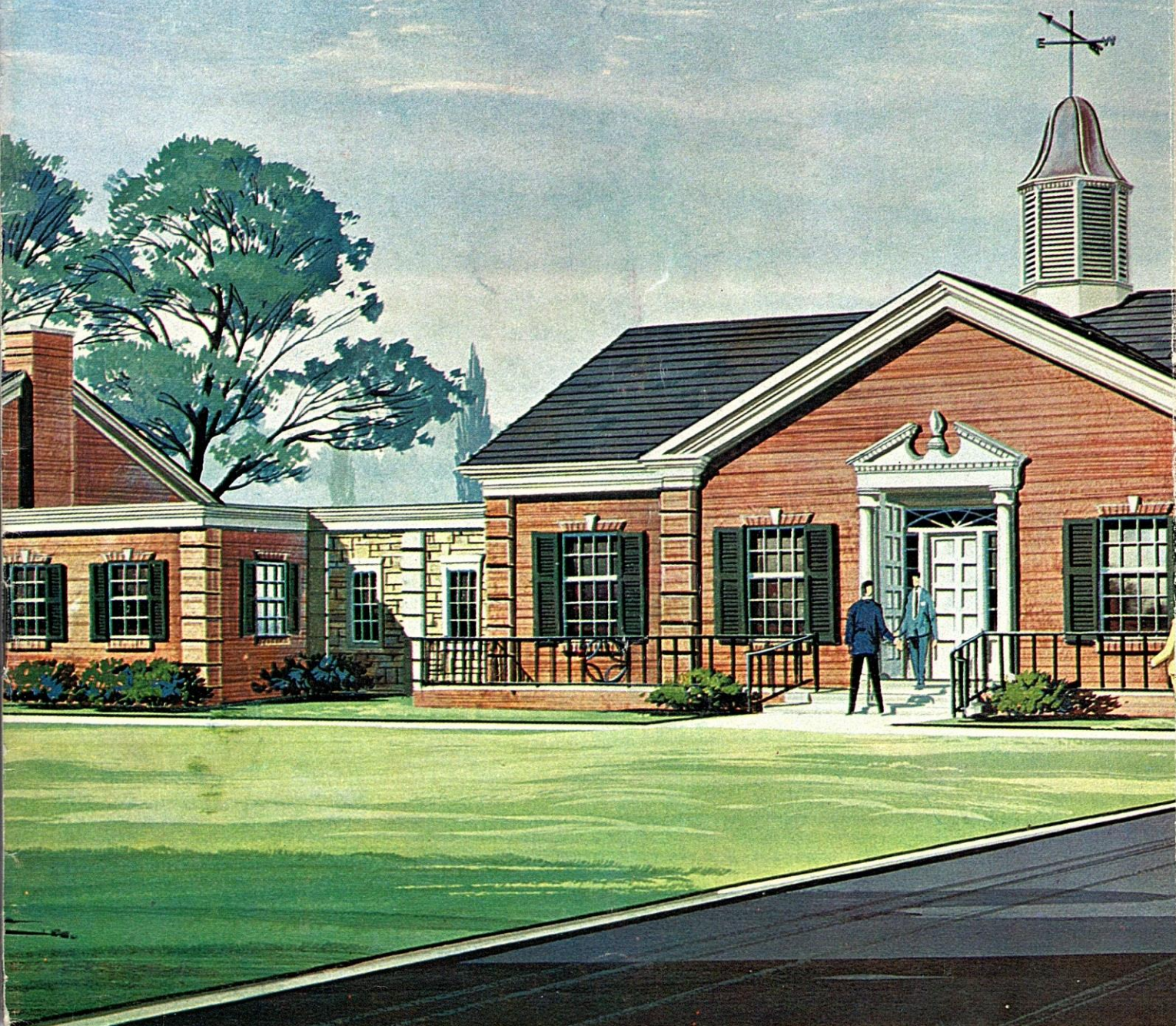
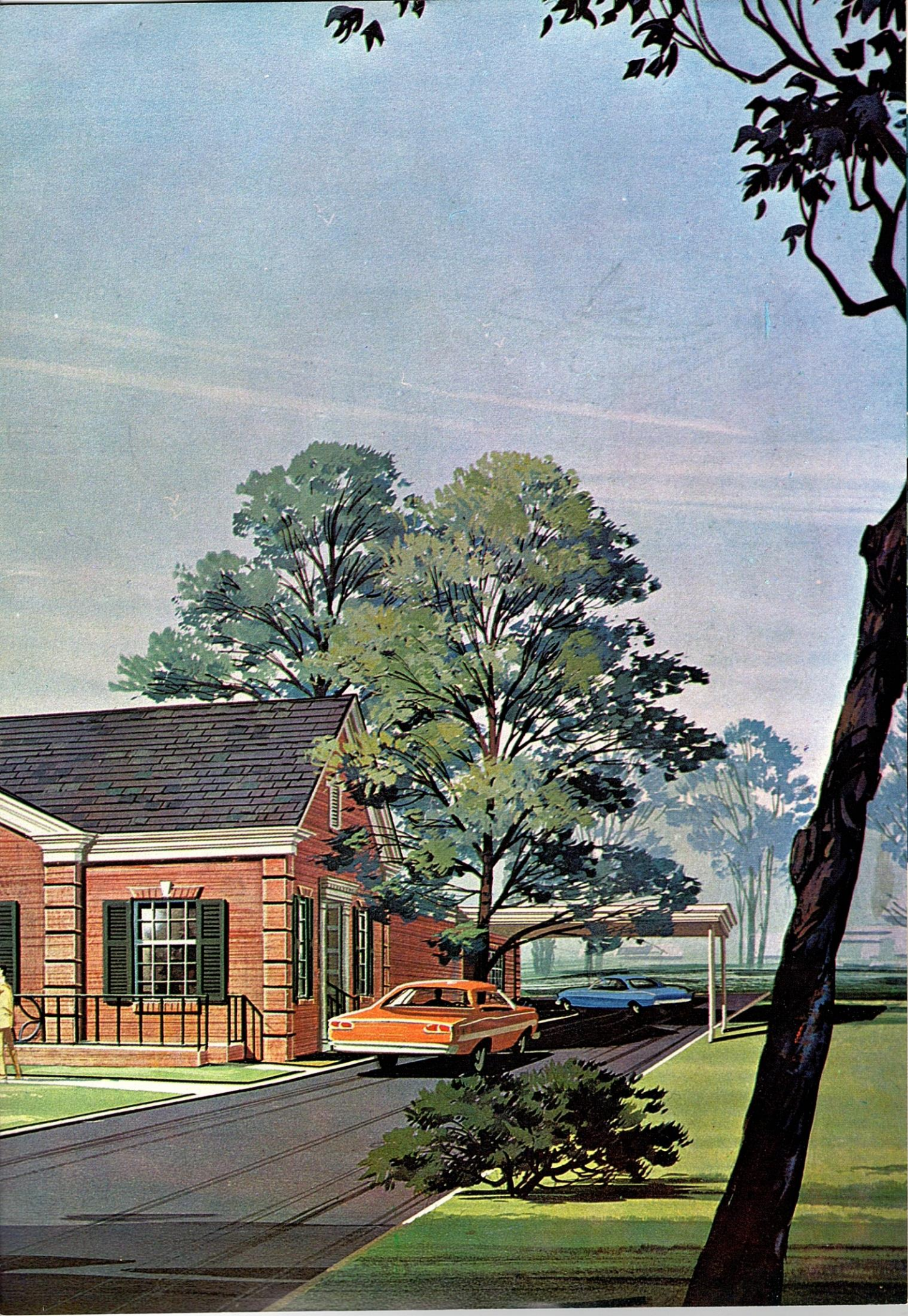


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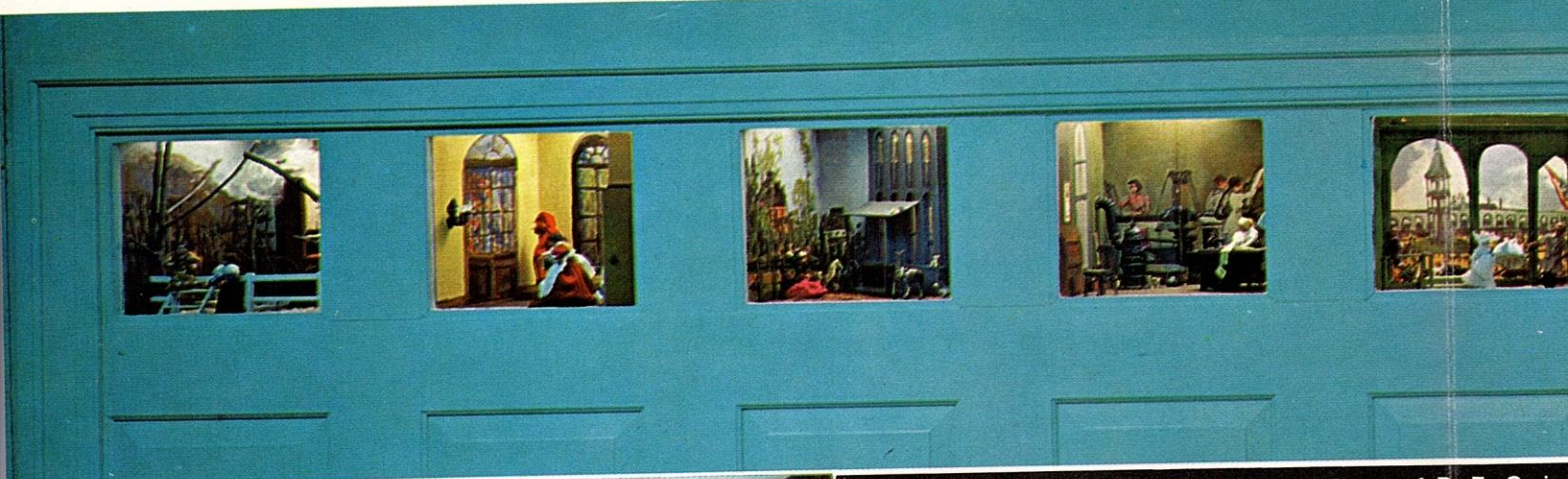
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exquisite chapel furnished by California State Chapter will be found on the inside back cover. Also there are views of the foyer at the rear of Great Hall furnished by Blanche Skiff Ross, niece of Alice Coffin, a founder of P. E. O.; the Informal Lounge on the lower floor of the building; a corner in one of the two galleries for the display of art works and P. E. O. memorabilia; the kitchen from which light refreshments can be served in the meeting room which adjoins it. At the entrance of this room is the enchanting diorama shown above depicting highlights of P. E. O.'s first one hundred years. There are many other points of interest in Centennial Center and in the Executive Office at 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, including a lovely little garden nestled between the two buildings, a memorial by New Jersey P. E. O.'s to Uretta A. Hinkhouse, a president of Supreme Chapter.



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THE COVER. As a finale to the centennial year, this convention issue brings you a double three-page cover, the outside cover being the architect's rendering of the Executive Office and the P. E. O. Centennial Center; on the three inside cover pages are colored interior views of Centennial Center. The three cover pages may be removed for easier viewing if desired.

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REPORT: THE CENTENNIAL CONVENTION

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 24, 1969

On the occasion of your Supreme Chapter Centennial Convention, I am most happy to greet the members of the Philanthropic Educational Organization.

The P. E. O. has good reason to be proud of its record over the past one hundred years. Through your Peace Scholarships, your sponsorship of Cottey College, and your many philanthropic activities, you have given many young women the opportunity to gain the knowledge, skills and judgment which have enabled them to contribute substantially to the welfare of humanity.

You can take pride not only in your accomplishments as a group, but in the example you set as individuals committed to serve both community and country. You have demonstrated a deep awareness of the social and civic responsibility of the American woman whose dedicated efforts can dramatically speed the progress of education and enrich the lives of all our people.

You have my congratulations on your splendid achievements, and my best wishes for a pleasant, productive meeting -- and a second century of brilliant human service.

Richard Nixon

ETHEL O. GARDNER (Mrs. Edwin L. II), past president of California State Chapter and president of Supreme Chapter 1967-1969, presided at the convention of Supreme Chapter observing the centennial of the founding of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, held in Des Moines, Iowa, September 29, 30, October 1, 2, 1969. As anticipated it was the largest P. E. O. assembly ever held with 1354 delegates, 3184 registered visitors plus 175 B. I. L.'s who registered. In addition there were hundreds of visitors who perhaps did not register, but swelled the ranks in the balcony sections at open meetings. Chartered buses from locations in Iowa and nearby states brought large groups for a day's events, the maximum number on Tuesday when the program provided a tour of Centennial Center and a gala evening pageant.

The president had carefully constructed her program to permit everyone attending to see the visual evidence of the growth of P. E. O. in guided tours through the Executive Office and the P. E. O. Centennial Center; to experience the quaint charm of the early years in significant reminiscent episodes; to provide for the projects of P. E. O. to present angles of their historicity on the program and their practicality in a series of conferences; to bring forth a challenge for the future. The program in itself was a major feat of engineering, and surely so was bringing it to fruition, the extraordinary task of the participants; the convention chairman, Zora Knudsen, AA, Iowa, and her committee; the special committees serving under her direction; and many other Iowa P. E. O.'s.

All convention sessions were held at Veterans' Memorial Auditorium. The stage backdrop effectively suggested a nineteenth century drawing room, re-

calling to many that the first conventions of P. E. O. were indeed held in the home, the one in 1882 becoming known as the "parlor convention."

Sixty-nine guards led the big parade, yellow dresses, the famous aprons. Miss Louise Gardner, IU, California, daughter of the president, served as her page. Other assigned pages were Lucile Johnson, BZ, California; Susan Cullen, BI, New York; Marcia McCowen, AA, Iowa; Jane Bradway, AG, Virginia; Elizabeth Henderson, LR, Iowa. Mary Ellen Lovett, JK, Iowa, served as assistant to the recording secretary and timekeeper; Gloria Bryson, IU, California, was program coordinator; Linda Jones, HZ, Iowa, songleader; and Delores McDonald, MA, Iowa, was organist. Helen Davis and Rachel Gildner were chairmen of the guards and pages. Arline Maher served beautifully as music chairman and vocal soloist.

Descendants of the founders served as honorary pages for the centennial convention and the following were seated in front of the platform at all sessions, often in period gowns: Geraldine Bousquet Durham, granddaughter of Hattie Briggs Bousquet, and Mrs. Durham's two daughters, Karen Rae Bousquet Dykstra and Kae Bousquet Gaston; Diane Ross Fennekohl, great niece of Alice Coffin, and Mrs. Fennekohl's daughter, Rosslyn Crawford; Verna Ross Orndorff, great niece of Alice Coffin, and Mrs. Orndorff's daughter, Alice Coffin Gordon. Blanche Skiff Ross, 97, niece of Alice Coffin and mother of Mrs. Fennekohl and Mrs. Orndorff, also was an honorary page and while she did not attend every session, the audience was thrilled when she was introduced — a P. E. O. for 75 years, one who has held P. E. O. ties and ideals close throughout her life, a generous benefactress to many of its endeavors.

Ethel Gardner presided at all times with charming vitality. She was accompanied to convention by her husband, Edwin Lee Gardner II, and their daughter, Louise Gardner, who served as her mother's page. Both Ethel and Louise are members of Chapter IU, Ventura, California. In tribute to its honored member, Ethel Gardner, this chapter presented to the P. E. O. Centennial Center the beautiful handcrafted metal cross that is the focal point of The Chapel.

Ethel was elected to the executive board at the 1959 convention at Milwaukee. She has served as recording secretary, organizer, in the three offices of vice president, and as president since her installation to that office in Seattle, 1967. She received her A. B. degree from the University of Southern California and continued her education with graduate work at Stanford University. Mrs. Gardner is a DAR and was a member of the board of trustees for Ventura High School, and for many years served on the faculty for that district. More recently she was associated with the University of California, Santa Barbara, as a part-time supervisor of student teachers. The Gardners are members of the Presbyterian Church.



Ethel O. Gardner, president of Supreme Chapter, in centennial costume worn for opening events. All in the Processional wore period gowns.



Here is your executive board in period gowns worn for the processional and Monday evening activities. From left are Irene Kerr, first vice president; Marjorie Smith, recording secretary; Marie Busch, organizer; Florence Wallace, third vice president; Miss Helen Evers, second vice president; Irene Snell, corresponding secretary; Ethel Gardner, president.

THE HOUR OF REMEMBRANCE

FLORENCE MYERS WALLACE, third vice president of Supreme Chapter, presided at the Hour of Remembrance held at 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon at Veterans' Memorial Auditorium where the stage was set with accouterments of a century old church — an unpretentious pulpit, short wooden pews, green foliage in tall reed containers, a glowing stained glass window. Participants in the Memorial Hour were seated by ushers in full, floor length black skirts and white Victorian-styled blouses, on the shoulder the P. E. O. pin in a rosette of black net, calling to mind a custom in early chapters in which "draping the pin" evidenced a respectful period of mourning. Wilma Isenberg, BQ, Iowa, was chairmen of the ushers, comprised of members of Iowa chapters BQ, KF, KD, LJ, LQ, MC.

In the scene of simple beauty and reverence, memorial tributes were accorded as follows: To Ruth W. Rippey, past president of Supreme Chapter, by Jane

Ledbetter, past president of Arizona State Chapter; to Bertha Clark Hughes, past president of Supreme Chapter, by Ada Mead, past president of Nebraska State Chapter; to 56 past presidents of state and provincial chapters who died in the 1967-69 biennium, and to 17 members in chapters of subordinate territory, by Lucille Smith, past president of Illinois State Chapter. Florence Wallace lighted candles in loving memory of the seven founders reading a poem by Leila Pier King, K, District of Columbia, as tribute, and based her memorial meditation on soliloquies of Effie Hoffman Rogers as recorded in the January issue of THE P. E. O. RECORD, 1890. Quoting the first editor of The Record, she observed: "What a queer world this is, any way, and yet how much better the world really is than the people who live in it. Life and death are so strangely interwoven that it seems as though they were one — equally important, equally essential. How many good, *real* good people have a fear, a dread, of death — and yet, the language of Christianity is the language of assurance. The dead are only gone before us a little ways and for a little while. They are saying to us every day and every hour, in tones softer and sweeter than any human voice can utter, 'We go to

prepare a place for you, that where we are you may be also . . . Let not your heart be troubled . . . ; Lo, I am with you always.'"

Exquisite music for the occasion was provided by Arline Maher, FY, Iowa, vocalist, with accompanying flute by Dr. Nathan Jones, Drake University, in presenting *Psalm XIII (Berlinski)*; in the chorus renditions of *O Perfect Love* and *Fairest Lord Jesus*, directed by Dr. Francis J. Pyle, Drake University; in the harp solo, *Larghetto From Concerto in B Flat Major (Handel)*, by Majorie Tate, HP, Iowa; in the organ prelude and postlude by Delores McDonald, MA, Iowa.

