This convention is dedicated to our younger P. E. O.'s to whom we are passing on the torch. Our Educational Loan Fund, the brilliant light atop; an instrument of lasting peace." The welcome was given by Mrs. Van Brunt and the response by Mrs. Crites the first vice-president of Nebraska. The next order of business was the presentation of three new chapters by Mrs. Lee, Organizer. Greetings to the new chapters by Mrs. Raney, Miss Owens, and Mrs. Loutzenheiser were responded to by the presidents of the new chapters, Mrs. Helen Brown, EW, Mrs. Marie Hansen, EX, and Mrs. Ona M. Scroggs EY.

The Hour of Remembrance closed the afternoon session. Remembrance is a beautiful thing, and the custom of attesting the sentiment of P. E. O. sisters for those departed was expressed with this appropriate program:

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**Reported by**  
**BERTHA CLARK HUGHES**  
**Past President Supreme Chapter**



Prelude: "Andante Cantabile" ..... Tchaikowsky  
 Mrs. Nell Rushton, BK, Organist  
 Scripture Reading ..... Mrs. Alice H. Scott, BN  
 Past President, Supreme Chapter  
 Prayer ..... Mrs. Viola J. Cameron, BK  
 Past President, N.S.C.  
 Report of Memorial Committee ..... Mrs. Ada H. Mead, BN  
 Past President, N.S.C.  
 Violin Solo, "Ave Maria" ..... Schubert-Wilhelmj  
 Mabel Woodworth Jensen, FK, Iowa  
 Memorial Address ..... Mrs. Mora Jean Stewart  
 Solo: Selected .. Mrs. Ethel J. Clark, BN  
 Roll Call of Memory ..... Mrs. Helen Riddell  
 Corresponding Secretary, N.S.C.  
 Assisted by  
 Mrs. Helen Brown, EW  
 Mrs. Caroline Hill, EY  
 Postlude: Largo ..... (New World Symphony)  
 Mrs. Nell Rushton, BK, Organist

Mrs. Mead presided at this ceremony which was effectively given with cathedral stage setting. Huge urns of brass were placed on either side of the stage to receive the white lilies placed in memory of each sister. Mrs. Mead said, "We come to remember these our sisters briefly lent for our delight, hallowed by our love. Neither distance nor death nor misunderstanding can take from us persons who have been loved. Love is that bright amber of the spirit that defies dissolution in the vast waters of unending Time."

The evening session featured the Educational Hour, presiding Mrs. Curtiss, second vice-president. First, she introduced an ex-Cottey College student, Mrs. Roy Brown, who told in a delightful manner "What Cottey College Meant to Me." Mrs. Curtiss said, "She is the ideal type of girl we want for Cottey, and that it is our solemn duty to keep the love of learning in the hearts and minds of the young people of America." Steps toward its realization were enumerated by Mrs. Raney in her address on "P. E. O. in the Educational Field", which was followed by the Chancellor, B.F. Schwartz, A.B., S.T.B., D.D., Nebraska Wesleyan University. The subject of his address was "Education as a Factor in World Reconstruction".

Wednesday morning the important business was the reports of state officers. The President's report covered the work of an efficient officer at the close of seven years of conscientious service in Nebraska State Chapter. Much praise is due Mrs. Nixon and words are inadequate to express the gratitude of

her co-workers. Each officer reported service rendered, long hours devoted to the work of promoting the best interests of the Sisterhood.

Committees reported as follows: — Mrs. Ada H. Mead, chairman board of trustees of the Nebraska P. E. O. Home, followed by the treasurer of the board, Mrs. Loutzenheiser. Other reports: — Mrs. Bernice K. Tillett, AH, chairman Recommendations and Amendments; Mrs. Bertha C. Hughes, M, Historian, Mrs. Ruth D. Kendall, EG, Memorial Vase; Mrs. Jane Ahern, AZ, Welfare and Trust Fund; Mrs. Esther Shipman, AI, Year Book Committee; Mrs. Thelma Millen, DJ, Chapter Reports; Mrs. Helen K. Clark, BT, Auditing, Mrs. Myrl H. Banks, AO, Finance; Mrs. Olga Webb, DM, Courtesy; Mrs. Maude Weaver, CY, chairman Group X, extended the invitation for the 1945 Convention to Falls City, Nebraska.

The model meeting was given by officers chosen from the twenty Omaha chapters and directed by the state organizer, Mrs. Lee. Officers: president, Mrs. Dorothy C. Combs, CR; vice-president, Mrs. Burdette Stoehr, DD; recording secretary, Mrs. Miriam W. Alexander, DH; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Daisy Martin, DZ; treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Patton, BK; chaplain, Mrs. June Schaberg, EF; guard, Mrs. Helen Hardlannert, DU.

The well-arranged program was followed true to form in convention procedure. The election was conducted in one hour after a rapid roll call of delegates by Mrs. Riddell, who reported 150 delegates entitled to vote; one half the usual number, because the chapters voted to send one delegate for the duration of the war. The work of the recommendations committee included minor changes in the Nebraska By-laws and in the lists of delegates entitled to Supreme Chapter representation.

The Wednesday evening program followed a banquet in the Cathedral when the convention was entertained by the Mother Singers in Choral Group led by Mrs. Geneva McCoun, E. All the music was by Omaha artists: organ, Mrs. Rushton, and Miss Gertrude Weeth, BK; piano, Mrs. Nelle T. Ringer, CR, and Mrs. Catherine Clow Gleason, M; Vocal Solo, Mr. Charles Yohe; songleaders, Mrs. Lucille Carnaby, DH, and Mrs. Geneva McCoun, E.

"Cross Roads" by Mrs. Bessie R. Raney was based on the Scripture verse "Whither Have Ye Made a Road Today?" 1st Samuel 27:10. "There are many sign posts on the

roads these days," said Mrs. Raney, "and they point in different directions. P. E. O. has traveled in the same direction for 75 years. There has been steady progress and growth with one accomplishment after another." "It is an unique organization," she said, "and there is a triumphant march ahead, if we keep P. E. O. on the signpost."

After the report of Mrs. Gladys Simmons, chairman of Nebraska War Activities, came the March of the Flags of the Allies. It was a dramatic pageant with representatives of the different war activities marching in and carrying silk flags of our allies. Hazel Carnaby, DH, state chairman of the Nursing Council on war Service and chairman of the Red Cross Recruitment committee of Nurses for the Army and the Navy, led off with the American Flag and wearing the uniform of the Red Cross nurse. The others followed and formed the letter V on the platform. Each stepped forward as she was introduced: Nellie Sheets, CR, Dorothy Yeager, E, Hazel Dunbar, DU, Daisy Dodds, BX, Violette Simmonds, DH, Mrs. R. A. McConnell, K, Lincoln, Lola Hemphill, DH, Gladys Polian, ED, Alice Ann Bittner, BN, Elsie Nall, BP, Dorothy Johnson, E, Marie Lander-you, ED, Hazel Thomas, BX, Myrtle Taylor, DH, Pearl Kirkpatrick, BN, Nell Rushton, BK.

Mrs. Carnaby said, "These are only a few of the P. E. O. members who have been leaders in war work this past year. Their record is a challenge to us to do more this coming year in every phase of war work."

"Our United Victory Fund" by Miss Rose M. Owens, Treasurer of Supreme Chapter, emphasized her pride in Nebraska's latest accomplishment for the war effort. She said that we are justly proud of the part we are privileged to play in helping to win the war and stressed unrestricted giving to the victory fund.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Marian H. Crites, BL, Chadron; First Vice-President, Mrs. Eva M. Curtiss, DL, Lincoln; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Rebecca P. Lee, AJ, Fremont; Organizer, Mrs. Florence Stewart, CK, Grand Island; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Helen Riddell, A, York; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Bessie Buchanan, AK, North Platte; Treasurer, Mrs. Irene Van Brunt, DD.

Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson was re-elected to the board of trustees of the P. E. O. Home. Omaha's welcome was significant. The delegates praised

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# NORTH DAKOTA

## STATE CHAPTER CONVENTION

THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the North Dakota State Chapter was held in Dickinson May 31 and June 1 with Chapter B, Dickinson, and Chapter C, Beach, co-hostesses. Genuine hospitality and friendliness were everywhere manifested. The guests felt it a privilege to be entertained in this little city in the old days, the center of our state's rich ranch lands or Cow Country.

The session was held in the First Congregational Church. The large envelope containing items for convention use, carried a picture of a girl in western riding clothes, lariat in hand, with which she had written the word "Welcome" — framed with the words P. E. O. State Convention, the letters of which were so cleverly arranged that they formed typical cattle brands. The picture was the work of Chapter

B's talented artist, Miss Zoe Beiler. The wood cut was made by Mrs. Blanche Harding, B, also possessor of many talents.

Officers and delegates were housed in the Villard and St. Charles Hotels. The general chairmen of the convention were Gertrude Voldal, B, and Kathryn Keohane, C, whose well-laid plans insured comfort and enjoyment for their guests.

As Mrs. Nelle Thornton, state president, planned this streamlined convention over which she presided in an efficient, and dignified manner. All business was dispatched promptly, without a feeling of haste. In giving this streamlined report it is hoped that none of the beauties or values of the convention may be lost.

The motif of the dinner on the first evening was in observance of

the Diamond Anniversary of the Sisterhood and the thirtieth anniversary of N.D. State Chapter. Gertrude Voldal, B, and Mary Niece, C, welcomed the convention in behalf of the hostess chapters, to which Vera Bollinger, Z, replied.

Mrs. Simpson was presented and received an ovation when she arose to extend greetings from Supreme Chapter. The officers and past presidents were also introduced. The place cards for past presidents were neat little cardboard well-cushioned arm chairs. They responded to their introduction by singing lustily, a ditty composed by one of their number, Mary Hudson. "How they chattered, how they chaffed, how the sisters all cheered and laughed; when they saw the implication rare — Past Presidents were seated in an old arm chair."

The convention chairmen were introduced, were also the hostess chapters, in a body.

Assembly for the opening meeting was at 8 o'clock. Gertrude Machoff, B, played piano prelude. A reading, "The Flag", was given impressively by Blanche Harding, followed by Salute to the Flag, and The National Anthem, led by Helga Dochterman, P, convention song leader.

The convention theme was the timely one Service and the program was lovingly dedicated to the president of Supreme Chapter, North Dakota's own beloved Carrie Simpson. As always, Mrs. Simpson was the pride and inspiration of all, throughout the sessions.

Mr. Machoff, the B. I. L.'s representative, appeared in a humorist style, bade us welcome. In more serious strain he said that the word quality is found somewhere in the makeup of P. E. O. and as a tangible expression of B. I. L. esteem, presented a basket of flowers.

The guards and pages, led by Isabel Osborn, B, in dresses of white with yellow trimmings and wearing marguerites in their hair, made an effective picture as they performed their duties proficiently. Mary Jane Alguire served as personal page to the president.

The devotional program for the evening was conducted by Emma Griebenow, AA, who read the 33 Psalm with its message of God's



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goodness and power. A solo, "Prayer", sung by Elizabeth Monk, R, followed.

The assembly paid tribute to those present, who have loved ones in service by standing a moment in silent prayer.

A quorum was established by report of credential committee chairman, Ingar Lyons, K, all chapters but one being represented. Including officers, delegates, past presidents and visitors there was a total attendance of 110.

The reports of state officers were given direct attention. Mrs. Thornton, in reviewing the year's work as state president, showed devoted service to the Sisterhood and the achievement of loyal purpose. First vice-president, Mrs. Cary, reported performance of the duties of her office, and reminded us that the Reciprocity Bureau contains many fine papers for use by the chapters. Second vice-president, Miss Bollinger, reported her supervision of the educational projects and urged our continued financial participation. North Dakota has twelve girls holding loans. The organizer, Mrs. Brunsdale had no new chapters to report, but had discharged her duties of inspection, and reported that P. E. O. ideals are well grounded in chapter life. Mrs. Franta's duties as recording secretary are very exacting during convention and conclude with the issuance of the proceedings. Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Westly, reported twenty-seven chapters with an active membership of 856. Treasurer, Iva Fillebrown, gave a satisfactory account of the financial condition of the State Chapter.

The model meeting was exemplified by Chapter C with Marie Alguire, acting president. The meeting was conducted in an efficient manner and elicited praise from the members of the convention.

On the second morning, devotions were led by Ruth Soule, Y, who read the 27 Psalm wherein faith as sustained by service and by prayer is portrayed. Mrs. Dochterman added materially to the hour in singing The Good Shepherd.

Greetings from a number of past-presidents and other P. E. O. sisters were read under correspondence.

The report of the Cottey College scholarship committee was given by chairman Ruth Murphy. North Dakota will be represented in Cottey next year by two young women who have been awarded scholar-

ships. The amount of the scholarship has been raised from \$200 to \$275. Jane Ann Skinner, who held a scholarship last year, was introduced and gave a graphic picture of work and play at Cottey as experienced by her while a student there.

Education program was reviewed by Miss Bollinger, who asked our continued substantial support of this program and that we recognize our four-fold responsibility to Cottey College.

Mrs. Paulsrud, J, Women's War Effort Chairman, gave a report in which we are all vitally interested. Record of service in Red Cross and Allied Agencies is high. The clubmobiles, P. E. O. maintains four of them, had the strongest appeal. The report inspired us to continue patriotic service through our United Victory Fund. Mrs. Brunsdale and Mrs. Thornton made personal donations of \$25 each to this fund. Mrs. Thornton, made her gift in memory of her son. The American Prayer, a lovely patriotic solo, was sung by Mrs. Hawley.

After committee reports Mrs. Simpson opened the Question Box which was in the form of a tiered white birthday cake bearing 75 yellow candles. The questions were interesting and answers informative.

During the luncheon hour in the community building, Miss Beiler talked on the subject What Artists Paint. An exhibition of her paintings about the room was greatly enjoyed by the guests.

Assembly convened at 1:15 to the strains of a piano prelude.

The Hour of Remembrance, directed by Charlotte Reed, was presented in a spirit of appreciation and prayer by all participants. "To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die."

"Largo" from New World

Symphony ..... Dvorak

Violin—Irene Thompson, C

Piano—Mary Jane Alguire, C

Scripture Reading ..... Margaret Barr, D

Vocal Solo, "The Lord's Prayer" ..... Malotte

Elizabeth Monk, R

Floral Tributes

To Founders ..... Margaret Barr, D

To Margaret Johnson, L

..... Mildred Taylor, L

To Helen Dobler, F .. Gladys Harris, F

To Ella Harris, Q

..... Dorothy Kenney, Q

Poem, "Chapter Eternal

..... Ruth Comfort Mitchell, BZ, Calif.

Blanche Harding, B

Vocal Solo, "Ah, Sweet Mystery of

Life" ..... Victor Herbert

Voice—Ethel Levenson, C

Violin—Irene Thompson, C

Piano—Mary Jane Alguire, C

Comforting Thoughts

..... Charlotte Reed, B

Vocal Solo, "Prayer Perfect" ..... Stenson

Elizabeth Monk, R

Silent Prayer ..... Assembly Standing

Postlude ..... Selected

Clara Pollock, E

In the business meeting that followed the P. E. O. Creed was read in unison.

Miss Deem, A, and Mrs. Hammer, W, presented a unique skit in which they expressed their desire to be co-hostesses to the convention in 1945. They received vigorous applause and the invitation was accepted with pleasure.

"With Chapter Presidents", as given by Mrs. Carey, showed a variety of interests in chapter life and that every member is "seeing her duty and doing it" as applied to the stress of the present time.

Miss Taft, V, served as chairman of tellers during the election which resulted as follows: president, Marion Carey, H; first vice-president, Vera Bollinger, Z; second vice-president, Carrie Bransdale, S; organizer, Jennie Franta, U; recording secretary, Margaret Westley, W; corresponding secretary, Iva Fillebrown, V; treasurer, Gertrude Voldal, B.

After the informal dinner, Mrs. Keohome presiding, the lovely solo, Trees, was sung by Ethel Levenson, C. Blanche Harding, B, presented her original "Gaye Marionettes" depicting characters of the early 80's in ranch life on Western Dakota Bad Lands and prairies; chief among them was Teddy Roosevelt.

The closing meeting of the convention session was opened with a piano prelude by Miss Pollock and the beautiful vocal solos, My Friend and God Bless Our Land, sung by Mrs. Ottinger, A. The highlight of the evening and of the convention was the able address, "We Seek Understanding", delivered by Mrs. Simpson, in such a way as to delight and satisfy her audience. As Mrs. Simpson had to take an early train she was escorted from the church by delegates from her own chapter, D, while the assembly rose to pay her honor.

A violin solo, Frosquita, played by Mrs. Thompson, C, preceded the installation of officers by Mrs. Thornton. Mrs. Carey in accepting the gavel expressed her thanks for the honor bestowed and the desire to carry on to the benefit and up-building of the State Chapter.

Mrs. Hudson presented Mrs.

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# WISCONSIN STATE CHAPTER CONVENTION

THE TWENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL convention of Wisconsin state chapter was held in Superior, June 20, 21, 1944. Mrs. Leone B. Schroeder, state president, presided.

Chapter AD Superior, was hostess assisted by Chapter R, Richland Center.

The convention theme was "Wisdom and Understanding," based upon the words of a man reputed to know about such things who long ago said "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom and with all thy getting get understanding."

The business meetings were held in the Hammond Avenue Presbyterian church.

At 11 o'clock on the morning of the first day was held the Memorial Hour, Mrs. Gertrude Goodwin, of Chapter D, led devotions and later gave the memorial tribute to the sixteen members of Wisconsin who had died.

Mrs. Dorothy Bahr spoke on the theme, "Star Guided Lives" and Mrs. Grace Post paid tribute to the Founders and their 75 years' influence.

The music of the hour was given by Miss Marion E. Mitchell who sang *Come ye Blessed* by Scott and Mendelssohn's *O Rest in the Lord*. The program closed with *The Choral Blessing* by Lutkin.

The organ accompaniment as well as the prelude and postlude were played by Mrs. Elsa Roth Young.

As one said at the close of the morning it is quite worth the long trek to the northern point of the state to hear Miss Mitchell sing, so lovely is her voice and interpretation.

Since the business of convention was dispatched in three meetings, a day and a half of time, events moved rapidly with several shortcuts; however nothing seemed to have been omitted.

The patriotic prelude included the flag salute and assembly singing of *America*, led by Mrs. Mabel Anderson.

Mrs. Mona Baker, of Menominee, led devotions, and the welcome was given by Mrs. Cyrilla Mahan president of the hostess chapter AD. She presented Camilla Kirkpatrick (Mrs. John) who took a bow representing the assisting hostess chapter R.

There was a delightful note in

Mrs. Mahan's welcome; she recalled no difficulties, only expressed their pleasure in the privilege of having the convention as guests. And later in proof of their having no financial difficulties the hostess chapter gave \$100 to the clubmobile fund of Supreme Chapter.

Mrs. Iris Roche reported for the credential committee that all 43 chapters of the state were represented in the presence of 76 registered delegates. There were present also all officers and seven past state presidents. The total present including visitors, 113.

In her greeting as president Mrs. Schroeder stressed the need of understanding today's problems, and the wisdom to meet tomorrow, thus implementing her theme.

The delegation gave an enthusiastic welcome to Mrs. Carrie B. Simpson, Supreme Chapter president, when

she was presented by Mrs. Schroeder.

Others introduced were the Editor of the RECORD and Wisconsin's "honor members": Alice Spensley Rinehard junior past state president and member of the board of trustees of the Supply Department, and the past state presidents Lilian M. Simonds, A. Vianna Braman, Anna K. Austin, Camilla C. Kirkpatrick, Lulu L. Witzemann and Mabel L. Anderson.

It is interesting to note that all past presidents who were absent were spoken of from the platform in one way or another. It was for one thing recalled that Mrs. Ellen E. Morris was president when the state convention met in Superior twenty three years ago, when Chapter E was hostess. A goodly number rose when the President asked those who had been at that first convention to rise.

One of the short cuts of which we spoke a moment ago, was the elimination in a large measure of the





reading of reports of state officers. The reports were posted on a bulletin board in a room adjoining the one in which the delegation sat.

The treasurer's report was printed and distributed. The reports of the President and Organizer were read from the platform.

Mrs. Schroeder introduced all of the board, all of whom appeared in some way on the program. Words of appreciation for excellent service were spoken by the President for:

Miss Elsie M. Brennan, First Vice President; Mrs. Pearl Van Hecke, Second Vice President; Mrs. Amy B. Waterpool, Organizer; Miss Nelle A. Farnam, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Kathlyn J. Oates, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Pearl Wheeler, Treasurer.

