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Along with the other magazines of the nation, THE P. E. O. RECORD this month is glad to co-operate with the Fifth War Loan drive by featuring on its cover an illustration of the \$100 War Bond. P. E. O.'s have contributed greatly to the war effort, in time, in money, in contributions to the United Victory Fund, in direct war work, and in sending sons and daughters to serve in the armed forces. The members of the organization have also supported previous War Bond issues in liberal style. We know they will also invest in War Bonds in this drive, to the extent of their ability.

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE P. E. O. SISTERHOOD

The P. E. O. Sisterhood was founded January 21, 1869, at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, by, Mary Allen (Stafford), 1848-1927; Ella Stewart, 1848-1895; Alice Bird (Babb), 1850-1926; Hattie Briggs (Bousquet), 1848-1877; Franc Roads (Elliott), 1852-1924; Alice Virginia Coffin, 1848-1888; Suela Pearson (Penfield), 1851-1920.



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From The PRESIDENT of Supreme Chapter

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LOCAL CHAPTER BONDS

IF YOUR LOCAL chapter is buying bonds are you keeping them in a safe place? Do you have a record of them by which you could identify them in case of loss?

We are advising treasurers to set aside two or more pages in the back of the treasurer's book for a record of bonds owned by the chapter. This record should give the following facts: series, number, date of purchase, where and by whom purchased, and if a gift the name of the donor.

Fasten the certificate of purchase to the page, and if the bonds are filed with a bank or trust company clip the certificate of deposit there also.

Ten years hence the chapter members will have forgotten these details, and the bond may be lost if you do not have a complete record of each one. It is also advisable to have the treasurer make a full report of these bonds at least once a year and have this report given in the minutes.

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FOURTH OF JULY, 1944

The Fourth of July will mean more to every American this year. Its deeper significance may come from the European Theatre or the South Pacific, but its deepest meaning will be in the hearts of men.

A new generation is proving that "the price of liberty is eternal vigilance" and also that freedom must be maintained at the price of that which men hold dearest. The generation that fights the battles for freedom does not underestimate its value. The cynics in the generation just before or just after are those who endanger liberty. They are those who decry teaching love of country by calling it "Flag waving." They ridicule one of the fundamental needs of mankind when they should cultivate its noblest expression.

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THE FLAG

What does the Flag mean to you? Is it simply a strip of glorified bunting, beautiful in itself, but nothing more? Each person creates his own flag, and if his nature is cheap and tawdry his flag is the same. If his nature is exalted and reverential he sees in the flag those qualities which make it precious to him.

To every person who loves and honors the flag of his country it has a peculiar significance which is for him alone. To one it means personal freedom from a harsh ruler, to another it means freedom of achievement, to still another it is intellectual or religious liberty.

One man sees in the flag the pageant of history, the upward struggle of the common man, the promise of

the day when there shall dawn the glorious realization of equality of opportunity.

These and thousands of other concepts are woven into the flag if one cares to see them. Beyond these things is that elusive something which moves our hearts and kindles ideals of human service. That something is the incredible sacrifice which has been made that the human spirit may indeed be free.

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NONCOMBATANT

She also serves who only smiles and speaks
The gentle word — the while frail fingers
Fashion soft armaments of wool.
She knits and dreams:

How short, in retrospect, the years of peace,
How swift the cruel stroke that cut the leash
And loosed the maddened dogs of war
Once more upon the shuddering world!
She mingles memories of Argonne
With news from Anzio . . . Which took her husband?
Which, his son? Sometimes for her
The two are one in troubled thought
The war's brief respite
But a dream in happy sleep.

How strange are mines and battlefields
In storied Italy! Once she had said
She hoped to see the day — before she died —
Those peaceful islands in the sunset sea
Which now are hard-bought stepping-stones
To bloody victory . . .

Her flying fingers pause again to trace
Prophetic words of Holy Writ
By which her soul is comforted:

'They shall not hurt nor kill
In all my holy mountain,
All the bells shall play
A melody of holiness unto the Lord.'

She also serves who only smiles and speaks
The gentle word — the while frail fingers
Fashion soft armaments of wool . . .
For on her ageing face the peace of God
Still lingers . . .

Nellie Burget Miller, Y
Poet Laureate of Colorado

(Written for the forty-second Colorado State Convention, 1944)

A VERY YOUNG ACE

Just nineteen brief years since that rose-hued dawn
When our so eagerly awaited baby came.
Now handsome, tall, in uniform, he's gone,
And with him life's joy-motivating flame.
Gone where? None answers us, times we inquire.
It still seems we must find him if we look,
Behind the hollyhocks, before the fire,
Here's a model plane, there, a favorite book.

Defense work keeps hands busied early, late.
Lips boast, "Our son's an ace!" But all the while
Hearts vision wings above a tropic isle,
And one slim lad stalked by envenomed hate—
One boy, of many, flying in a zone
Beyond parental care, address unknown.

—Ethel Romig Fuller

P. E. O. UNITED EFFORT



IN WOMEN'S WAR WORK



P. E. O. CLUBMOBILES

A LETTER has been received from the Red Cross giving specific information relative to the placement and operation of the four clubmobiles donated by our P. E. O. Sisterhood. Believing that this information will be of interest and value to all of our members, excerpts from the letter follow:

PLACEMENT

"Four clubmobiles given by the P. E. O. Sisterhood are operating in the Mediterranean Theater. During the past year, two have been transferred several times from one military unit to another. However, here are the present assignments which must be somewhat circumspect for reasons of security and censorship:

"One clubmobile is attached to a combat infantry division 'somewhere in Italy.' Another is attached to a Bomb Wing 'somewhere in Italy.' It meets all missions made by that wing and also services personnel of the Wing who are not part of the combat crews. Another clubmobile serves an area 'somewhere in Italy' and takes doughnuts and coffee to many ground and air units as well as hospitals in the vicinity. The last clubmobile is stationed in a very busy North African port where it has been most useful in bringing doughnuts and coffee to outlying military units and in several other ways which, unfortunately, again because of security I cannot describe to you.

OPERATION

"I believe you will be interested in knowing that one P. E. O. clubmobile serves an average of 1500 men daily and distributes an average daily total of approximately 5,000 Red Cross doughnuts.

"Over-all figures for clubmobile operations in this theater during the month of April, 1944, are significant. A total of more than 1,082,000 men, mostly combat troops in forward areas, were served a total

of slightly more than 3,346,000 doughnuts. There is ample evidence, not only in writing from many of the commanding officers of military units but also from the men themselves, that the benefit to soldier morale is inestimable.

APPRECIATION

"Be assured that the P. E. O. Sisterhood has the heartfelt gratitude of the American Red Cross in this theater for their generous contribution toward the continuance of clubmobile work. The P. E. O. Sisterhood may well feel proud of its share in this activity."

P. E. O. UNITED VICTORY FUND

How comforting it is to know that from clubmobiles bearing the inscription "Gift of P. E. O. Sisterhood," our fighting men may receive Red Cross doughnuts, hot coffee and words of cheer from the American girls who so capably staff these units. Let us give generously to our P. E. O. United Victory Fund, supplementing our minimum gift of one dollar per month per chapter, knowing that every dollar goes for service to our armed forces and our countries.

"THE SINKER"

A little publication called "The Sinker" is issued in Great Britain for the American Red Cross Clubmobiles. Primarily, it consists of personal items of interest to the personnel. Names of new recruits are given, and various articles appear on duties and experiences of members of the Clubmobile Department. In the United Kingdom alone there are more than 325 girls doing clubmobile work on some 78 bases. Colored troops welcome and appreciate units staffed by colored girls. One girl has been assigned the duty of visiting various clubmobiles, remaining for about a

week at each, to do charcoal drawings of and for the men. There is a new song which is appropriate for the art of dunking doughnuts, and which, according to reports, is destined to sweep over all Clubmobiles, if not the country. Training for clubmobile operation is a "stiff course," says one girl. It includes everything "from simple convoy driving to digging out of mud-holes, and from map-reading to cooking in the field."

When we consider the sacrifices being made by our armed forces and by those who aid them, donating clubmobiles and funds for operation is a small way of expressing our gratitude for their service. But we welcome every opportunity to hasten that day of victory which will bring peace to the world.



California Hostess Chapters Give \$1500

California Convention Hostess Chapters have presented to the United Victory Fund their convention fund surplus amounting to \$1,500, it has been announced as this issue of THE P. E. O. RECORD goes to press. It was felt that since much of the balance was due to factors resulting from war conditions (shortened convention, scattered housing, etc.) that the funds should go back into war work.

The chapters were grateful that such a significant amount could be turned over to this cause. Especially does it prove that war-time conventions are nothing to fear

The Hostess Chapters are GB, GC, GQ, GU, GZ, HK, HN, HQ, HX, and HZ.

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DISTRICT of COLUMBIA



STATE CHAPTER CONVENTION

THE NINTH annual convention of District of Columbia Chapter was held May 9 and 10 at Hotel 2400 16th St., Washington, D. C., with Chapters R, S, and T as hostesses. All sessions were held in the ballroom. Decorations, under the direction of Mrs. Dean Brooke, were effective in their very simplicity.

The theme of the convention was a religious one, "Faith to Believe, Courage to Do", the convention song Faith of our Fathers and the program had on the cover a picture of Artists Conception of the South Transept, Washington Cathedral.

The convention was honored by the presence of Mrs. Carrie B. Simpson, president of Supreme Chapter; visitors were delighted to meet and renew acquaintance with this charming and gracious leader.

Mrs. Helen Dalrymple, R, was the busy and efficient general chairman. She was ably assisted by Mrs. Bertha S. Ammerman, T, as co-chairman and the presidents and members of the entertaining chapters. Special hostesses for the two days were Mrs. Oreen Potter, R, Mrs. Marion O'Connor, S, and Mrs. Belle T. Clarke, T.

Careful preparation and forethought provided for the comfort of all and made for a happy and successful convention.

After a musical prelude by Mrs. Gladys Vaile, O, and a processional of guards and pages, honor guests and District officers, the convention was called to order by Miss Jane Mackay Anderson, president, who presided at all sessions with dignity and charm. In her greeting, Miss Anderson said, "Because the P. E. O. was built on the solid rock of faith and because of the heart and soul of P. E. O., the organization grew until it became difficult for the members to see each other very often, so in 1890, fifty-four years ago, the first State Chapter came into being. It is due to the state chapter, that I am here to greet you today. In extending to you my warm welcome, I pay homage to our seven Founders."

Devotions were led by Mrs. Mildred Davidson, M, who read briefly

from Matthew 9, Ephesians 6, St. John 5. Mrs. Alice Creyke, L, gave a dramatic reading of An Ode to the Flag by John J. Daly, then led in the pledge of allegiance.

In introducing Mrs. Simpson to the convention, Miss Anderson paid special tribute to her ability and her work in P. E. O., Church, Red Cross, and D. A. R. She then introduced Mrs. Katherine Flower Jacob, member of board of trustees, supply department and past District president. Also Mrs. Katherine E. Church, who is a member of the board of trustees, Cottey College. Miss Laura Van Duyn Hanson, Dr. Ella R. Fales, Mrs. Maude N. Stockberger, Mrs. Beth Moose Ferguson, Miss Elizabeth Reynolds, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Hutton, Mrs. Harriet A. Fohrman, past District presidents, were presented.

Miss Anderson then introduced the members of her board with a special tribute to each: Mrs. Margaret Buckles, first vice-president; Miss Jessie O. Elting, second vice-president; Miss Alma Barry, organizer; Mrs. Neota Silvers Hall, recording secretary; Mrs. Anne Wilkinson, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Opal Brewster, treasurer. Mrs. Helen Dalrymple, the general chairman, was introduced, and said it had been a joy to prepare for convention; that she wished to convey some of the joy to all. She said, "If you like us tell others, if you don't; tell us." She introduced Mrs. Bertha Ammerman, co-chairman and the presidents of the hostess chapters, Mrs. Lillian Hays, R, Mrs. Lottie Doneghy, S, Mrs. Celia G. Chatelain.

Mrs. Anne Wilkinson, corresponding secretary, gave the welcome from the hostess chapters and the response was given by Mrs. Opal Brewster, treasurer. Miss Myrta A. Reynolds, D, gave the report of the dispensation committee after which Miss Alma Barry, organizer, introduced the newly organized Chapter U. Mrs. Simpson greeted the members and later presented the charter. In her welcome to the new chapter, Miss Jessie O. Elting said she was present when it was formed on Feb. 14; that it was indeed, a lovely valentine and

all were proud of the accomplishments of our twenty-first chapter. Miss Genevieve Poole, the new president, said it was the sincere wish of Chapter U to prove worthy of the confidence vested in it.

Miss Alma Barry, organizer, said that no other office in the District Chapter offers such opportunity for service, service which is doubly compensated for in the personal contact with the officers and members of the various chapters it brings.

Mrs. Neota Silvers Hall, recording secretary, reported having the routine work of her office. Mrs. Hall was a splendid secretary and was ably assisted by Miss Betty Vanderslius, M. It is interesting to note that the latter's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Vanderslius, a past State president of Minnesota was a guest at convention; Mrs. Anne Wilkinson, corresponding secretary, reported an active membership of 609, with 21 chapters; Mrs. Opal Brewster, treasurer, reported total receipts to be \$2,992.99; balance from 1943 checking account \$534.63; total funds \$3,507.62; total disbursements, \$2,984.59; Supreme dues, \$712.85; Cottey College, \$518 and to United Victory Fund, \$666.33.

Miss Anderson greeted Mrs. Lou P. Woodruff, Mrs. Marie W. Hodgkins, and Mrs. Caroline B. Stephen, all of Chapter B, who had been P. E. O.'s for over 50 years. Mrs. Hodgkins was Chapter B's first president. Mrs. Effie A. Williams, also a P. E. O. for over fifty years, was unable to be present on account of illness, and the secretary was instructed to send greetings from convention to Mrs. Williams and her daughters, Miss Margery Williams and Mrs. Effie W. McKenzie. The convention sang "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Mabel Ferrenz, N, and to Mrs. Florence M. McKeever.

Mrs. Helen Turley, accompanied by Mrs. Vaile, gave a group of songs. Miss Anderson, president, reported that she had attended six meetings of her executive board, had met twice with the group who were to be members of a new chapter and had a part in its organization. She had attended all but one meeting of the



**Reported by
Katharine S. Merritt
(Mrs. Edgar Briant) and
Florence M. McKeever
(Mrs. Horton H.)**

Round Table which played such an important part in P. E. O. life and growth in the district, she had made two important appointments, Mrs. Margaret Buckles, chairman for Women's work and Mrs. Beth Moose Ferguson, a member of the board for welfare work. Feeling that the District of Columbia Chapter should own the United States and District flags, she investigated and reported same to board and the purchase of the flags was duly authorized and taken care of. She thanked P. E. O. members for splendid and outstanding work and urged each one to continue same in Red Cross and other war work activities and to give a full report as requested by Supreme Chapter Chairman for war work.

Mrs. Margaret Buckles, first vice president, gave an interesting report on "Chapter Letters," sent by the local presidents to the State president, which showed that social affairs had been largely abandoned for philanthropic projects and that the war had created a need for many new ones. Mrs. Buckles later gave her report on Our United War Effort, which showed that 90 per cent of the local P. E. O.'s are engaged in some phase of war work, including Red Cross, war bond purchases, and allied activities. Over \$2,781 had been contributed to United Service Organizations, in addition to large contributions to the American Red Cross, civilian defense, United Victory Fund, war bonds and stamps. Local P. E. O.'s have 107 serving in the armed forces; have adopted four war orphans; 87 are blood donors; number buying bonds is 100 per cent, and over \$409,147 have been invested in war bonds. Four P. E. O.'s are in uniform, and come from Chapters B, G, J, and U.

Miss Jessie O. Elting, second vice president, in her report on the educational projects, said that the Sisterhood had an endowment fund of \$24,956.82, and \$828,942.26 in the loan fund proper; old loans to the amount of \$141,395.74 had been paid back, and since August, 1943, \$47,187.76 had been paid out in loans; the number of beneficiaries since the establishment of the fund in 1907 had been 8,799 girls, and 1,142 girls are now holding loans, five of them from the District of Columbia.

Dr. Ella R. Fales, A, reported on the Welfare Fund, and recommended that welfare be included in the budget of the chapters. Mrs. Anna K. Underwood, G, chairman of the Cottey Emergency Band, reported a 100 per cent contribution, a total of \$510.

Mrs. Katherine Flower Jacob, E, reported on the Red Cross surgical dressing unit, which meets weekly at Walsh House, Red Cross headquarters, and made a plea for more workers.

Several gifts were presented at convention, one, a special gift of \$75 to the United Victory Fund, announced by Mrs. Marian Baker in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Chapter E; Mrs. Lillian Hays, R, presented \$25 in honor of Mrs. Anne Wilkin-son; Mrs. Gladys Sabin, J, presented \$25 to the Welfare Fund honoring Miss Jane Mackay Anderson; Mrs. Bertha Ammerman, T, on behalf of the B. I. L.'s of the hostess chapters, R, S, and T, gave \$33 to the Welfare Fund.

Mrs. Fanny Young, president of Chapter B, reminded convention that Jane Anderson was largely responsible for the purchase of the United States and District flags, and asked the convention to accept same with a vote of thanks, which was enthusiastically done.

The highlight of the convention was the address "We Go Forward," by Mrs. Simpson, Supreme Chapter President. She said that the welfare of women must not be imperiled by the war; that women's present attainment showed that they deserved recognition in the post-war world; also that they must work to preserve the progress they have made. P. E. O. has gone forward because our national policy is to face problems realistically and solve them courageously.

Music for the afternoon session was furnished by Mrs. Margaret Zeran and Mrs. Esther Gearhart, Q, with Mrs. Alice Haig, L, and Mrs. Elma Pinney Cafky, B, song leaders. Convention recessed for the Memorial hour.

Prelude — Andante Moonlight Sonata —
Beethoven Mrs. Esther Gearhart
Devotions Mrs. Louise Bennett
Report of Memorial Committee
..... Mrs. Leila Pier King
Meditation Mrs. Harriet A. Fohrman
Violin Solo — Adoration by Borowski
..... Mrs. Mary Ellen Pogue
Accompanist, Mrs. Mary Dwan
Tribute to Sisters who have entered the
Chapter Eternal:
Mrs. Jean Bennett Chapter B
Mrs. May Teele Chapter B
Given by Mrs. Delia Pitcher
Mrs. Mabelle E. Stearns Chapter B
Given by Mrs. Mary Skeels
Mrs. Grace Logan Chapter C
Given by Mrs. Lulu Grosvenor
Mrs. Minnie Seeds Chapter D
Mrs. Margaret Buell Chapter D
Given by Miss Elizabeth Reynolds
Miss Sada Bartholomew Chapter N
Given by Mrs. Margaret Buckles
Benediction Mrs. Edna Maris
Postlude — Theme from Symphony —
Tchaikovsky Mrs. Esther Gearhart

On the second morning *America* was sung, led by Lorena Albert; the pledge of allegiance led by Azelia Badgley who spoke on flag traditions and devotions led by Dorothy Drake.

Routine reports of convention included auditing, Mrs. Fanny Young; Local Chapter reports, Mrs. Hilda Calloway; Courtesy and Resolutions, Mrs. Genevieve Gongwer; Year Book, Mrs. Gladys Sabin, and By-Laws, Miss Alma Barry.

Mrs. Inez Hare, gave the report of the Presidents' Round Table.

A delightful group of songs was given by Mrs. E. Katherine Hyder, N, accompanied by Mrs. Vaile.

The Model Meeting was given by the newly-organized Chapter U, under the supervision of Miss Alma Barry, organizer, with Miss Genevieve Poole, president, presiding, and a real candidate, Miss Mahala Hayes, as initiate, the meeting being a special one called for that purpose. The work of the chapter was highly commended by Mrs. Simpson and Miss Anderson, guests of honor, and by everyone present at convention. In fact, the Model Meeting was pronounced perfect.

The corresponding secretary read greetings from 21 state presidents and from Ruby Townsend of Kansas City.