OPENING CEREMONIES

A GALA PROCESSIONAL with all participants in gowns of earlier eras was a resplendent highlight of the open meeting on Monday evening, noticeably bringing many local visitors to the auditorium for a glimpse of yesteryears. Members of the executive board and its appointees, the past presidents of Supreme Chapter, representatives of the hostess state, wore gowns mainly in fashion before the turn of the century; presidents and immediate past presidents of state and provincial chapters were attired in gowns typical of the era in which her respective state or provincial chapter was organized, and as each was introduced an interesting progression — at times, regression — of fashion was apparent.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by Florence Irving, immediate past president, Iowa State Chapter. Tribute to the Flag of the Dominion of Canada was given by Pearl Robertson, past president, Manitoba Provincial Chapter. The Invocation (*see next column*) was given by Dorothy Weller, past president of Supreme Chapter. Dagmar Ingvoldstad, president of Iowa State Chapter, extended welcome from the state and introduced her board; Zora Knudsen, general chairman of convention, extended welcome in behalf of the hostess chapters. Irene Kerr, first vice president of Supreme Chapter, gave gracious response to the welcomes.

The president extended greetings and introduced her executive board and Laura Storms Knapp, past president of Supreme Chapter, who introduced the other past presidents of Supreme Chapter: Dorothy Weller, California; Mabel Scurrah, British Columbia; Gertrude Tomhave, Minnesota; Nell Stevenson, Oklahoma; Alice Rinehard, Wisconsin; Margaret Emily Stoner, Indiana; Irene Van Brunt, Nebraska; Amy Welch, Oregon. All past presidents of Supreme Chapter were in attendance. Following introduction of the appointees of Supreme Chapter, Mrs. Gardner introduced the presidents and immediate past presidents of state and provincial chapters.

The program of the evening, Ladies of the Press Reminisce, was presented by THE P. E. O. RECORD, Marjorie Reid, chairman of the board of trustees, presid-

Invocation

1969 Convention of Supreme Chapter

OUR FATHER, we come to Thee tonight with grateful hearts — grateful for our organization and for the friendships it affords; grateful for the friendship of our two great nations, and that within their borders a body of women as the P. E. O. Sisterhood may exist and function in freedom and in confidence.

We thank Thee that one hundred years ago our Founders built upon the eternal verities of Faith, Truth, and Love; and that these fundamental principles have continued to be the inspiration for P. E. O. growth and service.

We ask Thy Blessing upon this centennial session; upon our president; all present; those who have prepared for and those who will participate in its proceedings. May this convention strengthen the bonds of sisterhood and bring enthusiasm for even greater achievements.

But more than this, our Father, we pray that in these troubled times and in an ever-narrowing universe, there may come to us, to our beloved countries, and to the world a renaissance of FAITH, HOPE, and PEACE. Amen. — Dorothy Weller, California, Past President of Supreme Chapter.

ing. The short playlet presented the three nineteenth century editors — Effie Hoffman Rogers, portrayed by Mrs. Reid; Mary Osmond, by Mona Clare of the Record board; Siddie Richards, by Marcella Oberg, trustee — in a visit with the present editor. The "first-hand" comments from the early editors brought recognition that publication of the "little society paper" continually since 1889 is a miraculous accomplishment.

The organ prelude was by Delores McDonald, and the recessional, *March for the P. E. O. Sisterhood*, was played by Patricia Wheeler, HA, Iowa. Special music was provided by the Drake University Faculty Trio which played four selections from Mendelssohn. The trio was comprised of Wilfred Biel, violin; John Ehrlich, cello; Kenneth Drake, piano.

P. E. O. Has Touched the Moon

THE SURPRISE HIGHLIGHT in the Monday evening program came when the president recognized Madeline M. Sternberg, A, Florida. Mrs. Sternberg presented to the president a gift from her chapter for the P. E. O. Centennial Center, a handsome wooden plaque bearing a P. E. O. Centennial Charm that had been carried to the moon and back by Mrs. Sternberg's

nephew, Colonel Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., astronaut on the historic journey of Apollo 11. Mrs. Sternberg's presentation follows:

Last January at our Founders' Day meeting, when my sisters in Chapter A, Florida, learned that my nephew, Col. Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., had been named to the crew of Apollo 11, and would be one of the two men to land on the moon, they had a collective brain storm. Would it be possible for him to take with him a P. E. O. Centennial Charm in memory of his grandmother, my mother, the late Jessie Ross Moon, who had also been a member of Chapter A?

I saw Buzz shortly after that at Cape Kennedy and asked him. He felt sure that he could, if it were not too large. When I compared it to the size of one of these discs on my bracelet, he said that he thought that he could.

I talked with him on August 8, after the historic voyage, from his Lunar Receiving Laboratory quarters in Houston, and he confirmed the fact that he had indeed taken the charm. So there it was, in quarantine with the crew, the spacecraft, the lunar rocks and dust.

It is the wish of my chapter that this charm be placed in the P. E. O. Centennial Center, and it is here on this plaque with the inscription which reads as follows:

This P. E. O. Centennial Charm was carried to the moon, July 20, 1969, by Colonel Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., in loving memory of his grandmother, Jessie Ross Moon, Chapter A, Florida, and presented by Colonel Aldrin's aunt, Madeline Moon Sternberg, and her Chapter A, Florida, to the P. E. O. Centennial Center, September 29, 1969, during Centennial Convention of Supreme Chapter. Colonel Aldrin presented this Charm to his aunt immediately following President Nixon's State Dinner honoring the Apollo 11 astronauts at Los Angeles, California, August 13, 1969.

Madam President, on behalf of Chapter A, Florida, it is with pleasure and great pride that I present to you this plaque with the P. E. O. Centennial Charm and inscription. With the Apollo Eagle, P. E. O. has touched the moon.

Convention MOONglow



Colonel Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., astronaut on the Apollo 11 flight to the moon, presents to his aunt, Madeline Moon Sternberg, A, Florida, the P. E. O. Centennial Charm which he carried to the moon and back in honor of his grandmother (Madeline's mother), Jessie Ross Moon, A, Florida. This presentation to Madeline was made immediately following President Nixon's dinner honoring the Apollo 11 astronauts at Los Angeles, California, August 13, 1969.



On September 29, 1969, at the convention observing the centennial of the founding of P. E. O., in behalf of Chapter A, Florida, Mrs. Sternberg formally presented to Ethel Gardner, presiding officer for the convention, a handsome plaque bearing the charm that Colonel Aldrin carried to the moon and an inscription telling the circumstance. The plaque with the charm will be on display in the P. E. O. Centennial Center.

OFFICIAL SESSIONS I, II

TUESDAY A. M., SEPTEMBER 30. Convention was called to order by the president on Tuesday morning. The Opening Ode was led by Ellen Freeman, past president of Ontario Provincial Chapter, and the Objects and Aims were led by Mabel Scurrah, past president of Supreme Chapter. Mary Bowen, past president of New Mexico State Chapter and chairman of the Finance Committee, presented devotions entitled, *Our Heritage — Our Task*. Response was *Psalm VIII* by Nella Girolo, FY, Iowa.

Jane Boyd, past president of New Mexico State Chapter and chairman of the Committee on Dispensations, recommended the dispensation of charters to Chapter H, Wilmington, Delaware; Chapter C, Burlington, Vermont; Chapter C, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Marie Busch, organizer of Supreme Chapter, presented charters to these three new chapters of subordinate territory. Accepting were Barbara Dittmar, H, Delaware; Sue Smith, C, Vermont; Jean Wallace, C, Saskatchewan. Greetings were extended by Alice Rinehard, past president of Supreme Chapter, and response was by Sue Smith.

P. E. O. Educational Fund

PROMOTE EDUCATION FOR OTHERS was the theme of the program presented by the P. E. O. Educational Fund, Margaret Holliday, chairman of the board, presiding. Miss Shirlee Proctor, psychiatric nurse in the Outpatient Clinic of the University of Iowa Psychopathic Hospital, was the featured speaker. Miss Proctor received her B. S. degree in the University of Iowa School of Nursing and was sponsored for a loan from the Educational Fund by Chapter ER, Strawberry Point, Iowa. She told of the challenges of her present position, and in expressing her appreciation of the loan, she said, "It's amazing how an organization as large as yours can reach across and make one feel you care. It's a good feeling to know you care." Nella Girolo, FY, Iowa, accompanied by Marilyn Johnson, KC, Iowa, capably presented two vocal solos on the Educational Fund program.

Mrs. Holliday introduced the other two members of her board, Alice Barrows, Massachusetts, and Ann Heath, Texas, and Miss Margaret L. Mohler, business manager of the Educational Fund. She presented to Miss Mohler a "book of love," letters from board members of the Educational Fund through the years, a bouquet, and a certificate of appreciation. In expressing her thanks Miss Mohler noted the true rewards of the work she has done, helping thousands of girls, all made possible through the recommendations of local chapters and the cooperation of all. Mrs. Holliday noted that in the 1967-1969 biennium there were 167 more loans granted than in the preceding biennium and the monetary increase amounted to \$162,621. Not included are loans granted since the 1969 audit of

August 1: In two months, 107 new loans in the amount of \$87,890. Since inception of the loan fund in 1907 to the August 1, 1969, audit, loans in the amount of \$8,571,835.70 have aided 16,048 women.

P. E. O. Supply Department

LOREE MELTON, chairman of the board for the Supply Department, introduced the other two members of her board, Helen Ware, Idaho, and Dorothy Head, Florida, and one who has long worked behind the scenes in the Supply Department, Nellie Wright, Des Moines, Iowa, who in her home puts the finishing touches on the insignia owned by each chapter, a task she considers a labor of love. Mrs. Melton traced the development of the Supply Department from its inception 50 years ago to its present facilities in the executive office, noting that for many years previously the treasurer was in charge of dispersing supplies, all materials being dispensed from her home. She cited examples of even earlier days when supplies consisted of The Book, when a wooden crochet hook or cane might serve as a gavel, and supplies varied from chapter to chapter as evidenced in historical displays. She stressed that everyone order supplies directly from the Executive Office in Des Moines, noting that she had received many supply orders at her home, a cause of delay.

ORDER CENTENNIAL SLIDES, CHARM

A SET OF TEN slides taken for the centennial convention of Supreme Chapter is available at \$3.50 per set. The set includes six slides of the P. E. O. Executive Office and Centennial Center, and one each of the executive board and the past presidents of Supreme Chapter in centennial dress, the Memorial Hour and the convention stage. This set of slides is not included in the Annual Price List of the P. E. O. Supply Department and will be available only until present limited supply is exhausted.

The centennial charm will be sold only through December. It is available in gold, or silver and gold combination. The cost is \$6.00.

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International Peace Scholarship Fund

LOVE IS IPS was the theme of the program of the International Peace Scholarship Fund, Dorothy Griffith, chairman, presiding, and bringing from Hawaii beautiful leis for the two students who presented the program, Nobleza Pilar, candidate for the Ph.D. in voice at the University of Indiana, and Phyllis Mok, Hong Kong, Hinkhouse scholar attending Cottey College. Miss Pilar, who has a 4.0 average at Indiana, in a beautiful native gown, brought a hush to the audience as she sang *Alleluia* by Mozart, *Where'er You Walk* by Handel, *Vilia, My Vilia* by Lehar, and *Lulay*, a Filipino folksong arranged by San Pedro. Miss Mok spoke animatedly of her background in Hong Kong, her delight in being selected as a Hinkhouse Scholar, her appreciation of Cottey and the privilege of being there, her plans for the future. She noted the differences she had perceived in American culture as it is and as presented by American movies shown in foreign countries and by some American tourists. She also said that it was thrilling to find P. E. O. a large organization of women who care rather than merely finding it a source of financial aid as she had assumed. In conclusion Miss Pilar, accompanied by Evelyn Gallagher, HY, Iowa, sang — *Let there be peace on earth — And let it begin with me — Let there be peace on earth — As it was meant to be.*"

Rachel Smith, Louisiana, and Eva Lindquist, California, trustees of the IPS Fund were introduced by Dorothy Griffith preceding the program.

TUESDAY P. M., SEPTEMBER 30. Following a luncheon recess at which members who had served on the boards of P. E. O. projects through the years met in reunion, convention was again called to order and following the Report of the Committee in Credentials, the nominating ballot for offices of Supreme Chapter was the business in order. Other business of the afternoon included First Reading of Amendments and Recommendations by Margaret Emily Stoner, and a report of the Buildings Committee by Dorothy Jordan Livermore, Chairman. This report is printed elsewhere in this issue.

Cottey Junior College

Irene Kerr introduced the Cottey board members present: Dr. Bertis Capehart, New Jersey, chairman; Helen Powell, Colorado; Dorothy Kleinpell, Wisconsin; Hugh Hartley, Tennessee; Mildred Russell, Wyoming. R. J. Martin, Missouri, and Dr. Orville Clark, Kansas, were unable to attend.

Mrs. Kerr turned proceedings to Dr. Capehart who presided for the Ceremony of The Investiture for Dr. Jon O. Hondrum, president of Cottey College. In his remarks, after delineating the high standards for a college president in this day, Dr. Capehart said: "Assured that we have found such a person, we hand the

stewardship of this institution to Dr. Jon Hondrum with complete confidence and faith in his unequivocal and major commitment to promote instructional improvement in the light of new priorities and imperatives — with complete confidence and faith in his ability to provide the leadership required to keep Cottey in the mainstream of distinguished institutions. As chairman of the Cottey College Board of Trustees, President Hondrum, I cannot urge too strongly a realistic appraisal of what Cottey College is and what it ought to be. Even more strongly do I urge all its friends to provide the support it and you deserve as you accept this challenge."

As emblem of investiture, Dr. Capehart placed a symbolic beribboned medallion around the president's shoulders. In response Dr. Hondrum said: "I am fully cognizant of the responsibilities of the office and the crucial challenges it faces, for one of the critical imperatives now confronting this nation is whether or not the small, private, independent colleges such as Cottey will persevere in the scheme of things to come. More than ever, I stand convinced that the enduring values of the humanistic tradition still present the best statement yet devised by man on the real purposes of an education and that they must endure and prevail for the sake of our essential humanity."

Dr. Hondrum's address to convention, The Cottey Experience, is printed elsewhere in this issue.

An anticipated part of the Cottey program was the Theatre Workshop directed by Richard Eschliman and described in the September issue of THE P. E. O. RECORD. Ann Wuest, South Dakota; Teri Eriksen, Iowa; Marlene Clark, Colorado; Carol Hawkins, Colorado; Carole Klugh, Arkansas, and Judy Mohler, Minnesota, with charm and professional poise brought an entertaining interlude with their presentation of *The Magic Tarts* by Sarah Stevenson of the Cottey faculty who made the plea to delegates, "Work hard to send us lovely girls such as these — we will make a new womanhood."

P. E. O. Foundation

THE P. E. O. FOUNDATION literally kicked up its heels for the centennial and cast its customary sedateness aside to present a hilarious melodrama in pantomime, the mimes being two pages, Charlotte Wood Mayer, daughter of Hazel May Wood, chairman, and Alice Van Brunt Busse, daughter of Irene Van Brunt, both of Texas, and members of the board of the P. E. O. Foundation: Hazel Wood as Madam Good Chairman; Helen Hartley, as Miss P. E. O. Foundation Herself; Marjorie Gump as Little Old Moneybags; Rose Shelly as Mrs. Moneybags' Lawyer, True Blue Harriet; and Martha Lawson as Old Scrooge, the Internal Revenue Agent. Pointed parodies by Soloist Arline Maher accompanied by Delores McDonald and equally pointed signs displayed at appropriate times by the pages drove home the fact that the P. E. O. Founda-

tion exists to provide an efficient way to receive, invest, and allocate gifts to P. E. O. on a tax-deductible basis. Most surely this facts-and-figures board came through as a personable entity, though it was felt by some that each member had, in fact, missed her calling.

P. E. O.'s FIRST CENTURY, A PAGEANT

P. E. O. IN TABLEAU was presented at an open meeting Tuesday evening, September 30, a difficult but well-staged production kaleidoscoping the story of P. E. O.'s first century, the story that begins with two girls on a stile and ends with publication of a 350-page centennial history telling how their idea was carried to nearly 170,000 members in 100 years — and still the story is to be continued. The pageant, professionally written and produced by Edward LaGrave, Jr., and associates — but with "amateur" performers, many appearing for the first time by necessity on the evening of the performance — served its purpose well presenting in an entertaining way the highlights of growth. Florence Wallace, third vice president of Su-

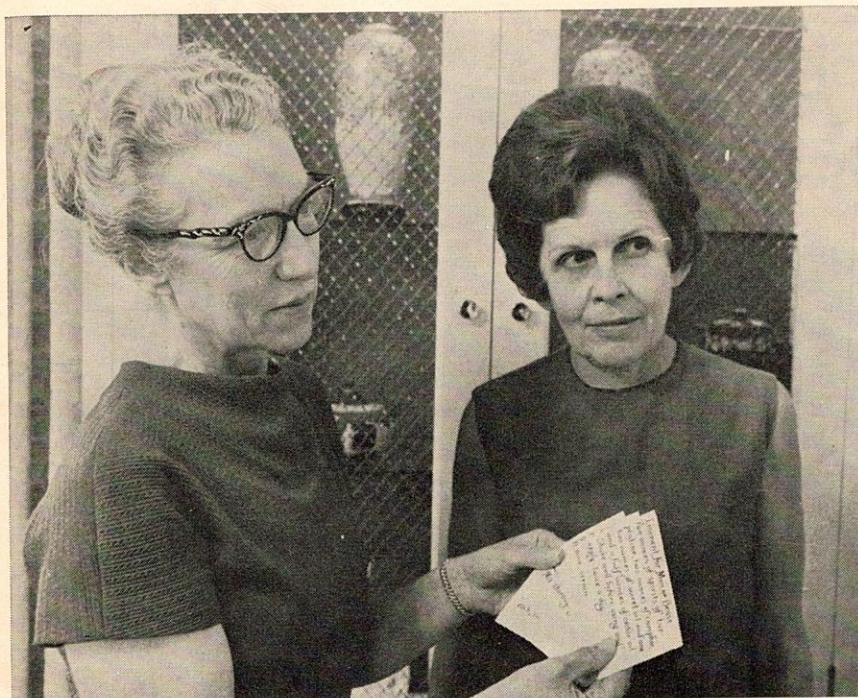
preme Chapter, was advisor for the pageant and Arline Maher, soloist, accompanied by Delores McDonald. Others serving on the pageant committee, all from Iowa, were Mrs. E. R. Bowlin, CI; Mrs. Elmer Burgeson, LL; Mrs. Thomas Carr, HX; Mrs. G. R. Churchill, HP; Mrs. Arch Mellor, Q; Mrs. Eugene Mies, past president of Iowa State Chapter now living in Illinois; Mrs. M. M. Paschal, HY; Mrs. Leslie Shaw, HD; Mrs. T. R. Scarborough, CJ; Mrs. Verne Schroeder, CJ. The program extended thanks to the many others who had worked in varying capacities to make the pageant a reality.

OFFICIAL SESSION III

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1. The Opening Ode was led by Meredith Giantvalley, IZ, California and the Objects and Aims by Barbara Dittmar, H, Delaware. Irene Van Brunt, past president of Supreme Chapter, read selected Scripture and response was recital of the P. E. O. Creed by the convention body.