Mrs. Schroeder in her report and in all she did as presiding officer brought a gracious, generous spirit which was felt throughout the session.

Mrs. Waterpool the organizer reported having inspected 19 chapters and organized one.

The report on war work was given by Mrs. Lulu L. Witzemann chairman. While Wisconsin is comparatively a small state having only 43 chapters or 1,230 members, the volume of work done, gifts made and in numbers in active war work, the total measured up in favorable comparison with other P. E. O. states.

Wisconsin is very fortunate in its historian, Miss Susan B. Davis, whose report was a feature of the morning. She comes to the office of historian with professional rank as author of two published books of history, *Wisconsin Lore* and *Old Forts and Real Folks*. For some fifteen years Miss Davis was assistant dean of women in charge of freshman girls at the University of Wisconsin. In her report it became clear that it is not merely a report on dates and names of those who have held office but it is to comprehend what members have achieved, what they have done worth recording. The development of the state chapter is important in its history.

The Welfare and Trust fund of which Mrs. Jeanette Randolph is chairman, reported that \$215.50 had been given this year to beneficiaries. The committee asked for an annual allotment of 3% of the dues to be added to the fund which later was granted. They were also granted permission to purchase ten \$100 war bonds.

The address of the morning was given by the President of Supreme

Chapter, "To Seek Understanding." As always she held the closest attention of her audience, in a fine address.

The dispensation committee, Miss Anna McMillan reporting recommended that a charter be granted to Chapter AS, Milwaukee.

Mrs. Waterpool, organizer, presented the chapter to the state after telling with pride, somewhat of its history. Mrs. Simpson presented the charter and Mrs. Mary Baker president of the chapter, accepted it on behalf of the chapter and of the second delegate Mrs. Mary Brewer who stood with her to receive the charter.

Miss Susan Davis addressed the convention on the theme *Our Second Task*. In a later issue of the RECORD you will be reading what Miss Davis holds to be a second task.

Miss Brennan's report of the scholarship committee was in a large measure her report as first vice president of the state since both educational projects are under her jurisdiction. The scholarship girls for 1943-44 were Joyce Stolen of Eau Claire and Grace Post of Dodgeville who will be enrolled for the college year 1944-45. Grace was present and introduced by Miss Brennan. She spoke delightfully and with the poise and ease that has come to be recognized as characteristic of Cottey training.

Two other Wisconsin girls are enrolled for the coming year Joy Olinger and Betty Boltz.

The music of the day was furnished by two members of Chapter AD, sisters they are, Mrs. Elsa Roth Young organist and Mrs. Eda Roth Smith vocalist. They gave two groups of numbers in addition to Mrs. Young's organ prelude.

On the evening of the first day was held an informal dinner at the Gitchinadji country club, attended by more than two hundred. Eda Roth Smith (Mrs. Neil) demonstrated that she could preside in fine form as toastmistress as well as sing.

The speaker of the evening was Arthur R. Upgren of Minneapolis, former economics professor at the University of Minnesota, now vice president of the Federal Reserve bank of Minneapolis. His subject was "After the War—Problems."

Mrs. Schroeder gave the President's greeting.

Mrs. Simpson spoke in happy after-dinner style.

Elizabeth Terry, accompanied by Lillian Ossell Brayton, sang a group

of numbers and Mrs. O. G. Specht gave a group of humorous readings.

The program closed with a stunt, mostly vocal, put on by the B. I. L.'s of Chapter AD. Perhaps the important element of the stunt was not their singing but the hats they wore, and the angles at which they were worn. All of it somewhat as they are worn by some women.

On the final day of convention, for devotions, Mrs. Floi Tyler read a Scripture collect on wisdom and understanding.

Mrs. Rinehard's report on amendments and recommendations covered a few changes in present laws and provided for the payment of convention expense of the historian. Upon recommendation of the executive board, sufficient money was added to make the Wisconsin gift to the Victory fund total \$700.

Mrs. Wheeler, the treasurer, read the budget allotments for the coming year and reported the state finances to be safely on the credit side of the ledger.

The inspirational feature of the morning was a three part symposium all titles in the form of a question.

The discussion of the questions were all helpfully and intelligently presented.

How can P. E. O.'s Act Wisely as Citizens? — Mrs. Alice Rinehard; What is Our Responsibility to Education? — Mrs. Clara Ginty; How Can We Help to Make This a Truly Christian World? — Mrs. Maud Balliette.

Mrs. Waterpool in arranging the model meeting, had the membership of the chapter made up of one member from the nineteen chapters she had inspected during the year. She gave this 19 member chapter the letters WE. They had but one rehearsal. and believe it or not, it was a model meeting.

These were the officers: Pres., Dorothy Root, B; V. Pres., Winifred

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#### UNDERSTANDING AND WISDOM

Love-nurtured Understanding grows  
From sturdy roots within the heart  
And reaching ever skyward knows  
Both sun and rain must play a part.  
But when the dew, a silver sheen,  
Rests like a halo on the night,  
The blossom, Wisdom, can be seen,  
Its petals lifted to the light.

Written for Wis. Convention  
by Grace Adair Gage, N



# *The Music of* CLARA SPENCER GRIMSLEY *Lives On*

By **EDYTHE H. DUNN,**  
Chapter A of Maryland

WHAT IS MORE EPHEMERAL than the singing of a lovely song? Yet the music that was Clara Spencer Grimsley's gift to her world shall go on and on into other generations.

she taught in the public schools to earn money to pay for her musical education; then she graduated in music from Grinnell College, Iowa, in 1893. She saw that greater achieve-



Reading from left to right: Wanda Groce, Rich Hill, Mo.; Dorothy Degarimore, Howard, Kan.; Beverly Witham, Chappell, Neb.

Her husband George Perry Grimsley has established and maintained three music scholarships at Cottey College.

Once in a while the curtain is lifted on the youth of the great women of P. E. O., who after half a century of membership and service in the Sisterhood are passing to the Chapter Eternal. Such a woman was Clara Grimsley. Born a little farm girl in 1867, then graduated from the town high school in Brooklyn, Iowa, at seventeen, her great musical gifts led her to feel that no sacrifice was too great to promote music. So, first

ments in music would demand still greater preparation and she was graduated from the University of Nebraska, in 1895.

She had a clear, light, flexible soprano voice and was soon a popular singer. But the vision of music Clara Grimsley carried through her whole life called for the development of music in others, as well as her own joy and success. Her teachers, John Randolph and Willard Kimball had stressed to her that she had special ability in arousing the interest of pupils.



Clara Spencer Grimsley  
1867-1922

In 1898 she became head of the Vocal Music Department at Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas. She envisioned a Department of Fine Arts with a noted director. Students poured in and her faculty grew under her tireless enthusiasm and energy. The spirit of P. E. O., whose Sisterhood she had joined in 1892, guided her to deeds of kindness and encouragement, which in turn surrounded her with a host of friends.

Now in the College was young George Perry Grimsley, "tall, dark, and handsome," as the story-books say, who was Professor of Geology at Washburn College. To the young professor came a romance that lasted not only through the forty-one years



George Perry Grimsley



of their marriage, but still softens his voice and brightens his smile when he speaks of her. On Christmas Day they were married and had their honeymoon during the Christmas recess. They returned on the opening of the College and took their places in the assembly. Unwittingly, the President chose the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds" and was puzzled that a laugh went up from the students, who were just as interested in love then, as now. Together Dr. and Mrs. Grimsley planned recitals, gave concerts and always helped those who could not afford lessons but had outstanding talent.

But success came to the young professor, too, and he became Geological engineer of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. So their work at the college ended, but not Mrs. Grimsley's interest in music. They moved to Morgantown, W. Va., and she continued in the teaching of music to worthy young people with no thought of payment. Again they moved to Martinsburg, Va., where she found the Interwoven Sock Mills employed twelve hundred girls, many of whom lived in a girl's home there. She gave monthly recitals for these girls, built up the Music Club and freely, as was her custom gave lessons without remuneration, where she felt there was need.

Then — Baltimore, Md. Here Mrs. Grimsley found no chapter of P. E. O. With Lena Ender, who was a P. E. O., and Mrs. Ola B. Miller, the Supreme Chapter organizer, the organization of Chapter A, of Maryland was accomplished. From that

Chapter both Chapter C, and Chapter D have sprung. Mrs. Grimsley was its third president 1929-1931.

A beautiful home, its wood carefully selected and allowed to season, its plan maturing over the years, was built. Around its hospitable fireplace Chellie Stevens Wright was an honored guest and visited when organizer. Prospective members were often entertained at luncheon to give members of Chapter A a chance to talk intimately with them before their names were proposed. There in the glow of the fire, surrounded by beautiful flowers, the guests mellowed, lost their sense of strangeness and never knew they were being scrutinized.

The burden of the passing years grew heavier and heavier. Fifty years in P. E. O. A charter member of three chapters. Happy reminders of a gracious life came from many parts of the country. Letters from musicians she had encouraged, perhaps sponsored; from a minister in whose small town she had started an appreciation and desire for the finer things of art, to tell her that the quest she had started had grown with the years; still the strength to help a few young singers. Was all this to cease when she joined the Chapter Eternal?

Clara Spencer Grimsley has joined the Chapter Eternal, but her husband has answered her query — she shall go on building music in others. He has three music scholarships in Cottey College, a living memorial in music and which has enabled three fine girls to attend the college this year, thus to continue their musical training.

plished by my country, and that, inevitably, out of that triumph grew the ability and the ambition to master the next necessity. That is my second pride in this our nation, that we have given to the world not the old economy of scarcity, but the absorbing, new economy of abundance through our mastery of the means of production. We have made it possible for all mankind to enter into a new era, secure in the knowledge that now man, as well as the rest of Nature, can know abundance and an over-flowing cup.

Believing in these things, which are my heritage, I know that my living must bring these seeds to flower, that my children and my children's children may in their turn bear the fruit, else all of this must perish from the earth, and man begin again. It is in my life, then, that we must appraise our contribution to the long line of human endeavour, must integrate it with the gifts which other ages and other civilizations have made, so that the good of each may make a greater good for all. It is in our power, now, to use the fullest the lesson our amalgamated society has begun to teach us, that men of all races, all creeds may live together in harmony. It will be our first obligation to draw these Americans of various backgrounds into more than a theoretical whole. By giving to the world outside, convincing full proof of the rich color all nationalities bring in equal blending and participation, we will have woven the first picture in the coming tapestry of one fascinating and beautiful world.

For the future, I believe, and I know in my heart, that if we, now, perform the solemn duties devolved upon us, in honesty, fair thinking, and with brave and unwavering vision, we shall have kept in trust for future generations of Americans the fruitful soil on which our native genius must ever flower.



#### ETERNAL VALUES

"Whatever else be lost among the years  
God still abides, and love remains the  
same,  
And bravery will glimmer through men's  
tears  
And Truth will keep its clean and upright  
name;  
As long as life lasts there will be  
Kindness and justice and high loyalty.

In a bewildered world these things will hold  
The human heart from darkness and despair,  
Old as the sun and moon and stars are old  
Remaining constant they are ever there:  
Lode stars for men to steer their courses by  
The eternal things of life can never die."

—Grace Noll Crowell

# C R E D O

## OF A MODERN AMERICAN

By BERNICE ESPY HICKS

I AM A MODERN American. I am proud of the heritage of my national history, which has produced the most unique, working experiment in the life of mankind thus far; I believe in the sacred character of my obligation today, to preserve inviolate my own freedom and to carry it, as it must inevitably be carried if my own is to endure, to all the nations of this world; I believe in the future strength of the role this country must play in the coming history of the world, that it must be a productive

role, a generous and a just one, even as Nature is these things, even as we must abide by the laws of Nature for self-preservation.

I give profound and solemn thanks that the crisis in human history which initiated the birth pangs of this nation brought forth the men it did; men of honest stature, mature, and generous vision, unwavering convictions, and the courage to revolutionize the thinking of men. Such crises do not always find men worthy of their hour in history.

I give thanks that the legal freeing of men's minds and souls was accom-





# UTAH

## STATE CHAPTER CONVENTION

UTAH P. E. O.'s, using ration cards passed out to them by Chapter J in May 1943, gathered in Ogden May 27 at the Ben Lomond Hotel. The warm welcome waiting them and the plans carefully laid for the Ninth Annual Utah State Chapter Convention made it apparent that ration restrictions applied only to convention time and luxuries; that friendliness and the true spirit of P. E. O. were entirely point free.

Jessie Smith Gerrish (Mrs. F. E.), State President, presided at all business sessions. The crowded calendar of necessary business was completed so smoothly it reflected the thought in planning and the capable execution of those plans by the President. Much credit for a successful convention is due also to Geraldine Smith (Mrs. Fred W.) President of Chapter J, and to Emma Rushmer (Mrs. J. T.) general chairman of convention.

Pre-convention social functions included a luncheon when the honor guest of convention, Carrie B. Simpson (Mrs. Howard E.), President of Supreme Chapter, five Utah Past State Presidents, members of the board, the general chairman and the

hostess chapter president were guests of Mrs. Gerrish at the hotel.

That evening P. E. O.'s and a goodly number of B. I. L.'s banqueted and enjoyed a social evening together. Members of Chapter J presided at the individual tables as hostesses and a tiny candle lighted at each place sent a glow around the table as the guests were seated.

Humor during the evening was supplied by the B. I. L.'s. Lovely and talented Countess Cicogno was a rare musical treat as she sang "May Morning" and "Waltz Boheme." Mrs. David Wilson accompanied her.

Jerry Smith then called upon Mrs. Simpson. In her remarks, clear cut and practical, she threw out a real challenge to women to be conscious of the direction present day events are taking.

The evening closed with all forming a circle and holding hands while a wish was passed from one to another until it traveled the circle and returned to Jerry Smith who had sent it on its way. The party ended with the strains of Now The Day Is Over sung by Mrs. John Hall.

Convention proper opened May 27,

with singing Faith of Our Fathers in keeping with the convention theme Faith and Prayer. Allegiance to the Flag was led by the guards followed by singing America The Beautiful.

In greeting those assembled Mrs. Gerrish chose a greeting given by one of our founders, Alice Coffin, to the members of the 1887 convention, interesting and adequate: "I greet you, sisters; may you raise the standard of womanhood, elevate the fallen, help the weak, give smiles, scatter roses and blossoms, make light the burdens of the oppressed; and may our badge of sincerity and friendship, our star, be emblematic of the Star of Bethlehem, a guide for our Sisterhood to holier, purer and better things."

Claudine Joy, for devotion drew her lessons in faith from Mark 6, and a portion of the 12th chapter of Romans, along with several verses defining faith.

The convention was welcomed by Geraldine Smith and the response was made by Marguerite Douglas, A.

Jane Stewart, (Mrs. Mitchell) expressed the convention theme so well it is worth printing as a whole if space permitted. However, in brief, she said, "Faith and prayer belong to all men." Faith she compared to the life cord thrown out to a drowning seaman. "Something like that is Faith. It can be a very slender thing indeed. And at length it can be a thing so strong as to carry us past the jaws of death up to life, and to God, Himself. But slim or stout, faith is all of a piece, all part and parcel of our need to trust. If ever we needed to draw upon the sources of faith it is now. Our prime requisite now is courage — and the sustenance of courage is faith.

Velda Bowen, B, chairman of the credentials committee, reported a quorum established by 15 chapters fully represented by 30 delegates. State officers and Past Presidents raised the number entitled to vote to 42.

Mrs. Gerrish then formally opened convention. She had lovingly dedicated the program, "To the loved ones of P. E. O. members who are serving our country." She presented Mrs. Simpson and past state presidents — Alice Fergusson, Ena Senior, Claudine Joy (Mrs. M. J.), Nettie Finch (Mrs. B. J.) and Helen Stevenson (Mrs. P. L.) and introduced the state officers.

Visitors were welcomed and it was found that 7 from out of state were enjoying convention with us: Vir-

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ginia Clark, IT, California; Wilma Munsden, AS, Idaho; Louise Winger, G, Montana; Grace Woodward, E, Washington; Jean S. Megart, Original A, Iowa; Esther Peterson, S, Wyoming; Lillian E. Brower, Q, Idaho.

Mrs. Gerrish acknowledged two orchids she wore — one from her chapter, the other from her family — and a lovely basket bouquet from the B. I. L.'s of Chapter N.

A Utah State convention without the animated leadership of Louise Engle, (Mrs. Frederick) in convention singing is difficult to imagine. She again gave her services and fairly lifted the convention along with her at several intervals during each session. Dorothy Lancaster, J, accompanied.

Reports of state officers was a chief order of business. Mrs. Gerrish reported a year of pleasant associations and fine cooperation among board members and of satisfactory accomplishment. She expressed her gratitude for the privilege of serving as a member of the board for the past six years.

Helen Abbott (Mrs. J. T.), first vice president, reported splendid papers received in the reciprocity file and ready for use by the chapters. Five Utah girls are now receiving benefits of the Educational Fund in the amount of \$2,300, the report of Eva Durkee (Mrs. F. D.) second vice president, showed, also 30 Utah loans totalling \$11,040 have been repaid in full. She recommended that this fund be used to help a greater number of girls. She said "every chapter should know the pleasure derived from sponsoring a loan girl."

Grace French (Mrs. W. L.), appointed in April to fill the office of organizer made vacant by the death of Della Lancaster (Mrs. Willis E.) reported that all chapters except one had been visited. By-laws had been received from all but two chapters and with one or two exceptions found correct. She acknowledged her indebtedness to Helen Abbott for the assistance she had given in taking over the work in the middle of the year.

The books of the corresponding secretary, Virginia Ross (Mrs. Wm. Crosby), showed there had been 18 initiations during the year, 7 had dimitted to other states and the state gained 8 members by dimit, with a total membership March 1 of 439.

The recording secretary, Nellie Smith (Mrs. G. A.), said that her printed minutes would be the best evidence of her work in office.

Virginia Fraser, treasurer, reported that beside giving to all P. E. O. projects and the P. E. O. United Victory Fund most chapters are paying \$1 per month toward the maintenance of clubmobiles.

As on the previous evening, Mrs. Simpson's fine address "We Go Forward" was a treasure to think of many times.

Officers and members of Chapter M, Ogden, conducted the model meeting under the supervision of Helen Abbott. There was an especially poignant tone to the beauty of the meeting, for M was the chapter of Della Lancaster who had laid the background for this her convention duty. Officers exemplifying the ritual were Agnes C. Rynders (Mrs. A. F.) president; Edith Light, vice president; Helen Payne, recording secretary; Helen Redfield, corresponding secretary; Mabel Lesher, treasurer; Evelyn Robb (Mrs. W. L.) chaplain; Agnes Lyons (Mrs. R. G.) guard.

Highlight of the patriotic sub-theme running through convention was the vocal solo American Prayer by Stillman sung by Virginia Crandall, (Mrs. A. T.), accompanied by Ethel Hillabrandt. The impressive way in which she sang left those assembled in a reverent attitude for the moment of silent prayer and the unison recital of the National Prayer for Peace, printed in the front of the convention program.

Correspondence read by Virginia Ross carried greetings from a great many states of the union. Mrs. Abbott's review of local chapter letters showed good attendance and that war work and service predominated the activity of most chapters.

Esther Rusk, K, as historian had kept an interesting and complete record of State Chapter events for the year.

Ada Hartenstein, D, chairman of woman's defense work, was unable to be present but her report was read. The figures showed active support of all war service organizations. It showed 110 in USO work, 106 in Civilian Defense, and for Red Cross 89 were knitting, 83 sewing, 36 making surgical dressings, 4 were nurses aids, 19 were canteen workers and 147 in all other Red Cross work. Contributions to Red Cross totalled \$966, to USO, \$196 and to our United Victory Fund, \$190. From P. E. O. families there are 121 men or women in branches of the armed service.

Margaret Francke served as chief teller, and election results were as follows: Helen Abbott, President; Eva Durkee, First Vice President;

Nelle Smith, Second Vice President; Virginia Ross, Organizer; Della Clay (Mrs. Oliver K.), Recording Secretary; Marguerite Douglas (Mrs. R. P.), Corresponding Secretary; Anna Jones (Miss), Treasurer.

Invitation for the 1945 convention came from Chapter K in Salt Lake City and took the form of a scene at the desk of Hotel P. E. O., desk clerk and bell boys all very busy in their plans to receive new guests. A huge master key was delivered by the bell boys to Mrs. Simpson, a pass key to all suites to the new president, Mrs. Abbott and room keys to each delegate in convention.