Mrs. Katherine E. Church, who was an honor guest, spoke briefly and explained the objectives of the Sisterhood in relation to Cottey College in these times; that Dr. Mitchell and her committee have done a magnificent work in all branches of war activities, particularly in helping the private soldiers. She said the glory of action prepares girls for the future that lies before them, and that as they will be the future wives and mothers, as well as leaders in thought, it behooves all P. E. O.'s to help them realize what problems await them. We must look forward.

Mrs. Dorothy C. Weick, E, Mrs. Church's daughter, in honor of her father, H. B. Church, presented \$50 towards a memorial fund for Cottey College, to establish a professional library for students.

Miss Katherine Farley sang a group of songs, with Miss Margaret Truman at the piano.

Miss Ruby Claughton, presented the report on recommendations. The only one on which there was a divided opinion was the recommendation of Chapter J for provision for establishing a P. E. O. Home. The recommendation was lost. However, Mrs. Anderson was authorized to ap-

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NEW YORK *State Chapter Convention*

THE SIXTEENTH CONVENTION of New York State Chapter opened May 12, 1944, at the Commodore hotel, New York, to "Widen Our Horizons" by two days of delightful inspiration in an extension of our knowledge and an increase in our understanding. Our president, Fay Templeton Frisch, in her welcome, expressed the wish that each individual might gain some capacity to make her more active on her return home in helping to develop better citizenship, greater tolerance, justice, respect for one another, and greater faith in fellow man. By such a gain our meeting will not have been in vain.

Helen Spencer, president of Chapter R, the hostess chapter, welcomed the delegates and hoped that they would find a little island of peace to give help for the turmoil of times in the future. Chapter R sang a parody of welcome to the tune of "O What a beautiful morning" in order that delegates could identify hostesses throughout convention.

Response was given by Annabel Norvell, second vice president of the state chapter who thanked the hostesses for the privilege of two days of "fellowship in which we might pause to tell each other what meaning life has for us, what keeps us going, what help religion gives us, what are the sources of our inspiration and energy, what is the goal or motive force of our toil, where we find our happiness, and where, in the last resort, our treasure lies."

Orpha Shumway, in the devotions, pointed out three visions people have caught to give them faith to push their horizons away. She expressed the belief that perhaps we would not have had Christianity had not Pales-

Reported by **HELEN REES,**
Chapter P, N. Y.



tine been a country of so many horizons. The land, made up of the tropical climate of the desert, the plains around the Dead Sea, and the lofty mountain peaks from which our Savior looked afar to receive his courage. The Scripture reading was the first seven verses of Chapter 45 of Micah; and two poems, "These things shall be" by Addington Symonds and "Eye hath not seen" from Splendor Ahead by Grace Noll Crowell illustrated the message.

Laura Storms Knapp, Organizer of Supreme Chapter, brought us this message in her address Martha's Hands. Though we may have a Mary's mind, the times demand that we have Martha's hands; and there is much of beauty in the world which is ours for the taking. We do have command over the growth of our own souls. P. E. O. has a definite contribution to make to the present day along cultural and educational lines. If P. E. O. principles and ideals were in the thinking and living of more women, we would have a greater influence on the thinking and living of the day.

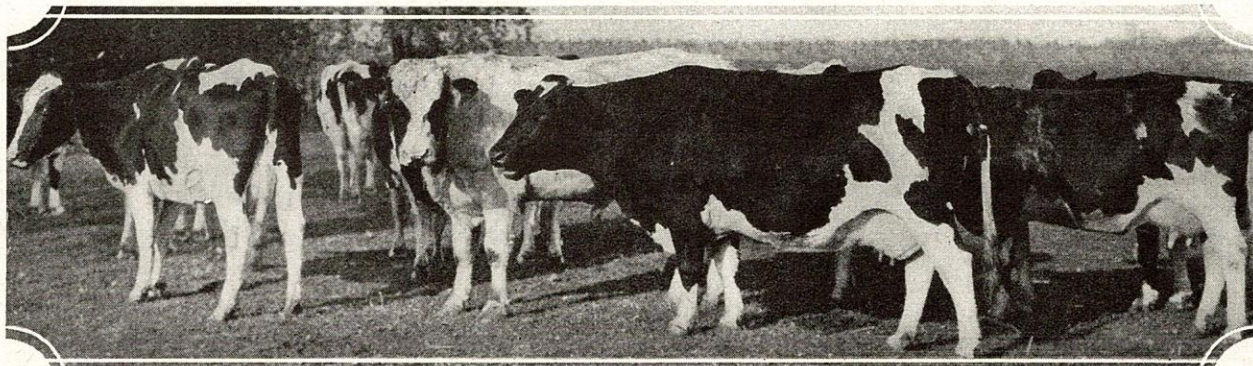
Beatrice Leach, first vice-president of state, reported on the growth of the Educational Loan Fund, calling attention to the nearly nine thousand girls who have been given an opportunity of gaining an education and leading a fuller life, thus quietly, yet effectively, exerting the influence of P. E. O. in a far reaching scope which would be impossible to estimate. Mrs. Leach believes no college meets the stress of our times unless it offers

spiritual as well as scholastic development, and the policy followed at Cottey College is definitely aimed at making this available to young women today. Of the 39 loans to New York girls, 14 are now active, 4 are past due, and the others have been paid in full. Local chapters are trying to repay the delinquent loans of girls they have sponsored. One chapter has matched payment for payment with the girl.

Eleanor Pehl, appointed corresponding secretary in November, reported 818 active members, showing an increase of 44 members. Her advice to local chapters is to keep for one more year, by some means, any P. E. O. wanting to become inactive and see if time will not change her desire.

Lucretia Moeller, treasurer, reported the excellent condition of our finances. She directed attention to the following gifts received since the 1943 convention: To the Victory Fund — from Florence H. Wright in honor of Blanche D. Walker; from Chapter A, Highland, as a memorial in honor of Major I. Roy Rathgeb who died in the medical service in this war; and from Chapter T, Schenectady, in recognition of sons, brothers, and other relatives in service; to the Welfare Reserve Fund from Chapter W, Scarsdale, in memory of Georgia Lloyd, a former member; and to the Welfare Active Fund from Elsie Lotz, in memory of her mother.

Greetings were received from Mrs. Carrie Simpson, Supreme Chapter President; Inez Bagley, first president of New York; Chapter BR, Durango, Colorado (our president's original chapter); Effie C. Van Ostrand and Elsie Lotz, past state presidents;



Florence Kemp, past state officer; Hazel Hine, Executive Secretary of Supreme Chapter; and twenty state chapters.

An hour of remembrance was dedicated to eight P. E. O.'s who "in the roadway of life where we all walk together, and one and then another gets a few trifling steps ahead of us in that road, and having passed over the next hill, is out of sight of human eyes and the sound of human ears. We see, with a joyful lift in our hearts that death is not the end but the beginning of a new life. We have a deep sense of joy that our sisters have found release from the early life and now walk in the flowering fields of the unseen." Tributes for the following, written by her chapter, were read as a white carnation was placed in a cross of green fern: Mary Louise Woebler, Chapter F; Dorothea Hazen, Chapter A; Estelle Jones Chase, Chapter F; Harriet L. Laube, Chapter H; Mona A. Eckley, Chapter I; Lucy H. Readio, Chapter I; Georgia Lloyd, Chapter W; Lizzie Chase, Chapter K.

The Model Meeting, exemplified by "Chapter NY", was a surprise and pleasure to all. The membership, chosen by Gladys Kivell, State organizer, included a representative from each chapter inspected during the year, and its identity had been a carefully guarded secret. Clever use of lines and names in correspondence provoked mirth in the audience and correction of weak points found by the organizer in her chapter inspections were brought out forcefully.

Rose Geyer, Chairman, reported that no demands had been made on the State Welfare Fund during the past year.

The Educational Projects Publicity Committee, composed of Sybil McClusky, Louise Squier, Minnie Knighton, past presidents of New York State, suggested that each member of a local chapter is a committee of one for publicity as to our Educational Fund and Cottey College; that each local chapter Educational Loan Fund chairman should acquaint her chapter, each month, as to articles about the Fund or Cottey in the current issue of THE P. E. O. RECORD; she should contact the high school adviser and the college student aid secretary in her local high schools and colleges, furnishing available material for their reference; explain to such advisers that we are anxious to help outstanding girls who would not otherwise be able to go to college; attend pre-college conference day at high schools when representatives

from various colleges talk to interested students and parents; and if possible arrange for the Cottey College representative to be present on that day. Thus we will bring these worthy projects to the attention of worthwhile girls in families whose income has remained at pre-war levels and who have thought college or graduate training out of their reach.

Mrs. Nellie B. Knapp, Chairman on Women's War Work, reported that out of a membership of 818, 614 New York P. E. O.'s are working in Red Cross and Allied agencies; 7 are in uniform; 247 men from P. E. O. families are in the armed services; and a maturity value of \$495,948.45 of war bonds and stamps have been purchased. Many additional services have been extended to men in hospitals, cooking and baking for U. S. O., teaching, working in war plants, writing stirring music used over networks, housing, subscriptions to magazines for service men given to hospitals, etc. Mrs. Knapp urged that we continue with greater efforts — asking ourselves if what we are doing is enough; and suggested that we think of our responsibility and do more, no matter what our efforts have been in the past.

Following this stirring report, we were electrified by a chat with Lieut. Dorothy Beckwith, U. S. C. G. R., who is recruiting officer for men and women in the states of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. She pointed out the many ways in which women are serving in the war and how essential they are to the armed services. She urged everyone to redouble her efforts, at home and in service, to help interest the more than five million women whom the records show are doing nothing toward the war effort. Her greatest praise went to the girls who drive the Clubmobiles, of which P. E. O. has five and supports two at the cost of \$21,000 each, yearly. She quoted a commanding officer returned from Italy who said he felt that one clubmobile, one mile back of the lines, bringing the presence of an American girl and a donut wagon, had raised the morale of his men ninety percent. A girl in service in Sicily wrote that books are essential — she received a Book of the Month club number and it has been so popular that she has a waiting list of 300 readers.

These inspiring talks brought donations to the United Victory Fund from the floor, amounting to \$311.50 from Chapters P, S, U, AA, I, L, C, G, and A; and a return of the \$15 gift made to Mr. Ralph Park for

auditing the Treasurer's books, bringing the total to \$326.50.

Mr. Liu Liang-Mo gave an address on China in a Changing World. China, a country of 450 million people, whose only weapon is the courage and determination of its people, is only 37 hours by air from New York. The World War started in 1931 when China was first attacked. Its people feel that the only way to have lasting peace is to spread the principles of the brotherhood of man and a realization of the interdependence of the nations.

Friday evening was filled with song, gaiety, and ideas for an ideal post war period. Ruth Bryan Rohde spoke to over 200 of her P. E. O. sisters, giving suggestions for applying the many discoveries of science, art, and economy in the education of the coming generation for a life of service to mankind, unburdened by crime. She told us of her ideas as to application of the news films in teaching history; scientific films for teaching doctors; and gave us a picture of the new manner in which crime might be avoided by having criminals examined for mental or physical causes for committing crimes and the correction of such causes, rather than being imprisoned behind walls. As a concrete example of what might be done to prevent crime, she cited the Federal Women's prison in Virginia.

Saturday morning the convention was given a theme in the devotions by Eleanor Johnston, past state president. Put first things first and grow from strength to strength, as we wait upon the Lord. Isaiah, 40th Chapter.

Lucille M. Shields, a trustee of the P. E. O. RECORD, pointed out that the P. E. O. RECORD is owned by the Sisterhood and we, the members, are its stockholders. Our interest in its activities is necessary to the production of a magazine such as ours, bearing as it does the message of P. E. O. to the most distant boundaries of our Sisterhood. It is necessary, therefore, that we send it only the best of our interesting data for publication. She reviewed its history, the duties of the five persons whose chief aim is constant improvement in content and appearance, and reported that though restricted as to paper and the increased cost of supplies, it is staying well within its budget. Any chapter wishing an interesting history of our worthwhile magazine would do well to ask for a copy of "On the Record" for a program feature.

There was only one delegate lack-

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The Educational Loan Fund

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

THE CHAIRMAN and the members of the Board of Trustees are very grateful to the various state boards for their co-operative response to our letter requesting publicity for the Educational Loan Fund.

If space permitted we should like to publish the many gracious and helpful letters we have received. In every one there was some expression similar to these — "We certainly have an instrument for great service in our Educational Loan Fund." "We shall be very happy to co-operate with you in giving more publicity to our Educational Loan Fund."

Information regarding methods used for disseminating knowledge relative to our fund has been sent to us by several state officers and Educational chairmen. Chapter AQ of Wisconsin had a most successful tea for 50 Senior high school girls at which the girls were told of our Loan Fund and of Cottey College. An educator in one of the Wisconsin colleges, who is a P.E.O., spoke to them about the importance of continuing their educations now.

The Massachusetts State Chapter is alert to every opportunity for making the possibilities of the fund known, such as placing information in high school offices and with Senior advisors, deans of women in local colleges, etc.

Chapter G of Washington took advantage of a convention of high school advisors held on the University of Washington campus, and had the opportunities offered by our fund presented to them with the request that the information be passed on to worthy girls in their communities. Much interest in the fund was shown at this meeting. Some of the advisors and Deans knew of the fund, but had not realized that loans were available at this time.

We feel sure that this co-operative attitude on the part of chapters will result in increased interest in the fund among deserving girls.

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Frequently, mention is made by local chapters of their own local educational funds.

The Trustees suggest that the function of the local educational fund is very limited in scope. Under unusual circumstances there might be need for a local fund to provide help in emergencies and permit loans for temporary use until funds could be secured from our National Educational Loan Fund. Now that our Educational Loan Fund is adequate for applications which meet the requirements of our Policies, the need for help from local funds has practically disappeared.

Pride and interest in our National Educational Loan Fund is a matter of perspective and vision, and we must guard against any narrowing of our educational horizon. The management of the fund has reached a degree of efficiency through long experience, and there should never be any suggestion of competition between it and local chapter funds.

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We hope that every chapter has retained for its files the Educational Loan Funds pages in the May, 1944 issue of the P. E. O. RECORD. These contain the complete, revised Policies and Procedure governing the administration of the fund, and will be of much value to the local chapter officers and educational committees. Much time and effort are saved in the consideration of a loan application, if the details of proper procedure are followed from the beginning.

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Doesn't the following paragraph taken from a loan girl's letter lift your hearts!

"All this year, as I've made these payments, I've had the feeling of gratitude that such a fund is available to girls seeking mental as well as financial security during these trying times. Now when I see the P.E.O. pin on women throughout the country, there is a moment of thankfulness that such an organization exists; for if it is doing such a splendid service in this one field, surely its whole program is superior."



Anael McDowell

A NEW P. E. O. MAKES GOOD

Anael McDowell, a recent initiate of Chapter CO Los Angeles, the chapter to which her mother Ann Thompson McDowell belongs, is a Junior at the University of Southern California.

She is a cellist, and outstanding student in the music department. She is president of the National professional music, drama and dance sorority. She is a Phi Beta and a member of Alpha Delta Pi.

Her mother is a pianist and the two have given many programs together.

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RECLAIMED

If Sam had come marching home again
God only knows what his life'd been!

He didn't amount to much before
He marched away to a well known war.
He loafed when he could — if he had to work

He figured out some way he could shirk.
His ways were crude, and his manners rough.

And he was commonly known as tough.
But he joined up when the war began,
And he grumbled and grouched as a soldier man.

But at east he was cocky, and not afraid,
And somehow or other, he made the grade.
"Killed in action" the message read.

(And worth ten thousand dollars dead!)
And they gave him a couple of medals, too.
His folks keep 'em polished, and out on view

In the brand new house his insurance bought.

And, in honor of one who bravely fought,
They planted a tree on Pershing Drive
To keep his memory alive!

But if Sam had come marching home again
God only knows what his life'd been!

— Marjorie F. W.

I N D I A N A STATE CHAPTER CONVENTION

**Reported by
KATHRYN KISSINGER, X**

THE TWENTY-FIRST annual convention of Indiana State Chapter met in South Bend at the Progress Club, May 18 and 19 with Chapters X and N of South Bend as hostess chapters. Under the efficient management of the co-chairmen of convention, Mrs. Mildred Fitch, X, and Mrs. Madge Jennings, N, and from the advice of our State President, Mrs. Helen Hillman, the convention moved along smoothly to provide a very successful two day session. The convention theme this year was Rationing for Victory.

The Hour of Remembrance on the morning of the first day was a beautiful service, Miss Martha Moore, A, presided. Mrs. Dorothy Dean, played a harp prelude. The Scripture reading was given by Mrs. Geraldine Mooreman; Remembrance, Mrs. Exie Critchfield; Prayer in Song, Miss Martha V. Moore; Tapers of Memory, Mrs. Grace Zellers.

Following an opening prelude, with Mrs. Grace Frash, X, at the piano, the convention opened with the singing of the National Anthem. Devotions were led by Mrs. Mildred Taylor, N, who used as her topic,

"Hold fast that which is good." After the report of the credentials committee by Mrs. Mary Rose King, D, Mrs. Helen Hillman, formally opened convention and introduced honor guests and past presidents. Mrs. Madge Jennings, N, welcomed the delegation. A response was given by Mrs. Margaret Emily Stoner. When the Officers of the Indiana State Chapters made their reports for convention, Mrs. Stoner, first vice-president, said that chapter letters reminded her of the pieces of a quilt. The border blocks, all alike, representing regular meetings; the pattern of design representing the many chapter activities, all fitting into a perfect whole. It was an interesting report. Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, organizer, reported four new chapters. Mrs. Gertude P. Tomhave, corresponding secretary of Supreme Chapter, presented charters to the representatives of the new chapters: Mrs. Ruth Wilson, AJ Indianapolis; Mrs. Elma Beall, AL, Indianapolis; Mrs. Ardith Hollander, AI, Elkhart; Mrs. Mary Schleiker AK, East Chicago. A greeting to the chapters was given by Mrs. Frances Powell, past state president and a response on behalf of the chapters was made by Mrs. Ardith Hollander.

A delightful musical program followed, with selections composed by our talented Mrs. Bernice Loring, N, with Mrs. Loring at the piano and Mrs. Dorothy Dean, X, at the harp.

One of the highlights of the convention was the address by Winona E. Reeves, "The Echo and the Song."

Chapter X presented the model meeting, with Mrs. Essie Brum-

baugh presiding. Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, organizer, complimented the chapter, and explained the points she wished to stress from the meeting. After the first reading of recommendations by Mrs. Marie Wagner, the convention was recessed until the dinner hour.

This year the banquet, due to war conditions, was limited to P.E.O.'s the B.I.L.'s not having been included. The banquet was held in the Bronzewood room of the LaSalle hotel. Mrs. Clara Pointer, N, gave the invocation and Miss Mary Gibbard, N, was a very capable toastmistress. She told clever stories and showed real wit, and gave beautiful introductions. Several readings were given by Mrs. Louise Garwood, N, accompanied by Mrs. Bernice Loring, N. A trio composed of Dorothy Dean, X, violin; Ruth Simmons, N, cello, and Frances Koch, N, piano, played a group of numbers.

Mrs. Rebecca Perkey, X, past president of the Council of Church Women in South Bend, gave an address, "Rationing for Victory," as her subject.

On the closing morning the delegates were entertained at a breakfast at the Progress Club. Mrs. Bernice Loring, played an opening prelude and America the Beautiful was sung. Devotions were led by Mrs. Nellie Claypool, X, on the theme Vain Janglings. Reports were given by various committees. Mrs. Lena Morrow, O, chairman of the State Welfare and Trust fund, reported that there had been no aid given from the fund, and strongly urged that the fund be built up to the point that it could serve adequately when called upon. Mrs. Eos Richardson, 2nd Vice-presi-



dent, gave a very interesting report on Cottey college and an explanation of the various scholarships offered. Letters were read from scholarship girls sponsored by Chapter G, Indianapolis, and Chapter AF, Indianapolis. Mrs. Richardson announced that the Indiana State Chapter scholarship award of \$200, had been awarded to Mary Helen Bartl of French Lick, Indiana.

Another highlight of the convention, was the talk made by Miss Hannah Lindahl, N, supervisor of elementary education in Mishawaka, Ind. Miss Lindahl holds a B. A. degree from Chicago University, an

Mrs. Gertrude Tomhave spoke of the accomplishments of the Educational Loan Fund. It has aided 9000 girls and has granted three and one half million dollars in loans to girls to continue their education. She said, "P.E.O. has served as an inspiration to other organizations to give aid to boys and girls for the continuance of education.