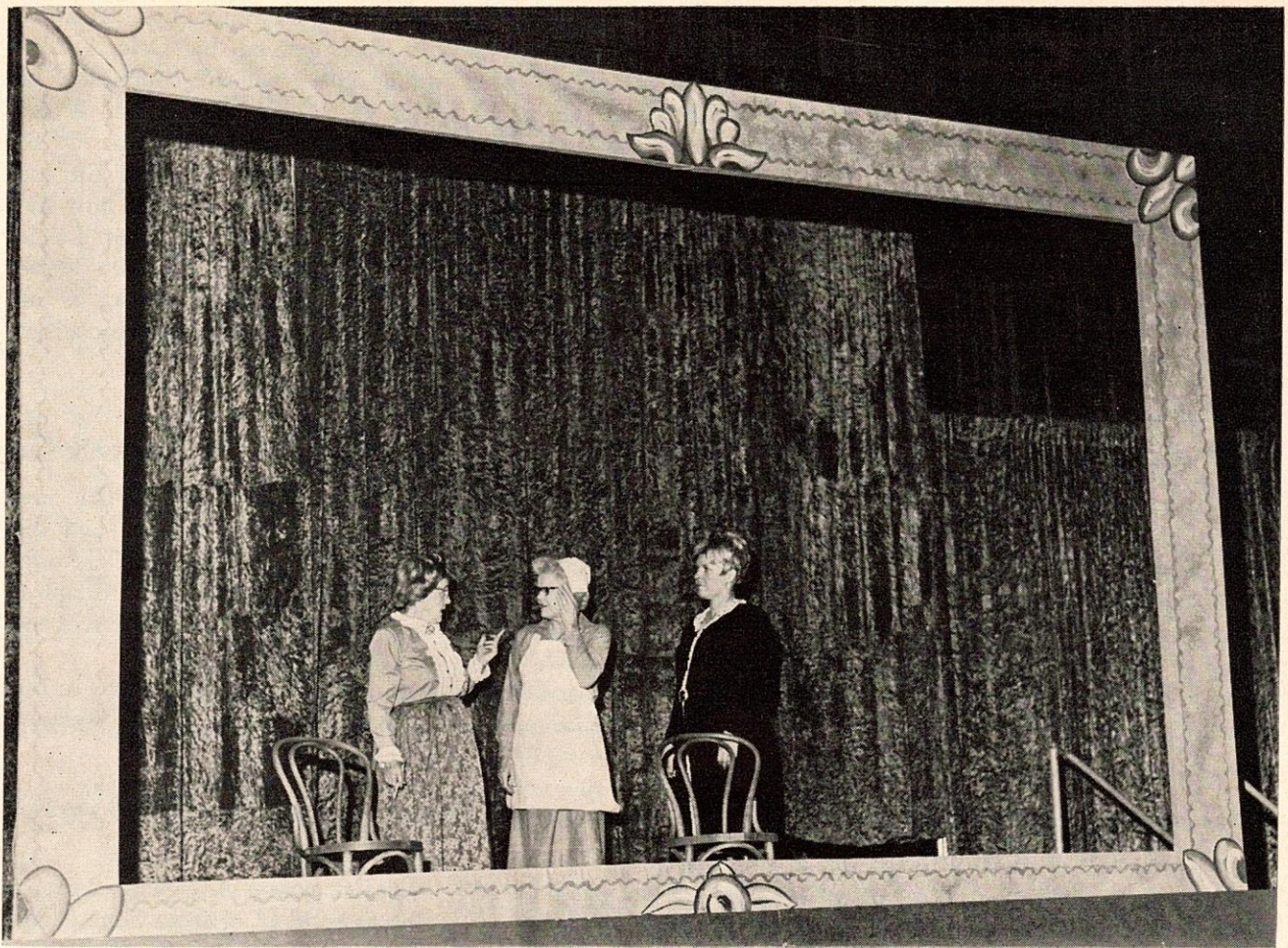
Five official reports of particular pertinence in the 1967-1969 biennium were on the agenda of Wednes-

TO THE COMMITTEES: THANK YOU EVERY ONE



Zora Knudsen, general chairman of the centennial convention, is shown here with her vice chairman, Helen Lovejoy, in one of their many pre-convention get-togethers to coordinate convention plans. Under scrutiny here are the old-fashioned "Receipts" used as luncheon favors on Tuesday. Other members of the convention executive committee were Betty Dobbin, secretary, and Noue Goodman, treasurer. Laura Storms Knapp, Florence Wallace, and Joan Milligan served as advisors.

ZORA KNUDSEN, AA, Ames, Iowa, a past president of Iowa State Chapter, as general chairman of the centennial convention, handled the immense job of planning and coordination just as her sisters in Iowa would expect her to do, with practical efficiency and with an unruffled calm that somehow rubs off on anyone with whom she works. Not that there weren't harried moments when making preparations — there are those with every convention, and for the colossal task of putting on the Centennial Supreme in the home state, those moments were perhaps more momentous than will ever be known, for everything went well and everyone was impressed with a tremendous job well done. According to Zora, Helen Lovejoy, vice chairman, did most of the work as SHE lives in Des Moines — whatever, the entire executive committee and all special convention committees deserve 100 rounds of applause for their careful planning in making this biggest convention ever a pleasant event for all.



... war years brought discussion on ways to serve.

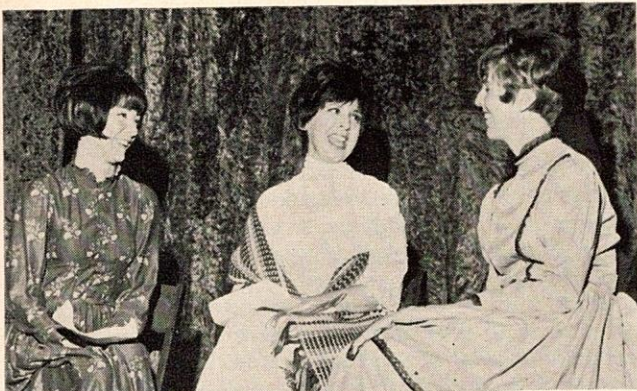
Scenes from the Pageant



... the first editor of THE P. E. O. RECORD stitched together the pages of the magazine on her trusty sewing machine.



... P. E. O. begins to grow.



... when we were young and gay.



... expanding into Canada lent excitement to afternoon tea.

day morning's session: Report of the Finance Committee by Mary Bowen; of the Committee on Amendments and Recommendations by Margaret Emily Stoner; of the History Committee, by Stella Clapp, — greeted by a standing ovation — History Committee of One and past president of Kansas State Chapter; of the Centennial Commission by Helen Tuttle, chairman and past president of Iowa State Chapter; P. E. O. Centennial Center Building Committee, by Ada Mead, chairman and past president of Nebraska State Chapter. All reports of officers and of appointees of the executive board were printed in convention kits presented to delegates, appear in this issue of *THE P. E. O. RECORD*, and will be printed in the official proceedings which will be sent to each local chapter.

Marie Busch presented to convention the officers of Chapter Original A, Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Mary Weir, president; Harriett Kords; Naomi Murphy; Kathleen Lange; Vivian Gibson; Olive Kay Rogers; Jane Mauck. Twenty-eight members of Chapter Original A attended convention on Wednesday and presented the model meeting for organizers of state and provincial chapters and delegates from subordinate chapters.

Special music Wednesday morning was provided by Ruth Pickford, GH, Iowa, and Myrtle Stewart, IE, Iowa, who presented four selections in duo piano.

Election of Officers

BEFORE THE NOMINATING BALLOT for officers of Supreme Chapter was taken on Tuesday afternoon, Marguerite Smith, past president of Indiana State Chapter and Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported the total number of voting delegates as 1354.

The nominating ballot became the elective ballot for the following: Irene Kerr, Wyoming, president; Miss Helen Evers, Kansas, first vice president; Florence Wallace, Iowa, second vice president; Marie Busch, New York, third vice president; Irene Snell, past president of New Jersey State Chapter, organizer; Marjorie Smith, Washington, corresponding secretary. A

second ballot was taken for the office of recording secretary. Elected was Mary Bowen, chairman of the Finance Committee and past president of New Mexico State Chapter. Miss Martha Milburn, Arkansas, was chairman of tellers; Helen Gillam, Ohio, vice chairman; and Miss Catherine Mick, Iowa, local chairman. Reed baskets entwined with marguerites were used as ballot boxes. Complete election results were announced on Wednesday.

Amendments Adopted by Convention

FOLLOWING is a summary of the amendments adopted by convention prepared by Dorothy L. Weller, Parliamentarian:

The 1969 convention of Supreme Chapter was an "intervening" one for presentation of amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules of Supreme Chapter. According to a standing rule, such amendments are considered only at alternating conventions unless, by unanimous vote of the executive board of Supreme Chapter, one or more are needed to meet circumstances which call for immediate action.

At the 1969 session, Part I was amended to give authorization to the executive board of Supreme Chapter to take action by mail.

Amendments both to Part I and to the Bylaws of Supreme Chapter were needed to clarify the signing of warrants for departments under supervision of standing boards of trustees and committees.

The first amendment to Part II related to the recognition pin for past presidents of state chapters. In place of these pins being engraved with abbreviations of the various states, authorization was given for use of the letters P. E. O.

The second amendment to Part II did not change, but clarified, the eligibility of members to be delegates from a state chapter to convention of Supreme Chapter. The first sentence of Article V, Section 8, first paragraph now reads: "Delegates from a state chapter to convention of Supreme Chapter shall have been members of a convention of that state chapter, which may include the convention at which the delegates are elected."

The only amendments to Part III of the Constitution were to strike from the laws governing Local Chapter Groups and P. E. O. Groups the requirement that names of officers be sent to the editor of *THE P. E. O. RECORD*. The present policy of the magazine is to list in the Reciprocity

Reference pages the name and address of a member of each group, who may not necessarily be an officer.

Most of the amendments to the Bylaws of Supreme Chapter pertained to the P. E. O. Educational Fund. The treasurer of Supreme Chapter, rather than the executive secretary of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, now acts as treasurer for the Fund. Investment of the Endowment Fund is not now restricted to U.S. Government securities. The board of trustees must formulate and review policies governing the Fund and submit to the executive board of Supreme Chapter for approval. These policies will govern the making of all loans, including amounts granted. Donations from individuals must be forwarded without endorsement or deposit of conveyances, but separate records of such donations are to be kept by treasurers of local and state chapters.

In order that the Bylaws of Supreme Chapter may be consistent with a proposed amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of Cottey Junior College, the first sentence of Article XII, Section 1 was amended to read: "The junior college founded and presented to the P. E. O. Sisterhood by Mrs. Virginia Alice Cottey Stockard, located at Nevada, Missouri, shall be known as Cottey Junior College."

A new Standing Rule was added to provide a uniform requirement for all state chapters relating to amendments and resolutions for presentation to a state chapter convention. The rule specifies proposal by groups; leaves previous notice to state chapter bylaws; and states that if the executive board and the committee on Amendments and Recommendations deem a proposal to be detrimental to the state chapter or to the Sisterhood at large, it shall be omitted from those presented to convention. — Dorothy L. Weller.

Pilgrimage to Mount Pleasant



NEARLY 500 visitors from all parts of the country and Canada joined a caravan to Mount Pleasant immediately following convention. There were private cars, but many in chartered buses shown above by an important point of call, the Sarah Porter Beckwith Home, a project of Iowa State Chapter. Morning coffee and afternoon tea were served in the home. Shown enjoying such hospitality are, from left in picture at right, Esther Parson, New Hampshire; Gladys Cochran, Illinois; Bessie Blockfleth, California; Evelyn Stark, Kansas; and Roma Conroy, Kansas. Hostesses are Mrs. W. K. Rogers, left, and Mrs. G. D. Swaney, both members of Chapter Original A.

Members of the first chapter of P. E. O. also served as guides for the city tour which included viewing the



homes of three of the founders. A walking tour of the campus with members of Alpha XI Delta as guides took visitors to the founding room in Old Main, the memory room in the P. E. O. Memorial Building which houses treasures and memorabilia belonging to Chapter Original A. The Harlan-Lincoln home adjoining the campus was also visited. Marjorie Weirick, California, a member of the P. E. O. Centennial Commission and a trustee of Iowa Wesleyan, presided at the luncheon in John Wesley Holland dining hall. Dr. Louis Haselmayer, acting president of Iowa Wesleyan, gave the invocation and spoke briefly. The College staff expressed pleasure in being part of the centennial event, and noted that P. E. O. visitors, individuals or groups, would always be welcome and that tours would be provided to all points of interest in the setting of P. E. O. founding if contact is made with Miss Carol Nemitz, dean of Student Services, or Mrs. Kay Lange, director of the Harlan-Lincoln home; both are P. E. O.'s. Mrs. Weirick gave special recognition and thanks to members of Chapter Original A for making the Pilgrimage a beautiful event to be long remembered.

CONFERENCES AND DISPLAYS

EXCELLENT FACILITIES of the Auditorium for a large display area adjoining convention hall gave prominence to exhibits prepared by the trustees of each P. E. O. project. *The display of the Supply Department* emphasized centennial items highlighted by a rotating viewer showing colored interior and exterior views of the Executive Office and Centennial Center, the set to be completed with convention scenes. Details on how to order this new item of supply will be found elsewhere in this issue. A large number of centennial charms were sold and Stella Clapp was on hand to autograph copies of her book, *Out of the Heart*. Appropriately, the historian was seated near a display of historical interest, the wedding dress of Alice Bird Babb on a mannequin. The conference of the Supply Department gave every one a closer look at items stocked and emphasized the importance of accuracy and correct procedure in ordering chapter supplies.

Be Wise, Give Through the Foundation, was the slogan of the P. E. O. Foundation in its exhibit where impressive figures on impressive signs showed a general summary of how funds received by the Foundation had been allocated since its inception. At the Foundation Conference the work of the board to receive, invest, and allocate funds and to define policies and procedures was explained. Board members spoke briefly on investments, finance, scholarships, and real and personal property.

At the *Educational Fund* exhibit, the dispersement of loans was symbolized with a large punch bowl containing simulated money, a ladle — Push Education On — filling the waiting cups of the state and province chapters. "What's Cooking" showed the changes being made in policies, and a map with pictures of young women who have used the loan fund in each state and province was presented — "Investments, The Heart of the Educational Fund." At their workshop board members further explained changes in the policies of the Fund announced this year and answered questions on procedures. The great interest shown in the conference is reflection of the notable increase in loans in the last biennium, a trend that is rising with 107 loans granted in the two months following the August 1, 1969, audit.

Dorothy Berry of Cottey College manned its display of materials available from the college to aid in portraying it to prospective students. She was on hand at all times to discuss ways of interesting young women in selecting Cottey as their school, a responsibility with which each P. E. O. is charged. The well-attended Cottey conferences gave board members opportunity to tell of the present picture at Cottey and the challenge for the future, and delegates had opportunity to ask questions and get firsthand answers.

Eye-catching little starlights on a map of the world,

designating the home lands of IPS students, dramatically showed the far reaches of the youngest P. E. O. educational project — "*The light of our star shines around the world through our International Peace Scholarship Fund.*" Photographs of IPS awardees were featured, and at the workshop board members took the opportunity not only to answer questions but to instigate discussion on certain questions on which the board wished to hear expressions of opinion. A list of questions frequently asked of the board and the answers to these questions was distributed to all attendants, a valuable resource for local chapter programs.

THE P. E. O. RECORD exhibit was historical in nature, showing a large picture of each of the six editors on an easel with selected magazines of her era, visual evidence of the growth of the magazine in relation to the times. An unusual historical attraction with the exhibit was two vintage automobiles from the collection of Mr. Kenneth Butler and Mr. L. W. Beckner of The Wayside Press, Mendota, Illinois, printers of THE P. E. O. RECORD for nearly 40 years. Mr. Butler spoke briefly at each conference as did the editor and members of the office staff: Idy Eckey, Jean Bush, Eve Hillman, Katie Evans. Details of editorial and circulation work were explained.

TOURS OF CENTENNIAL CENTER, EXECUTIVE OFFICE

A FANFARE DINNER held on Sunday evening preceding convention marked the first official gathering at the P. E. O. Centennial Center, guests being what you might call the V. I. P.'s — Very Involved People as noted by Laura Storms Knapp, past president of Supreme Chapter, who presided. A tour of the building preceded dinner, and following, musical entertainment was furnished by Florence Schierholtz, HN, vocalist, accompanied by Jean Lawson, DZ. Decorations at the head table were antique fans spread on small standards, centered by the rose-colored plume fan that belonged to the late Bertha Clark Hughes, a president of Supreme Chapter.

Personnel of the executive office and P. E. O.'s from Des Moines chapters served as guides for tours of the Executive Office and Centennial Center, a continuing occupation throughout the week. Past presidents, presidents, and organizers visited the buildings on Monday afternoon, visitors on Tuesday and Thursday, and delegates on Wednesday afternoon, designated groups being transported there from the Auditorium during a designated conference period.

To delegates and visitors touring the P. E. O. buildings was a highlight of convention, and while all were thrilled with what they saw, there was a general complaint — there just wasn't enough time to mosey around and absorb it all as one would like to do. This was unavoidable due to the great numbers that had



Browsing in the Friendship Garden given by New Jersey State Chapter as a memorial to Uretta A. Hinkhouse, past president of Supreme Chapter who died while president in 1964, are Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Snell, formerly of New Jersey and now of North Carolina; Rose Shelley of the P. E. O. Foundation; and Jane Bradway, Virginia Convention page and formerly of New Jersey. Mrs. Snell is a member of the executive board of Supreme Chapter.

SEEN at the CENTER



Amy Welch, left, past president of Supreme Chapter and Oregon State Chapter, and Hazel Wood, chairman, P. E. O. Foundation, admire painting of Franc Roads Elliott, founder. The original oil paintings of the founders grace the east wall of Great Hall.

Seen in the two-room suite furnished by Canadian P. E. O.'s are Mr. and Mrs. Percy B. Scurrah, Victoria, British Columbia, and Pearl Robertson, Winnipeg, past president of Manitoba Provincial Chapter and member, P. E. O. Centennial Building Committee. Mrs. Scurrah is a past president of Supreme Chapter.





In the lovely chapel adjacent to Great Hall are, from left, Mr. Edwin L. Gardner II, husband of Ethel Gardner; Dorothy Weller, past president of Supreme Chapter; Ethel Gardner, president of Supreme Chapter; Louise Gardner, daughter of the Gardners; Lucile Johnson, convention page; and her husband, Mr. G. R. Johnson. All are from California. Chapel furnishings from that state honor Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Weller.



Shown at the Grand Avenue Foyer are four prominent Iowa P. E. O.'s: From left, Dagmar Ingvaldstad, president of Iowa State Chapter; Florence Irving, immediate past president; Laura Storms Knapp, past president of Supreme Chapter; Helen Tuttle, chairman, P. E. O. Centennial Commission. The foyer was furnished by Iowa State Chapter.



Admiring items in breakfront in Great Hall, gift of Oklahoma State Chapter honoring Zora Y. Knight, past president of Supreme Chapter, are, from left, Dorothy Griffith, chairman, International Peace Scholarship Fund; Jane Dorschel of the Centennial Building Committee; and Nell Farrell Stevenson, past president of Supreme Chapter. Caught in the background are Anne Johnson, publicity chairman for the convention, and Alvina Mattes, editor of The Record. Silver service in breakfront is gift of Florida State Chapter and Chapter A, Miami, honoring Ida E. Stilwell, past president of Florida State Chapter.

to be accommodated. It is hoped that all will come back at some more leisurely time, and that each delegate will encourage those whom she represents to visit the office headquarters and Centennial Center, an edifice of appropriate beauty, to be enjoyed forever.