Mrs. Simpson's answers to question box queries were helpful. She installed the new officers and presented Mrs. Gerrish with her Past President's credentials.

Immediately following the formal closing, members of convention adjourned to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd and in the quietness of the late afternoon they paid tribute to three members who during the year had joined Chapter Eternal. The Hour of Memory arranged by Eva Durkee was an inspiration, the music of Ethel Hillabrandt at the organ and the rendition of the vocal numbers by Virginia Crandall lingered long after the church was empty. Organ Prelude ..... Ethel Hillabrandt, B  
Theme From Finlandia—Sibelius

Report of Memorial Committee ..... Dorothy Baker, K  
Vocal Solo ..... Virginia Crandall, G  
God Shall Wipe Away All Tears—Roma  
Devotions ..... Isabelle Ludwig, L  
Tribute to:

Della Lancaster, by Beulah Gavin, M;  
Daisy Wherry, by Nina Purton, E; Eva  
Whitmore, by Margaret Francke, C.  
Vocal Solo ..... Virginia Crandall  
Absence—Metcalf  
Organ Postlude ..... Ethel Hillabrandt  
Ave Maria—Schubert

As a last gesture of Ogden hospitality, tea was served to the delegates and visitors in the adjoining gardens of two of Chapter J's members, Mary Bartlett and Beryl Cornish. There could have been no lovelier conclusion.



#### LIGHT IN THE WINDOWS

Hawaii's windows were darkened—  
And today it seems long, long ago  
When from blackened window or doorway  
Came no friendly welcoming glow.

Now, Hawaii's windows are lighted  
And her doorways are open once more,  
As they should be in gracious Hawaii,  
To all on her beautiful shore.

P. E. O.'s windows gleam brightly  
And the light from their doorways beams  
far,  
Enhanced by the glow each P. E. O. feels  
As she wears her golden star.

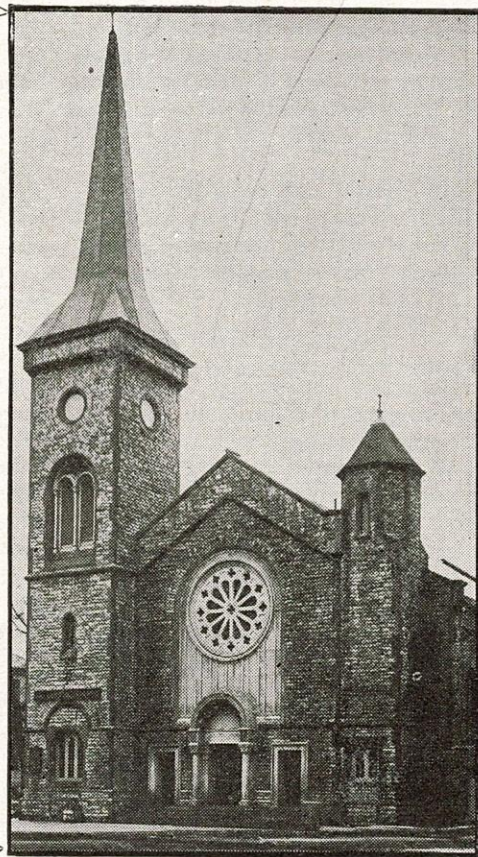
—From year book B, Honolulu



# OHIO

## State Chapter Convention

Reported by  
**NELLE MEWBORN, Chapter S**



THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Ohio State Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood met May 19 and 20 in Sandusky, Ohio, located on the shores of Lake Erie. This was not only Ohio's state convention but it honored the founding of the Sisterhood seventy-five years ago, so truly it was a Diamond Jubilee convention.

The Hotel Rieger was convention headquarters where registration of officers, delegates and guests was held. All meetings were held in Old First Presbyterian Church.

Guests of honor were Mrs. Carrie B. Simpson, President of Supreme Chapter; Mrs. Winona Evans Reeves, Past President of Supreme Chapter and Editor of the P. E. O. RECORD and Dr. Marjorie Mitchell, President of Cottey College.

Cognizant of war-time demands, the convention was streamlined and only business essentials and messages of inspiration were included. Delegate representation was necessarily curtailed but never once did enthusiasm nor interest wane.

Chapter S of Sandusky was hostess chapter. However, the good neighbor policy was followed and Chapter AI of Port Clinton furnished the pages and pianist for the convention.

The session opened in the afternoon of May 19 with an organ recital by Marguerite Spaith Palmer, followed by a trio meditation with Mrs. Palmer at the organ, Tom Dickson pianist and Boyd Daniels violin.

After the processional and advance of the colors Mrs. Mary Polley gave a beautiful Tribute to the Flag. A salute and pledge of allegiance to the flag was given after which all joined in singing, The Star Spangled Banner led by Mrs. June Burger.

The president, Mrs. Adda Belle Maynard called the convention to order.

The theme chosen for the convention was Unity and Understanding. This was especially emphasized by a quotation from Kipling, "We should love each other better if we only understood," Mrs. Evelyn Simmons presented this dissertation in a most pleasing manner. A solo, Love Never Fails, by Mrs. Ruth Curtis reiterated the convention thought of love and understanding. Devotions were in charge of Mrs. Esther Eddy, Chapter AI, Port Clinton.

Sharing introduction honors with Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Reeves and Dr. Mitchell, were the state officers, past presidents and the convention chairman, Mrs. Emma Emery.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Thelma Thrasher, president of Chapter S. Response was by Miss Olive Cummings, Second Vice President of the State Chapter.

Highlighting the afternoon meeting was the presentation of a new chapter by the state organizer, Mrs. Florence Townsend. The charter was presented by Mrs. Carrie B. Simpson. Response was by Mrs. Evelyn Simmons, president of the new Akron Chapter AU.

The Hour of Remembrance in late afternoon was an open meeting. A musical program was presented by the A Cappella Choir of Sandusky High School under the direction of Miss Marian Willis. Mrs. Mary Meckstroth gave the devotional service. The Lord's Prayer, by Malotte was sung by Mrs. June Burger. Memorial Roll Call was in charge of Mrs. Amy Hildebrand. As each tribute was given a lily was placed in a floral arrangement. Tribute was paid to the Founders by Mrs. Faye McCune. The service was concluded by a group of songs by the A Cappella Choir.

The Diamond Jubilee Dinner at the Hotel Rieger was in charge of Mrs. Mary Meckstroth. Music preceding and during the dinner hour was by a talented trio, Mrs. Paul



Gilman, violin; Mr. George Beare, cello and Mrs. James Judson at the piano. A group of songs was presented by Mrs. Ruth Curtis and Mrs. June Burger, accompanied by Mrs. Judson. Preceding the dinner an invocation was given by Mrs. Betty Hitchcock and carried the petition — "Lord Jesus be our companion, may we see thee in every person we meet and find thee in every experience that meets us." Presiding as toastmistress was Mrs. Myrtle Graumlich, Past President of the State Chapter, who introduced the speaker in a delightful way.

The address, "We Go Forward," by Mrs. Carrie B. Simpson, President of Supreme Chapter was full of strength and encouragement for us as we carry on. Her charming manner won and held us to the last word.

The evening meeting convened in Old First Church. The President called the meeting to order with all singing God Bless America. Correspondence was read, which included a clever letter from Virginia Townsend, daughter of our State Organizer Mrs. Florence Townsend. It was typical of the happy well rounded life at Cottey and indicative of the leadership that is prevalent there.

A thought provoking address, "Educating Women These Days," was given by Dr. Marjorie Mitchell. Preparedness for ourselves to assist in helping the young people of tomorrow in adjusting themselves to a post-war world was the problem under discussion.

Saturday morning's session was called to order at 7:45 by the President. The first order of the day was an informal discussion and exemplification of the ritual led by Mrs. Florence Townsend, Organizer.

Music interspersed the many assemblies. A song book compiled by Mrs. June Burger and Mrs. Ruth Curtis contained many original songs. A book was given to each guest.

Mrs. Winona Reeves delivered her address, "The Echo and the Song," a long-to-be-remembered talk.

The chief order of business of the morning was the election of officers, with Miss Margaret Schultz, Chapter V, Columbus, chairman of tellers. The election was efficiently conducted.

The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Florence Townsend; First Vice President, Miss Olive Cummings; Second Vice President, Mrs. Esther Samuel; Organizer, Mrs. Leti-

# YOUR BOY'S HOME

By BEATRICE CHESEBROUGH  
Chapter Q, Iowa

I wasn't prepared for it when the telephone rang that summer night at 10:30. It was a complete surprise. The voice that came to me over the wires was unbelievably mature.

"Mom!"

Any mother goes through an eternity of emotion when she's called "mom" by some man over the telephone. But when the realization hits you that this voice belongs to your son—your 18-year-old—who's been in the army for four long months a queer wildness seizes you. At first you can only murmur and then you yell his name three or four times. Then you climax the whole moment by saying:

"Where are you?"

"At the station, of course. Come on down and get me. This duffle bag's heavy as everything."

"The car's out with your dad on a business conference," you tell your son of the army. "Grab a cab and come home. You know the address, don't you?"

"Goofy as ever," says that man's voice. "Gosh mom, cabs cost money."

*You're earning more than you've ever earned. (And you wonder if you overdid that training about being penny-wise.) "Take the cab, darling,"*

*you tell him. "I'll pay. The woman always does. Just hurry. Hurry home."*

Cabs just creep along when you're waiting. You go from room to room straightening up the house that is already in bedtime order. You act calm, too calm; so you pray intently that you won't go hysterical when you clap eyes on him. That's no way for the mother of a brave soldier to act, of course.

The house gets too small so you go out and sit in the shadows on the front steps, in the very dark part of the shadow where no one could possibly discern that a person was concealed. The moon is a quiet crescent this night and the stars gleam in happiness for some cockeyed reason.

Suddenly down the street a cab shows up. Your heart tells you that this is a very special cab. The door flies open and a tremendous man snaps himself out onto the pavement and quickly pays the driver. Then this man reaches into the cab and lifts out a bag which he tosses over his shoulder. He turns and starts up the driveway.

*You don't know when you did it but sometime during the moment that the cab showed up you walked into*  
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tia Carrol; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Gladys Tanner; Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Thelma Thrasher; Treasurer, Mrs. Olive Patterson.

While the ballots were being counted questions were answered by Mrs. Simpson and many avenues of thought were cleared as well as many valuable suggestions made.

A brief recess was declared after which the business of the closing session was resumed.

A lovely organ recital preceded the meeting, played by Marguerite Spaith Palmer.

A duet — Auf Flugeln des Gesenges — Mendelssohn; by Mrs. June Burger, Contralto, Mrs. Ruth Curtis, Soprano.

The questions from the question box were again resumed and efficiently and satisfactorily disposed of by Mrs. Simpson.

According to reports P. E. O. members have given generously of time, money and talent. Special mention however is made of gifts presented during convention. The newly formed Chapter AU gave

\$42.78 to the Victory Fund. Chapter P of Akron gave \$60 to the Welfare and Trust Fund in honor of Mrs. Anna Dugan, affectionately known as Mother Dugan. Sandusky, Chapter S gave \$50 to Cottey College.

An invitation to hold the 1945 convention in Toledo was given in the form of a skit. The invitation was accepted.

A bulletin board was placed at the entrance of the auditorium of the church on which Year Books were displayed. Many unusual and unique programs made their appearance there.

The newly elected officers were installed by Mrs. Maynard. Mrs. Townsend in accepting the gavel pledged her heart and time in service to P. E. O.

At a propitious moment Mrs. Maynard was presented with a Past President's Pin and Mrs. Reeves presented her with her Past President's credential.

The convention closed with the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."





# MONTANA STATE CHAPTER CONVENTION



THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN DELEGATES AND visitors who assembled in Butte, the copper city, June 9 and 10, discovered that they were attending a jewel of a convention. Dedicated to seventy-five years of P. E. O. achievement, the convention was, indeed, a diamond jubilee in a copper setting. Chapters X and AC were hostesses.

All delegates and guests were housed in the Finlen Hotel, the Gold Room on the mezzanine served as the convention hall. In keeping with the seventy-fifth anniversary the seat markers, tellers' boxes, question box, etc. were made in the shape of diamonds.

Mrs. Edna Kesler, G, played piano numbers as preludes to all sessions and accompanied group singing. Mrs. Pearl Kurtichanov, C, and Mrs. Millicent Dobbs, AC, delighted the audience many times with their lovely soprano and contralto voices.

The Hour of Remembrance, directed by Mrs. Mabel Kyle, recording secretary, was held on the evening before the formal opening of convention in the First Presbyterian Church. Twelve members of Montana State Chapter were honored in the memorial roll call by members of their respective chapters. Organ music by Miss Carrie Worcester, AC, and solos by the vocalists mentioned above were exquisite tributes to those who, as one P. E. O. expressed it, "have dimitted to Chapter Eternal."

Following the Memorial Hour an informal reception was held at the hotel.

Convention was formally opened the morning of June the ninth at nine o'clock. "Tomorrow in P. E. O." was the convention theme chosen by Mrs. Bertha Dodds, state president.

*Today is ours, build for tomorrow.  
"Sometimes, I think, the things we see  
Are shadows of the things to be  
That what we plan, we build."*

The guests of honor who were escorted to the platform by the guards and pages were: Mrs. Carrie Bonebrake Simpson, Supreme Chapter president; Mrs. Blanche D. Walker, Junior past-president of Supreme Chapter and past-president of Montana State Chapter; Mrs. Maude Brinck, past-president of Idaho State Chapter and a member of Supreme Chapter committee on Post-war Planning; and seven past-presidents of Montana State Chapter; Mrs. Vesper Trodick, Mrs. Agnes Soule, Mrs. Florence Haines, Mrs. Zella Yegen, Mrs. Verna Kelley, Mrs. Berenice Bischoff, Mrs. Annie Mather. The state officers also escorted to seats of honor, were: Mrs. Bertha Dodds, president; Mrs. Olive Laird, first vice-president; Mrs. Lillian Hanson, second vice-president; Mrs. Anne Mather, organizer; Mrs. Mabel Kyle, recording secretary; Mrs. Eva Brandt, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Gertrude Cooper, treasurer. Mrs. Eunice Morris, special page to the officers, was introduced as were also the chairman of the hostess committees and the members of the hostess chapters.

After the salute to the flag, the singing of the national anthem, and the formal opening of the morning session, the keynote address Tomorrow in P. E. O. was given by Mrs. Nora Chalkey, X. She stressed what a great potential power eighty thousand P. E. O. members can be if they will "train for world citizenship in a world community."

Reports of all state officers disclosed that 1943-44 was a successful year in Montana chapters, showing

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growth in members, loan fund, and contributions materially and otherwise to the war effort.

Greetings were read from thirteen state chapters and two past-presidents of Montana State Chapter, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Laughlin and Mrs. Miriam Ransier Higgins.

After introducing Mrs. Agnes Soule, Montana Chapter's first historian, Miss Agnes Davis, present historian, gave an interesting report. Members of convention were urged to examine the pictures in the history book and to realize the importance of such a record. In closing her report Miss Davis quoted:

*"Yesterday is but a dream  
And tomorrow is only a vision,  
But today well-lived  
Makes every yesterday a dream of  
happiness,  
And every tomorrow a vision of  
hope.  
Look well, therefore, to this Day."*

The Victory luncheon held in the Treasure State Room and effectively presided over by Mrs. Blanche Walker was an outstanding event of convention. Guards bearing flags of the United Nations entered the luncheon hall as Paul Maier, trumpeter, played To the Colors. Songs of other wars played by Beatrice Jean Maier, pianist, and Anna Gotland, violinist, and vocal solos by Mrs. Kurtichanov set the mood for the occasion. A report of Montana P. E. O. War Efforts and Victory Fund was given by Mrs. Olive Laird and a review of war activities of our sisterhood by Mrs. Simpson.

Elmer Quist, assistant field director, American Red Cross, Air Base,

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Great Falls, Montana, was then introduced. Drawing on his eighteen months of experience in England and Ireland, Mr. Quist told the luncheon guests of the Red Cross problems in those countries and how they have been met in order that the American soldier may be properly cared for not only in a material way but spiritually and morally.

At the close of this enlightening talk Mrs. Walker threw the meeting open to those who wished to contribute to the Victory Fund. A total of \$819.50 was pledged from the floor as gifts from individuals and chapters. This sum plus the amount contributed by chapters during the year and a \$200 gift from Montana State Chapter brought the grand total in the State Victory Fund to \$1623.

Miniature aircraft carriers placed on the table for the guests of honor were gifts from the Arkansas State Chapter. Other patriotic insignia and decorations were used through the courtesy of the Montana Power Company.

Re-convening in the Gold Room the delegates were highly entertained by a skit — Four Star Broadcast on World Events put on by Chapters O and AA of Helena.

Mrs. Mary Rhodes Leaphart, read a message from Mrs. Mae Pope Worden, past-president of Montana State Chapter who because of illness was unable to appear on the program. Her plea for faith in a world built on understanding, tolerance, and sympathy was well received.

The Model Meeting under the direction of the State Organizer, Mrs. Anne Mather, was excellently presented by Chapter G.

At the banquet in the Treasure State Room with Miss Inez Haskins, presiding, Mrs. Carrie B. Simpson gave an address, *We Go Forward*, which was very appropriate to the convention theme. Her charm, poise, and ease of delivery were delightful. Her confidence that "out of the present turmoil will come peace and advancement for nations of the world" and that "P. E. O. will have a great stake in that peace" was inspiring to everyone.

Chapter G presented Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Dodds each with a beautiful picture done in oils by Mrs. Elizabeth Lochrie, G, a talented Butte artist. In responding to her introduction Mrs. Lochrie expressed the spirit in which the hostess chapters AC and X entertained by quoting the words of a ninety-year old Blackfoot Indian as told to her personally: "A worthy

task performed for the joy of its doing is never work."

A P. E. O. Hour of Charm followed the banquet in the convention hall. Songs by the convention soloists, a pageant dedicated to our Founders by members of Chapter AH, Great Falls, and group singing by the Treble Clef Club of Butte made a most attractive evening entertainment.

At the Cottey Hour held during the business session on the closing day with Mrs. Lillian Hanson second vice-president, in charge, Mary Louise McDonald of Helena was introduced. Before graduating from Cottey in June Miss McDonald was chosen by the Nevada, Missouri, post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars as the ideal American girl of the senior class and was accordingly presented with the citizenship award. Members of convention who heard Miss McDonald's enthusiastic talk of her life at Cottey and her plans for the future could readily understand why she was singled out for such an honor. In closing the Cottey hour Mrs. Hanson announced the two Cottey scholarships for the coming year, Irene Sherrow, sponsored by Chapter B, Laurel, and Wilma Jean Tryczinski, sponsored by Chapter K, Miles City.

Mrs. Simpson who answered questions from the question box during the balloting, installed the following officers: President, Mrs. Olive Laird; first vice-president — Mrs. Lillian Hanson; second vice-president — Mrs. Mabel Kyle; organizer — Mrs. Eva Brandt; recording secretary — Mrs. Nora Chalkley; corresponding secretary; Mrs. Mary Miller; treasurer — Mrs. Ola Maddox.

Mrs. Bertha Dodds was presented with the past-president's pin by Mrs. Walker and the past-president's credential by Mrs. Simpson.

Farewell to the convention members was given by Mrs. Gwen Johnson, AC, and the Benediction Hymn was sung by Mrs. Pearl Kurtichanov.

A luncheon for all guests, delegates, and visitors was held in the Roundup Room of the Finlen Hotel immediately following the closing of convention.



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Boyce, AH; Rec. Sec., Dorothy Be-Dell, AI; Cor. Sec., Pauline Mac-Martin, L; Treas., Mildred Graves, AL; Chaplain, Helen Hopkins, AP; Guard, Mary Simpson, N; Pianist, Emily Dietrich, I; Candidate, Mary Barber, AS.

The music of the morning included a piano and organ duet, by Mrs. Young at the organ, and Mrs. Dorothy Bahr at the piano.

Mrs. Mahan, president of Chapter AD, sang *Prayer* by Guion.

There was assembly singing also of *Symbols* the lyric by Cora B. Beebe of Chapter P and *The Question*, very appropriately following the symposium.

The song leader, Mrs. Anderson, is all that a song leader should be — added adjectives in comment can say no more than that.