Mrs. Margarette Means, Q, sang three lovely numbers.

Mrs. Vinnie Kilby then presented gifts from the State Chapter to Mrs. Tomhave and Mrs. Reeves.

An American Red Cross movie was shown to the convention show-

found in the question box. She said P. E. O. has given over \$60,000 to the clubmobile fund — this amount will be even greater after convention reports are in. She said 91% of the P.E.O.'s are in War Work and 94% are buying bonds regularly.

Mrs. Isfalt read the report of Madelaine Gullian, chairman of convention grouping. Chapters O and Y of Gary will be hostess to the 1945 convention; K and Z of Terre Haute for 1946; D and L of W. Lafayette for 1947; E and AA of Bicknell and Evansville for 1948 and B and J of Knox and Valparaiso for 1949.

It was voted that the State Chapter give \$100 to the Victory Fund. There followed a report of the gifts to the Cottey general fund, the Victory Fund and the Welfare and Trust Fund from the Chapters.

The retiring president, Helen Hillman, thanked the members for their loyal support and fine co-operation, and invited Mrs. Tomhave to install the new officers. Mrs. Tomhave presented Mrs. Hillman with her past president's credential, and Essie Brumbaugh, president of Chapter X, presented her with a past president's pin with chapter guard. Not every state president has the honor of having her own chapter a hostess at a convention while she is in office. Chapter X felt very proud of Helen Hillman throughout the convention.

As Mrs. Stoner sounded the gavel and gave the benediction, the 21st annual convention closed.

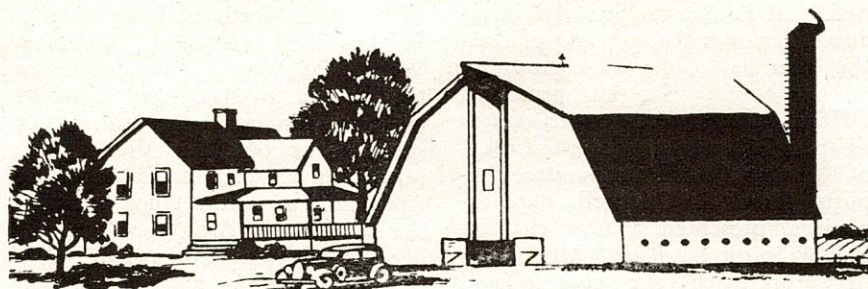
★ COLORED STARS

By Raymond W. Shirey

In child-hood days I used to watch
The silver stars so bright
"God's little lanterns in the sky
To watch o'er you at night."
That's what my mother would say to me,
"No matter where you are
Place your faith in the One
Who guides that silver star."

But there's one star now dear to me
Hangs in my window there
A service flag for one I love
Hung with a silent prayer.
It's only a little blue star
All framed in white and red
It doesn't shine or twinkle much
Like the stars do over head.

Each day I gaze at its beauty
And I offer a fervid prayer
Please Lord, may it always be
A blue star hanging there.
But if its blue should change to gold
I make this humble plea
Help me Oh God to continue on
To have my faith in Thee.



M. A. degree from Columbia University; she is a Phi Beta Kappa, a past state president of the Indiana Association for Childhood Education, a Pi Lambda Theta, honorary national educational sorority, and has written several books and articles on education. "Facing Today and Tomorrow with Our Children," was her subject.

She stressed the four most important things parents must do as:

1. Help the child to protect and maintain good physical health.
2. To maintain calmness and serenity in the presence of children to give them a sense of security — which is necessary for good mental and emotional health.

3. A child needs an understanding of the world in which he lives. Why do we have war, is the most frequent question of childhood — this must be answered for the child in the simplest manner. War is the result of social, political and economic causes, our greatest obligation is to make clear the causes and the prevention of these causes.

4. And the most important (she says if we omit this we fail our children) is to help them to develop a sense of true values, to put first things first. She closed with this thought, "Only if we do these things, we will prepare our children to meet the problems of life."

ing the part the clubmobiles are playing in the war.

The opening prelude for the afternoon session was played by Mrs. Dorothy Dean, X, at the harp. The assembly sang America.

The final highlight of the convention was Mrs. Gertrude Tomhave's talk on, The Bridges of Life. She spoke of the many bridges of life which will need repairs after this troubled period through which we are passing. "Only through sacrifice, may we rebuild the broken bridges of faith and hope. The invisible bridges which come to every P. E. O. are challenges to live the life lessons taught through P. E. O. ideals. "Faith is the invisible bridge between the soul and God." In conclusion she said, "Bridges of faith must be rebuilt to bring the fellowship of men back again, even as we have been taught by the message of our star."

Mrs. Leotie Draper, O, was appointed chief teller, and the following officers were elected: President, Margaret Emily Stoner; First Vice-president, Eos P. Richardson; Second Vice-president, Dorothy Thomas; Organizer, Irene Isfalt; Recording Secretary, Vinnie B. Kilby; Corresponding Secretary, Kathryn Davis; Treasurer, Essie Brumbaugh.

During the election of officers Mrs. Tomhave answered questions

MINNESOTA

STATE CHAPTER CONVENTION

By MARY MAYNARD KIEFFER (Mrs. George V.)

OUR P. E. O. SISTERS who serve at home and overseas were honored by the thirty-second annual convention of Minnesota State Chapter held May 4 and 5, at the Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis, with Chapters L, AW and BC, all of Minneapolis, as hostesses. The hostess chapters, with Mona K. Estes, L, general chairman, deserve much credit for their wise and gracious planning of our entertainment.

A new feature this year was the pre-convention dinner May 3 for honor guests and the state board, known familiarly as "Family Dinner for the Boarders." Closely-knit team work between members of the official "family" was thus made possible, and many last-minute details could be smoothed out before convention opened.

At 10:30 A. M. May 4, the procession, headed by the three colorguards, a W.A.C., a W.A.V.E. and a Marine, bearing the flags and symbolizing the modern spirit of '44, led the way to the platform. On the stage was an impressive background of beautifully draped American flags.

Helen Baird Vance, AQ, our capable and charming president, greeted us, stressing Team-work as the keynote of the convention. She presented the beloved honor guest, Gertrude Tomhave, Corresponding Secretary of Supreme Chapter. Ada C. Scott, past president of the State chapter, presented her with a huge bouquet of American beauty roses. Grace Montgomery, president of past presidents' club, introduced other former state presidents.

Throughout convention, Eva Bartlett, past state president, was helpful to all in her role as General Advisory chairman.

The Memorial Hour which followed, was beautiful in its simplicity. With Mary A. Gingrich, past state president, presiding, scriptures appropriate to the memory of the ten members lost during the past year were softly chanted and candles lighted in their honor, as the memorial roll was called.

Mary Gingrich's inspirational message was Rejoicing in Hope. Dvorak's Largo and the Ave Maria by Schubert provided a fitting musical background for the service.

After luncheon in the Gold Room, we returned to convention hall. Mrs. Vance proudly introduced her own chapter, AQ of Austin, who had come as a group to do her honor. She was presented by them and by the other Austin Chapter BZ, with a gorgeous basket of flowers. After committee reports, Hazel R. Caldwell, state organizer, presented a new chapter, CC of South St. Paul. Mrs. Tomhave presented the charter and Loretta Andrus, in behalf of Chapter CC responded with a clever reply, couched entirely in words beginning with their chapter letters.

Eleanor P. Boyle, AZ, chairman of Cottey Scholarship committee, announced the annual award of the state scholarship to Miss Barbara Lagerstedt of Montevideo. Barbara ranked first in her class of ninety-six students and has been a straight A student for the past four years. She is the daughter of Valeria Lagerstedt of Chapter Q.

A pleasant interlude of music followed, given by Thelma Olmsted, E, and Mary Bones, BH.

The officers' annual reports gave evidence of their untiring devotion to the Sisterhood and revealed the solid growth of our state activities.

Halle H. Dickinson, state recording secretary announced there are ten members in Minnesota who have been P. E. O.'s for fifty years. They are: Mrs. Ada Cramer Scott, Mrs. Ella Berry, Mrs. Sarah Malsbary, Mrs. Dora Kraft, all of Chapter D; Mrs. Jeanette Patterson, E; Mrs. Louise Combs, K; Mrs. Nellie Eddy Smith, AD; Mrs. Fannie Ayres Witter, AP; Mrs. Mabel Blaise, BK; Mrs. Caroline Teas, BN. Several were present, and were introduced to the convention.

Minnesota will enjoy the distinction of entertaining the Supreme Chapter convention in September 1945 at the St. Paul Hotel, St. Paul. Gertrude Schaller, past

state president and General Chairman for this 1945 convention discussed entertainment plans.

A recess was declared to admit our distinguished guest speaker, Lt. Marion Leidinger, Senior W.A.C. recruiting officer of Minnesota and North Dakota District. Lt. Leidinger discussed "American Women at War", spoke briefly of the rise in strength and numbers of women in our armed forces and stressed the fact that the W.A.C. represents a typical cross section of American women. Once entering the service, a W.A.C. doesn't put on her hat with the five o'clock whistle. She becomes a dedicated person. In closing, Lt. Leidinger acknowledged the splendid contribution which P. E. O. clubmobiles and P. E. O. gifts of service and money are making to the war effort.

Love in Action as Mary Allen Stafford said, typifies the work done by the P. E. O. Home and Welfare and Trust Funds we were told by Pearl Jorgenson, AE, chairman.

A dinner by candlelight in the ballroom was served at long tables decorated with flowers in hues of red, white and blue. Lura Crounse, BC, presided for the hostess chapters in a gracious manner. Our president, Mrs. Vance, paid tribute to her supporting officers in scintillating rhyme. Gertrude Tomhave's address, Beautiful Gifts, gave homage to P. E. O.'s cherished idealism. We are proud that Mrs. Tomhave is Minnesota's "beautiful gift" to Supreme Chapter.

Unique entertainment had been arranged by the hostess chairman, Mona Estes and her helpers. A radio version of the musical comedy "Oklahoma" was read and sung by guest-artists from the Dramatic Arts group of the Minneapolis Woman's Club.

Returning to the evening session of convention, we watched with interest the model meeting effectively presented by Chapters BW and AK, with Louise Heinemann, BW, as president.

A second high-light of the evening was the Cottey College inter-

view between Betty Paulsrud, Cottey graduate and Ellen Hall, second vice president of Minnesota State Chapter. Betty is a charming miss from North Dakota who received a two year scholarship from Cottey, and who has become a living advertisement for our Junior College.

The final report of the credentials committee was given by Ella C. Webster, BC, who reported that 174 delegates, 77 chapters and 12 past state presidents were in attendance.

Third high-light of the evening was the talk by Mildred McCune, Y, first vice president and chairman for Minnesota war work and the United Victory Fund. She reported that there are twenty-four Minnesota P. E. O.'s in our armed forces. More than 93% of Minnesota P. E. O.'s are actively engaged in war work on the home front or abroad, including P. E. O. grandmothers caring for young children of war workers. Last year more than forty-three million dollars' worth of war stamps and bonds were purchased by Minnesota P. E. O.'s alone! Mrs. McCune revealed

hidden talent as an artist in her progressive diagramming of the "Clubmobile Which Grew Overnight," and in her designing of the miniature P. E. O. Clubmobile, which she and her loyal family planned as a convention exhibit, to spur us on to greater achievement.

"The Love Gift Hour" afterward, was a gratifying response. Irene Burlington, H, State Treasurer, announced that \$476.10 was being pledged to the United Victory Fund. The convention also voted a gift of \$500 to increase Minnesota's contribution to this fund. Together with these amounts and the pledges received from chapters during the year, the total designated for the United Victory Fund will reach more than \$1800. Other gifts totaled \$105.

At the morning session on the second day devotions were given by Edna K. Collins, past state president. A recess was called to admit a B. I. L. from Chapter AW, Mr. Harold Ayres, first violinist and concertmaster of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. His three violin numbers were a happy pre-

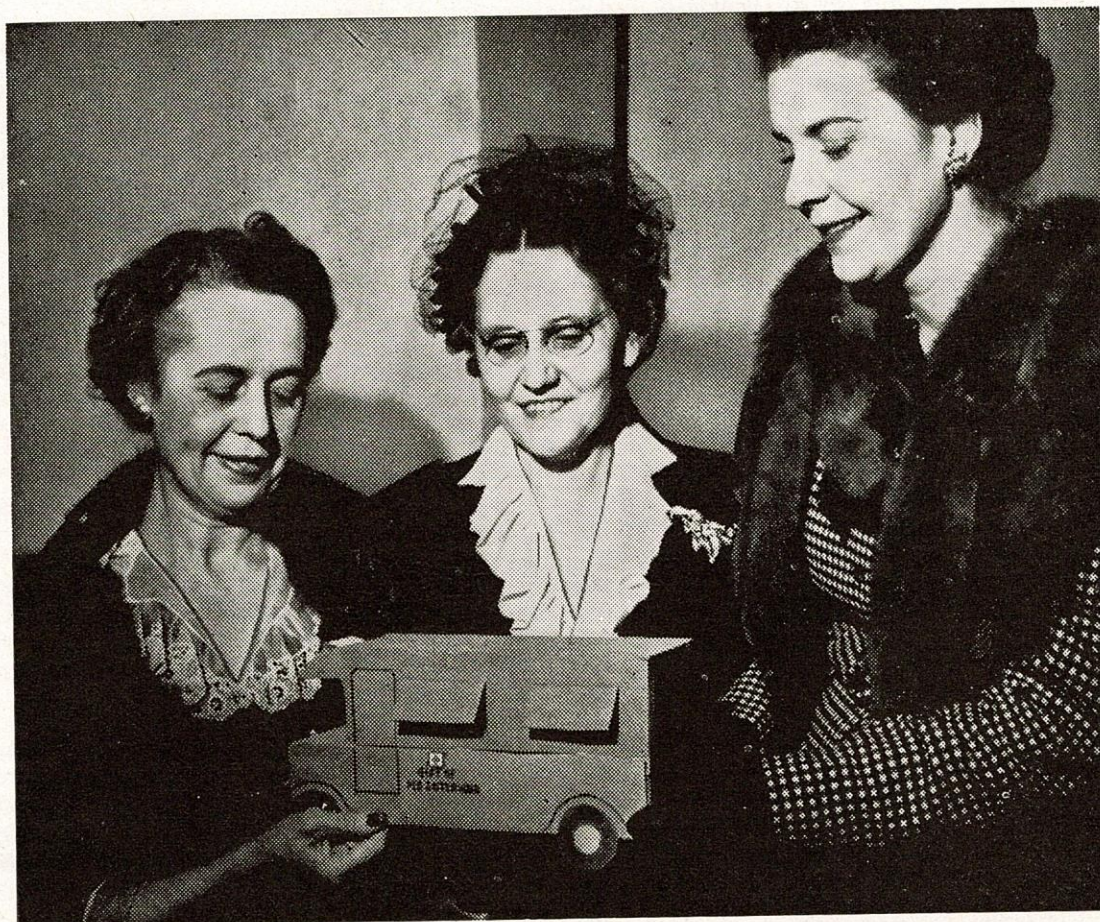
lude to Mrs. Tomhave's beautifully presented address, Bridges of Life. Three mystic bridges extend into the realm of P. E. O.; the important bridges of responsibility to oneself, responsibility to the chapter, and responsibility to our new members.

Emily Baldwin, past state president, who spoke on P. E. O. in Tomorrow as chairman of the Post-War Planning Committee, emphasized that teachers and philosophers are warning that the wonderful new era in the world to come will bring with it the greatest problems we have ever faced, and P. E. O. should be prepared as Americans to meet them.

The remainder of the morning was devoted to committee reports; and to voting upon the recommendations presented by Florence Houston, R, as chairman of the state recommendations group.

Election of officers was completed, resulting in the choice of: Mildred Perkins McCune, President; Ellen Hall, First Vice-President; Hazel R. Caldwell, Second Vice-President; Halle H. Dickinson,

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A model of a P. E. O. Clubmobile, displayed at the Minnesota State Convention, was made by Mrs. Mildred McCune (newly elected state president), Fairmont, and her husband. Shown in the picture taken during convention, May 4, from

left to right, are Mrs. McCune, Mrs. Gertrude Tomhave, Corresponding Secretary of Supreme Chapter, and Miss Mary Bones, Minneapolis, who appeared on the program as an accompanist.



IOWA

STATE

CHAPTER

Convention



THE FIFTY-SECOND annual convention of Iowa State Chapter was held in Marshalltown, May 16, 17, 1944. Technically it was the sixty-first annual convention held by Iowa P. E. O.'s — the first formal P. E. O. convention was held in Bloomfield in the parlor of the Methodist parsonage, the home of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Corkhill and their family; the date October, 1883.

It was the "Grand Chapter" convention before the organization of state chapters.

The convention of 1944 met in the Odeon theater, a short block from the Tallcorn hotel which was convention headquarters.

The fifteen chapters that constitute Group 12 were hostesses — the four chapters in Ames, two Newton chapters, and one chapter in all of the nearby towns: Nevada, Grundy Center, Prairie City, Colfax, Monroe, Marshalltown, State Center, Reinbeck, and Story City.

The first meeting of the convention session was Memorial Hour held for 177 members who had died during the year. These absent ones were more than half as many as there were members present in the delegation. It was much the longest list of any of the year.

Gail Page, junior past state president, presided and gave the memorial, under the title "In Remembrance."

Maude Cooper led devotions and read St. Paul's exposition on immortality from I Corinthians: 15.

Bernice Bateson read the committee's memorial resolutions.

Jane E. Stinson in lovely phrase dedicated a floral star to the great company of the blessed for whom the hour was given.

Florence E. Bennett gave tribute to the life and work of three past state presidents who had died during the year: Cornelia J. Sawyer, Jessie Hollingsworth and May Brooks Snider, all of them widely known in P. E. O. for the service they had given.

The music for the hour was furnished by Dorothy Schindler, violin and Dorothy L. Boardman, piano.

Julia Brennan sang *My Song to You* with Blanche Tank at the piano.

An interesting innovation in several of this year's conventions is that the Memorial Hour has been arranged and given by past state presidents whose work in the state has given them personal acquaintance with those on the memorial list.

The first business meeting was called to order in the early afternoon of May 16. The salute to the Flag was led by Mrs. Louise M. Henely followed by the hymn, *God of Our Fathers*, with piano and cornet accompaniment by Mrs. Blanche Tank and Mrs. Charles Sloane. Mrs. Kathryn Matthews directed the assembly singing.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Young, state president, in her greeting quoted a part of James Whitcomb Riley's poem *Just to Be Glad*, and all of the convention atmosphere, under Mrs. Young's leadership followed that

philosophy. It was not to be gay but to be happy that we could come together to consider our projects and our war effort and plan for further progress.

Laura Storms Knapp, Iowa's representative on the Supreme Chapter board, led devotions. She read a collect of Scripture from the prophet Micah, the fourth and fifth chapters, in which are the familiar words about "the swords into plowshares" and that other about "what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God." Mrs. Knapp credited Ruth Hayes of Chapter A, New Haven, Conn. with the collect. It would be well if all the peoples of the world read those two chapters, Micah fourth and fifth.

A quorum was established by the report of Frances Wheeler that credentials had been filed by delegates from 242 of Iowa's 250 chapters.

Upon recommendation of the dispensations committee, Mildred Shaffer reporting, charters were granted to Chapter IW, Mason City, and IX, Waterloo.

The state organizer, Beatrice Lee Thomas, presented the chapters to the state; Laura Storms Knapp, Supreme Chapter organizer, presented the charters and Carrie B. Simpson (Mrs. H. E.) President of Supreme Chapter, welcomed the chapters into the Sisterhood. Responses to all of this were given by the two chapter presidents, Helen Strahan, IW, and May Logan, IX.

The delegation stood to sing *Blest Be the Tie* and the ceremony was over.

Formal presentation was made of the two Supreme Chapter officers present, Mrs. Simpson, the president Mrs. Knapp, organizer; Dr. Marjorie Mitchell, president of Cottey College, also were presented the Editor of the *RECORD*, the state board and the eleven past state presidents, among them a past Supreme Chapter president Flora Chester Herring. Mrs. Josephine O. Talley, general chairman, took a bow with generous applause.