Extreme admiration for the work of the P. E. O. Centennial Building Committee was often voiced. Those who knew the chairman, Ada Mead, could see her fine hand in making the building a representative structure of P. E. O., a building which she wished to elevate all those who would visit it in years to come. Joan Milligan, as the member of the committee who lived in Des Moines, kept close watch on the progress of the building, and as it neared completion, one could find her there nearly every day attending numerous details. Jane Dorschel, Wisconsin, and Pearl Robertson, Manitoba, also were on the committee and carefully nurtured plans for this outstanding project.

THE SIDEREAL SOIREE, SPECIAL DINNERS

THE TRADITIONAL B. I. L. banquet in the centennial year was termed the Sidereal Soiree in reminiscence of the name chosen by the seven young founders of P. E. O. for their big social. The banquet was held at Veterans' Auditorium on Wednesday evening, Ethel Gardner presiding. Invocation and Benediction were by The Reverend Paul M. Hann, Minister, First United Methodist Church, Des Moines. Zora Knudsen, general chairman of convention, extended welcome and Mrs. Gardner presented honored guests and their B. I. L.'s. The extraordinary P. E. O. Chorus of Chap-

ter BC, Waverly, Iowa, directed by Doris Cousins and accompanied by Esther Webb, presented *Celestial Celebration*, a well-chosen group of songs with astronomical overtones. The banquet address, *Beyond Change*, was a thought-provoking challenge on the status of our times by Dr. Paul Sharp, president of Drake University, Des Moines.

On Tuesday evening convention participants were divided into five groups for special dinners: The dinner for presidents of state and local chapters was held at Hotel Kirkwood, Dagmar Ingvaldstad, president of Iowa State Chapter presiding; for organizers, at Hotel Kirkwood, Virginia Cambier, organizer of Iowa State Chapter presiding; for past presidents, Supreme and state chapters, Hotel Savery, Zora Knudsen, past president of Iowa State Chapter presiding; for delegates, Hotel Fort Des Moines, Mildred McCarrel, past president of Iowa State Chapter presiding; for B. I. L.'s and Visitors, Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, Mr. Marion Wallace, chairman of the B. I. L. Committee presiding. Decorations for all special dinners were beautifully detailed cornhusk dolls made by an Iowa artisan.

DEDICATION, P. E. O. CENTENNIAL CENTER

DUE TO the fact that the P. E. O. Centennial Center could not accommodate the thousands of persons wishing to attend the dedicatory ceremony, the dedication was held at an open meeting in Veterans' Memorial Auditorium at 9:00 a. m. on Thursday, October 2, preceding formal opening of the last session of Con-

Roland "Tip" Harrison, of the architectural firm Wetherell, Harrison, Wagner, McKlveen, designers of the P. E. O. Executive Office and P. E. O. Centennial Center, here presents the keys to the Centennial Center to Ada Mead, Chairman, P. E. O. Centennial Center Building Committee. Presentation was made at dedicatory ceremonies during the convention of Supreme Chapter, 1969.

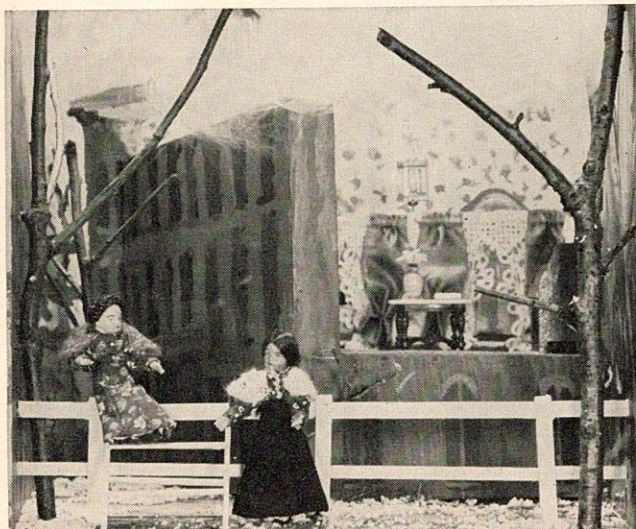


vention 1969. Following the Call to Worship, the audience sang, *Come Thou Almighty King*. Ada Mead, past president of Nebraska State Chapter and chairman of the P. E. O. Centennial Center Building Committee, presided. A prayer litany as printed in the program was recited. Dr. Robert L. Caldwell, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Des Moines, read the Scripture Lesson, and later offered the Prayer of Dedication and the Benediction.

Roland "Tip" Harrison, architect, presented to Ada

Mead the keys to the centennial edifice, expressing his personal pleasure and the appreciation of his firm in working with the committee to erect a building to observe suitably the centennial of the founding of P. E. O. and compatible in design to the office building previously constructed by his associates. Mrs. Mead in turn, in behalf of the Centennial Building Committee and members of P. E. O., presented the keys of Centennial Center to Ethel Gardner, president of Supreme Chapter.

DIORAMA of P.E.O.'s first 100 years



Two girls on a stile, and the room in which their dream came true.



P. E. O. Day at St. Louis Fair provided nucleus for Educational Fund.

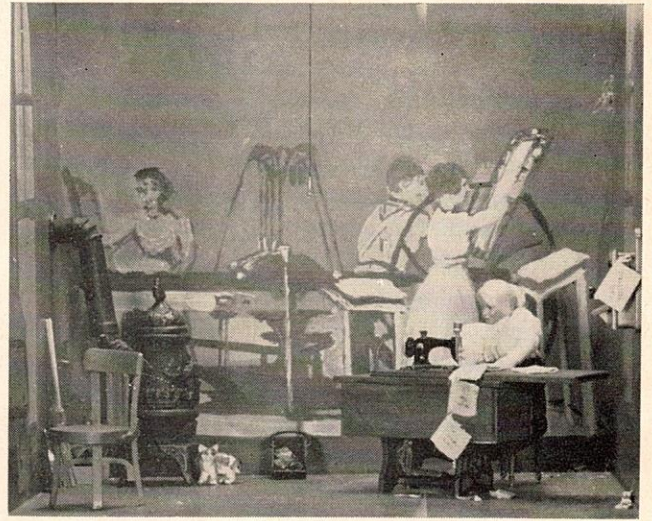


The Fairfield convention, 1883, established Grand Chapter as governing body. (The six other scenes are reproduced overleaf.)

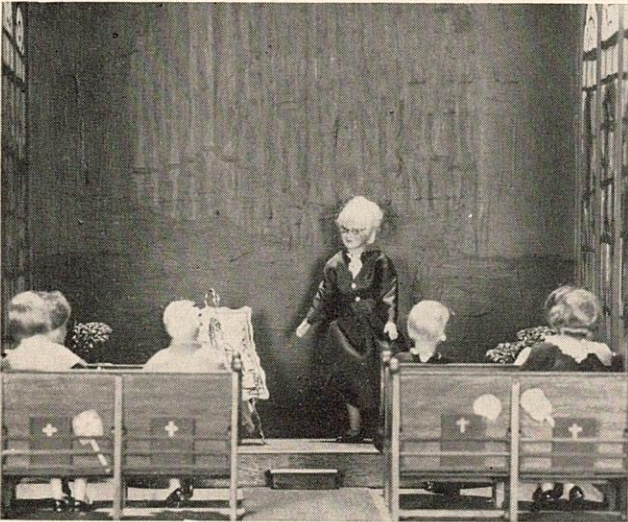
GIFT OF CHAPTER IZ, Liberty, Missouri, to the P. E. O. Centennial Center, these nine carefully detailed scenes of a colorful and charming diorama were constructed by chapter members under the inspiration and guidance of Myrrl R. Remley, past president of Missouri State Chapter and for six years on the board of trustees, THE P. E. O. RECORD. Pauline Lidikay was chairman of the project; Dorothy Patterson, co-chairman. Carolyn Fulkerson was coordinator, and section chairmen were Elizabeth Pierce, Anne Turpin, and Helen Lindsay. As professional consultants, the chapter lists Janet Keena Studio, Janet Keena; "Minikins," Gloria and Thomas Warner; and Pedlar's Shop, Ellen Krucker. The project quite took over Mrs. Remley's dining room these past several years as members met to paint, to paste, and sew; to shear the carpeting to congruent length, to put in place the exquisite miniatures for which everyone was a scout. The diorama is placed at the entrance to the meeting room in Centennial Center, and anyone is apt to find some new and intriguing detail each time she stops by. For color photograph see inside front cover.



Out of the broom closet and into the chapel, a gold star on each shoulder.



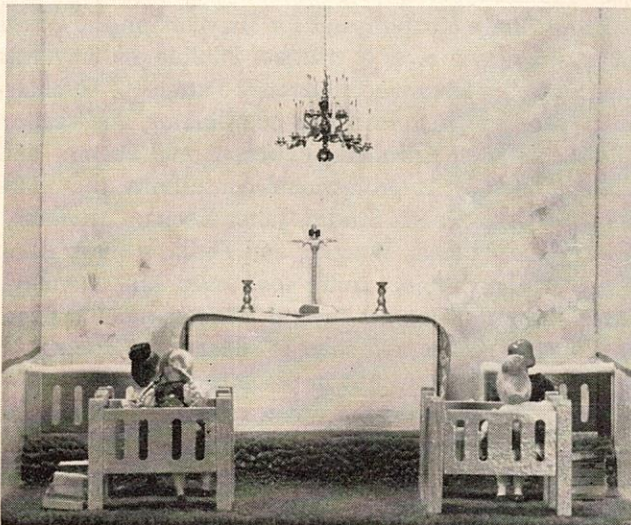
THE P. E. O. RECORD comes into being, editor sewing together first copies.



Alice Cottey Stockard gave her college to P. E. O. at 1927 convention.



IPS scholars made Cottey known as College of International Friendship.



Support of B. I. L.'s is honored by scene in chapel, their gift to Cottey.



Beautiful executive office centralized far-reaching work of P. E. O.

The dedicatory address was given by Amy Welch, immediate past president of Supreme Chapter, in whose administration the contract for building the Centennial Center was signed. Basing her address on the topic, Enduring Things, Mrs. Welch said: "*Years of struggle to form strong bonds of loyalty, days of deepening faith that future decisions will be justified in events, compelling convictions that elements which should be counted worthy will endure through violent change and diversity of thought — these are conditions necessary to complete and mold the will of a people to honor a centennial, both in form and in spirit. . . . Great things are always greatly arrived at. So it has been, and so it is today with P. E. O. We, in this generation, need to be reminded of the goals that have made us great. In its simplicity, its rightness for P. E. O., its purpose, its over-riding usefulness, and in its beauty, the Centennial Center here dedicated is one more goal so defined. . . . This building is a monument to prayer. There is no other human endeavor by which so much can be accomplished. Faith in prayer and the prayer of faith are here enshrined in brick and stone. Beauty and fulfillment of destiny are here ennobled in opportunity for service, the unfolding of friendships, and widening horizons of usefulness.*"

The Unison Dedication as printed in the programs was read, and following the dedicatory prayer, convention delegates and visitors sang, *Bless This House*. The Benediction brought the service to close.

OFFICIAL SESSION IV

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2. Following dedication of the P. E. O. Centennial Center, an open meeting, convention was called to order and Morning Prayer was given by Leah Shirey, past president of California State Chapter. A preceptively written playlet, *A Star in the Window*, was presented with charming dignity by Nebraska State Chapter, participants dressed in period clothes and presenting an early day P. E. O. meeting using many historical items collected by Bernice Tillett (see THE P. E. O. RECORD, May, 1969, page 29). These items, including the star for the window, were on display during convention at the Centennial Center. Frances Key was author and narrator of this delightful contribution to the program. Those who performed as though "made for the part" are identified in the group picture which appears elsewhere in this issue.

Resolutions of Courtesy to those who brought the memorable centennial convention into being were read by Dorothy Martin, past president of Missouri State Chapter, chairman of the committee for the Resolutions. The names of all who served on convention committees were printed in the "Programme" book, beautifully designed as a keepsake with an embossed

circling of marguerites as used in some early chapter yearbooks as principal motif of the cover.

President Ethel Gardner, noting that some chapters in early days presented certificates to officers at completion of their service, presented Certificates of Appreciation from Supreme Chapter to the following: Helen Tuttle, chairman, 1961-1969, Centennial Commission; Dorothy Livermore, member, 1961-1967, Finance Committee, chairman, 1964-1967, and chairman, 1967-1969, Buildings Committee; Ada Mead, member, 1961-1969, Centennial Commission, and chairman, 1966-1969, P. E. O. Centennial Center Building Committee; Miss Margaret L. Mohler, executive secretary, 1950-1969; Loree Melton, Supply Department Board of Trustees, 1963-1969; Mary Bowen, Finance Committee, 1964-1969; Hazel May Wood, chairman, P. E. O. Foundation, 1961-1969; Margaret Holliday, P. E. O. Educational Fund Board of Trustees, 1966-1969; Marjorie Reid, THE P. E. O. RECORD Board of Trustees, 1963-1969; Dorothy Griffith, International Peace Scholarship Fund Board of Trustees, 1963-1969; Ted McCarrel, president, Cottey Junior College, 1964-1969; Vera Blanchard, member and secretary, Cottey Junior College Board of Trustees, 1961-1968; Katharine L. Akin, member, Cottey Junior College Board of Trustees, 1962-1969, chairman, 1968-1969; Stella Cady Clapp, author, *Out of the Heart*, 1968; Alvina Mattes, editor, THE P. E. O. RECORD, 1961-1969; Dorothy L. Weller, past president of Supreme Chapter, parliamentarian, 1957-1969.

Marjorie Smith, recording secretary, announced gifts received during convention, a total of \$4579 being received from the floor. Three persons who have been named to staff positions in the executive office were introduced by Irene Kerr: Miss Catherine Mick, who will become executive secretary; Mary Ellen Johnson, assistant to the president; and Anne Johnson, who will assume duties as editor of THE P. E. O. RECORD with the December issue.

Kathryn Polzin, immediate past president of Michigan State Chapter, issued formal invitation to the 1971 convention in Detroit, supported by a zany group in cars that should never be allowed on the road, passengers dispersing through the audience with written invitations and Go Detroit buttons as the rafters rang with a parody of, "In My Merry Oldsmobile." Sue Lacombe, past president of Louisiana State Chapter, extended more sedate invitation to the 1973 convention in New Orleans.

Ethel Gardner, who had presided beautifully throughout convention, using the golden gavel given to her by California State Chapter when she assumed the presidency of Supreme Chapter in Seattle, expressed her thanks to all in gracious closing remarks, then installed the officers for the coming biennium. Irene Kerr, elected president, presented to Ethel the Past President's Credential and the large gold star with one diamond which she is now entitled to wear,

the emblem of the past presidents of Supreme Chapter.

In remarks made just preceding her official closing of convention, P. E. O.'s first president in its second century said, "I accept this office as a challenge, a challenge because of the accomplishments of our first 100 years. This anniversary has been a time of nostalgia, a time of reminiscing, and a time of reflection. Now we enter our second century with the realization of the even greater thing that can be done through the continued devotion of our basic principles. Our efforts must be united . . . the office of president is not a solo responsibility. No one ever does anything alone, so I call upon every member and every officer to join with your elected leaders in wholeheartedly advancing the worthy principles and ideals of P. E. O."

The convention body joined in singing Blest be the Tie that Binds. This was followed by the president's benediction, official adjournment, and the recessional of officers and platform guests. P. E. O. had taken its giant step into the second century. — *Alvina Mattes, Editor, The P. E. O. Record.*



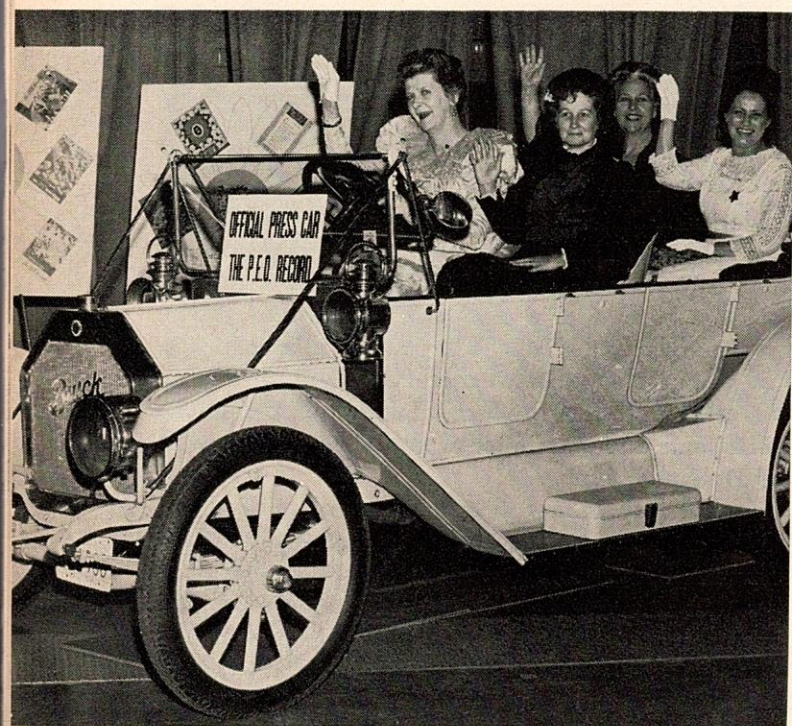
Presidents and immediate past presidents of state and provincial chapters joined the processional attired in gowns characteristic of the year in which their respective state chapters came into being.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

THIS ISSUE is my last as editor of THE P. E. O. RECORD, the 102nd issue that has come your way since June, 1961, when my byline first appeared. I am taking this opportunity to tell you all how much I appreciate your kindness through the years, to tell you how grateful I am for the good material you have sent my way. It has been a great joy to me to be able to present your contributions to a wide audience for I truly believe, as did a much earlier editor of The Record, that "though we cannot hope to compete with the best literary magazines that pay high prices for their material," the unprofessional still has something to say — and the small voice should be heard.

I thank you too for the many wonderful letters of appreciation, from individuals, from chapters. Somehow you make one resolve to do likewise, to do the kind deed, to drop the kind word.

Delegates to convention were privileged to meet the new editor of THE P. E. O. RECORD, Anne Johnson, who so capably served as publicity chairman for the centennial convention and to whom I am indebted for the marvelous pictures which appear in this issue. If you did meet her, you know that she is charming and beautiful. What you might not know is that she is very well qualified for the position. You send her your best; the best will come back to you. — *Alvina Mattes, Editor, in process of clearing out the Lower Right Hand Drawer. (Present Address, 1035 Grove Terrace, Dubuque, Iowa 52001).*



THE P. E. O. RECORD exhibit featured pictures of each of the six editors shown with a sampling of magazines published during her tenure, and two antique cars owned by Mr. Kenneth Butler and Mr. L. W. Beckner of The Wayside Press, Mendota, Illinois, which prints the magazine. Shown in one of these cars, a gleaming white Buick, is the editor, Alvina Mattes, left, and the board of trustees of The Record: From left, Marjorie Reid, chairman; Marcella Oberg; Mona Clare.