In the final meeting, election of officers was the main order, with Mrs. Dell Berryman, chairman of tellers. Regret was expressed because the recording secretary, Miss Nelle A. Farnum, found it necessary to decline reelection.

The officers for the coming year are: President, Miss Elsie M. Brennan; first vice pres., Amy B. Waterpool (Mrs. W. F.); second vice pres., Pearl D. Van Hecke (Mrs. Max); organizer, Cyrilla G. Mahan (Mrs. F. E.); rec. sec., Kathryn J. Oates (Mrs. A. R.); cor. sec., Pearl Wheeler (Mrs. C. H. E.); treasurer, Dorothy H. Root (Mrs. E. W.).

Appointment was made of Hilda Shallock (Mrs. A. C.) as chairman of the welfare and trust fund.

Miss Susan B. Davis, 2625 Kendall Ave., Madison Wis. was reappointed historian.

Final committee reports were made and Mrs. Alice Rood invited the convention to meet in Madison in June 1945. The invitation received a hearty acceptance. Other features of the program were a piano-organ duet by Mrs. Bahr and Mrs. Young, a group of voice numbers by Mrs. Mahan and a talk by Mrs. Reeves.

The Question Box which is a convention feature that always holds high interest was answered by Mrs. Simpson.

The officers were installed by Mrs. Simpson who also presented Mrs. Schroeder with a past state president's credential. Mrs. Anderson pinned on her shoulder a past president's pin all of it a symbol of a task well done, beautifully done.

Miss Brennan, the new president, who is not only a good P. E. O. but a good Episcopalian offered a prayer of consecration to her task — a high note on which to close a convention in which, as Miss Davis said, there had been "an abiding spirit of love and peace."



THE NEW MEXICO State Chapter met in Albuquerque May 22, 23 and 24 with Mrs. Ada Dalies, State President presiding. The theme for the convention was Faith.

The hostess Chapters S and V of Albuquerque under the leadership of Mrs. Georgia Del Dosso, general convention chairman, had left nothing undone to make the convention a pleasant memory.

The Hilton Hotel housed the delegates and guests.

The convention opened at 4:30 p.m. May 22 with the Memorial Hour at the First Presbyterian Church:

Organ Meditations:  
 In Paradisum ..... Dubois  
 Kamennoi—Ostrow ..... Rubinstein  
 Ave Maria ..... Schubert  
 Miriam Douglass  
 Twenty-third Psalm .... Margaret Phillips  
 Vocal Solo: The Lord's Prayer .. Malotte  
 Marion K. Van Deventer  
 Tribute to the Founders .. Wilma Shelton  
 Tribute to Hattie Cobean Gill, K—  
 Roswell ..... Laura Stilwell  
 Tribute to Charity Nichols, E—Al-  
 buquerque ..... Anna Ward  
 Vocal Solo: There Are They (The  
 Holy City) ..... Gaul  
 Marion K. Van Deventer  
 Benediction ..... Elizabeth Simpson  
 Organ Postlude: Distant Chimes .. Snow  
 Miriam Douglass

On May 23, 9 a.m. the convention proper opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mardell Wright, Q. The devotions were given by Mabel Morgan, V.

The guards, led by chief guard, Hazel Elliott, E, in their tailored white dresses with yellow silk handkerchiefs in pockets and marguerites in their hair were most attractive.

Ada Dalies, State President, brought greeting to the delegates and guests; then, introduced the honor guest, Carrie B. Simpson, President of Supreme Chapter also the state officers, past state presidents, hostess presidents, and the general chairman of the convention.

The welcome was given by Beth Derryberry, V, and the members of

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## State Chapter Convention

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ORA MAE LAWRENCE

Chapters S and V added to this in song. At appropriate times during the sessions, Jewel Cornelius accompanied by Ruby Darrow led the group in songs. The response was given by Josephine Hanlon, O.

Greetings were read by corresponding secretary, from Supreme Chapter officers and many state chapters and personal notes.

The report of each state officer was concise and to the point, stressing the place P. E. O. has in this busy war time.

The Cottey College hour was most interestingly conducted by Anna Mitchell, N. She introduced Dorothy Devendorf, a Cottey College graduate, who spoke informally of the advantages of a small college.

Mildred Irwin of Mountainair was awarded the Delilah Williams Cottey College Scholarship.

On Tuesday evening the banquet was served in the Hilton Hotel ball room. The guests were seated at small round tables in groups of ten. The table centerpieces were red, white and blue stars and from these a white candle burned. During the banquet a string Tipica orchestra from Albuquerque High School played. Under the direction of Alice Hall, state organizer, the Model Meeting was given by Chapter E with Edith Briggs, president, presiding. The meeting was model

in every detail and was an inspiration to all.

Augusta Fleck O'Malley, H, accompanied by Dora Robertson, H, played a violin solo: Bohemienne by Henri Vieuxtemps Op. 40 No. 3.

The address of the evening, "To Seek Understanding", was given by Carrie B. Simpson, President of Supreme Chapter. Mrs. Simpson's message was a challenge to all.

The session held Wednesday morning was led in the devotions by Ruth Brough, R.

Committee reports given and accepted: Women's Defense Activities, Fay Thorne, E; Red Cross, Alice Erskine, D; New Mexico History Report, Iris Bonner, R; Welfare and Trust Fund, Emily Rogers, L; Chapter Reports, Lillian Hinkle, B; Recommendations and By-Laws, Ora Mae Lawrence, V; Chapter Year Books, Scottie Marshall, J; Courtesy, Alice Oldham, A; Auditing, Margaret Leding, I; Finance, Ruth Graham, P; Wild Flowers, Dorothy Emmons, T; Credentials Committee, Elizabeth Simpson, L.

The final report of the credentials committee was given as follows: 1 Supreme Chapter representative, 7 state officers, 12 past state presidents, 44 delegates, and 29 guests, present.

During the election of officers, Mrs. Simpson answered many questions from the question box. Vera Powers, C, favored the convention with a whistling solo, "A May Morning."

The following officers were elected and installed by the Supreme Chapter President: Alice Hall, G, President; Iris Bonner, R, First Vice-President; Alice Erskine, D, Second Vice-President; Anna Mitchell, N, Organizer; Josephine Hanlon, O, Recording Secretary, Elizabeth Simpson, L, Corresponding Secretary; Laura Stilwell, K, Treasurer.

Bonnie Bailey, R, extended a cordial invitation to the convention to meet in Portales in 1945, which was accepted.





# OREGON STATE CHAPTER CONVENTION



Reported by **KATHRYNE ICKES**  
(MRS. D. J.)

THE THIRTY-THIRD OREGON P. E. O. State Convention, severely streamlined to a one day meeting because of war time conditions, was held June 8 in Portland. All the Portland chapters assisted in the arrangements for the meeting which was held at the Neighbors of Woodcraft Hall.

The theme chosen for the Convention was Faith in the Future.

*"No vision and you perish;  
No ideal and you're lost;  
Your heart must ever cherish  
Some faith at any cost.  
Some hope, some dream to cling  
to;  
Some rainbow in the sky;  
Some melody to sing to;  
Some service that is high."*

Surely no one could have come away without renewed faith in P. E. O. and new visions, new ideals to strive for. For in spite of a very busy day, in which the essential work of a convention was accomplished, there was time for friendliness and inspiration as well as serious thinking and planning for the future.

From a platform backed by the massed flags of the United Nations and with flowers of red, white, and blue, our quiet, efficient, loved president, Mary Ruth King called the convention to order. The Doxology, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ruth Hartley and the singing of the National Anthem followed.

Mrs. King introduced the honor guests: Mrs. Dorothy L. Weller, first Vice President of Supreme Chapter and Mrs. Veda M. Jones, Oregon's own past president of Supreme Chapter. Mrs. Jones responded with the keynote address. She said there was no need to be overwhelmed by the

present day events unless we let them get on the inside — quoting from St. James, she said "To our faith, we must add works." There is much work for P. E. O.'s to add to their Faith.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Stacy Verdenius. The thought stressed was that faith is the master of fear and to have faith one must have close communion with God in prayer.

A brief memorial was held for those sisters who had joined the Chapter Eternal. The hymn, Faith of our Fathers was sung by one of the sextette and Narcissa Shaw gave a lovely tribute to Blanche Zollinger, past state president. The roll call was read by members of the committee.

The convention was then formally opened for business. The reports of the officers were all brief due to the necessity of conserving time. The delegates were asked to refer later to their convention minutes for more detailed reports. There was a note of sadness when Frances Reynolds, organizer, said in her report that it would be her last year on the board.

The music for the convention was by the Portland P. E. O. sextette, always lovely and much appreciated. They sang, Daybreak and Tiptoe.

The roll call was taken which showed sixty-four delegates and fourteen past presidents entitled to vote. The election of officers was carried on while further business was taken care of. The following officers for 1944-45 were elected:

Helen Kaser, President; Maurine Whisenand, First Vice President; Oveta Barnes, Second Vice President; Leah French, Organizer; Lois McElveny, Recording Secretary; Caroline Sullivan, Corresponding Secretary; Frances Smith, Treasurer.



Following the report of the Welfare Board by Mrs. Whisenand, Mrs. Helen Stalnaker spoke briefly concerning P. E. O. Dollars which, in her words, "are the mobilization of power for good."

Mrs. Edna Beattie presented the budget for the coming year, providing for an increase to \$500.00 in the Oregon Scholarship Fund and a \$500.00 United Victory Fund. This budget was adopted.

Messages of greetings were read from Carrie B. Simpson, Supreme Chapter President; many state chapters; and from the Eugene chapters issuing an invitation for convention for next year which was accepted.

Just before recessing for luncheon, the convention stood in silent prayer in remembrance of those in service of their country, a solemn and reverent moment which was repeated at the close of the convention.

At the close of an informal luncheon for the delegates, the past presidents were introduced and each told in one sentence the outstanding event during her own convention. The replies, entirely extemporaneous, were most interesting and in some instances quite amusing.

The model meeting was ably given by Chapter BB in spite of unusual circumstances explained by Frances Reynolds, Organizer.

The sextette sang a group of two numbers, the first Gray Geese by Esther Cox Todd, an Oregon P. E. O.

The highlight of the convention was an address by Dorothy Weller, entitled A Diamond Trail commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of P. E. O.

Helen Kaser, in reporting on the Educational Program, said that P. E. O.'s have certainly left a rich legacy in providing for a well educated youth. As living examples, she presented three last year's scholarship girls, two who had attended Oregon schools, and the third, Miss Doris

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# From The EDITOR'S DESK

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## THE ETERNAL QUESTION

By Arthur Guiterman

Dear little boy, there are well-schooled men  
To answer "Who?" "Where?" "How?" and  
"When?"

Yet the wisest give but a vague reply  
If you ask them "Why?"

There are tested facts, so the books de-  
clare,

In proof of Who, How, When and Where,  
But we only guess with a doubtful sigh  
At the question "Why?"

Why is there sin, why grief, why pain?  
The ages ask, and they ask in vain;  
So we seek, we dream till the day we die,  
When we may know "Why?"

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► THERE HAS RECENTLY BEEN published a list of books barred from the armed forces by some set of censors who have authority from some source or another in the matter.

The logic in barring some of them seems a little odd to plain everyday laymen, for example: *Yankee from Olympus*. Hundreds who read this (are we optimistic about the "hundreds"?) will have read that charming biography of Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Another book barred was *One Man's Meat* by E. B. White. Those of you who are readers of Harpers Magazine, well remember that he had a department 1938-43 bearing as a headline the title of this book.

You know the charm of his city-farmer outlook and seeming homespun philosophy such as only an urban sophisticate could write, a contributing editor to *The New Yorker*.

He served as a private in World War I and one might conclude that he would have an understanding of the boys in the present war. However, some groups think differently.

May we quote from the Foreword of the book:

"I see that my publishers have announced that this particular book is in the first person singular, a fact I had hoped to conceal from them by starting a few sentences with another word than I. But since it is in the open, I won't make any bones about it.

The first person singular is the only grammatical implement I am able to use without cutting myself. As a matter of fact this quality in the book is a thing which perhaps gives it relation to the war. It is a book

of, for and by an individual.

In this respect it is anathema to our enemies, who find in individualism the signs of national decay. It is the "I" in a man which Hitler has set out to destroy.

I don't know what he proposes to substitute for it and I don't think *he* does. Individualism and the first person singular are closely related to freedom, and are what the fight is about.

I've always believed that the individual was the thing; not men in the mass. Reformers and planners so often go wrong on this point. A tyrant on the other hand, knows instinctively that he will get nowhere with his schemes unless he can persuade people to think not as individuals but as a group, or better yet, not think at all."

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► IT IS SAID THAT THE EIGHT-hour labor law now on the statutes came to be enacted — of all things! — through the findings of two church men: Bishop Francis J. McConnell, of the Methodist church, and Dr. John McDowell, of the Presbyterian ministry.

They were commissioned to report on conditions in the Pennsylvania Steel industry, which report preceded the eight-hour-day law.

What Bishop McConnell's qualification was as an investigator probably was not colored by personal experience but Dr. McDowell had a story out of his youth which he sometimes used to illustrate a truth.

He was once a breaker boy in a Pennsylvania coal mine. In the course of coal-mine events, he was promoted to drive a mule. The mule pulled him and his coal car through the dark tunnels to a dangerous intersection of track, where more than one car had collided with another, and more than one boy driver been killed. Young John, behind his mule, approached that crossing with fear and trembling in his heart; he was frightened nearly out of his wits.

But as he turned a corner and approached the crossing, he saw a tiny gleam of light. When he reached the deadly spot, he brushed a tear from his eye, and smiled. There stood his father, with a lantern in his hand.

One who quoted Dr. McDowell's story of the light said:

What a world this would be if, right now, with uncertainty and doubt waiting like murderers at every cross-road, men and nations would only stop their shouting long enough to look for the gleam of the Light, and follow it.

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► IF YOU READ ONLY THE headlines on news from local chapters this month you will observe that practically all of it is made of initiations of daughters and observing anniversaries.

The P. E. O.'s, like Janus, have a face looking to the past and one looking to the future.

That isn't a bad philosophy. It has an implication of responsibility to the girls to remember the traditions that have made P. E. O. the really great organization that it is. It implies a responsibility too, to "the little old ladies" as some one described the P. E. O.'s, and to the big old ladies, to remember their own youth and to get again the viewpoint of youth, if by chance they have lost it.

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► TO COMPLETE THE RECORD file to be presented as a gift to Chapter Original A, two copies are still lacking: January 1892 and Oct. 1894.

The file except for these two copies was assembled by Mrs. Florence McKibbin. Since her death her daughter Stella Snider McKibbin (Mrs. George) is anxious to finish the work begun and to have the magazines bound. Any member who has the missing copies will confer a great favor by sending them to Mrs. Stella S. McKibbin, Colonial Apts., Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

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► IF THE WAR WERE TO END tomorrow or next week or next month, there would be copies of the RECORD undeliverable going to many points in other lands and to a great many service centers on this continent in the States and in Canada.

The truth is that young women who are enlisted in the various branches of service change location so often that it is difficult to have the magazine catch up with them.

This is a suggestion, or even stronger a plea, that the mailing list address may be kept at the member's home address and that the family which always knows where the member is, will spend a three cent stamp once a month to forward the RECORD to her.



# LOCAL CHAPTER ★ ★ ★ ★ NEWS

## ARKANSAS

### TWO ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED

Chapter V, Bentonville, celebrated two birthday anniversaries March 21, 1944. One was her own fourth anniversary, the other that of her sponsor, Nelle Moore's fiftieth year as a member of P. E. O.

We had as our guests, Nelle Moore's sister, Mrs. Mary Frances Kurtz, of Chapter Q, Des Moines, Iowa who has been a member of the Sisterhood for fifty-three years; also Mrs. Elsa Vaught, past state president of Arkansas. Mrs. Vaught was organizer at the time Chapter V was organized.

Mrs. Vaught gave a Dramatization of Seventy-five Years Growth in P. E. O. Mrs. Kurtz told how she happened to be one of the signers of the Articles of Incorporation of the P. E. O. Sisterhood.

Letters were read from all non-resident members. Our birthday offering amounting to twenty-five dollars was presented to Cottey College honoring Nelle Moore. A picture is to be purchased and hung in the Arkansas suite, P. E. O. Hall.

The party was held in the home of Pearl Martin, vice-pres. of Chapter V. Marie Jones, our president was master of ceremony. A social hour followed, the hostess served an ice course with the birthday cake bearing four candles.—Kathryn Eldridge.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

### VANCOUVER'S NEW CHAPTER

Chapter U, Vancouver was organized April 26, 1944 in York room of Hotel Georgia, an evening chapter and the 21st to be organized in British Columbia. Mrs. Lillian Morgan, organizer, brought this group of lovely young women together and in a gracious way conducted the initiation. A number of these girls have a P. E. O. background — and all are initiates. The Charter list is as follows: Mrs. Leona Robinson, Miss Joyce Consius, Mrs. Jeannette Bolton, Miss Margaret Wilson, Mrs. Francis Hutchinson, Mrs. Helen Vale, Mrs. Gertrude Herd, Mrs. Helen Fairbank, Miss Harriet Alexander, Mrs. Merle Porter, Mrs. Miriam Darling, Mrs. Neenah Humphrey, Mrs. Margaret Crysdale, Miss Helen Manning, Mrs. Gretchen Hyland.

Mrs. Morgan gave a brief history of this new chapter, which had been sponsored by Chapter H.

Assisting the organizer in the initiation were — Mrs. Hazel Whitley, Mrs. Catherine Marshall, Mrs. Ella Worth, Mrs. Ann Northrop, Mrs. Irene Caspell, Mrs. Lily Munro, First Vice President of B. C. Provincial Chapter talked about P. E. O. projects. Mrs. Mabel Agnew, Past Provincial president spoke to the new chapter on "Friendship and Loyalty," using especially Part III of the Constitution.

Our honored guests numbered Mrs. Bertha O. Clarke, a much loved sister; Mrs. Alice Smith, Provincial President; Mrs. Mabel Scurrah, Corresponding Secretary of Supreme Chapter; Past Provincial

President Mrs. Jessie Clark, all extending greetings and best wishes to the new chapter. Chapter O in a very gracious and happy gesture presented corsages to members of the new chapter, and to honor guests of the evening. Also presenting gifts were Chapters C and T. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Miss Margaret Wilson; vice president, Mrs. Leona Robinson; recording secretary, Miss Joyce Consius; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Merle Porter; treasurer, Mrs. Helen Fairbank; chaplain, Mrs. Gertrude Herd; guard, Mrs. Francis Hutchinson. The new officers were installed by the organizer.

Greetings were read from Mrs. Eva McDuffee, a Provincial Past President now at Port Elgin, Ontario; also from Chapter P and Presidents Council of New Westminster, B. C.

Following the organization, refreshments were served from a daintily appointed tea table. Mrs. Edna Agnew and Mrs. Jessie Clark presiding.—Beatrice Moserop.

### TEN DAUGHTERS OF P. E. O. INITIATED INTO NEW VICTORIA CHAPTER

May 10, 1944 will always be an outstanding date in the history of P. E. O. in Victoria, British Columbia.

Chapter V, organized by Mrs. Lillian Morgan, Provincial Organizer, is the sixth chapter to be formed in Victoria. The organization was held in the lovely home of Mrs. Grace Mayhew (K), which had been beautifully decorated with white and yellow flowers. Mrs. Lillian McGregor (K) carefully selected the names and the new chapter was sponsored by Chapter K.

Mrs. Lillian McGregor (K) gave the history of the new group and extended greetings. Mrs. Peggy Moore (Q) delighted the members with her solo, This Day is Mine.

The officers were: organizer, Mrs. Lillian Morgan and Chapter K's officers: vice president, Mrs. Mae Campbell; recording secretary, Mrs. Edith Fletcher; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lillian Munro; treasurer, Mrs. Katherine Conyers; chaplain, Mrs. Jennie Armstrong; guard, Mrs. Lydia Wills, and pianist, Mrs. Dorothy Gough (E).

The sixteen charter members are all initiates. Ten are P. E. O. daughters, one is the daughter of our Supreme Chapter Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mabel Scurrah, and one has the distinction of being a former student at Cottey College.

The charter members are: Mrs. Evelyn Newell, Mrs. Doreen Sweeting, Mrs. Elza Mayhew, Mrs. Kathleen Turner, Mrs. Audrey Curtis, Mrs. Mary Hammond, Mrs. Margaret Mayhew, Mrs. Dorothy Bigsby, Mrs. Joyce Kickstad, Mrs. Anne Grey, Mrs. Margaret Maconachie, Mrs. Patricia Johnston, Mrs. Catherine Gilliland, Mrs. Milva Reid, Mrs. Mary Stark, Mrs. Jean Laurason, Mrs. Elizabeth Barclay.