Katherine C. Hughes, first vice-president of the state chapter made report on Iowa P. E. O.'s contribution to the war effort. Bonds purchased by individual members totaled almost six million dollars; contributions to war activities exceeded \$40,000; in addition \$2,000 was given to the United Victory fund. Iowa P. E. O. families have 2,769 men in service and 6,487 members are engaged in some specific service at home.

Lucille McMahon of Chapter BB, Marshalltown, conducted a brief recognition service honoring members of P. E. O. families in service. Practically all in convention rose, representing families having men in the armed forces. The brief recognition closed as Mrs. Jane Fay sang *The Prayer Perfect*.

The address of the morning was given by Dr. Mitchell on the theme "Problems in Educating Women Now."

Her line of thought was practical, sane and forthright. She is an educator who keeps abreast with the time and its emergencies and yet holds to sound principles in education.

The model meeting under the direction of Mrs. Thomas, the organizer, was demonstrated by Chapter DQ, Reinbeck, Dorothy Ramsey, president, presiding. All of it was well done. Mrs. Martha Bonacker was a real initiate in the meeting.

The social function of the convention was the guest dinner held in the Coliseum.

The after-dinner program included a welcome by Belle Besser, past state president, a member of one of the hostess chapters with a response by Mrs. Hughes of the state board.

The main address of the evening was given by Mrs. Simpson on the subject "We Seek Understanding." Mrs. Simpson is a charming speaker both in her stage presence and in what she has to say.

Dr. Mitchell, a gifted after-dinner

story teller, had a line of them as her part on the program.

Mrs. Reeves gave the closing talk on the program.

The program opened with the first stanza of the National Hymn and closed with the second stanza.

Musical numbers were given: piano, Wanda Gravett; violin, Dorothea S. Schindler; voice, Julia Brennan and Jane Fay.

On the second morning of convention, there was a delightful curtain-raiser, so to speak. It was in recognition of a Norwegian national holiday which falls on May 17. Many of Iowa's substantial citizens are descendants of pioneers who came from the Scandinavian countries.

The program feature was a group of songs of Norway sung by Mrs. Jeanette Henderson of Chapter FZ, Story City. She wore an authentic costume and had with it all the mannerisms of a Norwegian girl, and a very pretty one she was, as she sang. Anna Jacobson of Chapter FZ was the understanding accompanist.

The devotions of the morning led by Loretta H. Jones were on the theme "Abide" — The Bible encyclopedia shows how frequently that word appears. It was a helpful lesson.

The chief order of the day was the report of state officers.

Mrs. Young in her report as president said: "Heaviest duties in retrospect give our greatest happiness". If that be true Mrs. Young should be very happy for to be president of a state whose membership approaches 13,000 with 250 chapters, is no sinecure. She was a careful officer, a friendly presiding officer, careful in timing her program, omitting nothing, careful in parliamentary procedure. She was a good president in our American use of the word "good."

The first vice-president, Mrs. Hughes, had inspected 27 chapters; the second vice-president, Mrs. Turnbull, had fostered interest in the college and the fund; Mrs. Thomas inspected 53 chapters and organized two; Mrs. Snyder, recording secretary, was on trial, as it were, during the two days in which her chief work was well done. Mrs. Stinson as corresponding secretary, in addition to the statistical report, had done an interesting extra having compiled a history of the 48 women who have been president of Iowa state chapter. She had assisted in the compiling of the history of 34 Iowans who became president of other state chapters. Of these, six were presidents of Minnesota.

To be treasurer of so large a P. E. O. state as Iowa one has to be a more or less professional bookkeeper which Mrs. Smythe proved to be.

Iowa has much interest in the Sarah Porter Beckwith P. E. O. Home and its sixteen guests. The support of a Home, by a state with a membership of more than 12,000, with a guest list of sixteen in the home, is comparatively easy financially; even so, it takes careful planning.

Following the death of Mrs. Cornelia J. Sawyer, who had been president of the board, Mrs. Mabel Duree was made chairman. Her report, a part of which we shall publish after the printed minutes are issued.

Mrs. Lucy Beyer Engelbeck, who has been treasurer of the Home since the beginning, gave a detailed financial report. The total income for the year was \$11,644.16. One especially appreciated gift was a \$500 war bond sent by Mr. Harry Stewart of El Paso, Texas, a brother of Ella Stewart, P. E. O. Founder. Mr. Stewart has also made generous gifts to the Memorial Library furnishings.

Mrs. Engelbeck also reported on the Welfare fund that the total gifts were \$3579.22 with an expenditure in aid given of \$2,005.

All of the board was introduced: Lou C. McHenry, honorary member, Mabel Duree, chairman, Lucy Engelbeck, Belle Besser, Gail Page.

Mrs. Florence Mack, Chapter EP, Storm Lake, matron of the Home, gave a delightful word picture of a day in the Home. She said that the guests are young in spirit if not in years. The day begins with a devotional period. They read modern books, listen to the radio, have certain light tasks as setting the table and care of their rooms. During the year they have had a project, knitting and crocheting shoulder shawls and other articles which are sold. The money, after materials are paid for, is used about the home itself. They earned \$360 which was used in re-decorating the living room and parlor. They had an exhibit at convention and took many orders. Mrs. Mack is an ideal person for her task.

The election of officers, Norma B. Stafford, chairman of tellers, resulted in the choice of:

President, Mrs. Katherine C. Hughes; First Vice President, Mrs. Beatrice L. Thomas; Second Vice President, Mrs. Josephine O. Talley; Organizer, Mrs. Sara S. Smythe; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jean Turnbull; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs.

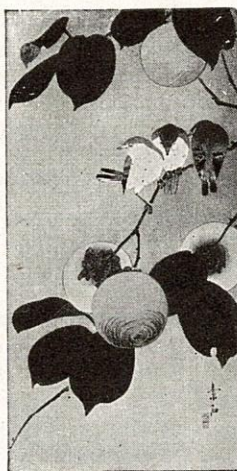
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CALIFORNIA

☆ STATE

☆ CHAPTER

☆ CONVENTION



THE FORTY-FIRST annual convention of the California state chapter was held in the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, May 10, 11, 1944, Martina M. Smith, state president, presiding.

A wartime convention it was, dedicated in its program "To all who serve their country at home and abroad."

The hostess chapters were GB, GU, HK, HQ, HX, Los Angeles; GC, Hollywood; GZ, North Hollywood; GQ, HN, Inglewood and HZ, Redondo Beach.

Official headquarters was the Biltmore hotel.

The convention was the largest of the 32 states numerically, since California has a larger number of chapters than any other state. Added to this, is that hundreds of members from all parts of the nation live in California.

The first meeting of the session was held on the afternoon of May 10.

A brief patriotic prelude was a piano arrangement of *The Star Spangled Banner* played by Dorothy Smith and the Flag salute led by Helen Roblee.

The president's greeting by Mrs. Smith was characteristically earnest, straight forward and friendly. She was all of that during convention days, together with an orderly, unhurried attitude which kept the business of convention up to time.

Devotions were led by Marian Stevenson who read Romans 12, which is St. Paul's admonition to do right and attend to business — not a bad admonition for a war period. For the prayer she read the prayer of General Washington, brief and inclusive for today, as it was for Revolutionary days.

Mary Wallis sang *The Prayer Perfect* the lyric by James Whitcomb Riley.

Mabel Jessup, general chairman of convention, gave the formal welcome to which Louise H. Bailey, first vice president, gave response.

The credential committee, Rosemary Spear, chairman, in its report established a quorum in that 287 of the state's 295 chapters, were represented. The total members of convention 315.

Dorothy L. Weller, first vice president of Supreme Chapter, was presented as the guest of honor, as was the Editor of the P. E. O. RECORD.

Mrs. Smith presented her state board: Louise H. Bailey, Bess M. Stoner, Anna C. Locey, Priscilla A. Shipp, Ina R. Fox, Eleanor B. Nichols. Past state presidents of California and five past presidents of other states were introduced. Many others were also presented.

The reports of state officers showed a volume of work done commensurate with the size of the state.

That Mrs. Smith, the president, had written 3000 letters is but one item of measure. She had served her state well.

Mrs. Bailey as first vice president had inspected thirty-five chapters, assisting the organizer and had promoted interest in the two educational projects.

Mrs. Stoner, second vice president, had inspected 28 chapters assisting the organizer. Large states of necessity divide the inspection.

Mrs. Locey as organizer had inspected thirty-eight chapters and had examined 295 sets of bylaws. While there had been six inquiries concerning new chapters none were organized due to the time and conditions.

Technically the recording secretary, Mrs. Shipp, reported three times daily in well written minutes.

Mrs. Fox, the corresponding sec-

retary, reported the California membership as 9,895 in 295 chapters. The gain in members during the year 492, of these 66 were initiates. Mrs. Fox had also compiled a brief history of the past state presidents and had listed those who had been members for fifty or more years.

Mrs. Nichols, state treasurer, had a ten page brochure printed, giving a detailed report of the various funds handled by the treasurer. The total assets are \$54,454.19 of which \$13,758.13 is in Government securities.

None of the officers' reports exceeded three minutes of time in their reading.

Mrs. Grayce B. Perk reported for the history committee which has eleven bound volumes of state history, in local chapter divisions. They are kept in the P. E. O. Chapter House. One volume contains the history of projects, reciprocity bureaus and past state presidents. A future volume will contain a record of war work done and of California members in uniform.

No report is heard with greater interest than that of Anna S. Robbins, Executive Secretary and house mother of the P. E. O. Chapter House. There are fifty residents, nine of whom are in the Rest Cottage requiring nurse's care. The oldest member of the family is 95 years. For eleven years the home has been maintained and in that period 82 have been guests in it.

Mabel Jessup, chairman of the board of trustees, reported \$3,650 given by individuals in sums ranging from two \$1,000 gifts to a \$100 gift in a will bequest.

She reported the purchase of property adjoining the Chapter House grounds, which is to be called the Anna S. Robbins unit of the P. E. O. Home.

Mayla G. Sandbeck, treasurer, reported the receipts for the year to have been \$30,713.80 and the disbursement \$21,776.32. The five members of the household of the Chapter House who were present were given generous applause when introduced.

The music of the afternoon was a brilliant number *Rhapsody* by Demarest, played by Helen Willey, piano, and Mildred B. Cobb at the pipe organ.

The Memorial Hour, Besse M. Stoner presiding, was held for 115 who had died during the year. Special tribute was paid by Matie A. Carleton, to four of that number

who had been members for a half century.

Mrs. Stoner gave a meditation "Light." Margaret Crist Omelich sang *Lead Kindly Light* and Mildred B. Cobb played the organ prelude and postlude.

The meeting of the evening of the first day followed a formal dinner and was held in the ballroom of the Biltmore. The boxes, the gallery and every available space on the ballroom floor was filled, with a goodly number standing.

The address of the evening was given by Mrs. Weller, who is California's representative on the Supreme Chapter board. Her subject, "A Diamond Trail." You will be reading with pleasure, its full text in a future issue of *The RECORD*.

The music of the evening was of exceptionally high order. A group of numbers was given by Dorothy Simpson Smith, Chapter BJ, Whittier, a concert pianist. She was born in Calcutta, India, a graduate in music with high honors from Trinity College of Music, London, and from the Royal Academy of Music. She was graduated with highest honors held by any student of music in the Empire.

Elizabeth M. Biehl gave a group of contralto numbers, with Dr. Mary Carr Moore accompanist and composer of the music.

Mrs. Biehl also sang a number of her own composition, Fae Lyman at the piano.

Jennie Donhove Vinje gave a group of songs of Norway — in costume with Eva Kurtz Ghrist accompanist. Four very interesting reports of projects were given. Mary Jane Kettels, reported \$1,742.98 in the Welfare and Relief fund of which she is chairman. Beryl Munkelt reported for the Cotter college scholarship committee that Joanne Mary Crothers was awarded the Margaret Rominger scholarship; Joan Kennick received the Anna Randolph Pope scholarship; Mary Elizabeth Crothers has the Blanche Pope Neal award. Karen Perk, a scholarship girl, will return next year for her second year and Lucille Broderon is enrolled for 1944-45. Mrs. Pope and her daughter Mrs. Neal each very generously gave money for their awards, both last year and this year.

Mrs. Louise H. Bailey reported on California's work for the two educational projects, the Fund and the College. She spoke particularly of the demand that will be made on the loan fund after the war,

when young women in uniform resume their interrupted college training.

Seven California girls were enrolled in Cotter college in the year 1943-44.

Ruth Sheriffs gave a very interesting report of activities of P. E. O.'s in war work. From that report we shall quote in a later issue of the *RECORD*. Her statistical report showed \$4,045.50 given to the United Victory fund; \$68,883.20 given to Red Cross and other funds and \$7,617,546 invested in bonds.

An informal reception closed the activities of a full but very happy day.

The morning of the second day opened with the model meeting demonstrated by Chapter GQ of Inglewood under the direction of Anna C. Locey, organizer.

An interesting innovation was that the devotional period of the model meeting furnished devotions of the morning for convention.

The meeting was exceptionally well conducted and was the chief order of the morning. We are sorry not to have the names of those who had part in it.

Convention committee reports were given. Ruth White, past state president, gave the budget report in which she said that for the six years the state had worked under a budget it had every year stayed within its allotments. This year the unused balance was \$1,471.29. Upon Mrs. White's recommendation this was apportioned: \$100 for refurnishing the California suite at Cotter college; \$500 to create a fund for the development of the property newly acquired for the P. E. O. Chapter House; that the remainder of the surplus \$871.29 be given to the P. E. O. United Victory Fund.

The report of the Finance committee, Bess B. Grier, chairman, approved the budget committee and other allotments asked for from the state treasury funds, totaling \$3,842.82.

P. E. O. is everywhere on a sound financial basis; it has money, and accounts for it as carefully as a banking institution. Few if any other woman's organization has so sound a policy in its every department.

Barbara Coleman reported for the transportation committee, one peculiar to California. Because of the great length of the state, bylaw provision is made for the equalization of transportation expense of

delegates to conventions. This year \$908.81 was paid toward expense of delegates who came long distances to Los Angeles.

Mrs. Reeves spoke at the close of the morning session with a word of apology for having but one convention speech for the year, "The Echo and the Song."

The musical number for the morning was an organ solo *Pièce Heroïque* by Cesar Franck played by Mildred B. Cobb.

As the guards and pages came down the aisle at the beginning of the closing meeting of the session there was a generous round of applause, for their good looks as well as for the fine service they had given.

The important order of the afternoon was election of officers which resulted in the choice:

President, Louise H. Bailey (Mrs. J. S.); first vice pres., Anna C. Locey (Mrs. H. C.); sec. vice pres., Ina R. Fox (Mrs. A. E.); organizer, Bess M. Stoner (Mrs. S. C.); recording sec., Eleanor Nichols (Mrs. F. M.); corresponding sec., Mabel Jessup (Mrs. J. G.); treasurer, Rosemary Spear (Mrs. J. L.).

An invitation to the convention to meet in 1945 in San Francisco was sung by a group from "San Francisco and the Red Wood Empire." The lines were bright and the tune catchy, so got a generous hand as well as a unanimous acceptance.

Eight chapters of San Francisco, AJ, Sabastopol, CH, HJ and JO of Santa Rosa are to be the hostess chapters. Attractive invitation folders, the cover done in water color pictures of red woods opened to a picture of the golden gate, done under the direction of the Santa Rosa high school art teacher, Clara R. S. Waters, Chapter JO.

Proposed amendments to the bylaws were presented by Leah Shirey and had to do largely with the rewording of present laws due to changed conditions. Maud Wagner in the report of the courtesy committee forgot no one who had contributed to the convention's success.

Mrs. Weller answered questions from the question box with accuracy and as always with legal backing.

There was lovely music in the closing hours, a string trio played two numbers: violin, Margaret R. Newcomb; cello, Dolly R. Jackson; piano, Genevieve H. Dart.

The trio also played the accom-

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SOUTH DAKOTA

STATE CHAPTER CONVENTION

Reported by PEARLE HOFFMAN,
Chapter Y

*"Here we come on Broncos wild
Branded AT, AY, AR, N, Y & L
To tell you that in '44
Belle Fourche opens wide her door
Sisters, give us your attention,
We invite you to convention."*

IN RESPONSE to this invitation of western hospitality, the twenty-eighth annual convention of South Dakota State Chapter was held in Belle Fourche, May 8, 9 and 10, 1944. The hostess chapters were: L, Lead; N, Spearfish; Y, Deadwood; AR, Lead; AT, Belle Fourche; and AY, Sturgis, all of which are located in the beautiful northern Black Hills.

Convention headquarters were at the Don Pratt Hotel and most of the officers and delegates were housed there, while others were guests at the Hampton Hotel.

The first morning was occupied with executive meetings and registration. Each delegate was presented with an attractive hand made yellow envelope, decorated with a block print with a western motif, which contained their convention supplies.

The State Presidents' Luncheon and the Fidelis Luncheon were served at the Don Pratt Hotel.

All business sessions were held in the auditorium of the Methodist Church, located near the hotel. Mrs. Constance A. Robertus, charming and beloved president of South Dakota State Chapter, presided at all sessions.

The opening meeting at 4:15 p.m. May 8th, was the Hour of Remembrance, Mrs. Ruth Caille, BC, presiding. The church was decorated with pine boughs laden with cones, which together with large baskets of white snapdragons and a tall candelabrum made a lovely setting for the service.

Prelude — Arioso Bach
Marjorie Mortimer
Scripture Reading .. Maylou R. Amunson, H
The Lord's Prayer Malotte
P. E. O. Trio
Elvera McMaster — Marjorie Mortimer
Margaret O'Donnell
Jean Lindsay, Accompanist
To Our Founders Ruth Jones

There is no Death O'Hara
Memorial Choir
Memorial Message Ruth K. Caille
Violin Solo — Adoration Borowski
Marian Sherman
We Hold in Loving Remembrance
Hazel Gilbert
Elizabeth Browne, B; Alice Hohf, K;
Jessie M. Martin, M; Anna Fasteneau, N;
Clarice Nelson, P; Edna May Robinson, R;
Evangeline Schwartz, S; Ramona Hubbard,
V; Mildred Grieg, V; Helfrid Guptill,
AA; Bess Townsend, AJ; Ruth Friedhoff,
AQ; Maude W. R. Boyce, AQ; Edna
Morris, AQ
Benediction —
Postlude — Etude Chopin
Marjorie Mortimer

The formal social function was the banquet at the Episcopal Guild Hall. The western motif prevailed in table decorations and favors.

At 8:15, with Mrs. Marjorie Mortimer at the piano, guards and pages leading, the processional of honor guests, past state presidents and state officers proceeded down the main aisle to the platform for the first business meeting of the convention.

Mrs. Constance Robertus in her greeting as president, announced the Convention theme, Faith in Tomorrow, and dedicated the program to the Founders of our beloved Sisterhood whose seventy-fifth anniversary on January 21st, last, was celebrated by all P. E. O. Chapters.

A cordial welcome from hostess chapters was extended by Mrs. Mary Smiley, AT, general convention chairman, and the gracious response was made by Mrs. Ruth K. Caille, first vice-president of South Dakota State Chapter.

Mrs. Robertus introduced the honor guests, Mrs. Bessie R. Raney, second vice-president of Supreme Chapter and Mrs. Ruth Reed Stewart, member board of trustees, educational fund, who were received with enthusiasm.

The state presidents of other years were introduced by Mrs. Mary C. Sheild, in her own clever and winning way.

With words of commendation, Mrs.

Robertus presented her state board: first vice-president, Mrs. Ruth K. Caille; second vice-president, Mrs. Maylou Amunson; organizer, Mrs. Margaret Lamont; recording secretary, Mrs. Henrietta Smiley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Hazel Hoy; treasurer, Mrs. Lerena F. Levinger.

Two violin numbers were played by Mrs. Marian M. Sherman, with Mrs. Virginia Malcolm at the piano.

Devotions were lead by Mrs. Berenice Woodburn, N, who read from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, after which Mrs. Lucille Stewart, AR, sang the American Prayer with Mrs. Cecile Schoen, AR, accompanist.

A quorum was established by the report of the credential committee, Mrs. Edith C. Blatchford, M, chairman, who reported that 48 chapters of the 54 chapters in the state were represented by registered delegates.