IRENE KERR

First President of Our Second Century

IRENE KERR (Mrs. E. T.), Cheyenne, Wyoming, is the first president of Supreme Chapter in the second century of P. E. O. Mrs. Kerr was chairman of the P. E. O. Educational Fund, 1957-59, and was elected to the executive board at the end of that term. She was initiated into Chapter C, Cheyenne, in 1938, and in 1944 became a charter member of Chapter Z, Cheyenne, her present chapter. She held all offices, except that of treasurer, on the executive board of Wyoming State Chapter.

Mrs. Kerr attended the University of Nebraska, Colorado State College, and the Capital College of Pharmacy, Denver. She has taught elementary school and is a registered pharmacist in Colorado and Wyoming. She was born in Central City, Nebraska, the daughter of Hugh F. and Brownie Stearns McDermott. She is married to Ewing T. Kerr, United States District Judge for Wyoming. There are a son and daughter in the family, Hugh Neal Kerr and Judith Ann Sloan, and two grand-daughters.

Mrs. Kerr holds official position on the Commission on the Status of Women for Wyoming, and in the Order of the Eastern Star is a past matron of Oakleaf Chapter 6 and past grand matron of Wyoming Grand Chapter. She is a past president of the DePaul Hospital Guild, YWCA, the Laramie County Mental Health Association, and served on the board of the Wyoming Mental Health Association. She is a member of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church and its Guild. Other organizations in which she has served include the

Federated Women's Club, American Legion Auxiliary, Daughters of the Nile, Wyoming State Historical Society, Republican Women's Club, and the National Business and Professional Women's Club.

Irene is an accomplished seamstress, making many of her own clothes, including hats. She lists sewing and reading as favored hobbies.

MARY L. BOWEN

New Officer on Executive Board

MARY L. BOWEN (Mrs. Maynard L.), Albuquerque, New Mexico, was elected to the executive board of Supreme Chapter as recording secretary at the 1969 convention. She was president of New Mexico State Chapter 1962-63 and previously held all state offices. She has served on the Finance Committee of Supreme Chapter since 1964, becoming chairman in February, 1968, upon resignation of Ruth Rippey. Mr. Bowen has retired after 37 years as a school administrator, Albuquerque. A son, Lee, and his family live in Turpin, Oklahoma, and a daughter, Mary Jane Free-love (Mrs. David R.), lives with her family in La Jara, New Mexico. Lee has two daughters, Tana Lea, 5, and Beth Anne, 3. Mary Jane has two sons, Mark Bowen, 4, and Brian Ray, 2 months. Mrs. Bowen is a graduate of the University of New Mexico with a major in Business Administration and Accounting. She has been active in many functions of the First United Presbyterian Church, served on the boards of YWCA and Planned Parenthood, and worked extensively with the Francis Lynn Home for Unmarried Mothers. She is well known for the excellence of her talks and book reviews.





Dr. Bertis E. Capehart, chairman, Cottey College Board of Trustees, as a symbol of investiture places large medallion, emblem of the office designed by Miss Jeanette Morrison, professor emerita of art, on Dr. Jon O. Hondrum, soon to be inaugurated as president of Cottey College. At right is Mrs. Hondrum.

The Cottey Experience

Convention Address by DR. JON O. HONDRUM
President, Cottey College

AS THIS DECADE closes, and we move into the seventh of our century, we are being told of the marvels ahead. Already the approaching decade is being heralded and described as the "Spectacular Seventies."

But spectacular for what? As we stand on the threshold of the next decade, all predictions appear to point the way toward a remarkable land of the future, even by the most restrained projection: a third industrial revolution triggered by electronics and nuclear energy creating an increasingly prosperous society enjoying higher standards of living, greater comfort and convenience, and a better environment.

Concomitantly, the educational boom in the sixties is expected to become an explosion in the seventies with greater demands for the attainment of higher levels of education in order to meet the needs of the newer technology with its emphasis on training for more sophisticated skills and more adaptive abilities.

This may seem dazzling and truly spectacular if we tend to view the prospect of the future *only* in such an economic context as higher incomes and in such a social context as easier living. What, then, is held to be the key, the magic touchstone, to this unprecedented prosperity and higher productivity? Again, in keeping with the American dream, better and higher educational opportunities are vaunted and predicated as the answer.

Herein lies the problem, and the probable solution as well, but only if goals are redirected and values change. If education here indicates only a sheer quantitative measurement — more college graduates or greater numbers of highly trained technical personnel — then the dream will shatter for it will have served only to degrade the spectacular into the mere spectacle of affluence and materialism and lead to an increasingly more centralized, automated, computerized, and depersonalized society living in a dehumanized, sterile, man-made landscape or environment.

The yardstick of the ultimate success of any institution of higher education lies not in the usual statistics of the number of its graduates placed in the professional ranks, in positions of influence and rising stature, or in any ensuing blind loyalties, but rather on the impact it has made on its students, the extent to which it has taught those persons how to live and how to relate to themselves and others, how in some measure it may have changed their lives, what direction it has projected them toward, and what values it may have imparted to them. These are tenuous measures, to be sure, accenting the subjective more than the objective, but the danger signals already appearing on many American campuses indicate loudly and clearly that something is wrong within the existing structure, within stated aims and purposes. These signals, if ignored, now threaten to rend asunder one of the bulwarks, one of the enduring landmarks of our culture.

That cry now being heard across the land, that plea for a college or university to return to its essential purpose by emphasizing the enduring human values, was heard long ago at Cottey; in point of fact, it was there at its inception, when the college hitched its wagon to the P. E. O. star, and it blazes even more brightly today.

What I am referring to I like to call the Cottey experience. Collectively, it represents an experiment in living by sharing; individually, it represents an experiment in learning by maturing. It is the college's *raison d'être*, its reason for existence, its central purpose.

As a junior college for young women, and because it serves the student during those crucial and vulner-

able years between late adolescence and early adulthood, Cottey has been especially sensitive to the roles played in society by women and cognizant of the responsibilities and the obligations demanded. It has been perceptive to the transformations and changes that have taken place, and has long recognized that as society has become more technological and mobile, correspondingly so have life and living become more difficult now for women by dint of the increasingly variety or roles they are expected to play and to perform well.

That fragmentation of roles has occurred is of vital concern to Cottey. Rather than fragment women into parts as student now and wife, mother, homemaker, career professional, or partner later, Cottey is concerned with the totality of the person and her potential for growth, development and maturation into adulthood as a unique entity — an individual — regardless of the number of roles she may assume in society.

Similar fragmentation has taken place in the higher educational process, leaving large gaps wherein crucial areas of concern contributing and leading eventually to the completeness, or integration, of the individual are largely ignored, while some aspects of human personality — such as the intellectual or the social — have been over-emphasized to the detriment of others.

The Cottey experience is a commitment to self realization, a commitment to making the young woman aware of her essential natures, and how each can contribute to the totality of her being, how each can widen and deepen her vision of herself and the world surrounding her, and how each will in turn affect and contribute to the mystique of her own identity — her particular dimension of personality. Let us consider these essential natures:

1. In terms of the physical or biological self, Cottey hopes to contribute to the student's awareness and understanding of her body and its needs by learning to respect it and to appreciate it, by accenting proper personal hygiene, good grooming habits, health education, physical poise and figure control.

2. In terms of the rational or intellectual self, Cottey is committed to the creation and maintenance of academic excellence and quality instruction, so that the student's intellectual capacities and aptitudes may be aroused and developed in a stimulating climate of inquiry as she is made more aware of, and gains a greater understanding of, the great body of knowledge available to her.

3. In terms of the emotional self, Cottey is committed to the proposition that, if a person understands the power of emotion, and how emotions can be motivated for good — that is, to work positively rather than negatively — then good emotional balance and/or control can be effected within the self.

4. In terms of the psychological self, Cottey recognizes full well that before the student can become a

well-adjusted or integrated personality, she must learn to respect herself as she is and for what she is capable of becoming before she can utilize those qualities within herself to move toward her full potential of self-realization. Cottey hopes to spark this inner drive for self-fulfillment.

5. In terms of the spiritual self, Cottey is committed to the belief that codes, ideals, standards or ethics — however old-fashioned and passé they may appear today — still have validity and that there is nothing new about morality. In this wise, Cottey is hopeful that it will nurture character development, not produce "characters", and that the Cottey experience will affirm, enhance or aid in the discovery of a religious faith.

6. In terms of the social self, Cottey recognizes that one of the great blessings and sheer joys in life is satisfying and enduring human relationships whether they are familial, parental, or personal. By the same token it recognizes that social relationships require a sense of discipline, obligation, tolerance and compassion, and that this will be reaffirmed also in respect for law, order and government.

7. And last, in terms of the esthetic self, Cottey aspires to make the student aware that through creating, seeking, appreciating and imagining, by means of any creative effort, either by exposure or by actual origination, she is expressing an extension of herself as an individual, communicating to others by speech, sound, painting, music, art or drama something of herself that is unique; in other words, a statement about herself.

These then represent the person in totality, the individual as a whole. Thus it should be readily apparent that Cottey's goals are synonymous with the ideals of the Sisterhood; *your* vision of all that womanhood might be and consequently become remains Cottey's constant star, its guiding light for the past forty-two years.

But in order to be realized, ideals must be translated into objectives, and goals into activity and direction. You may ask: How does the college hope to accomplish "the impossible dream?" The answer is: By deliberate design, by deliberate choice, by daring to be different. Cottey has never been content to be in the mainstream of typical American education; instead, the college has chosen to accentuate its very atypicality, its essential differences so that its distinctive characteristics have become its major strengths.

Cottey stresses excellence in the face of rising mediocrity; quality rather than quantity; instruction instead of research; identity in the place of anonymity; participation in lieu of passivity; the uncommon as opposed to, reduction to the common denominator; teaching rather than indoctrination; personalization as against impersonalization; depth instead of superficiality; humanization in place of dehumanization; compassion in lieu of detachment; small size as op-

posed to monolithic proportions; individuality in opposition to faceless conformity or uniformity; gentility rather than vulgarity or crassness; innovation and experimentation as opposed to blind, unthinking tradition; and integration of personality instead of disintegration or fragmentation.

At this juncture, Cottey stands at the brink of a new era, and under the aegis of the star stands ready to meet the new decade and the new challenges it will bring, confident that, whatever new directions or new approaches you may ask it to take in meeting the

needs of the coming generation, it will remain steadfast in its conviction that its central purpose — the development of the total person — is withstanding the corroding test of time and change.

Today, as never before, the college needs your concern, interest, encouragement, guidance and support. Together, then, by sharing mutual concerns and convictions, let us work toward realization of the potential for true greatness that Cottey has always possessed — by adding further dimension to make the Cottey experience an education of the first magnitude.

Tribute to Miss Mohler

MISS MARGARET L. MOHLER, who is retiring after serving P. E. O. as executive secretary since 1950, was paid official tribute in behalf of the sisterhood by Nell Farrell Stevenson, Oklahoma, past president of Supreme Chapter. After detailing the many areas of Miss Mohler's service to P. E. O., Mrs. Stevenson said: "While we regret the loss to P. E. O. of Miss Mohler's professional experience, her wise judgment, and her dedication to all P. E. O. interests, not one of us would deny her the well-earned rest, the happy leisure to pursue the many interests she has sacrificed during these nineteen years of service for us. Truly she has gone more than the second mile, and far beyond the call of duty. Margaret's contribution to P. E. O. cannot be measured.

"Margaret Louise Mohler, for your loyalty and your outstanding service to P. E. O., we salute you today and we present to you the official P. E. O. Certificate of Service, recognizing your long and faithful association. There have been, and will be, many expressions of appreciation for your service, but eloquent and sincere as these tributes may be, there are times when words alone are inadequate to express our feelings. *This is such a time.* We wish to express in a tangible way, not only our acknowledgement of your efficiency in handling the many demanding tasks that have been yours as an officer, but also to express our affectionate regard for you as one who has brought to P. E. O. in every situation, dignity and poise. In behalf of Supreme Chapter, your sisters here and everywhere, it is my happy privilege to present to you this envelope which contains tickets for a Caribbean Cruise on the good ship Bergenfjord out of Port Everglades, Florida. We want you to have a real vacation, with no respon-



Miss Margaret L. Mohler

sibilities, no deadlines to meet, no decisions to consider, no questions to answer — just a time to relax, rest, and have fun. With the warmest good wishes and sincere affection, we wish you Happy Cruising!"

Earlier, in her introduction to the program of the P. E. O. Educational Fund, Margaret Holliday, chairman, presented Miss Mohler with a nosegay of flowers, a book containing letters of appreciation for her work on behalf of the Educational Fund, and a Certificate of Appreciation.

CENTENNIAL ALBUM



Here are the grand ladies, the past presidents of Supreme Chapter. Seated is Nell Farrell Stevenson, Oklahoma. From left, standing, are Alice Spensley Rinehard, Wisconsin; Mabel Scurrah, British Columbia; Dorothy Weller, California; Amy Welch, Oregon; Laura Storms Knapp, Iowa; Irene Van Brunt, Nebraska; Margaret Emily Stoner, Indiana; Gertrude Porter Tomhave, Minnesota.

Ushers for the Memorial Hour which preceded the opening of convention wore long black skirts, white shirtwaists, and "mourning rosettes" of black net centered with the P. E. O. emblem. It was a custom in early days for chapter members to wear the emblem on a black background for a stated period following death of a chapter member.





Star In The Window was the title of the beautiful presentation by Nebraska State Chapter on the last day of convention depicting an early era P. E. O. meeting using historical items from the collection of Bernice Tillett. Those participating in the playlet were, from left, Nelsine Scofield; Ada Mead; Irene Van Brunt; Margie Martin; Catherine Anderson, seated; Jean Johnson, seated; Kathryn White; Eileen Damhoff; Mrs. Dale Cleveland; Sheila Shreck; Dorothy Yeager; Frances Key, author and narrator. Assisting were Phyllis Blanke, Julie Anwyl, Dorothy Johnson.

CENTENNIAL ALBUM



Delegates welcomed rides on the buses always on hand to take them from their hotels to the auditorium. Mildred Whitney and Virginia Hoffer, at right, of the transportation committee are shown greeting some of the passengers of Bus 13. Ruth McCullough was chairman of the transportation committee.



Dr. Paul Sharp, president of Drake University, Des Moines, gave the banquet address on the topic, "Beyond Change." He is shown here with Mrs. Sharp, a member of Chapter GU.

CENTENNIAL ALBUM



Delegates have a look at the impressive sign of welcome, first used for the convention of California State Chapter. From left are Marilyn Bourne, Oklahoma; Helen Stevenson, Oklahoma; Mildred Russell, Wyoming.



The beautiful ladies in centennial garb are, from left, Irene Van Brunt, past president of Supreme Chapter; Ada Mead, chairman, P. E. O. Centennial Building Committee; and Margaret Emily Stoner, past president of Supreme Chapter.

Displayed here are the novel badges worn by delegates to boost the home state — copper hats from Montana; crocheted crabs from Maryland; baskets overflowing with tiny vegetables and flowers from the Garden State, New Jersey; Georgia peaches; and Kansas sunflowers. At left, Dorothy Robinson, California; at right, Sheila Shreck, Nebraska.





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Descendants of the founders served as honorary pages during convention. From left are Karen Rae Bousquet Dykstra, great granddaughter of Hattie Briggs Bousquet; Geraldine Bousquet Durham, granddaughter of Hattie Briggs Bousquet; Kae Bousquet Gaston, great granddaughter of Hattie Briggs; Rosslyn Fennekohl Crawford, great, great niece of Alice Coffin; Verna Ross Orndorff, great niece of Alice Coffin; Diane Ross Fennekohl, great niece of Alice Coffin; Alice Coffin Orndorff Gordon, great, great niece of Alice Coffin. Blanche Skiff Ross, niece of Alice Coffin, was present at convention and was introduced. Alice Babb Ewing, daughter of Alice Bird Babb, could not attend.



Here is a sampling of the B. I. L.'s who registered at their headquarters in the Fort Des Moines hotel: From left, Mr. E. L. Gardner, California; Mr. Hugh Hartley, Tennessee; Mr. H. W. Busch, New York; Mr. Harry Gross, Iowa; behind him and partly hidden, Mr. W. C. Snell, North Carolina; and Mr. M. E. Wallace, Iowa, chairman of the B. I. L. Committee. Special events enjoyed by the men were trips to the Amana Colonies, The Hoover Library, Iowa State University, Drake University, and industrial tours to Pella, Newton, and Ankeny.



Gertrude Porter Tomhave, past president of Supreme Chapter, points out item in display case in Great Hall for Alice Spensley Rinehard, also a past president of Supreme Chapter, and Miss Margaret L. Mohler, right, executive secretary.



Remember the P. E. O. Foundation — as if you could ever forget after seeing the hilarious presentation by members of the board shown here with the participating pages, Charlotte Mayer, left, and Alice Busse, right. Board members from left are Marjorie Gump; Hazel Wood, chairman; Helen Hartley; Rose Shelly, and Martha Lawson, the villain. For the presentation Mrs. Hartley was strikingly attired as Miss Foundation and made a spectacular entrance, sashaying down the center aisle in full spotlight.

CENTENNIAL ALBUM



Phyllis Mok from Hong Kong, International Peace Scholarship student at Cottey College, is shown with the IPS display which showed IPS students from 1949 to 1969. Miss Mok participated in the IPS program at convention.



Arline Maher, music chairman and convention soloist, is shown as she performed in the pageant.

OFFICIAL BIENNIAL REPORTS

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

TWO YEARS ago you entrusted the leadership of P. E. O. to the present executive board. The years have been particularly busy ones for the president of Supreme Chapter, with preparations for the observance of the centennial of P. E. O., in addition to the regular responsibilities assigned to her by the Constitution.

The following duties have been fulfilled: ten meetings of the executive board of Supreme Chapter have been called, as well as five meetings of the members of the Cottey Junior College Corporation and four meetings of the members of the P. E. O. Foundation Corporation; warrants have been issued; auditors engaged for two audits of the books of the executive secretary and treasurer; all contracts have been signed; insurance and surety bond approved; affidavits and tax returns signed; dispensations issued to three chapters in subordinate territory; ninety-four credentials issued to retiring past presidents of state chapters and to Mrs. Amy O. Welch, immediate past president of Supreme Chapter; credentials to convention of Supreme Chapter have been issued to presidents and organizers of state chapters and to members of convention not otherwise provided with credentials; and credentials to convention of Supreme Chapter have been sent to delegates from chapters in subordinate territory.