Following the organization of the new Chapter and the initiation of its members, election of officers was held and were installed by Mrs. Morgan: President, Evelyn Newell; vice-president, Mrs. Doreen Sweeting; recording secretary, Mrs. Elza Mayhew; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Kathleen Turner; treasurer, Mrs. Audrey Curtis; chaplain, Mrs. Mary Hammond; guard, Mrs. Margaret Mayhew.

Mrs. Scurrah, welcomed the new chapter into the Sisterhood and spoke on the P. E. O. projects. Mrs. Alice Smith, Provincial President, extended a welcome on behalf of the Provincial Board and gave counsel and advice. Greetings were also given by Mrs. Etta English and Mrs. Janet Pearce, Past Provincial Presidents. Mrs. Elinor Willis, president of Presidents Council, Mrs. Grace Mayhew and Mrs. Lillian Taylor all gave greeting to the new chapter.

Telegrams and letters of congratulations were read from Toronto, Vancouver, and Victoria. Mrs. Helen Hurn, Provincial Recording Secretary, tendered thanks to Mrs. Grace Mayhew, our gracious hostess, Mrs. Lillian McGregor and members of Chapter K. At the close of the evening dainty refreshments were served by the hostess chapter.—Violet White (E).

### NEW CHAPTER NEW WESTMINSTER

Chapter W, New Westminster was organized May 15, 1944 by Mrs. Lillian Morgan, Provincial organizer. The meeting was held in the lovely home of Mrs. Carl F. Barton.

Those who assisted at the meeting and organization were: Miss Jessie Ritchie, Miss Idah Thompson, Mrs. Olive White, Miss Alma Dunmore, Winifred Eaton, Mrs. Florence Johnson, Mrs. Nea Cox, Edna Woodworth, Margaret Alexander, Margaret Fraser, Eleanor Agnew and Megan Thomas.

The new chapter was sponsored by Miss Mae Martin of Chapter M and the list of new members follows: Miss Irene Mathieson, Miss Dorothy Davidson, Miss Catherine Martin, Miss Jean Wallace, Miss Janet Davidson, Miss Barbara DeLong, Miss Louise Campbell, Miss Audrey Jones, Mrs. Mary Taylor, Mrs. Evelyn Merilees, Mrs. Jean Fairhall, Mrs. Jean Jenns, Mrs. Connie Greenwood, Mrs. Amy Slinger, Mrs. Emily Byron, Mrs. Jeanne Grouger and Mrs. Mary McPherson.

After the initiation of the new members short talks were given by Mrs. Lilly Munroe, Mrs. Mabel Morgan, Mrs. Hazel Whilely, Miss Margaret Wilson, Mrs. Jenda Woodcock, Mrs. Louise Alexander, Mrs. Bertha Clarke and Mrs. Pearle Shearer. Greetings were read from many other officers and chapters wishing success for the new chapter.

At the meeting of the new Chapter W, the following officers were elected: pres., Catherine Martin; vice president, Evelyn Merilees; recording secretary, Louise Campbell; corresponding secretary, Jean Fairhall; treasurer, Emily Byron; chaplain, Janet Davidson; guard, Amy Slinger.

Following the meeting tea was served by the members of Chapter M. Mrs. Lily Munroe and Mrs. Louise Alexander presided at the beautifully decorated tea table. During the tea hour Mrs. Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Barton rendered several musical numbers.—Alice Murchison.



## CALIFORNIA

### AN INTERESTING INITIATION

Chapter IO, Los Angeles, June 6 at the home of Greta Charnock in Los Feliz Hills, Chapter IO, Los Angeles had the happy experience of initiating into the Sisterhood Mary Lu Minick, who is not only their youngest but a third generation P. E. O.

Mary Lu is the granddaughter of Emma Welsh Minick, charter member and past president of Chapter AX, Crawford, Nebraska, and the daughter of Thelma W. Minick, past president of Chapter IO, Los Angeles. Miss Minick is employed at Universal pictures during the day in vacation but will enter college in the fall with a music major.

Following luncheon music was furnished by Mary Lou and Dorothy Wright. Honored guests were: Mrs. Louise H. Bailey, California State President; Mrs. Besse M. Stoner, California State Organizer; Mrs. Mabel Jessup, California State Cor. Sec.; Mrs. Mayla Sandbeck, California State Past President; Mrs. Elizabeth Clubbine, President of Los Angeles Reciprocity.—Anne Hargrave.

### SAN FRANCISCO NEWS ITEM

Chapter EN, San Francisco recently was proud to initiate Mary Lou LaPage, Corabelle Monson, Roberta Monson, and Gertrude Smith.

Mary Lou and Corabelle are daughters of Mrs. Mable Monson, EN, and Roberta is a daughter-in-law. They represent third generation P. E. O.'s and have two aunts, Mrs. Grace Coolman and Mrs. Mary Roberts, who are P. E. O.'s.

Gertrude is making San Francisco her home while her husband is on duty with the Navy.—Marjorie Mitchell.

### E LOS ANGELES INITIATES THREE

Chapter E, Los Angeles, reports the initiation of three P. E. O. daughters. On March 31st at a tea in the home of Mrs. Hazel Schrey, her daughter Mrs. Dorothy S. Carroll, and Mrs. Barbara S. Dwiggins, daughter of Mrs. Dora Summers were initiated. The third daughter, Mrs. Lorraine L. Marshall, daughter of Mrs. Agnes Louden, was initiated when our chapter had inspection by Mrs. Louise Bailey in the fall. Dorothy Carroll is the third generation in chapter E, her grandmother Mrs. Lillian Harrel having been a P. E. O. for over fifty years.—Dora W. Summers.

### A THIRD-GENERATION MEMBER

Chapter BW, Los Angeles, was happy to welcome into membership Mary Lucile Neuswanger, on her eighteenth birthday.

She is the daughter of Lucile Neuswanger and granddaughter of Minnie Wakefield, chaplain of Chapter BW, who was hostess for the meeting.

April is the anniversary month of the chapter, 1944 its twenty-fourth year. We have eight charter members who are active. The new officers this year have initiated five new members: Mary Lucile Neuswanger, Miss Hazel Brobst, Mrs. Fanny Hillis, her daughter, Leatha Carley, Mrs. Imogene Workman. We have had as guests at the chapter meetings Miss Helen Stucky, F. Moulton, Iowa; Mrs. Maryline Blexrud, E, Iowa City, Iowa.

Chapter BW is interested in our loan girl, who writes interesting letters regarding her work. We predict that Barbara Baker will make a name for herself in her chosen profession.—Margaret C. Needels.

## A MARINE INITIATED

Chapter FL, Los Angeles, on June 17 had a delightful meeting at the home of Mrs. J. R. Walker in Venice.

Following a delightful luncheon served in the patio the members and three P. E. O. guests witnessed the impressive initiation of a recently inducted Marine, Miss Helen Louise Ronan, daughter of Mrs. J. T. Ronan, a member of the Chapter. The initiating officers were: Pres., Ella May Crandall (Mrs. E. A.); Vice-Pres., Grace M. Starr (Mrs. V. E.); Recording Sec'y., Betty Osborn; Corresponding Sec'y., Helen M. Tibbetts; Treasurer, Freida L. Potthoff; Chaplain, Carol M. Holt; Guard, Muriel M. Moore.

Miss Ronan is a musician who has for six years taught clarinet and plays the saxophone, flute and other wind instruments. Prior to her enlistment, Miss Ronan worked in defense plants as a draftsman and production illustrator.—Helen Tibbetts.

### CHAPTER FN INITIATES SIX DAUGHTERS

Chapter FN, Van Nuys, highlighting its seventeenth year of chapter life on June 2, initiated six of its daughters.

Mrs. Harriet Catterlin was hostess for the evening and Mrs. Ethel Singlaub presided as president.

The first two initiates were daughters of a beloved past president, Mrs. Pearl E. Oakes, who last spring joined the Chapter Eternal. Portia and Beverly will carry on their mother's fine tradition. Next came Helen Heyden, daughter of Mrs. Louise Heyden; Shirlee Stewart, whose mother Mrs. Vernice Stewart, was chairman of arrangements for the evening; and Gwen and Ruth Maurer, daughters of Mrs. Bess Maurer, also a past president.

Following the reception, refreshments were served. A beautiful white star, contrived and presented by a B. I. L., Bert Phelps, was filled with yellow marguerites, and centered the table where candlelight gleamed on crystal and silver. Presiding were Mrs. Lucile Johnson, a charter member whose suggestion resulted in the happy occasion, and Mrs. Lilian Van Winkle, in whose kindergarten room the educational careers of five of the six initiates began.

Guests included members of Chapter JF who were at one time affiliated with FN, and P. E. O. relatives and friends of the initiates.

FN today looks back upon the loveliest of its many delightful gatherings, and forward to its happiest years of intimate association with the new members.—Harriet K. Catterlin.

## AFTER A HUNDRED STORMS

After a hundred storms, one storm will rend  
The sturdiest tree; after a hundred bleed-  
ings,

One cut will make the richest heart run dry.  
This is as logical as that the end  
Should follow the beginning, and no read-  
ings

Of stars are necessary to supply  
The ultimate fate of what is daily struck.  
I told you this a long, long time ago,  
When in a world of danger we were young.  
Now let us not attribute to ill luck  
Our feeble thinking nor our walking slow,  
Nor the dusty ruins we find ourselves  
among.

—Helene Mullins

## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF MEMBERSHIP

Chapter BK Oakland is very proud to report that one of its members, Mrs. Margaret Cassidy, celebrated her Fiftieth Anniversary in P. E. O. on May 27, 1944.

Mrs. Cassidy was initiated as a charter member of Chapter H, Monroe City, Missouri, in 1894, and served as treasurer of the chapter. Later, she helped to organize and was a charter member of the first P. E. O. Chapter in Quincy, Illinois, serving as president, and the chapter met in her home as long as she resided in Quincy.

Mrs. Cassidy was received in our Chapter from Chapter F, Illinois, on April 1, 1922, and is one of our most beloved members.—Bonnie W. Holmgren.

## COLORADO

### A MOTHER AND HER FOUR DAUGHTERS P. E. O.'s

Chapter BK, Delta, was delighted to have on April 4 the four daughters of Mrs. Stella White, present with their mother at a chapter meeting.

Mrs. White and her husband, Everett E. White, were observing their golden wedding anniversary and their daughters were at home for the reunion and arranged a large reception for their parents on Easter Sunday.

Mrs. White has been an active member of Chapter BK since 1928, and is a past president of the Chapter. Her oldest daughter, Mrs. Esther Van Aken, was initiated in Chapter BK in 1925, later was a charter member of Chapter CT, Denver, Colo., and is now a member of EB, Santa Monica, Calif.

Miss Fern White was initiated in our Chapter BK in 1931, and is this year President of Chapter EB at Santa Monica, where she is a teacher.

Mrs. Lois Heginbotham was a charter member of Chapter K of Utah and will be program chairman for the state convention next year. She was on the executive committee and took an active part in the formation of the Utah state chapter.

Miss Mildred White, the youngest daughter, was initiated last year in Chapter CT, Denver, and is this year that Chapter's recording secretary.

All of the White P. E. O.'s are active in their chapters, devoted to the sisterhood, and declare they find much joy in this added tie that binds them together.

Chapter BK feels that P. E. O. receives much that is worthwhile and much happiness from association with this family of true P. E. O.'s and that they add luster to the star of our sisterhood.—Alberta Swain.

### DENVER'S NEW CHAPTER DB

Chapter DB, Denver, was organized May 24 in the home of the state president, Mrs. Marguerite Mayer, by Mrs. Helen White, state organizer.

The charter list was made up of twenty-three dimitted members selected by Mrs. Elizabeth Huntzicker AI, retiring chairman of the Advisory Board.

They are Mesdames Elizabeth Bailey, EK Omaha; Harriet Brewer, BG Franklin; Mary Cessna, EA Randolph; Marie Larson Hessler, AF Oxford; Alice Johnson, BL Chadron; Janet Johnson, CA Valentine; Georgia Owen, EE Lincoln, all of Nebraska; Jane Gwyn, P Salida; Elsie Marble, N Grand Junction; Margaret Stillwell, P Salida; Mae Thompson, AE Ala-



mosa, all of Colorado; Genevra Dawson, HN Ames; Edith Huizenga, BL Rock Valley (disbanded); Elizabeth Neckles, C Fairfield, four from Iowa; from New Mexico, Elizabeth Barrett, H Las Vegas; Berniece Embree, N Raton; Minnie Albright, BR San Diego, Calif.; Yvonne Bennett, K Salt Lake City, Utah; Ruth Johantgen, CC Lindsborg, Kansas; Margaret Race, FB Peoria, Illinois; Hazelmae Ross, AR Dallas, Texas; Irene Sherred, DC Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Catherine Treachey, E Tuscon, Arizona.

Besides the organizer and hostess, other state board members who assisted in the organization ceremony were Mesdames Glaphy Brown, Mildred McCall and Margaret Aldom.

Honor guests who spoke were Mrs. Chellie Stevens Wright, past president of Supreme Chapter and Colorado State Chapter; Mesdames Jessie Charles, Mame T. Hay, Jane Dunn, Maude Barton, Louise Darnall, Bertha Workman and Miss Helen Hartford, all past state presidents; Miss Martha E. Emry, AQ, Iowa; Mrs. Bertha Gaines, F, New Mexico; Mrs. Leva Humphry, DQ, Nebr.; Mrs. Grace Melzer, chairman of the Advisory Board, Mrs. Elizabeth Huntzicker, sponsor of the new group Mrs. Margaret Ann Christopher and Mrs. Maurine T. Hersom, CQ, Denver. A gift of \$25 was received from unaffiliated members of Denver.

Officers of Chapter DB elected are president, Georgia Owen; vice president, Elizabeth Neckles; recording secretary, Berniece Embree; corresponding secretary, Ruth Johantgen; treasurer, Janet Johnson; chaplain, Elsie Marble; guard, Mary Cessna.

A tea was given by Mrs. Mayer, Colorado State Chapter President at the Billy Blake Tea Rooms following the organization of Chapter DB.

The presidents of the twenty-four Denver chapters and the invited guests at the two chapter organizations enjoyed the hospitality of our gracious and super-active "Marguerite". There were marguerite flowers but none more lovely than the first lady. Mrs. White, the organizer, made the organization of Denver's new chapters occasions of sisterly friendliness. The two chapters presented violet corsages to the state officers and the two sponsors. War saving stamps were an added touch of their thoughtfulness.—Maurine T. Hersom.

#### STATE PRESIDENT ORGANIZATION HOSTESS

Chapter DC, Denver was organized by Mrs. Helen White, state organizer in the home of Mrs. Marguerite Mayer, State President, May 24, in the evening. Mrs. Glaphy Brown, and Mrs. Margaret Aldom both Colorado Chapter officers assisted in the organization of the new evening chapter.

Sixteen dimitted members, with Maurine T. Hersom as sponsor, form this twenty-sixth chapter in Denver. They are from Colorado, Mrs. Myrtle E. Blaine, H, Boulder; Mary Nelle Broderick, AA, Wray; Mrs. Florence Dolsen, CS, Durango; Mrs. Geraldine Johnson, CS, Durango; Mrs. Esther Stoddard, AJ, Craig; [Mrs. Louise Effinger Showers, C, Colorado Springs (at first regular meeting)] four from Nebraska, Mrs. Minnie Kaub, Z, Beatrice; Miss Betty McDermund, CM, Crete; Mrs. Ella and Miss Janice Suckstorf, EM, Bloomfield; three from Iowa, Mrs. Ruth Beggs, AC, Hampton; Mrs. Nell Rogers, FK, Council Bluffs; Miss

Dorothy Wassum, GQ, Council Bluffs; Miss Gladis and Mrs. Minnie Chapman, C, Vernal, Utah; Mrs. Marie Rankin, AR, Junction City, Kansas; and Mrs. Patricia Zeigler, H, Philadelphia, Penn.

Officers elected are president, Mrs. Esther Stoddard; Vice President, Mrs. Patricia Zeigler; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Nell Rogers; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Myrtle E. Blaine; Treasurer, Miss Gladis Chapman; Chaplain, Mrs. Minnie Chapman; Guard, Miss Betty McDermund. Delegate to convention, Mrs. Esther Stoddard, alternate, Mrs. Patricia Zeigler.

Mrs. Chellie S. Wright, past president of Supreme Chapter and Colorado State Chapter gave an informative talk on P. E. O., Past and Present. Other honored guests introduced by the organizer, Mrs. White, were Mrs. Mame T. Hay, Miss Helen Hartford, Mrs. Maude Barton, Mrs. Lucy E. Vessey, Mrs. Vera Carter Ault, Mrs. Louise Darnall, Mrs. Bertha Workman all past state presidents; Mrs. Ruth Benkelman, U, Kansas; Miss Grace Whitcomb, CT; Mrs. Grace Trogler, CP; Mrs. Elizabeth Huntzicker, AI, past president of the Advisory Board and Mrs. Maurine T. Hersom, CQ.

A note of congratulations was read from the unaffiliated P. E. O.'s in Denver with twenty-five dollars enclosed.—Maurine T. Hersom.

### FLORIDA

#### CHAPTER Z's B.I.L. PARTY

Chapter Z, Titusville, enjoyed a B. I. L. party in the garden of Senator and Mrs. J. J. Parrish. Their home is a stately mansion situated on the beautiful Indian River. The tables were placed under wide-spreading Water' Oaks draped in Spanish moss.

The garden has a rare collection of flowers that makes this section of Florida famous.

It was a beautiful setting for our first B. I. L. party and all the boys called it a great success. We served a Chop Suey dinner. As the big yellow moon rose over the river it was with a note of sadness that we said goodnight to our host and hostess all saying it was the nicest B. I. L. party we had ever attended!—Beatrice G. Ziegler.

#### TWO FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Chapter G, Lake Worth, Florida has presented Bertha L. Dudley with a gold guard marking her 50 years in P. E. O. She is a charter member of G, having been initiated in AM, Nevada, Iowa, and now residing at 5202 California Ave., Seattle (6), Washington. Her daughter, Ruth Mann of Chapter G is also living in Seattle. This is our second member to be honored, as Cora Boydston received her guard in March.—Matilda V. Allison.

### ILLINOIS

#### CHAPTER BI, FOUNDERS' DAY HOSTESS

Chapter BI, Oak Park, was hostess January 21 at a Founders' Day luncheon held at the Palmer House, Chicago, with 260 P. E. O. members attending. In celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of P. E. O. the program was centered around this theme. Mrs. Anabel Houghton, president of BI, presided, with invocation offered by Mrs. Alma Ekblaw, chaplain. Miss Betsy Hanco, president of Chicago Round

Table, responded to Mrs. Houghton's greeting. Following a talk on "Seventy-Five Years" by Mrs. Winona Evans Reeves, three BI members officiated in a most effective candle-lighting service with Mrs. Olive Ellsworth, pianist, Mrs. Margaret McClure, narrator, and Mrs. Josephine Karmen, candle-lighter.

Mrs. Edwin F. Lee gave the chief speech of the afternoon, basing her talk around the theme that P. E. O. has survived and grown as an international organization because its principals are universal truths. She concluded her talk with a fascinating description of her experiences in the Orient just prior to entry of the Japanese into Singapore.

Special guests present included Mrs. Prince, 2nd vice president Illinois State chapter, Mrs. Ziesel, corresponding secretary Illinois State chapter and the following past presidents: Mrs. De Money, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Cruse, Mrs. Thornton, Miss Dicus.—Jeannette B. Wells.

### SENIOR GIRLS' TEA

Chapter DN, Geneseo, entertained the senior girls of the local high school at a tea April 15 at the home of Mrs. J. D. Wood. The advantages and claims for Cottey Junior College was presented by members of the chapter.—Alice Colby Ramsay.