Mrs. Constance Robertus, presiding, declared the convention formally opened.

A charming rendition of "The White Cliffs" by Alice Duer Miller was given by Mrs. Louise G. Curran, L, assisted by Mrs. Lucille Stewart, AR, accompanied by Mrs. Cecile Schoen, AR.

Tuesday morning's devotions were conducted by Mrs. Lillian Wright, AO, who read the 100th Psalm and led in prayer.

Greetings that carried kind wishes were received from Mrs. Carrie B. Simpson, president of Supreme Chapter; Mrs. Gertrude Tomhave, corresponding secretary of Supreme Chapter; Mrs. Hazel E. Hine, executive secretary; absent past state presidents and state chapters.

The reports of each of the state officers expressed joy of service and showed duties well done.

The convention enjoyed an original poem entitled, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" by Mrs. Aline Mitchell, BA, which included our history of yesterday, work of today and hopes of tomorrow. This was so well

liked that she was asked if we might have the poem for the reciprocity bureau to be available for all chapters.

Mrs. Bessie R. Raney delighted the convention at this session as at every other time she appeared before them. She gave a very helpful address, What P. E. O. Means to Me. She stressed cooperation, love, and responsibility.

The program for the afternoon opened with the model meeting presented by Chapter AY, Sturgis, given under the supervision of Mrs. Margaret Lamont, organizer. It won praise from all for the efficient way in which the officers performed their duties and the review of all types of chapter business.

Resumé of presidents' letters by Mrs. Marie Haskins, Q, showed a healthy condition in chapter life with an ever growing understanding of the true meaning of the Sisterhood.

An invitation cleverly presented by Mrs. Lucille Hatz for Group VII to hold the next convention at Yankton, was accepted.

Splendid reports were given on Chapter By-Laws by Mrs. Margaret Lamont, and Welfare and Trust Fund Board by Miss Mary Chivers.

Mrs. Stella Pilger, historian, gave an interesting report telling of gathering chapter records, and her desire to keep them up to date and always available for reference.

A fine report was given by Mrs. Lucy Bellamy, Q, on South Dakota P. E. O. War activities, which revealed that the Sisterhood has certainly done its part well.

Tuesday evening we forgot business and enjoyed to the fullest extent the "Chuck Wagon Feed" served by the Belle Fourche B. I. L.'s at the attractive outdoor city park. The weather was ideal. In addition to those attending convention, there was a large attendance of P. E. O.'s and B. I. L.'s from all parts of the Black Hills. While the guests, many of whom were dressed in western costume, were seated at the picnic tables, they were entertained by the members of the Bit and Spur Club of Belle Fourche, who put their excellent horses through their paces. The fancy riding was especially liked by the visitors. The Belle Fourche High School Cowboy Band in white chaps, white ten gallon hats and bright shirts provided music during the horse show events.

The evening session opened at 8:15, and the convention was pleased and helped by the Educational Hour in charge of Mrs. Maylou Amunson, second vice-president.

A sketch entitled, "Let's talk about. . . .," presented by Mrs. Maylou Amunson and Mrs. Ruth Reed Stewart, gave us interesting facts about our Educational Fund.

Mrs. Lenette Kramer gave a complete report of Cottey College Scholarship Committee, and announced that Georgia Dunmire of Lead, is the winner of the 1944-45 Cottey College Scholarship Award. Later, the convention voted that the South Dakota Chapter should award Cottey College Scholarships amounting to \$400.00 to two South Dakota girls for the year 1945-46, the beneficiaries to be selected by the Cottey College Scholarship Committee. The scholarships will be divided between the two girls at the discretion of the committee.

The inspirational address, "The Cross Roads" by Mrs. Bessie R. Raney, will always be remembered by those who heard it. She referred to each of the seventy-five years of our Sisterhood, as sign posts of steady progress along the road to greater accomplishment and love for one another, and said that there is no end to this road.

Election of officers resulted as follows: president, Mrs. Ruth K. Caille; first vice-president, Mrs. Maylou R. Amunson; second vice-president, Mrs. Margaret Lamont; organizer, Mrs. Henrietta Smiley; recording secretary, Mrs. Lereña F. Levinger; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Hazel Hoy; treasurer, Miss Mary Chivers.

While ballots were being counted, Mrs. Raney answered the many questions in the question box, rapidly and to the satisfaction of everyone.

At the final session, Mrs. Constance Austin, V, conducted devotions. She read the 27th Psalm and closed with our National Prayer for Peace.

The final reports of convention committees were given and all routine business completed.

In her closing remarks, Mrs. Robertus lovingly thanked her board and the past presidents for their support and paid special tribute to her own Chapter W, for the loyalty and understanding of its members.

Mrs. Raney installed the officers and presented Mrs. Robertus with the past president's credential, a symbol of honor and of work well done.

Mrs. Caille, the new president, pledged her loyalty to the task before her, after which she formally closed a convention that will long be

cherished in our treasure chest of memories, and then all joined hands, formed a huge circle around the room, and sang Auld Lang Syne.

CONVENTION NOTES

It was a privilege to have two honor guests in convention, Mrs. Bessie R. Raney, Second Vice-President of Supreme Chapter, who is possessed of a rich P. E. O. experience and an inspiring philosophy of life, with a gracious way of imparting it, and our own Mrs. Ruth Reed Stewart, member Board of Trustees Educational Fund, who, as always, gave of her dignity and charm.

At every session, convention songs were sung with enthusiasm, Margaret C. O'Donnell, leading, with Marjorie Mortimer and Cecile Schoen, accompanists.

The Convention Chorus composed of members from the six hostess chapters, under the direction of Margaret O'Donnell, added greatly to the beauty and impressiveness of the Memorial Hour.

Much credit is due Mrs. Mary Smiley, AT, and her efficient committee for a well planned and enjoyable convention.

ELIZABETH CLAY 1862 — 1944

Elizabeth Clay, a past president of Washington State Chapter, died early in this year.

She was initiated in H, Holdredge, Neb., September 1895. She later moved to Everett, Wash., and became a charter member of Chapter Q in that city. She worked with Mrs. Lulu Patrick in assembling the charter list both having been members of H, Holdredge.

In 1912 Mrs. Clay was elected recording secretary of Washington State Chapter; the following year she was elected organizer and in 1914, president.

She was a member of P. E. O. for forty-nine years. A member well beloved and one who gave much service to P. E. O.—Grace Beatty, Q, Wash.

I believe that thrift is essential to well-ordered living; and that economy is a prime requisite of a sound financial structure, whether in government, business, or personal affairs. I believe in the soundness of a promise, that a man's word should be as good as his bond; that character — not wealth or power or position — is of supreme worth.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

NEW JERSEY

State Chapter Convention

Reported by **BLANCHE PERRINE, B, New Jersey**



THE SECOND ANNUAL convention of the New Jersey State Chapter was held May 3 at East Orange, at the First Presbyterian Church. Chapters C and L were hostess chapters. Mrs. Violet Day is president of Chapter C and Mrs. Reta Morgan is president of Chapter L.

In keeping with the times the entire proceedings of the convention were carried out in one day, a tremendous undertaking for all those who bore the responsibility. Praise and gratitude are due our State President Nina T. Hughes, her executive board and the various committees who worked with her to make the second state convention a success.

Mrs. Helen Uredenburgh, general chairman of convention, and the hostess committees provided comfort and satisfaction throughout the day for their guests.

The official program began at 9:30 A. M. with the procession of officers and honor guests, Mrs. Lelah Nesbitt at the piano. Mrs. Hughes introduced Lieutenant Dorothy Beckwith, assistant personnel procurement officer for men and women for the United States Coast Guard. Lieutenant Beckwith spoke on Our Flag and led the assembly in the salute to the flag, followed by singing the National Anthem. Lieutenant Beckwith is a member of Chapter K, New York, and is the daughter of Mrs. Mabel Beckwith Chapter B, New Jersey.

Mrs. Elizabeth Prewitt led the devotions, and gave an inspiring talk, Walk With the Spirit. Miss Anne Armstrong, chairman of the credentials committee, reported 28 delegates and 68 visitors.

The president paid tribute to our Founders and dedicated the convention to them.

Mrs. Carrie Simpson was graciously introduced. The audience saluted her with a song to our P. E. O. sister from Dakota. We were delighted to welcome Mrs. Simpson for we cherish

the memories of her visit to New Jersey when she was Supreme Chapter Organizer. At that time she urged us to "keep up the good work ever looking forward to a State Chapter".

Our second honor guest, Mrs. Lucille Shields, was introduced. We welcomed her not only as a member of the board of trustees of the P. E. O. RECORD but as a good neighbor from across the Hudson River. Her loyalty to New Jersey P. E. O.'s has not waned through the twenty-seven years in which the Sisterhood has been growing in this state.

In introducing her state board, Mrs. Hughes expressed her affection and appreciation of each one by using two key words, the beginnings of which were the initials of the state officer.

Four state officers from New York were guests: Mrs. Fay T. Frisch, president; Mrs. Beatrice Leach, first vice president; Mrs. Gladys Kivell, organizer; Mrs. Lucretia Moeller, treasurer.

Mrs. Jessie Esch, president, and Mrs. John Trent, past president, of the Bronxville chapter were present.

Besides these out of state guests the president welcomed guests from Staten Island, Connecticut, Illinois, Minnesota, and Nebraska.

The wives and mothers of men or women in the armed forces were asked to rise to accept the tribute of the convention.

Mrs. Violet Day, president of Chapter C, gave the address of welcome and Mrs. Cleo Scott Findley, 2nd vice president responded to the welcome.

Miss Mildred Reid sang a group of numbers with Mrs. Lelah Nesbitt at the piano.

Following the reports of the state officers and the various committee reports, Mrs. Hughes introduced Dr. Helen M. Walker, Professor of Education, Columbia University, who spoke on The Challenge of National Crisis to Women. Dr. Walker is a

third generation P. E. O. Her address was enthusiastically received. In reviewing the progress women have made she said, "We find it has been during periods of social tension such as the one we are in now, that influential groups of women have been formed. Such a group was the P. E. O. Sisterhood formed following the Civil War."

Mrs. Elizabeth Butcher and Mrs. Elva Walton, B, presented the Quiz Kids' March of Dimes over the Yellow and White Net Work of station P. E. O, East Orange, N. J. They urged us to send in questions for these babe-in-arms brain-busters who were sisters from several chapters. For every question used they promised the sender a strong interest in New Jersey's Welfare Fund. For every question muffed, they received an additional interest in all our P. E. O. projects plus a vast fund of information about our constitution.

If a child gave a wrong answer to a question she paid the required number of dimes into the State Welfare Fund. Each child received a \$100.00 Bond of interest in P. E. O. projects. The Welfare Fund was richer by seven dollars for this skit.

Mrs. Hughes called for the correspondence and Mrs. Florence Anderson, corresponding secretary, read letters from Mrs. Blanche Walker, Past President of Supreme Chapter, Mrs. Bessie Raney, 2nd Vice President and letters from twenty state chapters.

The afternoon session was called to order by the president at 1:30 P. M. Following the singing of a convention song, we enjoyed two harp solos by Miss Dorothy Coy, D.

Mrs. Cleo Scott Findley gave a report on chapter letters received.

Mrs. Donna Walker, president of the New Jersey Reciprocity group reported successful monthly luncheons and business meetings. Stimulating

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PENNSYLVANIA

STATE CHAPTER



CONVENTION

IN THE CIVIC CENTER of Pittsburgh, noted for its cultural and educational facilities, the sixth annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Chapter was held May 4, and 5, 1944, with Chapter G as hostess. Mrs. Llyra Thompson, general chairman of convention, was assisted by an efficiently organized chapter.

The convention theme was one of action. Two simple little words, "Carry On" were elaborated by quotations of wisdom handed down from a previous century; "When Duty whispers low 'Thou must', the youth replies 'I can'." Our particular duty may lack glamour but "the humblest of us may be found serving in the great army which achieves the welfare of the world.

All sessions of the convention were held in the Hotel Schenley. Registration and committee meetings occupied the afternoon of May 4. Prior to the informal dinner at 6:30, the Friendship Hour gave opportunity for renewing friendships and making new acquaintances. Mrs. Marion Blaine, president of the state chapter, assisted by Mrs. Helen Ryman, presided during the program following the dinner. Mrs. Agatha Godfriaux, president of Chapter G, implying that a P. E. O. convention is similar in value to a happy family reunion, enthusiastically welcomed the guest of honor, Mrs. Carrie B. Simpson, and all who were present. Mrs. Ellen Johnston, state recording secretary, responded to the welcome, assuring Chapter G of appreciation of its hospitality.

Mrs. Blaine introduced Mrs. Simpson, who spoke of her pleasure in being present at the convention of a state chapter which she had organized six years before in New Castle. Miss Martha McFall entertained with two songs, accompanied by Miss Marion Cohen and Mrs.

Mildred Keesey, state corresponding secretary, played two piano numbers.

With words of commendation for each one, Mrs. Blaine introduced the members of the state board and the past presidents: Mrs. Inez Showers, first vice-president; Mrs. Yolande Judge, second vice-president; Miss Olivia Griffiths, organizer; Mrs. Ellen Johnston, recording secretary; Mrs. Mildred Keesey, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Titzel, treasurer; Mrs. Ruth Burlingame, junior past president; Mrs. Esther Rall, B; Mrs. Amy Coleman, F; Mrs. Gussie Gordon, B; and Mrs. Myfawny McNeill, A. Mrs. McNeill, first president of the state chapter, spoke with sincerity of P. E. O. ideals, listing "Love" as the most enduring of all.

Following the dinner program, the convention was called to order in the French Room. The delegation stood in salute to the flag, led by Mrs. Edna Batz, G, followed by convention singing America the Beautiful. Mrs. Agatha Godfriaux, G, as chairman of the credentials committee, reported a quorum present and the sixth annual convention was officially opened.

The model meeting was presented by Chapter A under the supervision of the organizer, Miss Olivia Griffiths. More than twenty members of Chapter A came from New Castle to be present in the model meeting. It was conducted in a business-like way by the president, Miss Martha McGill, with Miss Nannie Mitcheltree, a charter member of the 41 year old chapter,

serving as the candidate for admission.

A convention always awaits with interest a message from the president of Supreme Chapter. Mrs. Simpson used the words "We Go Forward" as her subject. "Our objects and aims mean advancement. P. E. O. goes forward, augmented by force of numbers of individuals, plus dynamic power of the group." A copy of her complete address would be helpful to all chapters at this present time. In addition, Mrs. Simpson gave interesting details in regard to the P. E. O. clubmobiles in service overseas.

Mrs. Yolande Judge, second vice-president reported on Our United Effort in War Work. Many phases of activity were covered in her report, all enlightening to the chapters.

The P. E. O. Victory Fund contribution of \$333.00 as reported by the treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Titzel, was augmented greatly when, preceded by guards marching up the aisle, a miniature clubmobile was brought in by a WAVE, Mrs. Mildred McCarrol, from Chapter BW, Missouri. Enthusiasm in placing gifts of money within the clubmobile was accompanied by appropriate verses, humorous or otherwise. Many gifts were made in honor of boys in service or of P. E. O.'s; the gift most significant was given in the name of Lieutenant Philip Reese, B. I. L. of Chapter C, lost in action. The total sum collected for the Victory Fund, including the original amount, was \$966.80. With 379 members in eleven chapters in Pennsylvania, this averages over \$2.55 per member and almost \$88 per chapter. It was later recommended by the state board, that two \$100 War Bonds be purchased with funds now in the state treasury.

On Friday morning, Mrs. Clara

By AMY W. COLEMAN

(Mrs. Harry S.), Past State Pres.

Weakley, E. led in repeating the Objects and Aims. Reading from the 21st Psalm, Mrs. Helen Yeomans, K, conducted the devotional exercises. Mrs. Vanita Wilder, song leader for the convention, sang "The Prayer Perfect" the words by James Whitcomb Riley. Greetings from eighteen state chapters were acknowledged by Mrs. Mildred Keesey, and messages from Mrs. Lucille Shields, New York; Mrs. Hazel Hine, Executive Secretary, and Mrs. Fredricka Browning, former member of Chapter G, were read.

Various reports, including those of state officers, were concise and informative. Our capable president, Mrs. Blaine, thoughtfully adjusted her plans to a war time era and throughout the year substituted "Round Robin" letters for meetings with her board, thus conserving travel and expense.

An educational project as outlined by Mrs. Showers, first vice-president, assisted by Miss Mary Hart, C, may make Cottey College better known in Pennsylvania. It was moved and seconded that the first delegates of this convention make personal contact with designated high schools and discuss with the principals or advisors, the availability of the P. E. O. Educational Loan Fund and the probability of students attending Cottey College. Convention moved the adoption of this plan.

After group singing, the second reading of recommendations and amendments was given by Mrs. Burlingame, junior past president. The convention moved the adoption of several changes and additions to the state by-laws and standing rules.

The convention recessed to attend The Memorial Hour.

No more beautiful place could have been chosen in which to pay tribute to two P. E. O. members than the Heinz Memorial Chapel on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. "The five windows in the chancel symbolize the virtues, charity, faith, hope, justice and wisdom. In feeling-tone from the windows, in organ tone — in the proportion and lift of the building inside and out, these values live, inspire, teach."

The following program was arranged by Mrs. Katharine Wiltbank, I.

Organ Prelude

Vocal Solo — "Leave It With Him" Ellis
Mrs. Katharine Wiltbank, I

Scripture Reading Mrs. Florence Cox, I
Tribute to Mrs. Ida J. Stiles, Chapter I
Mrs. Florence Cox, I

Hymn "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"
Tribute to Mrs. Bertha A. Zeber, Chapter B
Mrs. Eva Brush, B

Vocal Solo "There Is No Death" O'Hara
Mrs. Katharine Wiltbank, I

Benediction
Organ Postlude

In the afternoon session a resumé of chapter letters was given by Mrs. Inez Showers, first vice-president, and the committees reporting included local chapter reports, year books, courtesy, and Memorial Hour. The final report of the treasurer, report of the finance committee and final report of the credentials committee were given and on a motion of Mrs. Eva Hallock, F, the delegation voted to continue the voluntary gift of twenty-five cents per member to a special Cottey College gift fund.

With a clever poem, Mrs. Clara Diller, H, invited the convention to meet in Philadelphia in 1945; on motion of Miss Griffiths, organizer, convention accepted the invitation with appreciation.

Mrs. Diller also acted as chairman of tellers during the election which resulted in the choice of: President, Mrs. Inez Showers; First Vice-President, Mrs. Yolande Judge; Second Vice-President, Miss Olivia Griffiths; Organizer, Mrs. Ellen Johnston; Recording Secretary; Mrs. Mildred Keesey; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Titzel; Treasurer, Mrs. Helen Yeomans.

During the counting of the ballots, Mrs. Simpson read numerous questions from the question box, giving clear, concise answers. Mrs. Simpson installed the new officers and presented Mrs. Blaine with her past state president's credential.

With recognition of sincere, enthusiastic service on the state board for five years, ending with the presidency, Mrs. Burlingame, junior past president, presented a past state president's pin to Mrs. Blaine.

The new president, Mrs. Showers, took the chair with dignity and poise. Her ability is well known and with her guidance a successful year is predicted.

The formal closing of the sixth annual convention followed the singing of a farewell song, the chorus of which is:

*"Star, oh Star of P. E. O.
Service true to thee we owe,
Shining luster none shall mar,
Proud are we who honored are
On our breast to wear the star —
The star of P. E. O."*



Margaret Phelps

A New Book By Margaret Phelps

ONCE AGAIN, Chapter H, Phoenix, Arizona, has the honor of reporting a new book, *Chia and the Lambs*, from the pen of Margaret Phelps, author of *Pico of the Silver Mountain* and well-loved member of our group.

This delightful children's story which, like her first, is published by the Macrae-Smith Co., tells with rare freshness and charm of a little Navaho Indian girl and her family, notable among whom are: her mother, Mama Navaho, Toada-Bena and Toada-Lena, her aunts, and an older brother Largo who wants to become a doctor in the White Man's way.

Born and educated in Virginia, Mrs. Phelps is the wife of Judge M. T. Phelps, of the Maricopa Co. Superior Court. Their only son is in the service of his country in the South Pacific. As Past President of the Arizona Congress of Parents and Teachers and member of the American Association of University Women and Phoenix Writers' Club she numbers her friends by the score, but nowhere is she more beloved and admired than in her own P. E. O. chapter. We who know her best are happy in her success.