The following appointments were made at the beginning of the biennium with approval of the executive board of Supreme Chapter:

BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND COMMITTEES: THE P. E. O. RECORD — Mrs. Marcella Oberg, Minnesota, six year term; P. E. O. EDUCATIONAL FUND — Mrs. Dorothy E. Head, Florida, six year term; P. E. O. SUPPLY DEPARTMENT — Mrs. Ann S. Heath, Texas, six year term; P. E. O. INTERNATIONAL PEACE SCHOLARSHIP FUND — Mrs. Eva E. Lindquist, California, six year term. FINANCE COMMITTEE — Mrs. Margaret E. Gross, Iowa, six year term. Following the death of the chairman, Ruth W. Rippey, Mrs. Mary Bowen, New Mexico, became chairman and Mrs. Mary Jane Hackett, Pennsylvania, was appointed the third member of the committee; HISTORY COMMITTEE OF ONE — Mrs. Stella Clapp, Kansas; BUILDINGS COMMITTEE — Established by action of the 1967 convention of Supreme Chapter — Mrs. Dorothy Jordan Livermore, Michigan, two year term; Mrs. Lilas M. Brandhorst, Missouri, four year term; Mrs. Joan Milligan, Iowa, six year term.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY — Miss Margaret L. Mohler; TREASURER — Mrs. Mabelle Huber; EDITOR OF THE P. E. O. RECORD — Mrs. Alvina Mattes; PARLIMENTARIAN AND TAX CHAIRMAN — Mrs. Dorothy L. Weller; CHAIRMAN OF AMENDMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS — Mrs. Margaret Emily Stoner.

Later in the biennium Mrs. Pearl Robertson, Manitoba, was appointed to the P. E. O. Centennial Center Building Committee for the remainder of the biennium. The resignations of Mrs. Ann S. Heath, Board of Trustees, P. E. O. Supply Department, and Mrs. Dorothy E. Head, Board of Trustees, P. E. O. Educational Fund, were accepted. Mrs. Heath was appointed to the P. E. O. Educational Fund Board of Trustees and Mrs. Head to the P. E. O. Supply Department Board of Trustees with no change in length of service.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BOARD: MRS. IRENE KERR, first vice president — Tax Chairman for the executive board; Cottey College chairman for Supreme Chapter; Ex-officio member of P. E. O. Centennial Center Building Committee. MISS HELEN F. EYERS, second vice president — Supervision of Local Chapter Chapter Groups. MRS. FLORENCE

M. WALLACE, third vice president — Supervision of P. E. O. Groups; Chapter Development.

The executive board of Supreme Chapter acting as members of the P. E. O. FOUNDATION CORPORATION elected Mrs. Marjorie Gump trustee on October 17, 1967, for a five year term, and Mrs. Rose Shelly trustee on October 15, 1968, for a five year term.

The executive board of Supreme Chapter acting as members of the COTTEY JUNIOR COLLEGE CORPORATION elected as trustees for the college — Mrs. Mildred Russell, Wyoming, for a seven year term beginning June 1, 1968; Dr. Frank Dickey to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Milo Bail (resigned) to June 1, 1970; Orville Clark, M.D., Kansas, for a seven year term beginning June 1, 1969; and Mrs. Helen Dowell Powell, Colorado, to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Frank Dickey (resigned) to June 1, 1970.

The executive board of Supreme Chapter authorized Cottey College to hold a seminar in 1968; purchased property adjacent to the site of Hinkhouse Health and Physical Fitness Building and property adjacent to other college holdings; approved the appointment by the board of trustees of Dr. Jon O. Hondrum as president of Cottey Junior College. Your president as an ex-officio member attended seven meetings of the board of trustees of Cottey College and was privileged to attend the Cottey College Commencement and Seminar in 1968.

P. E. O. suffered a great loss when Mrs. Bertha Clark Hughes and Mrs. Ruth W. Rippey, past presidents of Supreme Chapter, entered Chapter Eternal.

Every effort has been made to establish lines of communication between local, state and supreme chapters during this biennium. Communication must be increased as our membership continues to grow. This office sent six general letters to all state chapter presidents during this period. The first Conference for Presidents and Organizers was held August 16 and 17, 1968, at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. The second Northeast District meeting involving a number of subordinate chapters was held October 24, 1968.

The President's Page has been prepared for twenty-three issues of THE P. E. O. RECORD. A personal greeting in the form of a recording, "P. E. O.'s First Century," was mailed between Christmas and January 1, 1969, to presidents of all local chapters to officially inaugurate our centennial year.

It has been a joy to supervise the work of the state chapters and local chapters in subordinate territory, with the assistance of the other members of the executive board, the boards of trustees, and committees of Supreme Chapter. Their detailed reports will be found on the following pages, therefore, their work will not be reviewed here. It is urged, however, that the reports be carefully read. Therein you will find concrete evidence of love and devotion in the various ways communication has been provided, through letters, program materials, conferences, and work shops.

The editor and the board of trustees of THE P. E. O. RECORD are to be congratulated upon providing an outstanding media of communication during this biennium.

Appreciation is expressed to those who have represented the president of Supreme Chapter at conventions of state chapters, of which the president attended conventions of Arkansas, California, Kansas, Kentucky, and Texas.

As authorized by the amendment to the 1965 Centennial Resolution adopted by the 1967 convention of Supreme Chapter, an Agreement between Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and the P. E. O. Sisterhood was signed and filed in Henry County, Iowa, December 6, 1968, providing for: 1. Per-

manent designation and recognition of the P. E. O. building as the P. E. O. Memorial Building; 2. Permanent suitable upkeep and maintenance of the P. E. O. Memorial Building by Iowa Wesleyan College; 3. Retention by the P. E. O. Sisterhood of its reversionary rights to the building and ground, as set forth in the 1949 Agreement with Iowa Wesleyan College; 4. Removal of attached fixtures that were memorial items from the second floor of the P. E. O. Memorial Building.

The rooms on the second floor of the P. E. O. Memorial Building were closed in late November, 1968, and were not reopened in the spring of 1969 due to the movement of furnishings belonging to Supreme Chapter to the P. E. O. Centennial Center Building in Des Moines, Iowa. Appreciation is expressed to the members of Chapter Original A who assisted Miss Erma Adams, hostess at the Memorial Building, while she was ill in the fall of 1968. Miss Adams entered Chapter Eternal in March, 1969. Her devotion to the duties of hostess is another example of love for P. E. O.

Iowa Wesleyan College was notified, in writing, when the second floor of the P. E. O. Memorial Building was vacated by Supreme Chapter.

On March 28, 1969, a set of oil reproductions of the original portraits of the founders of our sisterhood was presented to Iowa Wesleyan College from Supreme Chapter to be placed in the building that was erected in their memory.

On August 17, 1968, the cornerstone of the P. E. O. Centennial Center was laid with appropriate ceremony. Those present at the Thursday morning meeting of the 1969 convention of Supreme Chapter will participate in the dedication of this building, which is the tangible evidence of the first one hundred years of the P. E. O. Sisterhood.

Appreciation is expressed to Miss Margaret L. Mohler, executive secretary, for the nineteen years of dedicated service she has given to P. E. O.

These have been years of congeniality and harmony. We are all thinking women of different temperaments so naturally all 169,289 of us have not always fully agreed, but invariably a solution has been found that has resulted in strengthening the bonds of love and loyalty. In 1903 Carrie Hapeman, past president of Supreme Chapter, said, "For good or evil our actions and thoughts have started into vibration the circles that will reach into eternity. They are beyond our computation, past our recall." We are deeply aware of all of those who during this biennium have contributed to the ever-widening circles that will continue into the second century. Deep appreciation goes to each of you for your cooperation and support during the past ten years of this officer's service to P. E. O.

ETHEL O. GARDNER
President, Supreme Chapter

REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

THE DUTIES of the first vice president for the 1967-1969 biennium were those assigned by the president of Supreme Chapter. She was appointed liaison officer with the Board of Trustees of the P. E. O. Foundation Corporation. With the approval of the executive board, appointments were made to fill two vacancies in the list of registered agents. Their names and addresses were sent to those required to keep a file of agents. She was also asked to supervise tax matters affecting the P. E. O. Sisterhood to make certain that all activities of the Sisterhood were in keeping with the tax exempt status of Supreme Chapter and its chartered groups, the local and state chapters. Numerous items pertaining to such tax matters were received and referred to Mrs. Dorothy L. Weller, tax consultant for Supreme Chapter, who conferred when necessary with Mr. Mark Townsend, tax attorney for Supreme Chapter. Their expert advice was invaluable in this assignment.

This officer was appointed to serve as an ex-officio member of the P. E. O. Centennial Center Building Committee. It was a rewarding assignment to serve with those involved in the planning and completion of this beautiful and useful building which commemorates the centennial of the P. E. O. Sisterhood.

Amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules of Supreme Chapter were compiled for consideration by the

executive board. Valuable assistance in the preparation of this material for the 1969 convention of Supreme Chapter was given by Mrs. Dorothy L. Weller, parliamentarian for Supreme Chapter, and by Mrs. Margaret Emily Stoner, chairman of Amendments and Recommendations.

As Cottey College Chairman for Supreme Chapter, information was sent to the state Cottey College chairmen and to the chairmen of the chapters in subordinate territory. A file of the reports of the chairmen has been compiled. All material submitted by the college for publication in THE P. E. O. RECORD was reviewed and approved. This officer was appointed to represent the executive board on the committee to screen applicants for the position of president of Cottey Junior College and was pleased to have a part in the selection of Dr. Jon O. Hondrum. She also participated in the program of the 1968 Cottey College Seminar.

Material pertaining to P. E. O. Homes; tax matters; money raising projects including resale of items; and convention planning was presented at the Conference for Presidents and Organizers held on the Drake University campus, Des Moines, Iowa, August, 1968.

It was a pleasant duty to proof read the manuscript of *Out of the Heart - A Century of P. E. O.* written by Mrs. Stella Clapp, historian.

During this biennium this officer was privileged to represent the president of Supreme Chapter at the conventions of the states of: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, British Columbia, Colorado, Connecticut, Michigan, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Washington.

Meetings of the following were attended: executive board of Supreme Chapter; Board of Trustees of Cottey Junior College, as an ex-officio member; members of the Cottey Junior College Corporation; members of the P. E. O. Foundation Corporation; and the P. E. O. Centennial Center Building Committee.

It was a privilege to serve in these assigned duties under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Ethel O. Gardner, president of Supreme Chapter.

IRENE KERR
First Vice President, Supreme Chapter

REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

THE DUTIES of this officer were those assigned by the president of Supreme Chapter. This member of the executive board was asked to receive and read all articles for publication in THE P. E. O. RECORD regarding the Educational Fund, the P. E. O. Supply Department, the International Peace Scholarship Fund, the Centennial Sentinel, and the P. E. O. Foundation. Approval has been given all articles during the biennium.

The second vice president was appointed to serve as Reciprocity Chairman of Supreme Chapter. Two letters of instruction and information have been sent to the chairman in each state chapter of local chapter groups. The bylaws, list of officers, and the annual financial statements from the Reciprocity Bureaus in Subordinate Territory were received and filed.

Preliminary work has been done on a Convention Manual for State Officers and on the revision of Instructions to Officers of State Chapters.

It was a privilege to attend the first Conference for Presidents and Organizers of all state chapters held in Des Moines, Iowa, in August, 1968. This officer gave information to the presidents concerning topics assigned by the president of Supreme Chapter. Following the conference, with the assistance of Mrs. Ethel O. Gardner, a Sample Budget for State Chapters was prepared. Suggestions for the members of the finance committee regarding the budget and the report of the committee to be given in convention of the state chapter were sent with a Sample Budget to the president and the chairman of the finance committee of all state chapters.

It was a rewarding experience to be the representative of the president of Supreme Chapter in the conventions of the following state chapters: Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio and Virginia. The bylaws of Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, North Dakota and Washington State Chapters were studied and necessary changes indicated.

All meetings, except one, of the executive board of Supreme Chapter, of the members of the Cottey Junior College Corporation, and of the members of the P. E. O. Foundation Corporation were attended. Two meetings of the Board of Trustees of Cottey Junior College were attended, as well as the Seminar held at Cottey College in September, 1968.

For the opportunity of serving the sisterhood through these assignments, the second vice president is deeply grateful.

MISS HELEN F. EVERS

Second Vice President, Supreme Chapter

REPORT OF THE THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

AMONG the duties assigned to this officer has been the supervision of P. E. O. Groups. We have Groups located in fifteen retirement home and development areas, on eleven college campuses, and in three foreign countries representing the new organization during this biennium of three retirement home Groups and nine P. E. O. Groups on college campuses.

Names and addresses of the contact person for the P. E. O. Groups appear in the January, March, May, September and November issues of THE P. E. O. RECORD following the Reciprocity Reference.

We now are aware that the benefits of these Groups are unlimited. Members maintain their active membership in their own chapters while being able to attend regular meetings of the Group where they are now living, and where the organization of a local chapter is not possible. Many inactive members have reinstated in order to become members of a Group. Local chapter presidents express their appreciation that their new young members have an opportunity to grow in P. E. O. understanding while in college.

The retirement and campus Groups have been authorized by and are under the jurisdiction of the designated state officer. Sponsorship has been by a local Reciprocity Group, a local chapter, or a member assigned by the state chapter executive board. Membership in the college Groups include students, wives of graduate students, faculty wives, and P. E. O.'s on the faculty. The Groups organized in subordinate areas and foreign countries are under the supervision of this officer.

The meetings of the executive board, Cottey College Corporation and P. E. O. Foundation Corporation have all been attended by this officer. As representative of the president of Supreme Chapter, state chapter conventions have been attended in Louisiana, California, Utah, Nebraska, Idaho and Oregon in 1968; Minnesota, North Dakota, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Montana in 1969.

It was this officer's pleasure to attend the dinner at Iowa Wesleyan College honoring Mrs. Ethel O. Gardner and the 1969 Commencement Weekend at Cottey College at which she delivered the baccalaureate address.

Planning for the Hour of Remembrance has been a privilege and gratitude is expressed to those who shared their talent for the program as well as to those who served on the planning committee.

This officer assisted with the proofreading of the 1968 Reprint of the Constitution.

The duties of this office, as stated in the Constitution, are to perform duties assigned to it — the "assignments" have been varied and exciting!

FLORENCE M. WALLACE

Third Vice President, Supreme Chapter

REPORT OF THE ORGANIZER

THIS SUMMARY of the biennium's work will follow the duties of the office as prescribed by the Constitution.

SUPERVISION OF SUBORDINATE TERRITORY. The 45 chapters in subordinate territory were inspected with Mrs. Irene Snell, corresponding secretary and proxy to the organizer, visiting the 17 chapters in Maine, New Hampshire, Quebec, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Vermont. At the time of inspection bylaws and yearbooks were checked and suggestions for correction

made when necessary. The president's letters, giving insight into the life of our chapters, were read with interest.

Two letters of information have been sent to the presidents of the chapters, as well as a letter to chapters entitled to delegates to convention of Supreme Chapter and a letter to the delegates concerning plans for the convention.

Three local chapters in subordinate territory were organized during the biennium. Chapter H, Wilmington, Delaware, was organized October 24, 1967, with twelve members received by dimit and four initiates. Chapter C, the third chapter in Burlington, Vermont, was organized on November 16, 1967, with seventeen by dimit and one initiate. Chapter C, the third chapter in Saskatchewan and the first in Regina, was organized on May 14, 1969, with five members by dimit and ten initiates.

On file at the present time is a Consent to Select the Charter List for a group in Charleston, South Carolina, working toward organization.

With Chapter A and Chapter B, New Hampshire, in charge of arrangements, the second Northeast District Meeting was held at the Squam Lakes Club, Holderness, New Hampshire. Mrs. Prudence Ross, Chapter A, served as the chairman. Special guests were Mrs. Snell, Mrs. Alice Barrows, trustee of the Educational Fund, Mrs. Lois Jean Doggett, second vice president of Massachusetts State Chapter, and an International Peace Scholarship student, Miss Mahruk Tarapor. Representatives from the chapters in Maine, Vermont, Quebec, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire shared in the day of information, inspiration and fellowship. Plans are now being made to hold the third Northeast District Meeting in Montreal, Quebec, in the fall of 1970.

SUPERVISION OF THE WORK OF STATE ORGANIZERS: Two form letters and a cover letter with additional copies of the Counsel Booklet have been sent to the state organizers. Letters requesting information on procedure and policies have been answered.

The agenda for the organizers' section of the Conference for Presidents and Organizers, held August 16 and 17, 1968, at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, was planned and executed. Organizers from all 47 state chapters were in attendance. Mrs. Snell and Mrs. Marjorie Smith, recording secretary, assisted the organizer at this conference.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE RITUAL: Special thanks are due to the officers and members of Chapter Original A for their gracious acceptance of the invitation to present the model meeting at this convention. It is appropriate to have our first chapter exemplify the ritual at our centennial convention. Their spirit of cooperation and their careful planning have made working with them a pleasure.

MISCELLANEOUS: With the exception of one, all meetings of the executive board, of the members of the Cottey Junior College Corporation, and the P. E. O. Foundation Corporation have been attended.

The following state chapter conventions were enjoyed as a representative of the president of Supreme Chapter: New Mexico, Arizona, Massachusetts, District of Columbia, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ontario, North Carolina, Nebraska and Wyoming.

It has been said the language of friendship is not words but meanings. The past two years have been full of the meaning of helpfulness, inspiration and love.

MARIE K. BUSCH

Organizer, Supreme Chapter

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

THE OFFICE of recording secretary affords one the opportunity of becoming familiar with past records while recording the procedures of the present biennium. In fulfilling her obligations the secretary is privileged to work closely with the president. It has been a helpful and pleasurable experience this biennium.

The meetings of the executive board have been attended. The minutes were recorded and distributed to the members of the board. Excerpts were prepared and mailed to all boards and committees.

All meetings of the Cottey Junior College Corporation have been attended. These minutes were prepared and sent to the

members of the board of trustees, the president of Cottey College and to the members of the corporation.

The minutes of the annual and all other meetings of the P. E. O. Foundation Corporation were prepared and sent to the members of the corporation and to the board of trustees.

All warrants have been countersigned and forwarded to the treasurer or the executive secretary.

All contracts and legal papers have been examined, signed and the seal affixed to same.

Charters for the new subordinate chapters organized this biennium have been authenticated.

The credentials and facsimile credential cards for past presidents of state and provincial chapters have been signed and the seal affixed. Credentials for this convention have been signed for the presidents and organizers of state and provincial chapters.

At the request of the president, this officer was privileged to attend the conventions of Nevada, Wisconsin, Montana, New Mexico, West Virginia, Massachusetts, South Dakota and Idaho State Chapter and the Manitoba Provincial Chapter.

The first Conference for State Presidents and Organizers, held in August, 1968, on the campus at Drake University was attended.

The duties of the recording secretary will be complete when the proceedings of this convention have been compiled, printed and distributed.

This officer appreciates the assistance and encouragement of the members of the executive board and the pleasure of many new friendships formed during this biennium. Thank you for the privilege of serving P. E. O.

MARJORIE W. SMITH
Recording Secretary, Supreme Chapter

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

SERVING as proxy to the organizer has been a rewarding experience for this officer. Local chapters have been visited in the subordinate territories of Maine, New Hampshire, Quebec, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Vermont. It is with great pride to be able to report that a member will find the same familiar procedure and welcome, whether attending a meeting in Orangeburg, South Carolina, or Bangor, Maine.

During the biennium conventions of state chapters attended as representative of the president of Supreme Chapter were those of Alberta, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania. The by-laws of Alberta, Alabama, New Jersey, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania State Chapters were checked and necessary changes indicated.