### INDIANA

#### A MAY BASKET LUNCHEON

Chapter AB, Fort Wayne, entertained with a May Basket luncheon at the home of Mrs. Bess White, assisted by Mrs. Mary Sauers and Mrs. Marjorie Hartigan. The meeting especially honored Mrs. Laura Shearer Lewis who has been a member of P. E. O. for fifty-one years. She was initiated by Original Chapter A. Mrs. Lewis was presented a May Basket containing a gift from the chapter. The program was Flowers From An Old Bouquet given by Lois McBride and We Plant A Garden by Bess White. Each guest was given a May Basket containing a plant for her garden. Our new president, Mrs. Elizabeth Browne Ray has written a history of the Fort Wayne College Club, now a branch of the A. A. U. W. This will soon be published in book form. One of our most delightful programs of the year was an antique one—Let's Go Antiquing by Elizabeth Howard; Old Glass and China by Mary Wichman; We Sing The Old Songs by Ann Mast. Interesting costumes added to its charm.—Marjorie Campbell Hartigan.

### IOWA

#### WITH P. E. O. BACKGROUND

Chapter FD, Sheffield, had the pleasure of initiating two P. E. O. daughters on May 1, Miss S. Winnifred Webb, daughter of Mrs. Joy Webb, and Mrs. Barbara Baxter, daughter of Mrs. Mayme Atkinson.

A luncheon was served by the two mothers at the home of Mrs. Delle Johnston.

Miss S. Winnifred Webb attended Cottey College and was graduated from there in 1943. She has three aunts who are members of the Sisterhood.

Mrs. Barbara Baxter is a third generation P. E. O. Her grandmother Mrs. Minnie Wunn, having been a member



of Chapter FD. She also has five aunts who are members of the Sisterhood.

The two ladies wore yellow and white corsages, presented them by Mr. H. O. Webb.—Nora Kammeier.

#### NEWS NOTES

Chapter EL, Webster City, celebrated its 30th Anniversary April 26, with a supper party and social evening. Three of the original members were guests of the Chapter, and told of the plans and hopes and trials of its beginning. The newer members were greatly interested in the reminiscences, and all present were surprised to find that one of our members, Mrs. Ella Burleson, had been a P. E. O. for a little over 60 years.

Two members of Chapter EL, have been P. E. O.'s for over 50 years. Mrs. Ella Burleson, was initiated in Chapter B, Iowa, in 1883; and Dr. Effie McCollum Jones was initiated in 1892. She came to EL from Z, Iowa.

#### A CHARTER MEMBER HONORED

Chapter BO, Lake City, was entertained at a meeting in May at the home of Mrs. Halbert Mighell at which Mrs. R. H. Statemeyer, as a part of the year's program a paper on Brazil. At the close of the program the hostess served a tea in honor of the birthday anniversary of her mother, Mrs. L. J. Mighell. The chapter presented Mrs. Mighell, the only living charter member, with a gift.—Della Snow (Mrs. G. H.).

#### NEWS NOTES

Chapter AL, New Sharon, closed the year's activities June 5, with a picnic honoring the husbands and children of the members. Under the able leadership of Mr. C. H. Sheridan the B. I. L.'s gave an entertaining program of song — past and present. The arrival of a prospective P. E. O. is little Margaret Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hughes, Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Hughes is a member of our chapter and a daughter of Dr. Forest Phillips Fleener who was also a member of Chapter AL.

We are happy to announce the marriage of Wilma Grace Hudson to F. L. Duven April 15, 1944 in the Presbyterian Church in Portland, Oregon. Wilma Grace, who is the grand-daughter of our president Mrs. Elizabeth Hudson will continue teaching while her husband is in the armed service.—Inez Stilwell.

#### FOUR DAUGHTERS INITIATED

Chapter BD, Independence, had the pleasure of initiating four daughters of members this spring. The new members are Ruth Shellito, Mrs. Harriett Cherney Kelly, Virginia and Sarah Ann Davis. The Misses Davis are third generation members. Their mother is Mrs. Arda Davis, a member of BD, and their grandmother, Mrs. Maude Purdy, being a chapter member for forty-five years. A military air was given to Sarah Davis' initiation as she is a WAVE and is a Machinist's Mate 3/c, now stationed at Vero Beach, Florida. Harriett Kelly's husband is serving in the Armed Forces overseas.—Catherine Purdy.

#### SIX DAUGHTERS INITIATED

Chapter II Cedar Rapids, on June 9 has perhaps set some sort of record in

#### THE HOPE INDOMITABLE

King Hassan, well beloved, was wont to say,  
When aught went wrong or any labor failed:

"Tomorrow, friends, will be another day!"  
And in that faith he slept, and so prevailed.

Long live this proverb! While the world shall roll,

Tomorrows fresh shall rise from out the night

And new-baptize the indomitable soul  
With courage, for its never-ending fight.

No one, I say, is conquered till he yields.  
And yield he need not while, like mist from glass,

God wipes the strain of life's old battle-fields

From every morning that he brings to pass.  
New day, new hope, new courage! Let this be,

O soul, thy cheerful creed. What's yesterday,

With all its shards and wrack and grief to thee?

Forget it, then—here lies the victor's way.

—Anonymous

initiating six P. E. O. daughters in one day.

The mothers of the initiates were luncheon hostesses to the twenty-eight members and five guests who were at the meeting.

Since the organization of the chapter ten daughters have become members of Chapter II.

The recent six are Diane Waples, Ellen Curray, Kathryn Barngrover, Betty Hearn, Janet Lehman, Allane West.

Among the guests at the meeting was Beatrice Lee Thomas, first vice president Iowa State Chapter. — Pauline Barngrover.

#### THIRD GENERATION INITIATION

Chapter EO, Oakland, had a meeting of particular interest June 27 at the home of Mrs. Emma White.

Mrs. Muriel Ross president of the chapter presided in the initiation of her sister Mrs. Roberta Farris. Many recalled that years ago in this same home Mrs. Jennie Smith, mother of Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Farris had been initiated. Then followed the initiation of Betty Ross, the president's daughter making the third generation to take P. E. O. vows here.

Mrs. Sadie White, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Emma White, charter member of Chapter EQ, was an initiate of interest. —Augusta Priest

#### NEWS FROM DECORAH

Chapter GO, Decorah, has ten members who form a mother-daughter group: Mrs. Agnes McNeil and Miss Grace McNeil; Mrs. Violet Knowlton and Mrs. Marjorie Knowlton Williams; Mrs. Sadie Hanna Relf and Miss Janice Relf; Mrs. Carrie Lee and Miss Virginia Lee; Mrs. Grace Henning and daughter-in-law Mrs. Elsie Henning.

The chapter has in recent months initiated twelve members: Dagmar Ingvaldstad, Frances Bartter, Lora Lynch, Elizabeth Buckton, Ida Coffeen, Marvel Pearson, Lillie Weed, Ruth Amundson, Agnes Kaster, Virginia Lee, Opal Smith, Helen Louise Knight.

Our Founder's day program was a dia-

logue The Spirit of P. E. O. written by Jean Parman Porter of Chapter FV Iowa, whose mother Alta Parman was a charter member of GO.

#### KANSAS

##### CHARTER MEMBERS HONORED

Chapter H, Council Grove, May 15, was entertained at a buffet supper at the home of Mrs. Virginia Scholes and her daughter Mrs. Betty Ann Frost.

The evening honored the two remaining charter members, Mrs. Anna Alford and Mrs. Lalla Brigham.

These honor guests were presented corsages. Later Mrs. Alford was given a guard with the letter H upon it; Mrs. Brigham, having lost her emblem, was presented a P. E. O. pin, large style, duplicating the one she received at the organization of the Chapter July 8, 1903. Mrs. Alford has served her county as a public official at different times in the past three decades and is known for her unusual efficiency and integrity. At present, she maintains an office in her home as a bonded abstractor. Mrs. Brigham is known throughout Kansas for her historical writings and she is always willing to lend her capabilities in historical research, both local and state.

Another guest at the social hour of this meeting was Georgia Jeannette Johnson, a high school senior and daughter of one of our members, Mrs. Edith Johnson. On May 4, 1944, at the Kansas State Convention, Atchinson, Kansas, Miss Johnson was awarded a \$200.00 P. E. O. scholarship, known as the Mamie Axline Fay Scholarship and which entitles her to admission at Cottey College next September. A few days later she received the \$25.00 P. E. O. award granted each year by Chapter H to a high school senior. Both awards are won on the basis of activities, leadership, scholarship and character. — Josephine Kenwell.

##### GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY D KANSAS

More than 150 P. E. O. members battled the deluge of rain May 2, to do honor to Chapter D members who celebrated their 50th anniversary with a reception in First Presbyterian Church. Preceding the reception, three members of the chapter gave a delightful program in the sanctuary. Mrs. Ray Gormley played three groups of organ numbers, and she and Marie Stewart played on organ-piano duo. Mrs. Linus Noll closed the program by reading a poem in tribute to the chapter written by Grace Eastman, a former member now living in Venice, California. Receiving the guests were Mrs. J. E. Stewart, Syracuse, N. Y., who organized the chapter, and Mrs. John T. Chrisman, Mrs. R. H. Hammond, M. Pearl Leighty, Ida Johnston, (Mrs. S. F.) Johnson, Mrs. J. W. Gowans and Mrs. J. F. Gilliland, past presidents, and Ethel Botkin, who is now president. Mrs. Stewart was the only one of the seven charter members (five of whom are now living) who attended. Flowers decorating the church were sent by Chapter Q at Nickerson and Chapters BL, BY, CM, and EK of Hutchinson. A bowl of yellow roses, jonquils, and daisies on the serving table were sent by Mrs. J. W. Burns of Los Angeles, Calif., a member. The four-tier cake topped with a nosegay of yellow roses



was cut and served by Mrs. Chloe Briggs, Miss Johnston and Miss Botkin. Coffee was poured by Mrs. Ida Lewis Glazier, Keo Jordon and Mrs. Gilliland. Guests from Wichita, Lyons, Nickerson, Pratt and Hutchinson attended. Cleda Stewart was in charge of the guest book. Mrs. A. W. McCandless and Mrs. Chrisman displayed the history book. During the fifty years, the chapter has had 29 different presidents.

Two weeks before, the chapter members dressed in styles of fifty years ago, had an old fashioned covered dish dinner in the home of Mrs. C. L. Burt. The long dining table covered with a red checkered cloth held everything imaginable from a cruet of vinegar to huge marble cakes on stands. Flowers for that celebration were sent by the Kansas State Board and Mrs. W. J. Railsback of Langdon, a member. The program was in the form of a meeting as it might have been given fifty years ago by the seven charter members. Gertrude Haury was the chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements. — Lola Nelson, (Mrs. Robert W.)

#### TO MEET WAR-TIME CONDITIONS

Chapter BY, Hutchinson, this year changed long standing by-laws so that we might have our time and place of meeting meet wartime conditions. We have tried to meet at the Red Cross rooms at least once a month for our business meetings, and then we have remained to make surgical dressings. This service is in addition to many hours individual members are giving.

Our program meetings presented by our own members have been most interesting, an original story by Laura Krantz, (this was published in the Junior League magazine); a book review by Alice Cole; an excellent discussion "After the War, What?" by Agnes Vandever; and an excellent piano program by Barbara Stevens, twelve year old daughter of a Chapter D, Hutchinson, Kansas, member. Dr. McCash, 87 year old President Emeritus of Phillips University, a trustee of Cottey College, gave us a fine talk on our work there. We also had a fine talk on Consumer's Problems by Miss Helen Blythe, County Farm Demonstration Agent.

Our annual guest tea was Feb. 16, at Civic Center, and the Club house and tea tables were decorated with flags and flowers. The brilliant musical program was presented by our own talented members, Laura Yaggy, Mabel King, and Olga Teeter. We each invited several guests, and felt it a privilege to entertain them so "royally."

Three delicious luncheons have been served to the Chapter, the first at our fall get-together meeting, and the second at our Christmas party, and the last at an out-door picnic for our closing meeting. We have tried to follow war time economies and serve simple teas or desserts. Some of our best times have been at our "sack lunch" course at which we all brought our own food and presented our individual "hobbies" for the program.

We have felt it a privilege to initiate Mollie Anne Hoover Coberly, (Mrs. M. H.), Lillie Mae Jones, (Mrs. Sam), and Lorraine Teeter, all P. E. O. daughters. — Dorothy Morgan (Mrs. K.B.)

#### SEVEN DAUGHTERS INITIATED

Chapter CH, Yates Center, had the pleasure of initiating five daughters and two daughters-in-law of chapter members on March 25, at the home of Pearl Laidlaw (Mrs. Paul). The initiation service was given by the mothers of the initiates, a beautiful impressive ceremony.

The new members are: Alice Catharine Smith (Mrs. Laurence), Mary Dell Burnside, Genevieve Jaynes (Mrs. Wayne), Dorothy Alice Crockatt, Dorothy Fulhage, Joyce Louise Cox (Mrs. Marvin), Ramola Laidlaw (Mrs. H. T.).

After the initiation a dinner was served at the home of the president, Mary Shannon (Mrs. Arthur). Mothers, daughters and members of Chapter CH sat at a candle-light table that had as its center decoration a huge star-shaped birthday cake bearing on its center the letters P. E. O., since the occasion was also the birthday anniversary of the chapter. — Alice H. Lamb (Mrs. E. E.)

#### LUNCHEON HONORS STATE PRESIDENT

Chapter AY, McPherson, entertained at a luncheon May 20 in honor of their member Mrs. Stuart T. Simpson who was elected president of Kansas State Chapter at the state convention in Atchinson.

The luncheon was held in the Persian room of the McCourt hotel, attended by thirty members and guests.

Following the luncheon Mrs. Clara Aurell, president of the chapter gave a report of the convention. — Jessie Colburn.

#### ENTERTAINED AT THE EXECUTIVE MANSION

Chapter AJ, Topeka, entertained at a coffee, June 6 at the Executive Mansion with Mrs. Marie Schoepel wife of the Governor and a member of AJ as the gracious hostess.

The day honored five members of the chapter who have been P. E. O.'s for fifty or more years.

Mrs. Hazel Brunnemer, president of AJ, after a fitting tribute presented each of the five who have reached the golden anniversary in P. E. O. with a guard, a token of the esteem in which they are held by their sisters. We are proud of the honor of having more "Golden P. E. O.'s" than any other chapter in the state.

Mrs. Loie Ethell, a lovely white-haired lady of 85 years, has been a P. E. O. for 68 years the longest membership for any P. E. O. in Kansas. She was initiated into Chapter F (now B), in Bloomfield, Iowa, in 1876. Mrs. Ida Hulhorst, Mrs. Della Myers, Mrs. Nettie Tandy and Mrs. Rose Jordan were the other honored guests. Each reminisced in an entertaining fashion about the chapters into which they were initiated and related interesting events of their early days in P. E. O.

Appropriate old fashioned music was presented by Mrs. Lyle Smith, Mrs. Corinne Bashor, Mrs. Brunnemer and Mrs. Louise Glover. Mrs. Tandy's granddaughter, Wilnetta Michael sang a solo.

AJ was happy to have as a guest, Mrs. Grace W. Simpson, of McPherson, President of Kansas State Chapter. Mrs. Vivian Rutter, First Vice-President of Kansas State Chapter, who is a member of AJ was also present.

About 70 members and guests enjoyed the informal coffee which followed. — Alice H. Christensen.

#### MICHIGAN

##### MANY GUESTS AT THE PARTY

Chapter AZ, Detroit, celebrated its second birthday anniversary with a party held at the home of Agnes Wallace (Mrs. Neil) on May fifth. Myrtle Matters (Mrs. R. L.), president welcomed as guests Helen Kibby (Mrs. W. J.), Past President of the Michigan State Chapter, members of the present State Board which included the following; Imogene Fisher (Mrs. G. H.), Nina Dahlstrom (Mrs. C. E.), Nellie Burgess (Mrs. B. P.), Helen Kopka (Mrs. M. A.), Ruth Draheim (Mrs. H. V.), Helen Palmer (Mrs. N. B.), and Helen Lemmon (Mrs. C. W.), and members of Chapter T, Detroit. The sisters of Chapter T, presented Chapter AZ with a beautiful bouquet of spring flowers in commemoration of the day two years previous when they assisted in the organization of the latter chapter.

After the business meeting, luncheon was served. Compliments were expressed by the guests as they gathered round the luncheon table to be served when they viewed the beautiful birthday cake which centered the table, flanked on either side by vases containing bouquets of the traditional P. E. O. flowers. Elizabeth Roberts (Mrs. Frank), a member of Chapter AZ, delighted the group with her singing. She was accompanied by her daughter Betty Brown (Mrs. R. L.), who graciously offered two piano numbers. — Elsie Chase (Mrs. P. E.)

#### MINNESOTA

##### FOUR DAUGHTERS BECOME P. E. O.'s

Chapter A, Minneapolis, enjoyed an unusual meeting at the home of Mrs. Royal Chapman, a spacious home overlooking the Mississippi.

Mrs. Chapman is a charter member and former president of Chapter A, Honolulu.

The occasion was the initiation of four lovely young daughters, Patricia Ogden, Harriet Jane Gifford, Jeanne Hellberg and Joyce Chapman.

Reared as they had been in a P. E. O. atmosphere their faces and bearing promised much for the future of the chapter. The four mothers were naturally proud and happy.

A delicious buffet luncheon preceded the initiation and helped to make the closing meeting of the year one to be long remembered.

##### A TALENTED CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Chapter AC, Minneapolis, has the distinction of having a member who has been a member of the P. E. O. Sisterhood for fifty years, Mrs. Nellie Eddy Smith who affiliated with our chapter from Chapter K Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1928. Mrs. Smith was presented at the Minnesota State Convention and at our last meeting in May our hostess, Mrs. Mabel Champlin carried out the 50 year a member in her refreshments. A floral centerpiece of California Poppies and a large birthday cake at each end of the table bearing the inscription in yellow letters "50 Years in P. E. O." During the busi-



ness session Mrs. Laura B. Stevens, who was president when Mrs. Smith joined our Chapter presented her a beautiful guard for her pin bearing the figures 50. Mrs. Stevens emphasized the honor this meant to us.

Mrs. Lucille Travis who is our president this year was prior to her marriage an instructor in the University Farm School and is a violinist of note. She has a very cooperative spirit and a profound respect for the tenets of our Sisterhood. Her Mother, Mrs. Edna Wendt, wife of Dr. C. L. Wendt of Cotton, South Dakota was a guest at one of our recent meetings. She writes poetry and has compiled a book of her work and has had some published. We were privileged to have her read a number of her poems at this meeting.

Our new Year Books promise us some interesting programs. For the duration we are having streamlined social affairs and very simple dessert luncheons. The members bring their own sandwiches.

Mrs. Edna C. Carpenter, a past president of Chapter AC, came to Minneapolis last week with the body of her son Carol, who had been accidentally killed in Los Angeles. — Ada Gilles.

### MISSISSIPPI

#### A PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORD

Chapter A, Biloxi, celebrated its fifteenth anniversary, May 16 at a picnic luncheon at the home of Mrs. Lucille Ness, Mrs. Kate Royster co-hostess.

The day was also the birthday of Mrs. Jessie Warner who is responsible for P. E. O. in Mississippi. Mrs. Warner has not missed a single meeting in the 15 years of Chapter A.

We are enjoying two new members this year and have been able to carry on with our meeting in spite of conditions. — Vola C. Hollis.

### MISSOURI

#### A WAR CONSCIOUS CHAPTER

Chapter Z, Oregon, has a member Georgia Schulte serving the Red Cross somewhere in India. The Chapter has bought bonds and contributed to the P. E. O. clubmobiles. Virtually every member of the chapter has some member of her family serving in the war.

The sympathy of Chapter Z, was great, for our sisters Mrs. Grace Dungan, in the loss her son in Italy — and to Mrs. May Glenn, whose only son has been reported missing in Greece. — Mabel M. Kearney.

#### FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY H MONROE CITY

Chapter H, Monroe City, organized in 1894 celebrated its fiftieth birthday at an afternoon party May 3, at the home of Mrs. R. B. Meriwether.

The chapter was organized at the home of Mrs. Margaret Cassidy, now a resident of California.

Mrs. J. S. Conway and Mrs. H. E. Gray were in charge of the program. Mrs. J. G. Wade read a brief history of the chapter which was written at the time of the fortieth anniversary by the late Mrs. Dora Hadlock, a chapter member. Letters of greeting were read from the four living charter members, Mrs. Duck Owen of Jacksonville, Fla., Mrs. Cassidy of California, Mrs. Linnette Bix-

ler and Mrs. Emma Brown, both of Kansas City. Also letters from two early initiates, Mrs. Blanche Holmes of Shelby and Mrs. Ada Eakle of Quincy, Ill.

Two readings were given by Mrs. Henderson Forsythe.