— Blanche M. Middleton.

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Victory with vengeance is ultimate defeat in the modern world. We can have peace or we can have revenge, but we cannot have both.—Herbert Hoover & Hugh Gibson.

★ THE P. E. O. RECORD

From The EDITOR'S DESK

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HE LEADETH ME

In "green pastures"? Not always; sometimes He.

Who knows best, in kindness leadeth me
In weary ways, where heavy shadows be,
Out of the sunshine, warm and soft and
bright,

Out of the sunshine into darkest night.
I oft would faint with sorrows and affright,
Only for this: I know he holds my hand;
So, whether led in green or desert land,
I trust, although I may not understand.
So whether on the hill-tops high and fair
I dwell, or in the sunless valleys where
The shadows lie, what matter? He is there.
And more than this; where'er the pathway
lead,

He gives to me no helpless, broken reed,
But His own hand, sufficient for my need.

—Henry H. Barry.



▶ TO ALL WHO HAVE TRAVELED this year, this description by Bruce Barton of his experience will be appreciated. It is a perfect picture and its moral altogether true.

My feet were tired from standing up in the crowded train, and maybe that affected my eyesight. Anyhow, the folks in that car seemed to me woefully unattractive.

There were men with unshaven faces, and women with disheveled hair, and babies who put their dirty fingers in their dirty little mouths. Some sprawled and slept; some snored.

Our journey ended, and we were emptied into the depot.

There, behind a rope, awaiting our arrival, were more folks, as unattractive as ourselves.

But as we came pouring through the gates, behold a miracle! The homely horde rushed upon us. Cross-eyed men clasped unkempt women to their breasts. Withered old women planted kisses upon the cheeks of homely young women, exclaiming that they were "beautiful" and calling them "my dear" and weeping tears of happiness at their arrival.

And suddenly I was ashamed of myself; and I said to my wife: "What a magnificent thought it was, on the part of God, to give every human being somebody who thinks that he or she is wonderful."



▶ WILLIAM MAKEPEACE Thackeray said this: "Nature has written a letter of credit on some men's faces which is everywhere honored."

▶ THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE going to send money, won't you send it to the right place and to the right person.

If you wish to order a copy of the directory of P. E. O. officers, the one published in May, please send to Mrs. Nell Stevenson, 2126 E. 38th St., Tulsa 15, Okla. for it, enclosing ten cents in coin or stamps.

If you wish a copy of the book, *As We Were Saying*, refer to Reader Ads, May or June RECORDS.

If you initiate a new member do not send fifty cents subscription to the Editor. Send it with annual dues before next March 1, 1945 to your state treasurer.

Read P. E. O. Supply Department Price List in the May RECORD or in the P. E. O. Directory and order from that department the things listed there.

Orders for all of these things are delayed by letters and orders sent to the wrong person.

All officers will thank you for this.



▶ DID YOU KNOW THAT the Declaration of Independence was passed in a bill in the Continental Congress on July 2, 1776 and not on July 4, the day we celebrate. Thomas Jefferson got it all down on paper and told the world about it two days later. So for 168 years we've been celebrating the wrong day and probably will continue so doing until Kingdom come.

On that second day of July only ten of the Colonies voted for it; New York did not vote, Pennsylvania and Delaware cast divided ballots. So you see from the very beginning Congress has been divided, but it is profoundly to be hoped that as in 1776, freedom and independence may win.



▶ YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE, and mine, came because on July 19, 1848, ninety-six years ago, a group of determined women met in Seneca Falls, N. Y. and said that the right of franchise *should* be

given to women. They called it woman's rights.

It has since been called a privilege, a duty — but by whatever name, it is a *must*. The franchise came to women by hard work and tears, yes, and in early years for the pioneer woman's rights groups, by the throwing of eggs and tomatoes, but they stood. Because of all of that American women can and must vote.



▶ AT THE END OF THE CONVENTION season we are often asked, are all the conventions alike? To this we give the politician's answer — "yes and no." Of course they are alike in essentials, but they are as different one from the other as your own children are, born of the same parents, reared in the same environment.

To speak by way of illustration of only a few. In Iowa, for example, one has the feeling that P. E. O. is a permanent thing; as much a part of Iowa's life and well being as are its great waving fields of corn. It is there, and there to stay.

In the East it is a transplanted something; a thing to be explained. It is of course none the less fine, but as if it were the beginning of a development.

In Colorado it seems to belong to Colorado's native daughters. By that I mean that if in any P. E. O. convention the president were to ask all who were born in that state to stand, I verily believe that at least 80% would stand. And furthermore if all who have at least a bachelor's degree from a college, 90% would stand. In a large measure this is due to two college faculty women, Virginia Corbett and Margaret Durward. In the beginning of P. E. O., Dean Corbett, the first state president of Colorado, attracted young college girls to P. E. O. They were native daughters, born in Colorado, second or third generation from those who had come from other states. Miss Durward continued to attract college women.

As to California there are members there from all the P. E. O. world as well as some who were born there. But for the convention itself — it has a glory. One can scarcely put a finger on just what it is that gives it that descriptive definition but all who go to a California convention recognize it. If the Negro spiritual refrain

be true "You got 'a have a Glory," California has attained.

All the states could be analyzed in exactly this fashion; they are all distinctive.

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► **THERE WAS AN OMISSION** in the report made by the Editor in our report of the Missouri convention for which we are sorry. At the beginning of the first session there was a delightful patriotic prelude, a part of which was a brilliant speech "The Truth Goes Marching On" made by Mrs. Nina Fawks of Chapter BJ, St. Joseph. The omission of her name from the report was just one of those things — We are sorry; it was the Editor who did it.

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MINNESOTA CONVENTION

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Organizer; Irene Burington, Recording Secretary; Louise Heine-mann, Corresponding Secretary; Pearl Jorgenson, Treasurer.

Naomi Moede, our genial, hard-working corresponding secretary who is moving to South Dakota, will be missed by her many Minnesota friends in P. E. O.

During the intervals while ballots were being counted, Mrs. Tomhave conducted a Question Box session, defining terms, and interpreting our Constitution in a manner eminently satisfactory to all.

The afternoon session was featured by marimba music played by Ruth Martino, from Chapter BS.

Official-looking documents in the drastic form of summons were issued to all delegates. The summons, upon closer investigation, proved to be a Select Service Symposium Order to Report to Minnesota State P. E. O. Convention, May 6, 1945. It was issued in military style by Companies M, AG and AO with General (Chairman) Arline M. Swore, in command.

After the installation of the new officers, Mrs. Vance was presented by Mrs. Tomhave with her past president's credential, token of the successful completion of duties as a highly efficient and gifted state president.

Gavel in hand, Mildred McCune, incoming president, lifted our faith with the poem, Peace Dream, which served as a happy and fitting conclusion to the 1944 Minnesota State Chapter convention.

D. C. CONVENTION

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point a committee to investigate the feasibility of such a project. The committee is Miss Alma Barry, Miss Gladys Sabin, and Mrs. Anne Wilkin-son.

The final report of the Credentials committee, by Mrs. May G. Fales, president, Chapter A, showed a total of 41 delegates; 164 visitors; a total registration of 222.

With Mrs. Mary B. Simpson, N, as chief teller, the election resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Margaret Buckles, N; first vice president, Miss Jessie O. Elting, B; second vice president, Miss Alma Barry, O; organizer, Mrs. Anne Wilkinson, R; recording secretary, Mrs. Opal Brewster, Q; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Cora C. Coombs, D; treasurer, Mrs. Josephine Stansfield, J.

These new officers were installed by Mrs. Simpson, after which she presented Miss Anderson with her Past President's credential. Mrs. Buckles, as her first official act, presented to Miss Anderson, a past presidents' pin, the gift of the District Board. Mrs. Buckles thanked the convention for the honor conferred on her.

In a clever poem, Mrs. May G. Fales, president, A, and Mrs. Fanny Young, president, B, extended the invitation for the 1945 convention which was graciously accepted by the convention.

During election, Mrs. Simpson answered questions from the question box, a replica of the clubmobile presented to the Red Cross by the Sisterhood, and which was the work of Dr. Dean Brooke, a B.I.L. of Chapter S. Mrs. Simpson explained in detail the meaning of our United Victory Fund, and described our clubmobiles, which are in use in Italy.

With the singing of *Blest Be the Tie*, the convention adjourned, carrying with it happy memories of new friendships made, and old ones renewed, and a sincere appreciation of the work that has been done by the hostess chapters to make the Ninth Annual Convention of the District of Columbia Chapter a successful and enjoyable one.

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CONVENTION NOTES

Among the honor guests attending the banquet were Lieut. Edward Simpson, U.S.N., and Mrs. Simpson, son and daughter-in-law of the Supreme Chapter President, Mrs. Carrie B. Simpson.

The formal social function of the

convention was the banquet held on Tuesday evening in the hotel ballroom, when over 200 B. I. L.'s members, and guests were entertained. Decorations at the speaker's table were in patriotic colors of red, white, and blue, with tall white candles in silver holders.

The address of the evening was given by the Rev. Dr. Howard Chandler Robbins, of New York, former Dean of the New York Episcopal Cathedral, who had for his subject "The Stake of the P. E. O. on D-Day." The invocation was by Mrs. Lillian Hays, president of Chapter R, and greetings were brought by Miss Anderson, State President, and Mrs. Helen D. Dalrymple was toast-mistress.

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IOWA CONVENTION

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Jane E. Stinson; Treasurer, Mrs. Beulah G. Snyder.

During election the report of the recommendations committee, Louise M. Henely, chairman, was acted upon; Loretta Jones reported for finance.

Announcement was made by Mrs. Besser that Betty Hedge and Dorothea McCorkindale have been awarded the Cottey college scholarships.

The convention pages formed an interesting group. As they were presented all were daughters of state officers: Betty Young, page for her mother, the president; Miss Margaret Smythe and Miss Marian Snyder.

Miss Evelyn Tesmer was assistant recording secretary and Mrs. Betty Fortier was convention typist.

In the brief meeting of the afternoon Group 5 extended an invitation to the 1945 convention which was accepted.

Mrs. Maude M. Cooper reported for the budget committee in the absence of Mrs. Adda Van Horne whose absence and illness were a matter of regret.

Mrs. Tally introduced Chapter BB's senior member Carmelia Miller Singleton, an initiate of 1892.

Mrs. Simpson continued her interesting and helpful answers to many questions. Officers were installed by Mrs. Young.

Mrs. Simpson presented Mrs. Young with her Past President's Credentials. The past president's pin was presented to Mrs. Young by Mrs. Hughes. "God be with you till we meet again" was sung by the delegation before Mrs. Hughes declared the 52nd Annual Convention of the Iowa State Chapter adjourned.

COLORADO

STATE CHAPTER CONVENTION

THE FORTY-SECOND annual convention of Colorado State Chapter was held June 6, 7, 1944 in the Broadmoor hotel, at the foot of the Cheyenne Mts., Colorado Springs, Mrs. Margaret P. Mayer, state president presiding.

If your time is streamlined, that paragraph contains the facts of the newspaper rule, who, what, when and where.

But if you read on you will know and remember that Colorado is the fourth oldest P. E. O. state; that the Broadmoor is one of the finest hotels in the country; that the mists and purple shadows on the Cheyennes are lovely beyond words; and that Mrs. Mayer as president is a real climax to all of that grandeur.

The convention proper opened on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 6 in the auditorium of the Broadmoor. Fittingly enough, if you remember that June 6 was the historic date of the war, fittingly the procession-al music was the Soldiers' March from Verde's Il Trovatore.

After assembly singing America, Ruth Blotz led in the Flag salute.

The devotional period led by Bernice Espy Hicks was on the convention theme Service as implied in Milton's line "He also serves who only stands and waits."

Charles Wakefield Cadman's *Service* was sung by Gladys Van Houten.

For the only time in the thirty-two conventions of this year, the credentials committee, Josephine Jacobs, chairman, reported a perfect attendance from the beginning to the end of the session. All of Colorado's

105 chapters were represented, all officers present and for good measure 21 past state presidents.

The Hour of Remembrance had been held in the morning preceding the formal opening of convention.

Mrs. Rena Mary Taylor, first vice president, presided. The service was held for 37 members who had died.

Mrs. Taylor read for the Scripture the Twenty-third Psalm and read also "Beyond the Door" by William Foote.

Norma Evans reported for the Memorial Committee and Lucy Vasey read the names of those who had died in a "Roll Call of Memory."

The prayer of the hour was Malotte's *The Lord's Prayer* sung by Sgt. Crosby with piano accompaniment by Cpl. Danburg, both professional musicians from the nearby military camp. Those who heard the young soldiers will remember them and the beauty and spirit of their music. The music of the hour was of high order, Mr. Bernard Vessey sang two numbers with Mrs. Gladys Thompson at the piano, both well known Colorado musicians. The number with which the program opened was a violin solo by Miss Olive Ballou, Mrs. Elsie Thomas at the piano.

Following the formal opening of the convention proper at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, Dr. Ralph J. Gilmore, mayor of Colorado Springs, gave a welcome on behalf of the city and of the Pikes Peak region.

Mayor Gilmore is a college faculty member, hence the "Dr." To P.

E. O. members, as Mrs. Mayer explained, he is Ruth Gilmore's husband.

The convention was honored this year by the presence of the Supreme Chapter President, Mrs. Carrie Bonebrake Simpson, for whom the convention rose as Mrs. Mayer introduced her. Others presented were Dr. Marjorie Mitchell, president of Cottey College, Chellie Stevens Wright, past president of Supreme Chapter and Mrs. Reeves Editor of the P. E. O. RECORD.

Mrs. Mayer introduced the other members of the executive board: First Vice President, Mrs. Rena Mary Taylor; Second Vice President, Mrs. Glaphy Brown; Organizer, Mrs. Helen M. White; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mildred McCall; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Aldom; Treasurer, Miss Clara Jacobs.

She introduced also Mrs. Mabel Pierce, chairman and other officers of the central committee: Vice Chairman, Mrs. Mary Ann Rouch; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mildred Smithson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Pearle Steele; Treasurer, Mrs. Frances Johnson.

Mrs. Ruth Gilmore, junior past president, was presented with grateful words by Mrs. Mayer. In Colorado the junior past president in a way, holds over for an additional year as advisor for the new president.

Mrs. Wright presented twenty past state presidents who besides herself had served Colorado in that office.

Mrs. Mabel Pierce, chairman of the central committee, gave a welcome to the delegation, a beautifully expressed welcome, given in behalf of the five hostess chapters, Y and CE of Colorado Springs, AC, Canon City, AK, Cripple Creek and AU, Pueblo.



Mildred McCall, recording secretary, gave the response.

The program was dedicated to the members who have belonged to P. E. O. for fifty years or more. The dedication was a poem written by Colorado's poet laureate Nellie Burget Miller of Chapter Y. The poem of dedication, Noncombatant, will be published later in the RECORD. The poem was read by Mrs. Gilmore.

Mrs. Aldom read a paper on the convention theme and Mrs. Taylor read a poem, The Cost of Living, a poem of her own composition.

The dispensations committee, Gertrude Halbrook reporting, recommended that charters be granted to three new chapters, DB and DC Denver and to DD Cortez. The organizer, Helen White, presented the chapters to the State and Mrs. Simpson welcomed them on behalf of Supreme Chapter and presented to them their charters. Georgia Owen, president of the first of the three chapters organized, accepted the charters.

A group of duet numbers was sung by Mrs. Marie Woodford and her daughter Lucile Sanger. *The Bubble* by Friml and *By the Waters of Minnetonka* were brilliantly sung.

The address of the morning, We Go Forward, was given by the President of Supreme Chapter who as always held the closest attention of her audience.

Greetings were read from twenty-six state chapters. The letter from North Dakota referred with particular pride to Mrs. Simpson.

The reports of state officers were brief, giving only the specific work done, which showed nothing omitted for the state's progress and welfare.

For one thing Mrs. Mayer gave in person 25 reports of the Supreme Chapter convention. Mrs. Taylor reviewed year books and compiled a resumé of presidents' letters. Mrs. Brown's report was given in the Educational Hour. Mrs. White inspected 51 and organized three chapters.

Mrs. Aldom reported an addition of 187 members to the state membership which has a total of 3,925 members.

The treasurer, Miss Jacobs, reported that the local chapters had given \$2,892.20 to the P. E. O. college; \$1,138.25 to the Victory fund; \$1,649.60 to the Welfare fund.

The Model meeting was demonstrated by Chapter AK, Cripple Creek under the direction of Mrs. White with these officers:

President, Mrs. Grace Hill Wade; Vice President, Mrs. Avis Walty Beagles; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Frances B. Johnson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Norma B. Hill; Treasurer, Mrs. Anna H. House; Chaplain, Mrs. Mabel P. Rutherford; Guard, Mrs. Wilhemina M. Denman; Musician, Mrs. Jean H. Beagles.

No criticism of its conduct was made by any one, so it was model indeed.

The evening meeting followed a formal dinner and was an open session, devoted largely to the Educational projects.

Mrs. Brown, second vice president, presided. She spoke particularly of the work of the Educational Fund and of two visits she had made to Cottey college.

The address of the evening was given by Dr. Marjorie Mitchell, president of Cottey college on the subject "Problems in Educating Women Now." It was the address of an educator who knows the present problems and brings to them wide experience in their solution.

Mrs. Simpson spoke of the service which the Educational Fund will be called upon to give after the war ends and the young women who are now in service at home and abroad shall return to peacetime study for peacetime vocations.

Miss Kathryn Morgan reported for the Welfare board that every chapter had made contribution to it. The amount given to beneficiaries during the year was \$1,745. The present balance in the fund is \$5,834.21.

Mrs. Ruth Hunter, war work chairman, reported on the work done by chapters and members. It was one of the most inclusive reports made in any convention and seemingly included every member in the state and covered every activity. Many give full time service, as does Mrs. Mayer, state president.

Mrs. Hicks gave a final report on the work of last year done for the nursery school project which now is supported by public funds and agencies.

The convention's final meeting was a full one in election of officers and convention committee reports.

Mrs. Louise Darnall led in the patriotic prelude, the Flag salute and national anthem.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Mary

Hargraves still of the convention theme.

Mrs. Reeves was the speaker of the morning.

Mrs. White, organizer, reviewed the model meeting and Miss Jacobs as a "roving reporter" reviewed the year books.

Mrs. Taylor reported the names of the six scholarship girls who will be enrolled at Cottey College in the coming year, Jane Dawson, Lenore Douglas, Jean Martensen, Ruth Woodbury, Carolyn Robeson and Jean Tyson.

A charming feature of the morning was the reading by Nellie Burget Miller of four short monologues taken from a book in dramatic form, being written by Mrs. Miller, having to do with the biblical history of Abraham and his wife Sarah. Mrs. Miller said "The Bible account is a man's story, mine is a story of the woman in the account." All who heard Mrs. Miller's reading were greatly impressed by its literary merit.

With Mrs. Esto Wagner as chief teller the election resulted in the choice of president, Mrs. Rena Taylor; 1st vice pres., Glaphy Brown; 2nd vice pres., Helen M. White; organizer, Mildred McCall; recording secretary, Margaret Aldom; corresponding sec., Clara Jacobs; treasurer, Leah Horner.

During the counting of ballots Mrs. Bertha Workman reported on the grouping for future convention entertainment as far as the 1950's into the future.

Mrs. Darnall read the list of chapters to be represented in Supreme Chapter conventions for several years to come.

Dr. Mary Keeler Foster presented as she has for many years the amendments to the by-laws. They were largely slight changes to existing laws.

Leah Murdock invited the 1945 convention to meet in Alamosa to be the guests of chapters in that region. The invitation was accepted.

Questions were answered by Mrs. Simpson, with one regret concerning them, that there was not time for all to be answered.

On motion of Mrs. Editha Berry an annual award of ten dollars to be known as the Nellie Burget Miller award is to be given by the state of Colorado to the student at Cottey College who does the best creative work in English.

Mrs. Miller was invited to the

platform and acknowledged the honor.

Mrs. Simpson installed the officers and presented Mrs. Mayer with her past president's credential.