All meetings of the executive board, as well as of the members of the P. E. O. Foundation Corporation, members of the Cottey Junior College Corporation, Conference of Presidents and Organizers and the Northeast District Meeting were attended.

All correspondence of this office has received prompt attention and plans have been completed for the registration of the 1969 convention of Supreme Chapter.

These past two years have been enriched by new experiences and new friendships as a direct result of the duties of this office. Thank you for the opportunity of service to P. E. O.

IRENE M. SNELL
Corresponding Secretary, Supreme Chapter

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

WHILE THE P. E. O. Sisterhood is this year celebrating its first century as an educational and philanthropic organization, its executive office is not quite sixty years old and for the last nine years only has it occupied its own office building, planned for its particular requirements. In no other place is the expansion of P. E. O. more evident than in the executive office where a staff varying from forty-five to fifty-five handles the large volume of departmental work essential to the sisterhood.

With your present executive secretary was appointed in 1950, there were but 2,917 local chapters with a membership of 104,501 in thirty-four state chapters and one provincial chapter. There are now 4,277 chapters with a membership of 169,290 in forty-three state and four provincial chapters, and chapters subordinate to Supreme Chapter in all other states and in two other provinces of Canada. The supplies for the organization of 1,360 new local chapters, nine new state and three new provincial chapters have been prepared and shipped from the executive office since 1950. There has been a net increase in total membership of 64,789.

The challenge of modifying office methods and records to meet the increase has been an ever-present one, motivated always by the knowledge that the P. E. O. Executive Office exists solely to serve the needs of the sisterhood and its members.

The volume of work in some departments is affected only by the increased demands of a growing organization. In some others, notably the P. E. O. Educational Fund, the demand for services fluctuates with the economic cycles within the country. Rarely has this been more evident than during the past summer when changes in bank interest rates and policies of the government suddenly altered the flow of funds to students from those sources, and they turned in large numbers to private funds for aid urgently needed.

The increase in applications for loans directly affected the Educational Fund division of the executive office, where prompt measures had to be taken to meet the daily demand. There has been no delay in handling the applications, and new borrowers were supplied the money they needed for fall enrollment all over the United States and Canada. The demand is continuing.

New items added to the inventory of the P. E. O. Supply Department this biennium increased the volume of work there. One staff member has devoted all of her time to handling orders for centennial charms. The centennial history, *Out of the Heart*, by Stella Cady Clapp, is one of the fine new items added this year to the inventory of the Supply Department. The history will continue to be carried. The charms will not be available after the present stock is exhausted.

Orders for new emblems create the work of one entire section of the Supply Department. Over 16,000 emblems were ordered by chapters during the past biennium.

The accounting department of the office must be qualified at all times to handle the changing volume of work resulting from increases in other departments, as all money transactions of the P. E. O. Educational Fund and of the P. E. O. Supply Department pass through the accounting department.

The sisterhood enters its second century with an efficient, well-organized executive office. The devotion of many over the years since it was established in 1920 has made this efficiency possible. Systems have not been created overnight, they have evolved from careful study of the needs and the combined judgment of those in the office responsible for carrying them out. Recognition is given in this report to all who have contributed to the success of the P. E. O. Executive Office since 1920.

This report is the final one to be presented to the sisterhood by its present executive secretary who will retire after the close of this convention. It has been a great privilege to serve in this appointment for the past nineteen and a half years. The memory of those years will remain a cherished one.

BIENNIAL REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP

March 1, 1967 to March 1, 1969

Local Chapters

Chapters Active March 1, 1967	4,168
Chapters Organized during Biennium	111
Total	4,279
Chapters Disbanded during Biennium	2
Total Chapters Active March 1, 1969	4,277

State Chapters

State Chapters Active March 1, 1967	46
State Chapters Organized during Biennium ...	1
Total State Chapters March 1, 1969	47

Membership

Members Active March 1, 1967	162,767
Add adjustment in 1968	1
Initiated	13,638
Received by dimit	8,110
Reinstated	648

Total Active Membership during Biennium	185,164
Lost by Dimit	8,110
Died Active	3,842
Expulsion of Active Members	0
Retired to Inactive List	3,922
Total Deduction from Active Membership during Biennium	15,874
Total Members Active March 1, 1969	169,290
Total Members Inactive March 1, 1969 ..	26,288
Total Membership March 1, 1969	195,578

Summary:

Total Members Initiated	249,522
Inactive or Expelled Members Lost by Death during Biennium (Includes 118 Legally Deceased)	817

Membership in Subordinate Territory

Chapters

Chapters Active March 1, 1967	51
Chapters Organized	3
Total Chapters	54
Chapters Disbanded	0
Chapters withdrawn for State Chapters (Mississippi)	9
Total	9
Chapters Active March 1, 1969	45

Membership

Members Active March 1, 1967	1,708
Members Initiated	160
Members Received by Dimit	145
Members Reinstated	6
Total Membership during Biennium	2,019
Members Withdrawn for State Chapters ...	265
Members Lost by Dimit	124
Members Died Active	17
Members Becoming Inactive	35
Total Decrease during Biennium	441
Members Active March 1, 1969	1,578

Membership in Disbanded Chapters

Chapters

Chapters Disbanded March 1, 1967	92
Chapters Disbanded during Biennium	2
Total Disbanded Chapters March 1, 1969	94

Membership

Members Active March 1, 1967	101
Add Members Active in Chapters Disbanded during Biennium	18
Members Reinstated	6
Total Active Membership during Biennium	125
Members Lost by Dimit to Active Chapters .	11
Active Members Lost by Death	4
Retired to Inactive List	28
Total Deduction from Active Membership during Biennium	43
Members Active March 1, 1969	82
Total Inactive or Expelled March 1, 1969 ..	627
Total Membership Disbanded Chapters March 1, 1969	709

GENERAL SUMMARY TO MARCH 1, 1969

State	CHAPTERS			MEMBERSHIP		
	Active	Dis- band- ed	Total	Active	Inactive	Total
Alabama	14	0	14	417	75	492
Alberta	11	0	11	300	40	340
Arizona	61	0	61	2,201	216	2,417
Arkansas	56	2	58	1,866	357	2,223
British Columbia	45	2	47	1,174	366	1,540
California	502	5	507	20,701	2,723	23,424
Colorado	172	4	176	7,545	1,288	8,833
Connecticut	16	0	16	603	66	669
District of Columbia	30	1	31	1,137	213	1,350
Florida	115	0	115	3,946	566	4,512
Georgia	21	0	21	648	76	724
Idaho	65	0	65	2,829	486	3,315
Illinois	309	10	319	12,580	1,728	14,308
Indiana	96	2	98	3,826	625	4,451
Iowa	333	15	348	18,488	2,922	21,410
Kansas	208	6	214	9,064	1,291	10,355
Kentucky	15	0	15	490	64	554
Louisiana	36	2	38	1,131	304	1,435
Manitoba	15	2	17	332	140	472
Maryland	16	0	16	485	68	553
Massachusetts	26	1	27	787	180	967
Michigan	117	3	120	3,535	570	4,105
Minnesota	120	3	123	4,276	748	5,024
Mississippi	9	0	9	263	51	314
Missouri	276	14	290	10,536	2,279	12,815
Montana	52	1	53	2,022	211	2,233
Nebraska	194	7	201	8,991	1,288	10,279
Nevada	22	0	22	767	155	922
New Jersey	36	1	37	1,203	151	1,354
New Mexico	47	0	47	1,793	238	2,031
New York	65	1	66	2,301	444	2,745
North Carolina	16	0	16	547	54	601
North Dakota	47	0	47	1,716	276	1,992
Ohio	123	1	124	4,093	802	4,895
Oklahoma	152	4	156	5,422	990	6,412
Ontario	11	1	12	291	64	355
Oregon	129	1	130	4,912	546	5,458
Pennsylvania	46	0	46	1,646	241	1,887
South Dakota	75	1	76	2,813	384	3,197
Tennessee	21	0	21	655	84	739
Texas	141	1	142	5,040	849	5,889
Utah	25	0	25	788	128	916
Virginia	32	1	33	1,159	193	1,352
Washington	175	0	175	6,701	991	7,692
West Virginia	14	0	14	529	68	597
Wisconsin	86	2	88	3,258	317	3,575
Wyoming	39	0	39	1,905	238	2,143
Subordinate	45	0	45	1,578	134	1,712
	4,277	94	4,371	169,290	26,288	195,578

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY BY BIENNIUM

1919 TO 1969

Year	CHAPTERS			MEMBERSHIP		
	Active	Disbanded	Total	Active	Inactive	Total
1919	732	55	787	20,798	5,514	26,312
1921	865	56	921	26,937	4,296	31,233
1923	1,013	57	1,070	31,491	4,708	36,199
1925	1,170	60	1,230	36,541	5,281	41,822
1927	1,308	61	1,369	41,390	6,024	47,414
1929	1,457	63	1,520	46,226	6,650	52,876
1931	1,612	67	1,679	51,038	7,522	58,560
1933	1,737	69	1,806	53,565	9,850	63,415
1935	1,839	69	1,908	57,220	10,946	68,166

1937	1,974	70	2,044	62,024	11,467	73,491
1939	2,102	72	2,174	66,961	12,092	79,053
1941	2,233	73	2,306	71,711	12,740	84,451
1943	2,330	74	2,404	76,717	13,455	90,172
1945	2,413	74	2,487	84,023	13,358	97,381
1947	2,580	74	2,654	92,221	13,316	105,537
1949	2,807	75	2,882	100,808	13,751	114,559
1951	3,015	75	3,090	108,186	14,918	123,104
1953	3,186	76	3,262	115,962	15,749	131,711
1955	3,356	77	3,433	123,303	16,748	140,051
1957	3,513	79	3,592	130,070	17,615	147,685
1959	3,635	80	3,715	136,278	18,644	154,922
1961	3,769	82	3,851	142,265	20,341	162,606
1963	3,892	83	3,975	148,408	21,752	170,160
1965	4,021	87	4,108	155,283	22,347	177,630
1967	4,168	92	4,260	162,767	23,826	186,593
1969	4,277	94	4,371	169,290	26,288	195,578

MISS MARGARET L. MOHLER
Executive Secretary

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

THE REPORTS of the treasurer of Supreme Chapter for the biennium ending July 31, 1969, have been printed in the kits given to each delegate to the convention of Supreme Chapter held September 29 — October 2, 1969. These same reports will be printed in the convention proceedings, a copy of which is to be sent to each local chapter president for use in the chapter.

MABELLE C. HUBER
Treasurer

REPORT OF EDITOR — THE P. E. O. RECORD

DURING the biennium 24 issues of THE P. E. O. RECORD have been mailed to the membership, and two issues of the Annual Directory of Officers were compiled by THE P. E. O. RECORD department and mailed to the president of each local chapter and others entitled to receive them. As a result of longtime planning and budgeting, the last twelve issues of the magazine have presented special editorial material relative to the centennial observance of the founding of P. E. O. A four-color cover was featured on ten issues, and, except in July and August, each issue contained a special centennial section. The first centennial section in October, 1968, presented a folio of four-color portraits of the Founders and a biography of each. Extra copies of this section were made available to the Supply Department and may be ordered through that department as long as the supply lasts.

While special editorial efforts in the biennium have been directed toward the centennial observance, the regular departments of the magazine have been featured as in previous years, as also articles on the P. E. O. projects. Poems and articles on general subjects and of inspirational merit have been used as space would permit, but in giving precedence to centennial material, many contributions of this nature have been held back for consideration at a later time.

A Reciprocity Reference has been printed every other month, September through May, listing the name and address of a contact person as supplied by a local chapter group (Reciprocity). It is hoped that providing this list, for use of an unaffiliated active member or the corresponding secretary of her chapter writing on her behalf, is a service that facilitates a member in continuing her P. E. O. associations in a new community. Contacts for P. E. O. Groups also have been listed.

In the circulation department the policy of having each member send her own change of name and address has made possible more efficient service in handling changes on mailing labels. A new Form Q, pink in color, streamlines the work of the corresponding secretary in reporting to THE P. E. O. RECORD any increase in membership in her chapter, by initiation, by reinstatement, or by dimit. Outdated forms are still being used by some chapters; in this report your editor officially notifies each chapter that the corresponding secretary should have in her supplies the pink Form Q, and no other Form Q.

Due to a change in the city of her residence, your editor has asked the executive board not to be considered in its appointment of an editor for the next biennium. This was done with extreme regret, and so it is with special sincerity that your editor extends her thanks — to the executive board of Supreme Chapter and to the board of trustees, THE P. E. O. RECORD, for thoughtful considerations of all matters pertaining to the magazine and for the warmth of the personal support of each member; to those who have carried responsibilities in the office of THE P. E. O. RECORD, for their dedication and friendship; to the staff of The Wayside Press, printers, and in particular to George Likeness for contributions in layout and art; to the P. E. O. membership at large for keeping the editorial needs of THE P. E. O. RECORD in mind.

But perhaps most of all, and more than can be told, thanks is expressed to the hundreds of individuals, and many chapters, who have written to say that the magazine is helpful and is enjoyed. It is this response which adds that certain dimension of joy to the responsibilities of serving as editor of THE P. E. O. RECORD. Your editor is grateful to all concerned for the privilege of so serving during the last eight years of the first century of P. E. O.

ALVINA MATTES
Editor, THE P. E. O. RECORD

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE P. E. O. RECORD

THE BOARD of Trustees of THE P. E. O. RECORD reports with pride its wholehearted participation in the celebration of the centennial of P. E. O. Because THE RECORD is received by all active members of the sisterhood, it is hoped that the magazine has enabled each individual to more thoroughly appreciate the history of our first one hundred years.

Preceding the first meeting of this board, the members and the editor were privileged to meet at The Wayside Press with Mr. Butler and other members of his staff. They were shown the plant and the processes used in printing of THE RECORD. Three additional meetings of the entire board were held in Des Moines.

The members of the Board of Trustees of THE P. E. O. RECORD offer their sincere thanks and appreciation:

To the members of the executive board for their understanding and continued support of the innovations made during this biennium.

To Mrs. Alvina Mattes, the editor, for her excellent planning and consummation of her ideas and to her staff for their able assistance.

To Mr. Butler and the staff at Wayside Press for their cooperation with the board and for their excellent implementation of Mrs. Mattes' plans.

To Mrs. Hillman and her staff for their careful and conscientious work on circulation to insure near-perfect delivery of the magazine.

To former members of this board for their far-sighted planning which has enabled the editor to make full use of eye-appealing color covers in most issues of the second year of the biennium and special color and art work in many of the issues. Appreciation for the "extras" given to the members is proven by the fact that the Supply Department reports unprecedented demand for binders in which to keep these valuable RECORDS.

To all members of the sisterhood for their enthusiastic praise for each issue during this biennium.

The chairman was privileged to represent the president of Supreme Chapter at the conventions of state chapters in New Jersey, Ontario, Indiana, Alabama, Maryland and Oregon. To meet the dedicated and devoted P. E. O.'s in each of these conventions is a never-to-be-forgotten experience.

In this, the final report of the historical 1967-69 biennium, the chairman expresses deepest appreciation for the opportunity of having been associated with many fine P. E. O.'s during the past six years and especially Mrs. Myrll Remley, Mrs. Ella Mae Cromer, Mrs. Mona Clare and Mrs. Marcella Öberg as co-workers on this board.

MARJORIE REID, *Chairman*; MONA CLARE; MARCELLA ÖBERG

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

THE BOARD of Trustees of the P. E. O. Supply Department presents its report of work completed for the biennium 1967-1969.

BOARD MEETINGS: During this biennium there were two meetings of this board at the executive office and a meeting just preceding this convention of Supreme Chapter in Des Moines. There have been 31 directives issued to the executive secretary relative to P. E. O. Supply Department business.

CONTRACTS: At the beginning of each biennium contracts are reviewed and extended or terminated as the case requires.

BUDGET: The final budget of this biennium was presented to the Finance Committee May 15. The preparation of this budget requires careful study of monthly financial reports, annual audits and stock inventory.

CONSTITUTION: The 1968 reprint of the Constitution, By-laws and Standing Rules contains amendments adopted at the convention of Supreme Chapter in Seattle, 1967. A directive was issued for the printing of 55,000 copies.

CENTENNIAL CHARMS: Centennial Charms are available from the Supply Department only so long as the present supply lasts. They come in two styles — the gold star mounted on a gold disc, and the gold star mounted on a sterling silver disc. The charm can be worn on a bracelet, as a necklace, or as a pendant on a pin.

HISTORY OF P. E. O.: November, 1968, marked the publication of *Out of the Heart, A Century of P. E. O.*, written by Mrs. Stella Clapp. This handsome book, full of valuable information, is available from the Supply Department and can be ordered by the chapter treasurer or by members of P. E. O. Give identifying chapter letters and enclose payment of five dollars.

NEW FORMS: Form Q, pink in color, used to report "Increase in Membership" was requested by the board of trustees of THE P. E. O. RECORD. Form 40, State Treasurer's Remittance Slip, and Form 40A, State Treasurer's Gift List, were added to our stock. Acknowledgment cards No. 1 and No. 2 are now available for use by state treasurers in acknowledging gifts for the P. E. O. Projects. Form 13B was revised to provide for listing the name of the nominee for alternate delegate to Convention of Supreme Chapter.

PRICE LIST: The September issue of THE P. E. O. RECORD contains the current Price List for Local Chapters; the Price List for State Chapters appears in the October issue. There were several price revisions made during this biennium and several items added to the price lists.

ARTICLES for THE P. E. O. RECORD: Through articles in THE P. E. O. RECORD the chairman of the board of trustees keeps the membership advised concerning new items of supply and gives information and helpful instruction to officers of local chapters.

During this biennium your chairman had the rich experience of representing the president of Supreme Chapter at the conventions of Missouri, Washington, Oklahoma and Louisiana State Chapters and the Manitoba Provincial Chapter.

The members of the board of trustees of the P. E. O. Supply Department are deeply grateful to the executive board of Supreme Chapter for their devoted service and guidance. The fine cooperation of the executive secretary, as she shared her vast knowledge and experience, and the help of her efficient staff will be long remembered.

LOREE MELTON, *Chairman*; HELEN WARE; DOROTHY HEAD

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, P. E. O. EDUCATIONAL FUND

SINCE 1907, almost 16,000 women students received financial assistance from the Educational Fund. Over \$8,000,000 in loans has been granted since the beginning of the fund. This is a very pleasing resumé to report for this 1967-69 biennium, in celebration of P. E. O.'s centennial year.

Five Board meetings have been held during the past two years to take care of administering the fund. The last of these meetings preceded the biennial convention in Des Moines, Iowa. During the meeting of May 6-8, 1969, Mrs. Dorothy

Head resigned from the board. Mrs. Ann Heath, Texas, was appointed by Mrs. Ethel Gardner, president, to fill this vacancy.

Educational Fund information and the annual statistical reports for each state were sent to the Educational Fund chairman and to subordinate chapter presidents for 1967-68 and 1968-69. Four letters concerning promotional information were mailed during this period. Program material prepared by Mrs. Barrows and Mrs. Holliday was mailed upon request from the executive office. New program material has been prepared and is ready for mailing in October.