The dining room table was beautifully decorated and covered with a white lace cloth, the centerpiece being a large crystal swan filled with marguerites. The chapter president, Mrs. Edward Hampton poured and Mrs. W. L. Ely cut the two tiered cake decorated with 50 yellow candles. Brick ice cream with a gold star in the center, candies and salted nuts also were served. Mrs. Frank C. Dill of Philadelphia, Pa., Miss Iola Harwood of Maryville, Tenn., members of the chapter, and Mrs. Henderson Forsythe were guests. — Mrs. C. J. Collins.

### NEWS NOTES FROM BRAYMER

Chapter O, Braymer, initiated four members at a tea at the home of our president Mrs. Opal Farrar. The initiates were Mrs. Hertha Michael, Mrs. Grace Cross, Mrs. Susie Kincaid and Mrs. Maurine Millett.

Following initiation tea was served Mrs. Farrar, Mrs. Ina Wrightman, Mrs. Carrie Kincaid and Mrs. Myrtle Clemens presided at the tea table.

We were delighted to have with us a charter member Mrs. Lulu Nevitt of Los Angeles.

On April 1, 1944, Miss Mary Bess Meyers, our youngest member, was married to Paul K. Kincaid, one of the young B. I. L.'s of Chapter Q. They are at home to their friends at 5944 Brooklyn, Kansas City, Mo.

Our Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Myra Mead. Many of the members from a distance were present having returned for the holidays.

Our chapter is proud of its men and women in the service. Those in the armed forces are Corporal Mary Louise Perry, GU, Classification Specialist Cherry Point, North Carolina. 2nd Lt. Shirley Michael, Army Nurse, somewhere in England. 2nd Lt. Ermine Leonard, Nurse. Ensign Robert K. Farrar, In the Marshalls, Captain Johnson Hook, Lt. Com. Donald Dowell, Gunman 1st class. Gene F. Wrightman, Chaplin A. O. Bowles. Charles Myers, with the Red Cross. Sgt. Charles Myers Jr. Lt. Claude Owens, England, Pfc. Keith Leonard. Pvt. Fred A. Uhland, 387 Inf. Co. F. Ed. B. Uhland, ARM 1/c. Lt. Ray G. Uhland. The youngest son of Mrs. Eva Day Hunt, is a government Engineer.



Our members are also busy at home. One has supervision of the Red Cross work, another is county chairman of the Red Cross drive others have helped on the bond drives, U S O, and contributed to the blood bank. We donated \$24.75 to the Red Cross and \$12.00 to the Victory fund.

A social event of interest was a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Carrie Kincaid, when we had as honor guest Ensign Robert K. Farrar.

Memorial eve the chapter decorated the graves of our eight departed sisters and seven B. I. L.'s following a custom of many years. — Alice Perry.

### TEA FROM INDIA

Chapter R, Laclede, entertained at a silver tea June 16 in the Methodist Church annex. The tea served was sent to the chapter from India by S. M. Max Burke who is in the armed service. He is the son of Mrs. F. W. Burke a member of Chapter R.

A musical program included a piano number by Mrs. Earl Loudon; a group of songs by Mrs. Don Savage accompanied by Mrs. Ross Welsh. The program of music closed with a group of piano numbers by Carroll Chilton of Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Carroll Lomax gave a delightful book-review of "Mr. Lincoln's Wife."

Tea was served from a beautifully arranged table at which Mrs. Gerald Savage and Mrs. Harold Henry presided.

A silver offering was taken the proceeds to be used in the purchase of bonds. — Hazel Sensintaffer.

### THREE-GENERATION MEMBERS

Chapter FO, Union, on May 25, 1944, initiated Private Mary Margaret Beinke 400 A.S.F. WAC Band. She is the third generation in her family active in Chapter FO.

Mary Margaret's grandmother, Mrs. Mabel Moore, was dimitted by Chapter CD to become a charter member of Chapter FO on January 20, 1930. Her mother, Mrs. Janice Beinke, was initiated December 14, 1933. The unique feature of these initiations is that in each case mother initiated daughter. Mrs. Moore was president of Chapter FO at the time of Mrs. Beinke's initiation. At present, Mrs. Beinke is president of this chapter, which gives the same honor and privilege that her mother had. — Emilie Brightwell.

### NEWS ITEM, MEXICO, MO.

Chapter DK, Mexico, met at the home of Mrs. B. M. Bush for a covered dish luncheon that was the final meeting of the chapter until fall. Mrs. Frank Piatt, president was assisting hostess.

Mrs. Lawrence I. Stell and Mrs. Lewis H. McAdow were initiated into the chapter and presented corsages from Mrs. Marshall Pratt, the only number unable to attend.

A most interesting paper, on, "The Five Marv's of the Bible" was given by Mrs. W. W. Botts. — Alleta Kleppinger.

### A UNIQUE DISTINCTION

Chapter GT, Webster Groves, has the distinction, with a few other P. E. O. chapters, of having a mother and their daughters as active members of the same chapter.



On March 10, 1944, Alice L. Stephens Wheelhouse was initiated. In November, 1941, Marjorie Stephens Grant was initiated. In May 1930, Helen Stephens Thorpe was initiated into Chapter EB, Webster Groves, and transferred in 1940 as a charter member of Chapter GT.

The mother, Florence Currier Stephens, was initiated into College Chapter S, and later was a member of Original A. Both she and her husband, the late Dean George Ware Stephens are graduates of Iowa Wesleyan.



#### AN INTERESTING MEETING

Chapter AW, Kahoka, had an interesting meeting on June 2 at the home of Marion Beard. At this time a memorial service was held for Luella B. Stafford, an outstanding P. E. O. A handsome portrait of her was flanked by candles and marguerites. Jess Watson gave an account of her association with AW and her devotion to P. E. O. Mrs. Stafford was dimitted from Chapter D, Chicago, where she had held many offices. She served as state president in 1917-18. Mary Thompson read the memorial tribute to her which was recently given at Illinois State convention. A gift to Chapter AW was made in her memory by her sister, Lenna Bridges, and her nieces, Nell Hagerman and Roberta Davis.

Another event of this interesting meeting was the initiation of Betty Gardner, daughter of Louise Gardner and granddaughter of Mollie Ball. She is the niece of Mary Ball of the WACS, also a member of this Chapter.

The evening closed with a round-table discussion on the subject, "What I Would Like to See in a Post-War World" led by Florence Ehrhart. — Sarah L. Martin.



#### MANY CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chapter BE, Bucklin, after 32 years still has in its membership three who were charter members Mrs. Ruby Kathan, Mrs. Emma Shoemaker and Mrs. Mary Hughes.

Recently we have initiated a number of young women, three who are teachers in our public schools. Two P. E. O. daughters have been initiated Elva Larson Black daughter of the president of the chapter and Jean McWilliams a third generation member.

Our program for the year was given to current topics.

The members have all been engaged in Red Cross Work, and other war activities.

Our social activities have been confined to three events which have since its organization been a part of every year's program, a family picnic. Christmas party and a Mother's day party. This year the picnic was held on Mrs. Kathan's lawn.

The Christmas party is always an evening dinner, with a tree and gifts and a Christmas program. Mrs. Louise McWilliams was hostess last December.

The Mother's day party included all the older mothers in the town at a luncheon, held in one of the church dining rooms to insure there being room for all. Cars are provided for transportation with a gift for the oldest mother present. — May Hughes.

### MINNESOTA

#### CHAPTER B HONORS OLIVE LAIRD

Chapter B, Laurel, was honored to have one of its members, Mrs. Olive Laird, elected to the office of President of Montana State Chapter, at convention held in Butte June 9, 10.

Following the regular meeting June 21, at the home of Mrs. Ina Graff, president of Chapter B, a party honoring Olive was held. During the evening musical numbers were given: piano solo by Mrs. Josephine McCauley; violin solo by Mrs. Inez Marsh and a vocal solo by Mrs. Edna Rice of Cut Bank. Piano accompaniment by Mrs. McCauley.

Lunch was served by a committee at tables beautifully decorated with flowers in white and yellow. The place cards were white and yellow Stars with a picture of Mrs. Laird in the center.

In behalf of Chapter B Ina Graff presented Mrs. Laird with a gift. — Lassara Long.



#### TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCE

Chapter A, Glendine, is happy to announce the initiation of two new members, Ruth Constance Lowe and Grace Paulson.

Ruth, the daughter of Leaffie Westrum, was initiated at the home of her mother-in-law, Frances Lowe, on April 25, the 34 anniversary of the chapter. Following the meeting the members were delighted to take part in a program of Truth or Consequences over Station P. E. O. with Mary Barrett emceeing for the sponsors, the B. I. L.'s makers of the Vitamins F. & F. — Fun and Frolic. The members being unable to answer the highly intellectual questions were obliged to pay the dire consequences much to the merriment of the onlookers. Climaxing the consequences was the surprise appearance of a sextette of B. I. L.'s who sang several numbers and incidentally helped to take care of the refreshments served by the officers. Lillian Wright of Chapter AO, South Dakota and Myrtle Marshall of Chapter I, Wyoming were guests.

Mrs. Paulson was initiated on May 9 at the home of Mary Whistler in the meeting following the spring cover dish supper. Ethel Mack of Chapter AF, Montana and former member of Chapter A was a guest. — Marjorie Messinger.



### NEBRASKA

#### FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

Chapter DU, Omaha, with their B.I.L.'s thirty-two in all gathered on Sunday evening, May 28, at the Omaha Athletic Club to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the organization of the chapter on May 29, 1929.

Partners of the evening were found by matching various dates of the intervening years. The first partners were "To Dine" together at a table with lovely appointments. When a two-tiered appropriately decorated birthday cake with lighted candles was brought in by the waiter, much merriment was occasioned, as the president's B. I. L., John Witman Roberts, found himself to be the only one singing, but having super vocal ability, unabashed, the finished "Happy Birthday, P. E. O.ers, Happy Birthday to you."

Following dinner, partners with whom "To Watch" witnessed a clever initiation of the past year's two new B. I. L.'s, as written by Mr. and Mrs. F. Paul Dickey, and produced by six merciless B. I. L.'s.

Partners with whom "To Talk" were allowed to converse about anything except war, religion, and politics. Snoopers in the guise of P. A. Y. imposed fines on two B. I. L. violators.

Again different partners. This time with whom "To Guess" a menu of eight courses for the kind of dinners B. I. L.'s would enjoy on the regular meeting days of P. E. O. Pointless prizes prevailed.

For the last, partners were found with whom "To Listen" to the chapter's first president, Mrs. P. C. Hyson, as she related a brief history of Chapter DU, and a concise review of P. E. O., its projects and achievements. Past presidents of the chapter were presented and the president of 1944, Mrs. Roberts, thanked those responsible for the evening's entertainment.

Ten-thirty o'clock arrived all too soon, however, not without the oft-repeated question from the B. I. L.'s — "But you still haven't told us what P. E. O. means." They were willing to go home when it was divulged that "P. E. O. is the better part of people, and B. I. L.'s the best in a billion." — Hazel R. Dunbar.



#### A BIRTHDAY PARTY

Chapter ES, Lincoln, celebrated its fifth birthday May 9, 1944 at a dinner at the home of Mrs. Marguerite Davis. Ten of the fourteen charter members were present. A special guest was Mrs. Eva Curtiss, first vice president of Nebraska State Chapter, who organized Chapter ES in 1939. Following the dinner Mrs. Alice Marquardt conducted a candle lighting service.

Miss Esther Fruhling presided in the program which was a quiz on outstanding personalities of today. The president of the chapter, Miss Berta Dean won the prize, a birthday cake for answering correctly the most questions.

Two guests were present Mrs. P. T. Heineman, F. Plattsmouth, and Linda K. Wolfe, the chapter's first baby, age three weeks. Letters of "happy birthday to you" were read from Mrs. Mary Koupal, Past State President, Miss Lilla Munger, Batavia, N. Y. and Mrs. Nellie Duffield, our own past president, now living in North Platte, Nebraska. Mrs. Davis reminded us that the first meeting of the chapter was also in her home. — Isla B. McClymonds (Mrs. A. E.).



#### PROUDLY REPORT

Chapter EM of Bloomfield reports the initiation of three daughters during the last year. Miss Dorothy Pearce, Miss Eloise Suckssorf and Miss Marjorie Settell. Also on April 10th Mrs. Florence Soost was initiated.

On March 23 we enjoyed a delightful B. I. L. party with Mrs. Mae McQuistan and Mrs. Betty Kenaston as our hostesses. Dinner was served at the Blue Bird Cafe. We spent the evening at the Kenaston home where bridge was the entertainment. — Jean Anderson.



## A NEW NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Chapter EX, Fremont, was organized March 20, with several members of AJ forming the nucleus. Mrs. Hannah Stephens, a charter member of AJ, with fourteen additional ones from that chapter, three unaffiliated, and five initiates make up the roster of the new chapter.

The organization meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Stephens following a dinner at the Pathfinder Hotel, at which both AJ and the new EX members were present. Mrs. Rebecca Lee, state organizer of Nebraska and a member of AJ was in charge of the meeting, and installed the officers. Mrs. Marie Hansen, retiring president of Chapter AJ, became the president of EX. Other officers are Mrs. Edith Colley, vice-president; Mrs. Mildred Winn, recording secretary; Mrs. Alma Christensen, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Minnie Toole, Treasurer; Mrs. Ruth Fredrickson, chaplain; and Mrs. Augusta Switzer, guard.

Special guests at the organization meeting from Omaha were Mrs. Mary Nixon, state president; Mrs. Bertha Clark Hughes, past supreme chapter president; Miss Rose M. Owens, supreme chapter treasurer and Mrs. Ada Mead, past state president. Inspirational talks concerning various phases of P. E. O. were made by the guests.

The new chapter was later entertained at a dessert luncheon at the home of Mrs. Lee. Chapter AJ entertained EX at a special initiation meeting later, and then on April 30 the two chapters were entertained at the country home of Mrs. Dorothy Zimmerman, one of the members of AJ who helped form EX. This was an afternoon recital by a piano pupil of Mrs. Zimmerman's, Iris Ann Siemsen, nine years old.

Between parts of the program Mrs. Zimmerman read Daffodils, Oh to Be in England Now That April's Here, The Cloud, and Hark, Hark the Lark.

The officers of EX were assistant hostesses. Refreshments were served from a table at which Mrs. Hansen presided.

Charter members of EX are: Mrs. Alma Christensen, Mrs. Edith Colley, Mrs. Jessie Fleming, Mrs. Ruth Fredrickson, Miss Dorothy Gray, Mrs. Marie Hansen, Mrs. Anna Maben, Miss Emma Noerenberg, Mrs. Florence Reckmeyer, Mrs. Myrtle Sidner, Mrs. Hannah Stephens, Mrs. Minnie Toole, Mrs. Mildred Winn, Mrs. Jeannette Young, Mrs. Dorothy Zimmerman, dimitted from Chapter AJ; Miss Helen Wiles, dimitted from Chapter F, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Augusta Switzer, dimitted from Chapter AO, Fairbury; Mrs. Kathryn Sudmore, dimitted from Chapter EL, Oakland. Those initiated were Mrs. Mary Follen, Mrs. Muriel Freeman, Mrs. Jessie Johnson, Mrs. Ellen Taylor, Mrs. Dorothy Thomas.—Edith Colley.

## THREE DAUGHTERS INITIATED

Chapter A, York, on April 3, initiated three P. E. O. daughters: Mrs. Carol Haver Peters, daughter of Mrs. Marjorie Haver; Miss Jean Joan Rogers, daughter of Mrs. Marguerita Rogers; Miss Frances Sayre Webster, daughter of Mrs. Frances Webster.

Two of the mothers, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Webster were officers and assisted in the initiation. Mrs. Marjorie Haver is a past president of Chapter A.

We are glad to welcome these daughters and to pass on to them the ideals of P. E. O. cherished by their mothers.

Following the meeting refreshments were served from a beautifully appointed table presided over by our president, Mrs. Margaret Hughes.—Ruth K. Nettleton.

## TWO MEMBERS COTTEY STUDENTS

Chapter CI, Chappell, initiated its first third generation member June 22, Mary Alice Peterson. She is the granddaughter of Alice Peterson (Mrs. H. C.) and the daughter of Lorene Peterson (Mrs. C. A.). For good measure she has three aunts who are P. E. O.'s two of whom were present at her initiation.

Mary Alice has just completed her first year at Cottey College, where she was popular especially in music circles. As a part of the program she played two piano numbers, and Miss Beverly Witham, also of Cottey, sang two numbers, accompanied by Mary Alice. Beverly, who is a member of Chapter CI and a P. E. O. daughter, will return to college this fall as the editor of the *Cottey Bulletin* and president of the class of 1945. We are proud of these talented young women.

Our B. I. L.'s initiated eleven new members at a recent meeting. Ceremonies were preceded by a B. I. L. P. E. O. dinner served in the dining room of the Methodist church. Candidates

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the friendliness and courtesy of the hostesses. They mentioned especially the wonderful music and the well appointed tea given by Mrs. Mary Nixon honoring the new officers, the guests of honor, and the delegates on the afternoon following the close of convention. Omaha's Committee Chairmen to whom we bow the last "Thank-you" are as follows: general chairman, Mrs. Irene Van Brunt, DD; vice chairman, Mrs. Bertha Devereaux, CP; Housing, Mrs. Florence Wilson, EF, and Mrs. Anne Johnston, BS; Meals, Mrs. Faye Langdon, BS, and Mrs. Muriel Smith, BP; Banquet, Mrs. Fern Redenbaugh, BP; Auditorium, Mrs. Mamie Patton, BP; and Courtesy, Mrs. Dorothy Crabbe, BX, Mrs. Mary Inghram, CR, and Mrs. Lillian Waechter, CP.

Finale, Mrs. Raney installed the new officers and presented the Past President's credential to Mrs. Nixon. The convention sang "Blest Be The Tie That Binds." The President declared the fifty-fifth convention closed. Mrs. Rushton and Mrs. Ringer played an organ and piano postlude with feeling and in magnificent style, holding the convention for fifteen minutes in consecrated silence.

"Let us not pray for a light burden but for a strong back."

Theodore Roosevelt.

wore baby bonnets during dinner. High light of the initiation was the giving of the seal of the order (a kiss) by Jane Martin, who arranged to have the candidates' wives actually give the "seal" to the blindfolded men.

## HALF CENTURY MEMBERS

An interesting list of names came to the RECORD recently, compiled by Mrs. Hazel E. Hine, Executive Secretary, having been aided in the task by the corresponding secretaries of the several states. It is a list of the members of P. E. O. whose membership began fifty or more years ago.

There are on the list 627 names. Breaking down the total, the figures are by states: Ariz. 1; Ark. 2; Calif. 89; Colo. 21; District of Columbia 9; Fla. 3; Idaho 1; Illinois 26; Ind. 3; Iowa 312; Kan. 16; Mass. 1; Mich. 2; Minn. 10; Mo. 23; Mont. 2; Neb. 48; N. J. 1; N. Mex. 2; N. Y. 6; Ohio 9; Okla. 9; Ore. 7; Penn. 3; So. Dak. 2; Texas 2; Wash. 10; Wis. 4; Wyo. 1; Hawaii 1; Nev. 1.

The name carrying the earliest date is Mrs. Mary N. Smith 1870, N. Chariton, Iowa. Initiated in 1871 are Jennie J. Moore, E, Denver, Colo.; Laura Black Hays, A, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Eleanor Crawford, Q, Des Moines, Iowa.

Initiated 1873: Ella Trabu, CY, Jacksonville, Ill.; Emma Wallace, A, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. 1874 initiates are: Kittie Edwards Dietrich, IK, San Francisco, Calif.; Kate Montgomery Keeler, CW, La Grange, Ill.; Maude Weaver Sullenburger, FY, Des Moines, Iowa. 1875 initiates: Ella Lindsay, ED, Rockford, Iowa; Loie Ethel, AJ, Topeka, Kan. 1877, Marie Brandenburg, EN, Wheaton, Ill. 1878, May Hare Smith, E, Superior, Wis. and Nettie W. Cook, G, Ottumwa, Iowa.

This list, like all lists, is correct today; incorrect tomorrow.

Since this list was begun in 1943 scores of members have passed into the half century list, and many among the 620 have died in the interval of a year of time.

In despair I bowed my head;  
"There is no peace on earth," I said  
"For hate is strong;  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep;  
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep."

The wrong shall fail,  
Thy right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to men!