With assembly singing of *Blest Be the Tie*, Mrs. Taylor declared the convention adjourned.

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CONVENTION NOTES

A tea followed adjournment at the home of the general chairman Mrs. Pierce and her husband. Mr. Pierce will be remembered as the interior decorator for the P. E. O. Memorial library rooms and for the parlors and the music room in Main Hall, Cottey College.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce have as would be expected, a very artistic home. Its outlook over the valley to the mountains is a fit setting for it.

A pre-convention dinner was arranged by the hostess chapters, with table decorations suggesting Cripple Creek gold mining. The honor guests were given tiny stars of pure yellow gold made into form without alloy.

We all learned about "Them thar hills."

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OUTGROWN?

You said today you wouldn't play
With dolls and other sissy toys,
And then you asked if I would buy you
The sort of clothes they make for boys.
And, while I wondered how my love
might tie you,
You asked me if, next fall, you could go
places
Like school, perhaps . . . and have a pencil
box
And colored grown-up socks.

I looked across the fields, so softly green
With early summer's sheen,
And thought, "My baby's lost!"
The wide blue sky
Was gentle as the sort of lullaby
That you've outgrown.
And roses blossomed shyly in the hedge.
And morning-glories touched the window
ledge,
And yet, I felt the chill of early frost
And I felt old and tired and alone . . .

And as I sat wrapped in a dream of
sorrow,
Dreading — instead of looking toward —
tomorrow,
You ran along the path and fell and cried,
"Mother!" and I was swiftly there beside
Your little crumpled body, and your knee
Was bruised, and you looked up through
tears at me
And sobbed: "Kiss it and make it well
again!"
And as you spoke I lost my sense of pain
And knew that, as the long years hurried
by,
My heart would hear and heed your cry!

NEW JERSEY CONVENTION

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speakers were at every luncheon.

Mrs. Mildred Reid sang a group of songs with Mrs. Nesbitt at the piano. These two musicians are members of Chapter B. We were fortunate to have them appear at all of the three meetings of the convention session.

Mrs. Uretta Hinkhouse reported on chapter by-laws and Mrs. Anne Armstrong for the credential committee.

In the election the following State Officers were chosen: Mrs. Uretta Hinkhouse, President; Mrs. Cleo Scott Findley, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Florence Anderson, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Lois Lippitt, Organizer; Mrs. Edris B. Turner, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Helen Schiemann, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Helen Booth, Treasurer.

During the election Mrs. Simpson answered questions from the Question Box and told of the clubmobiles saying this was a subject near to her heart.

Following the election of officers Mrs. Simpson spoke to us on the subject, *We Go Forward*. Her address was both encouraging and inspiring.

Mrs. Elva Walton, historian, gave a review of events of the past two years all of which was interesting to recall.

The assembly moved to the church auditorium, where impressive memorial service was held for Mrs. Jessie Ames, A, and Mrs. Jessie Kelly, M. The members of the committee were Mrs. Marie Petura, E, and Mrs. Amy Fower, B. The musical program was given by Mrs. Nesbitt, organ; Mrs. Sara Green, soloist; Miss Dorothy Coy, harpist; and Miss Genevieve Hall, flutist.

Mrs. Staley, pianist, and Miss Dorothy Coy, harpist, furnished the dinner music, during the evening hour.

At the evening meeting Chapter K of Nutley, under the supervision of Mrs. Uretta Hinkhouse, organizer, gave the model meeting. It was indeed a model.

We were pleased to hear Mrs. Ethel Beattie report on the Victory Fund contributions and our part in women's war work. It was a satisfying report. All chapters submitted commendable reports and the sum was really surprising.

The report of the Welfare Fund was given by Mrs. Elizabeth Butcher. The chairman Mrs. Lena D. Griffith was unable to be present. Many contributions were given to the fund at this time which

made the final total gratifying. Mrs. Hughes made the following appointments to the Welfare board: Mrs. Lena Griffith, Mrs. Elizabeth Butcher and Mrs. Mabel Beckwith.

An invitation to the 1945 convention was extended by Mrs. Fay Files of Chapter D; Mrs. Florence Anderson, corresponding secretary, accepted the invitation. Mrs. Mildred Reid sang a final group of songs closing with a song to Our Nina, whom we all love and admire.

Since several of our members are business women and could not attend the other meetings, Mrs. Simpson graciously consented to address the convention a second time, her subject *Three Chairs*.

Miss Dorothy Coy played two harp numbers.

The president invited Mrs. Simpson to install the newly elected officers. When Mrs. Hinkhouse received the gavel she praised the splendid, undivided attention Mrs. Hughes has given her board and asked for her continued interest and guidance.

The convention closed with assembly singing *Blest Be The Tie That Binds*. Thus came the end of a perfect day, with convention proceedings completed in a satisfactory way. Two days' work crowded into one and yet the poise of our president, her knowledge of correct parliamentary procedure gave no feeling of haste or neglect.

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NEW YORK CONVENTION

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ing to make a full representation of all chapters at convention. Ten out of twelve past presidents attended. The visitor's register listed 147 P. E. O.'s and included 30 from other states.

Chapter R used flags and their colors in its decorations. The music of their artists at the banquet was greatly appreciated. Flowers were received from Effie C. Van Ostrand, now living in California. The many clever parodies, composed by members of Chapter R and Edythe Sheldon of Chapter P, mingled with the more serious messages of our speakers, left us with a feeling that our horizons had indeed been widened.

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The ideals of democracy have never been dream-pictures, but goals. The way forward toward our goals we will find only through our own exertions, through tireless, patient and courageous exertion.
—Sigrid Undset.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE CHAPTER CONVENTION

Reported by
SINA WOOD JACKSON,
K, Mass.

THE FOURTH Annual Convention of the Massachusetts State Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood was held May 11 and 12, 1944 at the Sheraton Hotel, Boston, with Vallie F. Owens (Mrs. A. W.) state president, presiding.

The Hostess Chapters, I, Somerville, and J, Boston, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Ann Francis, I, and Mrs. Josephine Nason, and Mrs. Mildred Staley, J, were gracious and generous in their hospitality.

On the first day of convention the State Board were hostess at luncheon in the hotel dining-room to the honor guest, Mrs. Carrie B. Simpson and the two past state presidents, Mrs. Grace Egan and Mrs. Marion Benson.

Preceding the opening session, a musical prelude was given by Mrs. Thelma Rundlett, D, chairman of music, which was followed by a processional of guards led by Mrs. Betty Peterson, K, pages by Mrs. Charlotte Perkins, K, tellers by Mrs. Helen Carlton, C, ushers by Mrs. Ina Sisler, C, honor guests, and state officers.

The convention was called to order at 1:30 o'clock by the State President, Mrs. Vallie F. Owens, who presided at all sessions with charm and dignity. In every way she exemplified the keynote chosen for convention, "Kindness". The program, dedicated to the P. E. O.'s who have members of their families in the service of our country, gave evidence of careful planning, which made possible a shortened convention without seeming haste and without the loss of P. E. O. spirit and inspiration.

A tribute to the flag, written by the Hon. Charles Evans Hughes, former Chief Justice of the United States, was given by Mrs. Marion S. Benson, past state president, after which she led in the Pledge of Allegiance. All joined in singing "The Star Spangled Banner".

Devotions stressing peace were given by Mrs. Beulah Bullock, A, followed by a solo, "Dawn" by Mrs. Amy-Marie Tracy, D, accompanied by Mrs. Thelma Rundlett.

Mrs. Harriet Jenkins, G, chairman of credentials, reported a full representation of chapters present, twenty-four delegates, seven state officers, and two past state presidents, making a total of thirty-three members of convention. A quorum being established, the convention was formally opened. The president extended greetings to the members and visitors and said in part that we had come together "not only to renew friendships and to stimulate our minds by an exchange of ideas, but more especially to stress the spiritual values and to seek inspiration in order to develop a higher morale that we may serve our homes and our nation with courage and confidence."

Mrs. Owens introduced the guest of honor, Mrs. Carrie B. Simpson, president of Supreme Chapter. The convention rose in her honor and sang a song especially written for her.

The president introduced the two past state presidents, Mrs. Grace Egan and Mrs. Marion Benson.

She paid loving tribute to our first state president, Maude Wilson Stearns, who has entered the Chapter Eternal, by reading Douglas Mallach's poem *Live Life Today*.

In introducing the members of the state board, Mrs. Owens expressed her gratitude for their support and helpfulness: Mrs. Lucy C. Dickey, first vice-president; Mrs. Paulina A. Stearns, second vice-president; Mrs. Esther B. Card, organizer; Mrs. Irene J. Sloanaker, recording secretary; Mrs. Margaret Ditmore, corresponding secretary; and Miss Cora E. MacKenzie, treasurer.

In introducing the presidents of the hostess chapters, Miss Sarah Wolfe, I, and Mrs. Irene Hardy, J, Mrs. Owens expressed appreciation of their efforts in providing for our comfort and pleasure. She introduced the general chairmen of convention, Mrs. Ann Francis, I, and Mrs. Josephine Nason and Mrs. Mildred Staley of J.

Miss Sarah Wolfe, president of Chapter I, gave gracious words of welcome to which Miss Cora E. MacKenzie responded. Mrs. Enid Botsford, A, accompanied by Mrs. Thelma Rundlett, gave a group of whistling numbers. The annual reports of state officers were read and indicated a full year of efficient work had been accomplished.

Sina W. Jackson, K, gave a talk on the subject of "P. E. O. Homes", Mrs. Henrietta Watts, A, gave the report of the Budget Committee. The Historian's report was read by Mrs. Etna C. Foust, C. An interesting and impressive talk was given by Mrs. Louisa Fisk, G, on "Strengthen the Things that Remain". The convention voted to send a greeting to Miss Vanna West, formerly state recording secretary who is now confined at her home by illness.

At four o'clock the Hour of Remembrance was observed. Four members had joined the Chapter Eternal. The program included:



Piano Prelude Mrs. Charlotte Perkins, K
 Devotional Message
 Mrs. Florence S. Stevens, G
 Violin Solo — Ave Maria Schubert
 Miss Elizabeth Walker
 Report of Memorial Committee
 Mrs. Stella M. Lane, C
 Vocal Solo — Prayer Perfect Stenson
 Mrs. Thelma Rundlett, D
 Tribute to Mrs. Lillian B. Curtis, F, by
 Mrs. Florence E. Gabel; Mrs. Jessie A.
 Brown, B, by Mrs. Paulina A. Stearns;
 Mrs. Katherine D. Swaffield, C, by Mrs.
 Etna T. Foust; Miss Nina A. Littlefield,
 I, by Dr. Adeline F. Dunham.
 Vocal Solo — The Lord's Prayer .. Malotte
 Mrs. Ethel M. Paine, B
 Piano Postlude Mrs. Charlotte Perkins

Preceding dinner, delegates and guests assembled informally in the foyer of the hotel to greet our Supreme Chapter President Mrs. Simpson, the state officers and past presidents. Following dinner Mrs. Frances Hogardt, B, sang a group of numbers: *A Birthday*, by Luckstone, *In my Garden*, by Firestone and *I Love Life*, by zucca.

At the evening session the Model Meeting was exemplified by Chapter B, Cambridge, under the supervision of the state organizer, Mrs. Esther B. Card. The meeting was conducted with accuracy and the two guests in attendance, Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Owens, appraised it as being so nearly perfect that no criticism could be made. The convention rose and sang *A Tribute* written by Mrs. Aimee Fort, A. It was later voted on motion of Mrs. Ida Ganz to make the song a part of our convention program henceforth. Mrs. Simpson gave an inspirational address, "We Go Forward", which was informative and timely. Her talk was most helpful, and her sound judgment at all times was a distinct contribution to the convention.

On the second morning Dr. Adeline F. Dunham, H, conducted devotions on Love, *Infinite Love*, and read the 4th chapter of First John. Following this a vocal solo *Infinite Love* by Bohm, was sung by Mrs. Gail H. Ross, which gave additional emphasis to the theme.

Mrs. Lucy Dickey, Massachusetts chairman of Women's War Work for P. E. O., gave a pleasing report on war work. More than \$100,000.00 have been invested in bonds by the 283 members in the state. \$1474.00 have been given to the Red Cross and very generous contributions have been made to the U. S. O. and similar organizations.

An interesting report of the Educational Fund and Cottey College was given by Mrs. Paulina Stearns, second vice-president. She reported that all of the chapters in the state

have contributed to the P. E. O. United Victory Fund the past year and the majority of them to Cottey College and the Educational Loan Fund.

Mrs. Enid Botsford, again favored us with two whistling solos, accompanied by Mrs. Thelma Rundlett.

Election of officers was the next order of business, with the result: President, Lucy C. Dickey; First Vice President, Paulina A. Stearns; Second Vice President, Esther B. Card; Organizer, Irene J. Sloanaker; Recording Secretary, Margaret Ditmore; Corresponding Secretary, Florence E. Gabel; Treasurer, Cora E. MacKenzie. During the balloting, questions were answered by Mrs. Simpson.

In the concluding session of the convention Henrietta Watts, chairman of the recommendations committee, presented the following resolution: "That the Massachusetts State Chapter go on record as desiring to establish a fund for the founding of a P. E. O. home. The final decision as to the name and use of the fund to be left until a committee, appointed by the newly elected president, shall have reported at the 1943 Convention." The resolution was unanimously approved.

Two duets were enjoyed at this time, sung by Mesdames Rundlett and Tracy, accompanied by Charlotte Perkins.

"Today's P. E. O.'s in Tomorrow's World" was the subject presented by Mrs. Grace Egan, one of our past presidents who has the honor of being a member of the Post War Planning Committee which was appointed at Supreme Chapter convention in Detroit.

Mrs. Simpson told the convention of the United Victory Fund a subject very close to all our hearts. It is inspiring to know how fully P. E. O. is in line in the war effort. "It is second to no other woman's organization", she said, "in its war work."

Mrs. Mary Kelsey in behalf of Chapter K presented a gift of ten dollars for the Victory Fund, given in honor of Vallie Owens, state president, and a member of Chapter K. She was also honored by a 100% attendance at convention by the members of her chapter. In behalf of Chapter C, Helen Rich, president of C, presented a gift of \$200 to the State Chapter, the proceeds of a recent rummage sale to

which most of the chapters of the state had contributed.

Following reports of reciprocity by Lucy Dickey, C, local chapter reports by Gertrude MacKenzie, G, local chapter year books by Helen Rich, C, local chapter by-laws by Esther Card, G, and the Courtesy Committee by Constance Caswell, C, the convention was favored by a vocal solo, "A Little Song Of Life," sung by Thelma Rundlett, accompanied by Charlotte Perkins.

There were 13 out of state guests enrolled: Helen Swartz, A, Chicago, Ill.; Mary Ellen Comby, L, Loveland, Colo.; Adde R. Black, A, Burlington, Vt.; Daisy W. Secrist, W, Laramie, Wyoming; Estelle M. Hill, GN, Mason City, Iowa; Marion Dietz, BY, Lincoln, Neb.; Helen Daniels, CZ, Long Beach, Cal.; Dorothy Hickey, E, Salt Lake City, Utah; Kate Adams, U, Indianapolis, Ind.; Myra Bowen, P, Pleasant Ridge, Mich.; Essa Eaves, H, Buffalo, N. Y.; Ida Archer, AX, Aberdeen, S. Dakota; Hazel Hopkins, DK, San Jose, Cal.; Edna Brightman, Schenectady, N. Y.

Letters of greeting were read from nineteen state presidents and from Mrs. Lucille M. Shields, a member of the board of trustees of the P. E. O. RECORD.

The invitation for the 1945 state convention was extended by Elizabeth Peterson, president of Chapter K, in behalf of Chapters K and A. The invitation was accepted.

Mrs. Simpson installed the newly elected officers. She then presented the gavel to the new president, Lucy C. Dickey, who accepted it with gracious words of hope for the coming year.

Vallie Owens, the retiring president, expressed gratitude for the fine support she had received from the board and the entire sisterhood in the state, as she received the past president's credential from Mrs. Simpson and the past president's pin from Lucy Dickey, the gift of the state Officers. Her own Chapter K gave her a marguerite guard for her pin. The presentation was made by Elizabeth Peterson, president of the chapter.

Mrs. Simpson, who brought us much in her words as well as in her personality, gave the closing speech, Parting Thoughts. She left us with the thought, "Shall we consider this present day of chaos as an obstacle or an opportunity?"

The convention closed with the singing of *Blest be the Tie that Binds*.

ARIZONA

STATE CHAPTER CONVENTION

By LINNIE B. GILBERT
(Mrs. C. S.)

THE THIRTEENTH Annual Convention of Arizona State Chapter was held April 29, 1944 at the Hotel Westward Ho, Phoenix, Arizona.

War conditions and continued transportation problems again made it advisable to choose centrally located Phoenix for convention headquarters and for the second year, Arizona State Chapter assumed the responsibility of the hostess chapter with Mrs. Velma Holmes acting as convention chairman.

In spite of the fact that our second war-time convention, tailored in every detail to fit the times, had been shortened to one day, and social events curtailed, it moved smoothly and without seeming haste, due largely to the careful planning of our efficient State President, Mrs. Ruth W. Rippey.

Friday evening preceding convention, registration of delegates took place, and an informal dinner was given for Mrs. Nell Farrell Stevenson, Supreme Chapter representative, the past presidents, members of the executive board and chairman, Mrs. Velma Holmes.

Lovely flowers plucked from P. E. O. gardens and sent to convention by various chapters, added beauty and fragrance to the comfortable hotel lounge, where all meetings were held.

The Memorial Hour arranged by First Vice-President, Mrs. Winona Graves was observed at nine o'clock Saturday morning. The program was:

Prelude — Largo Dvorak
..... Mrs. Yates
Memorial Message Mrs. Winona Graves
Memorial Tributes:
..... Mrs. Alice Cochrane, E
..... Mrs. Georgia R. Hawkins
..... Mrs. Helen Ormsby, E
..... Mrs. Georgia R. Hawkins

Mrs. Mildred A. Cooper, M
..... Mrs. Grace Moore
Solo — One Fleeting Hour .. Dorothy Lee
..... Mrs. Blanche Dorman
Benediction
Postlude — Litany Schubert

As each tribute was given, a white lily was placed in a basket of maiden-hair fern and Queen Anne's lace.

The convention proper was formally called to order at 9:45 a.m. with the president, Mrs. Rippey, presiding.

After the salute to the flag led by Mrs. Virginia Kolberg, and the singing of the National Anthem, the president extended greetings to the convention in behalf of the State Board.

The program was lovingly dedicated to our P. E. O. Sisters who have husbands, sons and daughters serving in the Armed Forces. Mrs. Rippey chose as the theme for her inspiring address, Peace through Faith, reminding us that faith is the courage of the soul; that peace for our world can not exist without peace in every individual heart.

The guards headed by Mrs. Margaret Bartlo represented valley chapters, and daughters of state officers served as pages.

Strength was the theme used by Mrs. Stella Case for the impressive devotional service.

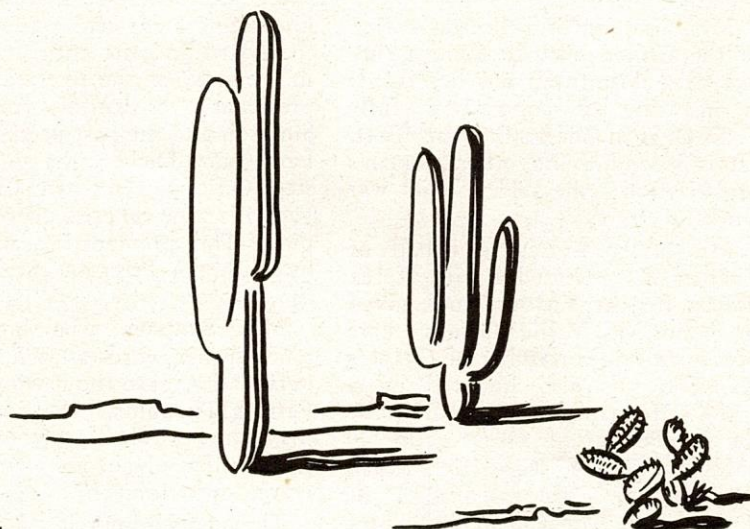
The credentials committee, Miss Esther Louise Smith, Chairman, reported that 19 of the 21 Arizona chapters were represented with one delegate each. In addition there were 6 past state presidents and 7 state officers making a total of 32 members in convention.