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



## BRITISH COLUMBIA

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P. E. O. in peace time. She recommended courses in politics as a career, at Universities, and urged care in writing histories, in order to avert prejudices and bias between nations. "I cannot stress too strongly," she said, "the value of the Educational Loan Fund, or cease to urge you to use it to the fullest possible advantage." She closed with a forward looking vision of P. E. O. in England, after the war, where it is already becoming favorably known through our war effort.

The model meeting, beautifully exemplified by Chapter K, under the competent direction of Mrs. Morgan, brought the morning session to a close.

After luncheon, delegates assembled again for the In Memoriam service. Lillian Munro conducted the impressive ceremony for two beloved members of Chapter C, Mrs. Ina Lamb, and Mrs. Louise Smith. Mrs. Lily Wilson sang *The Lord is My Shepherd*, with deep feeling and beauty.

Mrs. Louise Alexander, historian, said she had thoroughly enjoyed reading the histories. Mrs. Mary Dawes, in commenting on year books, said they had been, for the most part, perfect, and gave evidence of excellent and varied programs. Although naturally war work had taken first place, other services, such as help and comfort for the sick, the needy, and the aged have not been neglected.

Reporting on the Educational Loan Fund and Cottey College, Mrs. Munro remarked on the present excellent condition of the loan fund, and exhorted those chapters who have not sponsored loan girls to do so. In neglecting this, they have overlooked one of the finest things P. E. O. has to offer — "a share in the future of our country." It is, she said, "one of the strongest links in the Golden Chain — it is our way of philanthropy."

Mrs. Alice Smith, in her President's report, reviewed the year's activities, at all of which she had found inspiration in the atmosphere of friendship and co-operation which prevailed. She thanked all who had worked so hard to make the convention a success, especially the hostess Chapters, E, I, K, N, and Q, of Victoria, and said she would sever with regret her connections with the provincial board after five busy years.

After calling for reports from various officers and committees, she introduced Mrs. Paul Smith, president

of War Time Prices and Trades Board in B. C., a P. E. O. member. Mrs. Smith pointed out and illustrated by graphs the remarkable achievements of the board in keeping down inflation. She paid tribute to the whole-hearted co-operation of all Canadian women, without which the task could not have been accomplished. She recalled the Prime Minister's words of appreciation to "Mrs. Consumer", and asked for continued vigilance in the struggle to "keep a dollar worth a dollar."

At this point, Mrs. Thelma Johns, whose beautifully modulated voice is well known to music lovers in Victoria, sang *Let All My Life Be Music*, accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Gough.

*Let's Clear the Decks* was the title chosen by Mrs. Helen Hurn, for a timely message, in which she compared the Sisterhood to a ship, which when it becomes part of an attack force, achieves its objective only by complete co-ordination and co-operation, and the clearing away of all unnecessary and distracting elements. Likewise, our part in the war, and the rehabilitation to follow, must consist of active and intelligent participation of every citizen, with a clearing away of old prejudices, and all that would hinder a united effort. In conclusion, she urged every member to "think, listen, clear our decks and go into action in the P. E. O. way."

Mrs. Jean Westwood gave the report of the Courtesy Committee in which she thanked Mrs. Smith, "our beloved provincial president," and all committees, and urged that if any details had been overlooked, the lack would be attributed to wartime conditions. Mrs. Ruth Boale of Vancouver, thanked the Victoria chapters on behalf of the visiting delegates, and Mrs. Katherine McKinnon extended a hearty invitation to the provincial chapter, to hold its 1945 convention in Vancouver.

During the elections which followed, while ballots were being counted, Mrs. Scurrah answered from the platform many interesting questions, which had been handed to her, with competence and thorough knowledge of procedure. She then installed the following officers, newly elected to Provincial Chapter of B.C.:

President, Mrs. Lily Munro; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Mary Dawes; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lillian Morgan; Organizer, Mrs. Hazel Whitley; Recording Sec., Mrs. Helen Hurn; Corresponding Sec., Mrs. Marjory Fraser; Treasurer, Mrs. Thelma Johns.

## OREGON

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Spearow, recipient of the Veda Jones Cottey College award. Miss Spearow gave a fine talk giving the high lights of her year at Cottey.

Mrs. Weller presided at the Question Box while the final ballots were tabulated and the afternoon session adjourned in record time.

A no host dinner was enjoyed by the delegates and guests at the convention hall.

The evening session was begun with music by Mrs. Kathryn Harris, pianist for the convention, as were both other sessions and two more selections by the sextette.

Mrs. Leah French and Mrs. Jessie Dodge, past presidents, were interesting and instructive commentators on Oregon's War Effort and the activities of local chapters. Mrs. Dodge said she believed P. E. O.'s in Oregon had made enough afghans to blanket the country from coast to coast, and had made as many cookies as there were dollars in the national debt. More concretely: the 2,157 members have bought \$1,208,268.00 worth of war bonds; have 58 of their own number and 756 relatives in military service; claim 152 blood donors; 18 gray ladies and 1,569 workers for the Red Cross and allied agencies.

Mrs. Dorothy Weller reported on the United Victory Fund.

Mrs. Gladys Packwood played two piano numbers, *Rhapsody*, by Dohnanyi and *Reflections in the Water*, by Debussy.

Dr. Raymond Walker, of the First Congregational Church, gave the address of the evening, entitled *The Responsibilities of the Larger Citizenship*. "There will have to be political and economic reorganization to achieve the better world to come," he said. "Practical brotherhood and a heightened sense of trusteeship is absolutely essential to this world community for which we are striving. To achieve this there must be a renaissance of religion for only brotherhood akin to divine fatherhood can hold the world together."

The convention gave a vote of thanks to Frances Reynolds for her years of service and an expression of their love and esteem.

Mrs. King installed the new officers and handed the gavel to the new president, Helen Kaser, who in turn presented Mrs. King with a past president's pin. Mrs. Weller presented her with her past president's credentials. Thus, in an efficient, clock-like manner, another war time convention was concluded.



# House Party at Iowa P. E. O. Home



Mrs. Evans      Mrs. Sullenburger      Mrs. Cohrt      Mrs. Ketcham

The occasion for the party was the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Maude Weaver Sullenburger who is a resident of the Sarah Porter Beckwith P. E. O. Home in Mt. Pleasant. It brought together for the first time in twenty-five years four sisters, Mrs. Sullenburger, Susan W. Evans, Grosse Point, Mich., Laura W. Ketcham, Seattle, Wash. and Esther W. Cohrt, Des Moines, Iowa. They are daughters of General and Mrs. James B. Weaver who long ago lived in Bloomfield, Iowa.

Those readers who have lived long enough or know political history will remember that General Weaver, an officer in the Civil War, was twice a candidate for President of the United States. He ran on the Green Back ticket which was a phase of the political use of the currency question which found expression in Bryan and the silver question among the Democrats and the gold standard policy of the Republicans.

The Weavers have been a prominent family in Iowa for many years and the General's name, James B., has been carried through three generations of Iowa lawyers.

All of the "Weaver girls" were initiated in Chapter B, Bloomfield except Maude who seventy years ago went to Mt. Pleasant for a brief visit; the girls in Chapter A liked her so they initiated her into P. E. O. Her number on the big general enrollment book in the office in the Memorial Library is 89. That is a matter of distinction in P. E. O. even as is a low number on your automobile plate, it shows you have

been some body for quite sometime.

A number of parties and luncheons were given in honor of the distinguished P. E. O. guests.

## Officers Of Local Chapters

PLEASE NOTE: All who wish to keep to date the annual directory which was issued in May 1944, will need to watch every month for the list published of Officers of Local Chapters. If is desired by anyone to keep the list to date, changes of officers and additions to the directory should be made every month.

Some of the corrections listed below are due to our perennial foe: the illegible writer of proper names. That is something that in twenty-six years we have not been able to compete with.

Concerning the list of State, Province, and District officers printed on the outside back cover of every issue of the Record, it is we believe up to date on this August issue, all state Cor Secys having reported the names and addresses of the 1944 election of officers.

If you will paste over the back of your directory, the back page of this issue, you will have there the new list.

In P.E.O., as Mark Twain said of life, the only thing of which we can be certain is change.

### CALIFORNIA

C, Los Angeles  
Cor. Sec. — Mrs. Edith Warne, 824 Crescent Hght's Blvd. Los Angeles, 46.

I, Los Angeles  
Cor. Sec. — Dorothy M. Oden (Mrs. Richard) 320 Fairview Ave. So. Pasadena.

BJ, Whittier  
Cor. Sec. — Margaret Gee (Mrs. W. A.) 937 E. Philadelphia.

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Treasurer — Mrs. Janet M. Johnson, 100 S. Birch, Denver 7.

### ILLINOIS

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Cor. Sec. — Ruth Brown (Mrs. A. P.) 1097 Merrill St.

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### MONTANA

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### NEBRASKA

BY, Lincoln  
Cor. Sec. — Jane Frey (Mrs. George) 1929 S. 24, Lincoln, 2.

### NEW YORK

R, New York City  
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### WISCONSIN

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Rec. Sec. — Mrs. Frances Leggatt  
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Treasurer — Mrs. Hazel Austin.



## P. E. O. Personals

Miss Eleanor Vold, T, Grand Forks, N. D. is working in a Japanese rehabilitation camp at Hunt, Idaho.

Mrs. R. W. Hill, AE, Hebron, Neb. is president of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs. Recently she was appointed by Governor Griswold to the board of education of the State Normal Schools.

Miss Dorothy Dunn, BS, Colo., teacher of journalism, East High school, Denver, is faculty sponsor for Spotlight, the high school paper. For ten consecutive years the paper has won top honors in the National contest of the scholastic press association for high school papers in the United States. Professors of journalism in state universities act as judges in the contest, this year they were Minnesota men.

Ruth Abbott Spock, G, Fort Worth, Texas has the important position of supervisor of adoption for the Volunteers of America.

Mrs. Clyde A. Lilly, AM, Fort Worth, Texas, Organizer of Texas State Chapter, has for eighteen years been president of the Girls' Service League, an organization that grew out of a program started by the War Department at the end of World War I.

The League answers many needs of young girls in the community. It provides student aid to both high school girls and those taking vocational training. It provides temporary care for those experiencing adjustments and changes in their home, occupations or ways of living. It offers counselling service to any girl with a problem. It provides a real home for girls, many of whom have never known what a real home meant.

Mrs. Jessie Anderson Fowler, M, Torrington, Wyoming has recently been elected president of the Wyoming State Federation of Music Clubs.

Chapter AU, San Antonio, Texas writes of their pride in initiating Ethel Caris Spooner, a graduate of Iowa Wesleyan college at Mt. Pleasant where P. E. O. was founded.

Alice Virginia Coffin Foote (Mrs. H. Burt), a P. E. O. of Lakewood, Ohio was a delegate to the annual spring conference of the Ohio federation of Womens Republican clubs, at its session in Columbus. Mrs. Foote is a niece of Alice Virginia Coffin, P. E. O. Founder, and her namesake.

Mrs. Elmore Gripp, BK, Rock Island, Ill. is said to have recruited more WAVES than has any other civilian working in an equal area. In the tricity area, 354 have been recruited, and Mrs. Gripp is credited with being personally responsible for 229 enlistments, as well as with having assisted in enrolling most of the others. She has interested at least 700 to make application, some of them outside her home area. She holds a record of achievement in this field of war activity.

Clara Bird Kopp (Mrs. William F.) has a poem *Diminutives* published in the June issue of the Christian Advocate. The poem appears on the page, A Garden of Verse. Mrs. Kopp is a member of Original A, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa and is a niece of Mrs. Babb, P. E. O. Founder.

Miss Ethel E. Holton, Chapter DJ, Chicago has been elected regent of the David Kennison Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution of Chicago.

Alice Willard, Chapter A, Toronto, Ontario has been awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Science, by Knox College, Galesburg, Ill. which is her Alma Mater. Chapters A, B and C, Toronto gave a tea in June in celebration of the honor. Dr. Willard was at one time organizer Illinois State Chapter.

Chapter A, Salt Lake City is very proud of the record made by its member Nellie G. Hanchett in Red Cross work.

Between 1940-1944 she has produced in Knitting — 109 pieces; Sewing — 611 pieces; a total of 720 pieces.

Mrs. Charles C. Young, Chapter BI, Monrovia, Calif. won four prizes for flower arrangement in the Pacific Rose Society Show in Pasadena. Her prizes totaled \$68 in money which she donated to the Red Cross. In addition to the cash prizes she was awarded a special ribbon for "the most distinctive entry in the show," which was top honor.

Miriam Mansfield Stimson (Mrs. G. A.), S, Sandusky, Ohio has won first place in the non-fiction classification of the Hopwood contest for her book *The Detroit — Doorway of Desire*. The award carries a cash gift of \$500. The book is the story of the Detroit River

from both the Canadian viewpoint and that of the United States.

Eva K. Gilles, charter member Y, Billings, Mont. has done outstanding work for many war activities from September 1940 until the U. S. declared war she worked for British War Relief.

All organization of local activity and production for the Volunteer Unit of the Canadian Red Cross was carried on in her home. After we declared war, she was appointed general chairman of the Production Corps for the Yellowstone County Chapter of the American Red Cross and she began to set up the various departments of the Corps.

In addition to the Surgical Dressings Room, Salvage, and Emergency Closet which she helped to organize, she supervised the sewing, knitting and the personnel records of the Production Corps office. Her splendid organizational work has brought letters of commendation from Red Cross National Headquarters in St. Louis, and has given the local chapter the privilege of being called a banner chapter. She has given 3023 hours to Red Cross work since America entered the war, but has now resigned her post at her physician's orders.

## Courtesies to P. E. O. Relatives in Service

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The RECORD is very pleased to carry courtesy notices from chapters concerning P. E. O. relatives in military service, as has been done in all issues of the magazine since December 1941.

Notices as brief as possible are requested.

Because the number of such notices has run into the hundreds and because new notices come every month, the RECORD trustees have adopted the policy that governs other notices published in the RECORD, that is one free insertion and charge made for repeated insertions as explained in "Important notice Information" at the head of the regular Notice column.

If stationed in New York notify Mrs. Samuel Knighton, 44 Wellington Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Reciprocity Bureau of Hawaii extends courtesies to P. E. O. relatives in service Island of Oahu. Address Mrs. Pierre Le Bourdais, 1995 Wilhelmina Rise, Honolulu. Telephone, Miss Helen C. Cunningham 98063.

Indianapolis Council wishes to extend courtesies to P. E. O. relatives in this area. Address Mrs. B. W. Lodwick, 4456 Central Ave., Indianapolis 5, Ind.

Camp Chaffee — Courtesies extended by Chapter F. Address Mrs. W. W. Vaught, Box 665, Fort Smith, Ark.

Please send names of P. E. O. relatives in service in Nebraska to Mrs. R. G. Simmons, 2927 Plymouth, Lincoln 2, Neb. State Chairman War Activities.

Chapter A and B will be pleased to extend courtesies to P. E. O. relatives in the service stationed in or around Louis-

ville, Ky. Contact Mrs. Ruth H. Ewing, 2302 Woodford Place.

Please send names of relatives at Faragut N.T.S. to Mrs. Gale Chamberlin, 607 Foster, Coeur'd Alene, Idaho.

Chapter AO, Glenwood Springs, Colo. wishes to extend courtesies to P. E. O. relatives stationed at Camp Hale and the U.S.N.C. Hospital in Glenwood Springs. Address Mrs. Frank Delaney, 901 Palmer Ave. Telephone 269.

Chapter AN, Van Nuys, Calif. will be pleased to extend courtesies to P. E. O. relatives stationed in or near Van Nuys. Please send names and addresses to Mrs. H. C. McDaniel, 14217 Gilmore St., Van Nuys, Calif.

Oklahoma City Council wishes to extend courtesies to P. E. O. relatives stationed in this area. Address Mrs. J. W. Crist, 2316 Barnes.

Chapter JC, Westwood Hills, Los Angeles 24, Calif., would be happy to know of P. E. O. relatives in this vicinity. Please send names and addresses to Mrs. D. A. Seibert, 1070 Glendon Ave., Los Angeles 24, Calif.

Chapter CI, Shawnee, Oklahoma wishes to extend courtesies to P. E. O. relatives stationed in this vicinity. Address Mrs. Kenneth Phelan, 1812 N. Broadway, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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Heart and the Navy cross for service at the Sicilian invasion and at Salerno.

Ensign Alice Elizabeth Enger, IP, Sacramento, Calif., commissioned at U. S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn. Graduate University Calif. AB 1941.

## Chapter Eternal

*What is death but a quiet night of sleeping:*

*All weariness forgotten, and all pain;*

*Our eyelids closed and shaken of their weeping,*

*Our bodies waiting strength to come again.*

—Grace Noll Crowell

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ARNOLD, Mrs. Lucille, BE, Bucklin, Mo., Feb. 10, 1944.

BUSH, Mrs. Elizabeth B., AE, Houston, Tex., June 15, 1944.

CAMPBELL, Irma, AP, Carthage, Mo., June 18, 1944.

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CLARK, Margaret Webb (Mrs. Kendall), BG, St. Cloud, Minn., June 16, 1944.

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HAYWARD, Calla M. (Mrs. Elner), S, Orange, Calif., March 1, 1944.

HEINS, Miss Dorothea, B, Aberdeen, So. Da., June 11, 1944.

HILPERT, Emma E. Lichtenmueller (Mrs. Meier G.), O, Farmington, Iowa, April 13, 1944. An educator and active in the national movement for franchise for women. For many years a resident of Bethlehem, Pa.

HUDDLESON, Florence, AJ, Sebastopol, Calif., Jan. 5, 1944.

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MARSH, Mrs. Mary E, Z, Harrisburg, Ill., Dec. 15, 1943.

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WHITNEY, Glenola (Mrs. R. A.), DP, Oak Park, Ill., June 5, 1944.

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Mrs. Eve Womer, BV, Riverside, Calif. to Lt. Glenn Wilson, Marine Corps, May 27, 1944.

Mrs. Maude A. Naiden, BB, Marshalltown, Iowa to C. J. Moffatt, May 31, 1944.

Mrs. Emma Ingman, BV, Riverside, Calif. to Benny B. Kerr, June 7, 1944.

Miss Marguerite Lou Buck, D, Wessington Springs, So. Dak. to Lt. j.g. John Brickson, U.S.N., June 1, 1944. At home, Biarritz Apts., 121 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Mo.

Miss Marjorie Hull, AD, Fairbury, Neb. to Lt. William O. Nielson Jr., U.S.M.C.R., May 16, 1944.

Miss Clara P. Swain, Chapter AS, Yankton, S. D. to Dr. L. N. Daily. At home, 1012 Walnut St., Yankton, S. D.

Miss Janet Eyster, W, Wheaton, Minn. to Armond J. Pappone, May 21, 1944. At home 502-15th Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, Minn.

Miss Charlotte Ann Henderson, H, Monroe City, Mo. to Ensign Fred C. Watson, June 8, 1944.

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Miss Helen Van Brussel, Original A, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa to Sgt. Royce M. Chambers, June 18, 1944.

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Miss Mary Louise Prattman, BN, Omaha, Neb. to Carleton Thomas Vangness, May 20, 1944.

Miss Mary Loretta Mullins, DE, South Sioux City, Nebr., to Lieut. George Van Hazel, June 17, 1944. At home 510 North 17 St., Waco, Texas.

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Miss Wilma Grace Hudson, AL, New Sharon, Iowa to F. L. Duren, April 15, 1944.

Miss Katherine Pohl, AR, Ritzville, Wash. to Flight Cadet Jesse B. Woodard. At home 4110 Arie St., Houston, Tex.

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Miss Mary Eshelman, AT, Laurenceville, Ill. to Hugh Duffy, June 13, 1944. At home 810 State St., Laurenceville, Ill.

Miss Jerry Oppenheimer, N, Chariton, Iowa, to Sgt. Kenneth Hockstein, April 2, 1944. At home 2442-21 Street, Great Bend, Kansas.

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## YOUR BOY'S HOME

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*the middle of the drive. You stand there and look at this soldier.*

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The cab scrapes away and you can hear only his footsteps coming closer and closer to you. You don't dare to speak so you do what you used to do when he used to hurt himself when he wasn't a big man like this. You just hold out your arms.

The next minute he's in your arms—duffle bag and all. He lets you kiss him. He lets you cling to him, too.

He doesn't push you impatiently away as he did when he was 10 and on through those terrific years that he was growing up. You can't speak; he can't either.

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"Got anything to eat?" says your soldier.

*And your son is home on his first furlough.*

—Des Moines Register

## NORTH DAKOTA

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