The president then presented our charming guest of honor, Mrs. Nell Farrell Stevenson, Chairman Board of Trustees of the P. E. O. RECORD, who represented Mrs. Simpson, Supreme Chapter President.

Mrs. Faith McKee, first president of Arizona State Chapter was introduced by Mrs. Rippey and, in turn, presented the following past presidents: Mrs. Alpha McCann, Mrs. Carrie Polson, Mrs. Maybelle Houston, Mrs. Margaret Carpenter and Mrs. Edna Brazill. She expressed regret at the absence of Mrs. Edith Huffman, Mrs. Leolin McIntyre, Mrs. Julia Alder, Mrs. Bess K. Thomas, Mrs. Estelle Thomas and Mrs. Lucile Crawford.

The president then presented her official family, and introduced her daughter, Mrs. Kay Coerver, who was the officers' page.

Out of state visitors introducing themselves were: Eva Verney, AG, Lawrence, Kansas; Mary Vaughn,



OL, Duluth, Minn.; Jessie Welch, BY, Lincoln, Nebraska; Mary Jane Lohn, AX, Crookston, Minn.; Eunice Ingraham, I, Wymore, Nebraska; Katherine Nice, E, Laramie, Wyoming; Jennie Vance, AR, Minn.; Mary Maharg, GC, California; Grace Klein, BF, Oklahoma; Grace Perry, New Rochelle, New York; Lyda Akers, P, Akron, Ohio; Anna Hookstra, BU, Atkinson, Nebraska; Della Rubie, V, Havre, Montana; Myrtle Pettijohn, Z, Oregon, Missouri; Helen Miller, ET, Iowa.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Helen Hackett read letters from absent past state presidents, and from Hazel Hine, executive secretary of Supreme Chapter and Rose Owens, treasurer Supreme Chapter. Additional greetings came from 16 state chapters.

To save time in a one day convention, copies of all reports of state officers were given to every delegate and filed with the recording secretary. None were read in convention.

The treasurer's report, referred to the finance committee, showed that chapters had paid to P. E. O. United Victory Fund for the maintenance of Clubmobiles \$470, donated to Cottey College \$394, and the balance in the treasury is \$3076.

In her resumé of chapter letters, Mrs. Winona Graves reported all members loyal and patriotic, with chapter social activities simplified, and programs consisting of book reviews, plays and annual fun-fests, as well as post-war and international discussions. Major activity in all chapters had been toward the war effort. An amusing incident gleaned from the record, told of how one chapter wishing to do something original for two of its members who were expectant grandmothers, decided to give them \$5 each to start a Cottey College fund for their grand-daughters. When the babies arrived, one was destined for Cottey, but the other will probably be sent to West Point.

Mrs. Lelia Bennett as chairman of Educational Projects introduced two Arizona P. E. O.'s who are Cottey graduates. Miss Lois Smith, daughter of the treasurer Inez Smith, who was as page, and Miss Mary Fram whose mother was elected corresponding secretary. No doubt Miss Fram's interesting and enthusiastic talk on Cottey Reminiscences would have helped to increase Cottey's enrollment, had her listeners been of college age.

Chairman of United Effort in Women's War Work, Mrs. Leslie Shivers, reported that Arizona P. E. O.'s are helping in almost every form

of service; however she expressed regret that some chapters had failed to report their activities.

Out of 609 members in the state, 358 are helping in one or more forms of service. 415 members are registered with Red Cross agencies; 112 are registered with the U. S. O.; 47 are registered with Civilian Defense and 391 have purchased bonds in the amount of \$346,156; 248 men from P. E. O. homes are in service.

The high light of the morning session was the inspiring address Lighted Lamps given by our honor guest Mrs. Stevenson. She stressed the importance of keeping alight the spiritual lamps of faith, courage, tolerance, beauty and knowledge.

Mrs. Alpha McCann acted as chairman of tellers during the election which resulted in the choice of: Mrs. Winona Graves, President; Mrs. Lelia Bennett, First Vice-President; Mrs. Kathleen Curry, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Ina Crawford, Organizer; Mrs. Helen Hackett, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Winnie Fram, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Adelaide Lusby, Treasurer.

Mrs. Stevenson presided at the question box while votes were being counted.

The luncheon hour in the spacious Fiesta room of the hotel was a joyous occasion. One hundred sixty-five happy and enthusiastic P. E. O.'s were seated at tables beautifully decorated by Mrs. Iva Corpstein and her committee.

During the hour, Miss Bess Barkley, convention song leader, delighted us with two numbers, Rise Oh Sun by Maude Craske Day and Winter by William Blair. She was accompanied by Mrs. Ida Mae Hurley.

During the afternoon session, the model meeting, supervised by Mrs. Kathleen Curry, state organizer, and conducted by Chapter P, Phoenix, with Mrs. Adelaide Lusby acting as president, received well deserved praise from Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Rippey.

The Recommendations Committee report read by chairman, Mrs. Edna Brazill during the morning suggesting three changes in the Arizona state by-laws and the establishment of a finance-budget committee was adopted.

A motion to purchase two \$100 war bonds from the balance in the Faith McKee welfare fund, presented by Mrs. Maybelle Houston and referred to the finance committee, was acted upon favorably, making a total of eight bonds which have been purchased from this fund.

Past presidents Mrs. Bess K. Thomas and Mrs. Julia Alder were appointed to serve with Mrs. Ruth Rippey on the newly established Finance-Budget committee, and past president, Mrs. Edna Brazill, was appointed by the president to the Faith McKee Welfare Board.

Mrs. Stevenson delightfully entertained us with three poems, titled One, Two, Three, The Letter, and My Ships.

Mrs. Stevenson installed the new officers.

On behalf of Arizona State Chapter, Mrs. Faith McKee presented a past state president's pin to Mrs. Rippey with these words; "This gift is a reward of merit; you have earned the privilege to wear this pin which represents service and honor."

The assembly joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and the new president, Mrs. Graves, with the tap of the gavel, brought to a close this short but successful, stimulating convention.



GOOD NEIGHBORS

If you should want a hamburg fry for the Boy Scouts, for the Girl Scouts, for service men or any other good cause, or if you are service men and want to make something to send home to mother, wife or sweetheart, just call on Dorothea Graef, A, Chicago, and her good B. I. L., Henry, of Beverly Hills, Chicago.

Mr. Graef spends much of his spare time at the Chicago Servicemen's Center teaching and helping the men of the armed forces to make ear rings, bracelets, pins and other jewelry from polished nuts (and it is good looking jewelry too) and many women all over the U.S.A. and no doubt some on distant shores are wearing it proudly, because G. I. Joe made it and sent it to them. That is return enough for the instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. Graef are most generous with their time and talent. Their latest project is spending one evening a week teaching (special technic) old fashioned square dancing to a group of hard of hearing men and women.

They have two sons, David of high school age and Robert in the Amphibious forces overseas, and they are proud of them, but no more than the boys, of a Mom and Dad that are doing their share in every possible way to make life happier for their neighbors and friends as well as for the men in the armed forces.—Pauline Callen.

P. E. O.s in Uniform



Wilma Wait

A. R. C.

Georgia Schulte, Z, Oregon, Mo., in service somewhere in India.

Wilma Wait, AA, Chamberlain, So. Dak., Hospital Recreation worker, somewhere in England.

Mildred Hunt, EN, San Francisco, Calif., Staff Aide at Oak Knoll Hospital, Oakland, California.

Miss Phyllis Boyes, DS, Superior, Neb., recreation worker, assistant club director, stationed in a village somewhere in England. She is a Home Economics graduate from the University of Nebraska and served for eighteen months as cafeteria hostess in the Army Service Club at Ft. Francis E. Warren, Cheyenne, Wyoming, before joining the Red Cross.

Pauline M. Hood, BQ, Ferndale, Wash., hospital, Social Worker, in Italy. For some time she was in North Africa. Graduate University Southern Calif.

WAC

Pvt. Ruth Wharton, V, Bentonville, Ark., Pine Camp, N. Y.

Miss Phyllis Mothersead, T, Sheridan, Wyo., basic training for air service Des Moines, Iowa.

Major Mary S. Bell, who has been appointed an instructor at the Army's Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, is the first woman ever to hold such a position. She is teaching army personnel management and administrative procedure. Previously she was WAC director of the seventh service command at Omaha, Nebraska. Before joining the WAC in 1942, Major Bell was dean of women at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She is a member of Chapter FO, Iowa.



Major Mary S. Bell

WAVE

Miss Maree Brower, AG, Fullerton, Neb., over seas service, staff assistant recreation worker New Guinea.

Sarah Ann Davis, Aviation Machinist Mate 3/c, N. A. S., Waves Barracks, Vero Beach, Florida. A member of BD, Independence, Iowa.

ANC

Lieut. Evelyn Street, formerly an assistant executive with the Red Cross in Chicago and before that the dormitory nurse at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been assigned to a General Hospital overseas. Member Chapter FO, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Lieutenant Jeannie Cormack, Army Nurse Corps, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. She is a member of Chapter A, Milwaukee, Wis.



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USO

Mrs. Ward Kehler, AD, Leavenworth, Kansas U. S. O. Program Director and Hostess.

Helen Gilbert, EN, Clinton, Mo., U.S.O. director of club operated by the National Y.W.C.A. board 326 E. Crockett St., San Antonio, Texas.

CALIFORNIA CONVENTION

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paniment as Margaret Jones sang *Salutation to the Dawn* by Stevenson.

Alice King White played on the piano Franz Liszt' *Hungarian Rhapsody*.

Mrs. Weller installed the newly elected officers and presented Mrs. Smith with her past president's credential.

Mrs. Bailey with a word of pledge to give her best service in the coming year, adjourned the forty-first annual convention of California State Chapter, one of the best in its long history of fine conventions.

CONVENTION NOTE

The success of the convention was due to the work of many people under the generalship of Mrs. Mabel Jessup who seemed to be everywhere when an emergency arose. All of the heads of committees were efficient. Were it not for the 2,000 word limit to the reports this year we could use all of the words in giving the names of interesting and prominent P. E. O.'s who were present.

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Camp McCoy — courtesies extended by Chapter P. Address Mrs. Loren E. Austin, Box 260, Sparta, Wis.

The Denver advisory board wishes to extend courtesies to P. E. O. relatives stationed in this vicinity. Address Mrs. Richard Osenbaugh, 560 Circle Drive, Denver, Colo.

Amarillo Council wishes to extend courtesies to P. E. O. relatives stationed in this vicinity. Contact Mrs. Wesley Prosser, 921 Rusk St., Telephone 2-0690.

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.

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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.

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P. E. O. Personals

Kansas is perhaps the only state to have set up a Hall of Fame for newspaper editors and publishers. This year three were elected to that honor, Clark Conkling, William Allen White and W. L. Townsley.

Mr. Conkling was the father of Yetta Speck, a past president of Kansas State Chapter P. E. O.

A directory of past state presidents of Kansas Council of Women and affiliated organizations has been compiled by Miss Stella B. Haines, past state president of Kansas P. E. O. The directory carries no street address, only the city name.

Emir Ammerman, Chapter DA, Kansas City, Mo. was guest editor of the April issue of the Kansas City Poetry Magazine. It is a magazine of 16 pages founded in 1940 by Lillian Turner Findlay.

Miss Ida L. Palmer of Detroit was a particularly interesting visitor in the Michigan convention. She was the first woman from Michigan to be elected to office on the Supreme Chapter board. She served as Corresponding Secretary in the administration of Alice S. Spilman. Mrs. Emma C. Hyatt served as Corresponding Secretary under three presidents — Flora C. Herring, Mollie Campbell and Carrie Hapeman.

Two members of Chapter B, Memphis, Tenn., are Mrs. Ernest Williams, chairman of surgical dressings for the Red Cross Chapter and Mrs. E. E. Hutton, who is

Memphis Commissioner of Girl Scout work and is also a Gray Lady at the Kennedy General Hospital.

Two members of Chapter BP, Denver, Colo., have been elected to state office in other organizations: Mrs. Milo V. Wilson, President Colorado Congress of Parents and Teachers Association and Mrs. Roy D. Lee, Regent Colorado State Chapter Daughters American Revolution.

Mrs. Roscoe Clark, Chapter B, Memphis, Tenn., has recently been elected president of the Tennessee Federation of Music Clubs.

Mrs. Walter Rush, B, Memphis, Tenn. is chairman of nutrition of Memphis Chapters of Red Cross. She is a former president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Tennessee State Medical Association.

Be not disturbed at trifles or at accidents common or unavoidable.—Benjamin Franklin.

Little is much, if the heart be turned toward heaven.—The Talmud.

Never content yourself by doing your second best, however unimportant the occasion.—General Phil. Sheridan.

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Children are quiet. The hour has grown
late.

Doing small duties, I think of how great
My debt to the fathers now gone far
away,

Working and fighting to bring back
the day

When they may return to the God-given
right

Of putting a household to bed for the
night.

Stars need no turning out; tents have no
locks.

Soldiers are strangers to grandfather
clocks;

They, scattered everywhere under the sun,
Doing the big job that has to be done,

Grant me the privilege, sacred and
bright,

Of putting a household to bed for the
night.



Marriages

Miss Ruth Henrietta Diller, H, Philadelphia, Pa., to Ensign Robert Archer Woods, U.S.N.R., May 27, 1944. At home 8722 Meadow Brook Lane, Norfolk 3, Va.

Miss Frances Bell, D, Cody, Wyo. to John C. Yates, May 19, 1944. At home 407 S. 5th, Laramie, Wyo.

Miss Patricia Jean Church, DU, Sheldon, Iowa, May 15th, 1944 to Donald R. Parks, Pfc. of Camp McCain, Mississippi.

Helen Janice Denley, JF, San Fernando, Calif. to Sgt. Harold F. Johnson, May, 1944.

Katherine Johansen, AE, Clarinda, Iowa to T/Sgt. Warren A. Richardson, U. S. Marines, April 9, 1944.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Champlin, AQ, Enid, Okla. to William D. Kiebler, Ft. Worth, Texas, May 16, 1944.

Miss Ruth Elizabeth Barker, Q, Cleveland, Ohio to Capt. Richard Lyness Watson Jr., U. S. Army. At home, 4906-C-2 29 Road, Fairlington, Alexandria, Va.

Miss Margaret Olivia Griffiths, A, New Castle, Pa. to Lt. Jack Dunlap, April 20, 1944.

Mrs. Patti McLaughrey, A, New Castle, Pa. to Lt. Monas Harlan, July, 1943.

Miss Ruth Frances Tall Curtis, N, Chariton, Iowa to Cpl. Keith Stokes Snyder, March 19, 1944.

Miss Charlotte Earlywine, AL, Everett, Wash. to Lt. Wallace F. Willson, USN, April 6, 1944.

Miss Elizabeth Roloson, CT, Wakeney, Kans. to Lieut. Col. David Ackerman, Nashville, Tenn., April 28, 1944.

Miss Carolyn Libby, U, Shelbina, Mo. to Robert Miller Ward, April 1, 1944. At home 215 B St. N.E., Washington, D. C.

Miss Elizabeth Brainard, C, Payette, Idaho to Lt. Ralph A. Hardin, April 20, 1944.

Miss Ella Mae Sheffett, DG, Ponca, Neb. to Patrick B. Knox, April 23, 1944.

At home, 1431 No. Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Miss Mary Redfield M. Torrington, Wyoming to Lt. James Arthur Beaty, March 29, 1944. At home 229 W. 12, Pueblo, Colo.

Margaret E. Lewis, BQ, Ferndale, Wash. to Glenn McGuire, SOM 1/c, April 15, 1944.

Miss Betty Lou Gibson, BC, Long Beach, Calif. to T/S Arthur M. Ebright, June 1, 1944.

Chapter Eternal

"Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee."

ALDERSON, Miss Edna, charter member former president EJ, Virden, Ill., May 16, 1944.

BARNETT, Helen Bloomer (Mrs. C. E.), president AG, Kiethsburg, Ill. Graduate of Frances Shimer School and of University of Illinois. She was a delegate in the 1944 Illinois convention.

BEECHER, Mary R. (Mrs. H. S.), charter member AM, New Ulm, Minn., May 27, 1944.

BREWER, Mrs. Martha, BE, Pasadena, Calif., May 20, 1944.

BRITAN, Minerva (Mrs. H. D.), AW, Orofino, Idaho, May 31, 1944.

CAMPBELL, Katherine Young, AO, Los Angeles, Calif., May 11, 1944.

CARSTENS, Mrs. Mary, EG, Kansas City, Mo., May 22, 1944.

CROUCH, Mrs. Lora, S, Ft. Morgan, Colo., April 2, 1944.

DAFOE, Mrs. Gertrude, AT, Tecumseh, Neb., June 4, 1944.

DONLEY, Louise C. (Mrs. H. F.), E, Denver, Colo., May 19, 1944.

DRAKE, Mrs. Emma, EL, Webster City, Iowa, May 19, 1944.

EVANS, Ella J., widow of the Rev. Thomas Martin Evans, died May 20, 1944, a paying guest P. E. O. Chapter House, Alhambra, Calif., age 86 years.

EVANSON, Miss Rachel, K, Miles City, Mont., May 5, 1944.

HALL, Mrs. Zella, CD, Pleasanton, Kansas, May 2, 1944.

HART, Miss Sarah, AW, Bloomington, Ill., May 15, 1944.

HEBERLING, Mrs. Harriet, E, Iowa City, Iowa, May 5, 1944.

HINES, Fannie Bailey (Mrs. W. T.), P, Yakima, Wash., March 5, 1944.

HENMAN, Christine (Mrs. Jim), F, Huron, So. Dak., May 9, 1944.

HUGHES, Thena R. (Mrs. T. R.), BN, Bevier, Mo., May 13, 1944.

HUNT, Louise (Mrs. E. E.), V, Sand Point, Idaho, May 27, 1944.

KELLAND, Christine (Mrs. H. J.), GJ, Sioux Rapids, Iowa, May 9, 1944.

LANDES, Bertha (Mrs. Henry), G, Seattle, Wash., Nov. 29, 1943. Former Mayor of Seattle.

LANTZ, Clara, L, Sunnyside, Wash., May 7, 1944.

LOW, Katherine K. (Mrs. P. R.), FF, Tarkio, Mo., April 28, 1944.

McCOWA, Elizabeth (Mrs. C. C.), P, Yakima, Wash., April 1, 1944.

MEAD, Katie Ross (Mrs. D. W.), H, Madison, Wis., April 25, 1944.

MEREDITH, Mrs. Delia, F, Portland, Ore., former member of GY, Iowa, April 28, 1944. Former editor *The Acoustic Eye*.

MILLER, Mrs. Kathryn, S, Maywood, Ill., May 22, 1944.

MOORE, Cora R., treasurer Z, Oregon, Mo., May 19, 1944.

NORRIS, Valeda G., BB, Claremont, Calif., April 20, 1944.

PEARCY, Mrs. Deliah, B, Louisville, Ky., May 18, 1944.

PETERSON, Mrs. Jessie, EN, San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 4, 1944. Active in church, P. E. O. war work having been awarded the A. R. C. pin of production.

SMITH, Clara Broad (Mrs. W. F.), charter member O, Golden, Colo., May 15, 1944.

TRIPLETT, Della (Mrs. Grant), charter member EP, Storm Lake, Iowa, May 18, 1944. A P. E. O. for 40 years.

WHITSELL, May N. (Mrs. C. W.), J, Pittsburgh, Pa., May 15, 1944.

WIEMAN, Miss Emma, K, Manitou Springs, Colo., May 12, 1944.

WILSON, Miss Christina, I, Arlington, Wash., March 22, 1944.

WOOD, Effie B. (Mrs. E. B.), charter member BG, Newkirk, Okla., March 10, 1944.

WOOLPERT, Edith F. (Mrs. A. F.), G, Salem, Ore., May 9, 1944. Initiated 1920.

WORK, Gertrude (Mrs. John) BC, Long Beach, Calif., May 2, 1944.

WORTLEY, Mrs. Eloise, CN, Winnetka, Ill., April 28, 1944. State chairman the Lulu Corkhill Williams Welfare and Trust fund.



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Standeth GOD within the shadow,
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