Articles for THE P. E. O. RECORD were written when members of the board felt something of interest needed to be published. The *Policies Under Which Loans May be Made* and a sample of the *Chapter Recommendation Form* were printed in the May issue the last two years. The May, 1969, issue of THE P. E. O. RECORD contains the changes in the policies which were made this year.

The Educational Fund Policies were reviewed this biennium and revised. All changes will be printed in their final form after the convention of Supreme Chapter, and mailed to the state Educational Fund Chairmen. An anticipated increase in the amount of a loan to a student will be announced at that time. The Educational Fund reference booklets will be called in for revision this fall.

The general duties of this board are: report quarterly to the executive board of Supreme Chapter; review files of applicants; answer all questions pertaining to this board and fund policies; and prepare the 1969-71 budget for presentation to the finance committee.

Plans were made for the workshops and for the Educational Fund program at the convention of Supreme Chapter.

During the 1967-69 biennium the chairman served as the representative of the president of Supreme Chapter for conventions in the states of West Virginia, Virginia, North Dakota, Alberta, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

The trustees of this board have endeavored to the best of their ability to be of service to the members of the P. E. O. Sisterhood.

MARGARET HOLLIDAY, *Chairman*; ALICE BARROWS; ANN S. HEATH

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, COTTEY COLLEGE

THE MEMBERSHIP of the Board of Trustees of Cottey College has changed during the past biennium with the completion of the terms of Mrs. Vera Blanchard of Greencastle, Indiana, and Mrs. Katharine Akin of Phoenix, Arizona. Mrs. Blanchard's full term ended in 1968, Mrs. Akin's in 1969. The loss of their services has been keenly felt for Mrs. Blanchard had served as secretary throughout her term and Mrs. Akin had been chairman of the board the last year of her term. At the 1968 spring meeting Dr. Milo Bail of Omaha tendered his resignation from the board and its chairmanship. His place on the board was taken by Dr. Frank Dickey of Washington, D. C., who felt it necessary to resign in the spring of 1969. As the board enters a new biennium the new members are Dr. Orville Clark, M.D., of Topeka, Kansas, and Mrs. Helen Dowell Powell of Evergreen, Colorado. The board of trustees is extremely sorry to lose the valuable advice and assistance of Mrs. Ethel Gardner, who, as president of Supreme Chapter, is completing her term as an ex-officio member of the board.

The board of trustees meets at least twice each year, in October and March, with the latter meeting designated the annual meeting. During the biennium the board has met at least once each year in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings. At a special meeting of the board in the summer of 1968, plans were completed and bids taken for the construction of Hinkhouse Center. This \$950,000 project, now underway, will add much to the college in providing modern, up-to-date facilities for recreation and physical education, and a modern facility for the college's Health Center. The project, started in late August, 1968, has been delayed by an unusually difficult winter followed by a strike of iron workers. It is hoped that the project will be completed and the move into the new facility accomplished by the end of December, 1969.

Much of the board's time in the last half of the biennium was devoted to a search for a president to succeed Ted McCarrel, who resigned in July, 1968, but who agreed to serve until a successor could be found and could begin his work. The search for a new president involved not only the members of the board of trustees but faculty, student and alumnae representatives. Dr. Jon O. Hondrum began his work as president of Cottey College in June, 1969, and is to be inaugurated at the 100th Anniversary Convention of P. E. O. in Des Moines.

During the biennium a major effort was spent on increasing library books, supplies and teaching equipment; on strengthening and adding to the faculty; and in expanding the curriculum to afford a better program for the 90 per cent of Cottey graduates who go on to senior colleges and universities. These accomplishments were made possible by the generous action of the P. E. O. Sisterhood at the convention of Supreme Chapter in 1967 in doubling the per capita support for the college from \$2 to \$4.

During the biennium a great deal of work has been done in refurbishing and providing better maintenance for the Cottey dormitories and academic facilities. Much of this progress has been made possible by the 200 per cent increase in the amount of gifts coming to the college in the four year period just ending. An Annual Advancement Program for the alumnae was started at the beginning of the biennium.

Cottey College is one of the most fortunate in the country in the level and nature of its financial backing. The college is in the enviable position of having the potential for becoming one of the finest colleges of its type and size in the country. The only serious problem in connection with the rapid growth in the quality of the program at Cottey is the steady decline in the number of applications for admission. This trend, not unique to Cottey College, has been going on for six years. The 1968 Seminar was devoted almost exclusively to the subject of student recruitment, and the college is moving as rapidly as possible into a program to assist in a very material way the devoted work which has been carried on for many years by the P. E. O. Sisterhood.

The board of trustees has devoted considerable time during the biennium to a proposed revision of its bylaws, which should make the board more effective as a policy making agency of the college.

It has been a pleasure to serve the sisterhood this past biennium.

DR. BERTIS E. CAPEHART, *Chairman*; MRS. DOROTHY KLEINPELL;
MR. HUGH P. HARTLEY; MR. R. J. MARTIN;
MRS. MILDRED RUSSELL; MRS. HELEN D. POWELL;
DR. ORVILLE CLARK

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES P. E. O. INTERNATIONAL PEACE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

THE BOARD of trustees has prepared informational kits for state and provincial chapters and chapters in subordinate territory. With the approval of the executive board of Supreme Chapter, questionnaires were sent to students representing the twenty years of international scholarships, and material from these was used for suggested programs in the kits. The chairman has been responsible for writing letters to the state and provincial chapter chairmen, has answered all letters of inquiry, has written each grantee individually, and has sent letters of "welcome" and "farewell" to each at the appropriate time. The other board members wrote notes and greetings for birthday and seasonal holidays to the students, and sent acknowledgment cards for memorial and honor gifts received.

Three board meetings have been held with all members present. Formal reports, as requested, have been prepared for the executive board and recommended changes in forms and Procedures and Policies have been prepared for approval as change was warranted.

As representative of Supreme Chapter, the chairman had the good fortune to attend the conventions of Kentucky, South Dakota, and Tennessee State Chapters and British Columbia Provincial Chapter, participating in whatever capacity was requested of her.

Plans are being finalized for the program, work shops, and exhibit for the convention of Supreme Chapter.

PROCEDURES AND POLICIES. Changes to become effective October, 1969, for grantees of 1970-1971, include an increase in the amount of the maximum award, a requirement that all application material be submitted in English, and a statement that a sister or daughter of a former applicant is not eligible for scholarship assistance.

STUDENTS. Hinkhouse Scholars have been selected for both years of the biennium and an Anderson Scholar for the second year of the biennium.

Student Grants	Scholarships	Renewals	New Students	Amounts
1967-1968	95	28	67	\$112,256.85
1968-1969	93	34	59	\$114,180.50

(Figures subject to audit, July 31, 1969)

From 1949-1969, the total number of students receiving 1334 scholarships was 906. These students attended 232 schools and represented 74 countries or political divisions. The total amount granted was \$1,310,723.26 (subject of audit, July 31, 1969).

BROCHURE. An IPS brochure has been prepared and is available from the IPS office in Des Moines.

THE P. E. O. RECORD. Articles have been prepared for seventeen issues of THE P. E. O. RECORD. The April, 1969, issue was the special issue for this project and the trustees offer gratitude to all who made this issue possible.

STATE AND PROVINCIAL CHAIRMAN, CHAPTERS, MEMBERS. The cooperation and promotion of this project by the individual chairman has been a source of impetus to the success of the project, and the trustees are indebted to these chairmen who are the resident representatives for the IPS Fund. The board of trustees extends its gratitude to the chapters and members for their many expressions of good will and hospitality to our foreign students, and for the generous gifts to make the program possible.

The trustees have been honored to serve as trustees of this project and have endeavored to administer a program of value to both donors and recipients. The project is limitless in its scope and is a vital part of the peaceful pursuits of our P. E. O. Sisterhood.

The chairman avails herself of this opportunity to thank the other trustees, and Mrs. Fan Dallager, office secretary, for cooperation and great individual responsibility during the biennium.

DOROTHY C. GRIFFITH, *Chairman*; RACHEL SMITH;
EVA E. LINDQUIST

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, P. E. O. FOUNDATION

THE P. E. O. Foundation is now firmly established and has proved itself a valuable working part of P. E. O. In this biennium we have seen increased awareness of the purposes and value of the Foundation, a broader use of its services, and a refinement of procedures through which funds are made available to P. E. O. projects.

Members and their friends have demonstrated confidence in the Foundation by making gifts large and small, designated and undesignated, through wills, bequests, memorial gifts and as tributes to members and their families. The largest gift yet received came through the Uretta A. Hinkhouse estate. Much of the work of the Foundation board of trustees during this biennium was devoted to the legal and financial details of this settlement. According to the terms of this will, this estate was divided as follows: the P. E. O. Educational Fund, \$171,945.15; the P. E. O. International Peace Scholarship Fund, \$171,945.15; Cottey College, \$171,729.34. The estate, which is now closed, amounted to \$515,619.64.

Just to mention a couple of our gifts going through the Foundation, from California came a most generous bequest from Bonnie Nina Wardman in the amount of \$83,500.00. The largest tribute to a member was a combined gift of \$9,400.44 from the Nebraska State Chapter and \$1,000.00 from Winslow M. Van Brunt honoring Irene Van Brunt, past president of Su-

preme Chapter. At Irene's request this gift will be held in perpetuity, the income only being used, the fund to be known as the Irene S. and Winslow M. Van Brunt Lecture Fund for Cottey College.

Smaller gifts of equal importance have been received and given careful attention. Dispersal of these gifts has been made as soon as possible. Chairman of the boards of the projects have been notified immediately whenever a gift of one hundred dollars or more has been designated. Undesignated gifts have been distributed on the basis of board judgment of greatest need.

Expanding the board of trustees to five members in the last biennium has distributed the work and broadened its decisions.

The P. E. O. Foundation account with Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago consists of gifts, bequests and devises which are held in perpetuity by the P. E. O. Foundation. Earned income is distributed by the trustees in accordance with the stipulations of the donors. The Finance Committee of Supreme Chapter acts for this account as for the accounts of Supreme Chapter.

Although most of the work of the Foundation board is technical, trustees are aware of the need for frequent communication with members and chapters and continued interpretation of the purposes, procedures and values of the Foundation. Accordingly, printed materials of a general informational nature have been distributed through the conventions of state chapters. Special instructions on drawing wills and making gifts are available through the trustees. The system of assigning to each trustee a given number of states has proved valuable in making Foundation information more personal and more accessible.

Trustees of the P. E. O. Foundation gratefully acknowledge the assistance, advice and support of the executive board of Supreme Chapter, the Finance Committee of Supreme Chapter, tax attorney Mr. Mark Townsend, and Dorothy L. Weller, parliamentarian and tax chairman for the sisterhood.

The trustees consider it a privilege to have been a part of this important work.

HAZEL MAY WOOD, *Chairman*; HELEN HUTTON HARTLEY;
ROSE SHELLY; MARTHA LAWSON; MARJORIE GUMP

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

MRS. RUTH W. Rippey, past president of Supreme Chapter, became chairman of the Finance Committee at the 1967 convention of Supreme Chapter and served in that capacity until the time of her death. Your committee renders respect and tribute to this great lady who served P. E. O. well in so many places.

The committee has carried out to the best of its ability the duties assigned to it by the Constitution. It has familiarized itself with all the finances of Supreme Chapter and consulted and advised on financial matters with the executive board. It has made recommendations regarding depositories for funds, short-term investments and investment firms. Directives have been issued to the treasurer and to such investment firms only in accordance with approved recommendations.

Your committee has analyzed monthly and annual reports of the treasurer of Supreme Chapter, financial statements for the Supply Department and Educational Fund, statistical reports of the P. E. O. Foundation and financial data from Cottey College. The committee has made certain that all funds at all times have had sufficient operating cash. Idle funds have been invested until needed. All audits have been examined as well as reports of officers, trustees and committees containing accounts of receipts and expenditures.

Your finance committee has jurisdiction over the long-term investment accounts for the General Fund, Cottey College Fund and the P. E. O. Foundation Fund held in the Continental Illinois National Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago. Your committee has met three times during the biennium with trust officers of this bank to evaluate accounts and approve investment decisions. Mail votes have approved interim program changes suggested by bank officials.

Your committee has prepared, with approval of the executive board, a proposed allocation of dues and biennial budgets for all departments and submits same to this convention for adoption.

Cottey College per capita assessment was distributed to Cottey College for general operating expenses, the Cottey College Property Fund and the Cottey College Building Fund as stipulated in the Constitution. Properties adjacent to the college campus were acquired this biennium at a total cost of \$36,990.00. \$360,200.00 was disbursed to Cottey College from the Cottey College Building Fund for this fund's share of the cost of construction of Hinkhouse Center.

Dues allocation of one cent per capita per year this biennium to the P. E. O. Foundation proved insufficient for administrative expenses. An additional \$3,000.00 was allowed from the General Fund upon recommendation of the finance committee and approval of the executive board. An allocation of two cents per capita per year is being proposed for the 1969-1971 Biennium.

To date, gifts to the Centennial Center have been insufficient to cover the cost of construction and initial furnishings of this building. Upon recommendation of the finance committee and with approval of the executive board, transfers were made from the General Building, Improvement and Furnishings Fund of Supreme Chapter to the Centennial Building Fund.

The two senior members express gratitude to the executive board for the appointment of Mrs. Mary Jane Hackett, past president of Pennsylvania State Chapter, to this committee. Your chairman expresses thanks to this committee not only for efficient execution of delegated assignments but for wise counsel and sound decisions. Members of your finance committee have found pleasure in this opportunity to serve P. E. O. and hold dear the associations with officers, boards of trustees, committees, executive office personnel and our executive secretary, Miss Margaret L. Mohler. The committee expresses thanks to all who have given ready and willing cooperation.

MARY L. BOWEN, *Chairman*; MARGARET E. GROSS;
MARY JANE HACKETT

REPORT OF THE BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

THE BUILDINGS Committee of Supreme Chapter was established at the 1967 convention of Supreme Chapter by an amendment to the bylaws. As indicated in the amendment, the duties of the committee are assigned by the executive board. The bylaws also provide that the executive secretary of Supreme Chapter shall work in collaboration with the Buildings Committee.

During the biennium 1967-1969, the Executive Office has received the following improvements and maintenance: 1. The building has been painted on both the exterior and the interior; 2. The doors to the receptionist's office in the foyer were removed to make a more spacious entrance; 3. The furniture in the foyer was partially replaced and the grandfather's clock was brought from Mount Pleasant to be used there; 4. A new table and chairs were purchased for the board room — a table was placed under the east window between the cabinets — electric lights were installed to display the objects d'art in the cabinet, and the walls and woodwork were painted — it is planned to replace the chandeliers with two crystal ones from the Memorial Rooms; 5. The lounge has been redecorated and refurnished; 6. In the interest of quietness and safety, carpet has been installed in all corridors of the executive office.

In carrying out this work, consultation with the Centennial Building Committee was necessary to ensure harmony of decoration with the new building.

Miss Eva Briggs of Pleasant Ridge, Michigan, was commissioned to make oil paintings of the portraits of the seven founders of P. E. O., which were presented to Iowa Wesleyan College on March 28, 1969, by our president, Mrs. Ethel Gardner. These will be hung in the P. E. O. Memorial Building in Mount Pleasant, as a gift from Supreme Chapter.

Because of deterioration of the original portraits of the founders, this committee recommended the restoration of the paintings. This work has been done in Des Moines under the supervision of Mrs. Florence Wallace and the executive board.

The duties of this committee included the supervision of the packing and moving of all possessions of the Supreme Chapter from the Memorial Building in Mount Pleasant to the Centen-

nial Center in Des Moines. These were turned over to the Centennial Building Committee for placement.

Plans for landscaping the grounds of the Centennial Center has made it necessary to consider some changes in the planting around the Executive Office. This is under consideration and will be coordinated with the landscaping for the Center.

After the burglaries at the Executive Office, this committee investigated and recommended to the executive board the installation of a security system for the Executive Office and the Centennial Center.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Miss Margaret Mohler, members of her staff and all others who helped carry out the work of this committee. We have found the work very interesting and thank you for the privilege of serving.

DOROTHY JORDAN LIVERMORE, *Chairman*;
LILAS M. BRANDHORST; JOAN MILLIGAN

REPORT OF P. E. O. CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

THE CENTENNIAL commission was appointed in 1959 and their responsibilities will terminate with this convention.

The charms and seals were designed to promote interest in the centennial.

The commission has maintained contact with the state, provincial and local centennial chairmen by general letters and personal correspondence. Credit is due these chairmen for the promotion of interest in centennial planning. The Centennial Sentinel which has appeared in THE P. E. O. RECORD has brought pertinent information to the membership at large.

Programming this past year has been an important phase of our efforts. A sheet of suggested subjects and titles was sent to each local chapter. The Centennial Sentinel, May, carried resource material. We feel confident that chapters have uncovered hidden talent and many interesting, inspiring and informative programs have been enjoyed.

The P. E. O. Centennial Center is the culmination of our combined efforts, to honor members of the past, the present, and the future. For the present the Center will be used for business, educational and charitable purposes.

The financial support of this project by chapters and by individuals has been more gratifying. A committee has been responsible for the permanent display of names of honorees and donors and for a gift book listing token gifts, memorials and gifts for furnishings. The permanent display will be in the foyer. Accurate records of the state chairmen and the respective treasurers were essential to the work of this committee.

The commission members are grateful for this privilege of service to the sisterhood and to have had a part in the planning for our centennial celebration. May our next one hundred years be as glorious.

HELEN H. TUTTLE, *Chairman*; LILAS BRANDHORST; STELLA CLAPP;
MARIAN GRANT; PAT L. HARRIS; MAYBELLE HOFFMAN;
ANN D. LANDBACK; ADA MEAD; ALICE L. MITCHELL;
ELIZABETH M. SPEER; EDITH THOMPSON;
MARJORIE WEIRICK; VICTORIA WILSON

REPORT OF HISTORIAN AND PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

THE MAJOR concern of the historian and other members of the Publication Committee was to complete and carry out details for printing the centennial history, *Out of the Heart*, with time of distribution set for October, 1968.

Bids for printing the history were examined at a meeting of the committee in Seattle, October, 1967. The bid of Jacob North, Inc., Lincoln, Nebraska, was accepted by the committee and approved by the executive board of Supreme Chapter. The bid was for 20,000 copies, subject to other specifications prepared by the committee. In November, members of the Publication Committee and Mr. Donald C. North, president of Jacob North, Inc., met in conference at the P. E. O. Executive Office in Des Moines, Iowa, where preliminary plans for printing *Out of the Heart* were outlined.

The final writing and preparation of the manuscript were

completed during the winter of 1967 - 1968. All copy was edited by Mrs. Irene S. Van Brunt and Mrs. Alvina Mattes. By request of the historian, the entire manuscript was read for subject matter by Mrs. Irene Kerr, representing the executive board.

Decisions were made on many printing details April 2, 1968, when members of the Publication Committee met with Mr. North in Omaha. The bulk of the manuscript was ready to turn over to Mr. North at that time, but because of a suggested change in arrangement of photos, Mrs. Van Brunt retained much of the manuscript in Omaha until placement of photos could be worked out.

Mr. North furnished two sets of proof, the first without photos and the second with photos in place. Mrs. Van Brunt, Mrs. Mattes and Mrs. Clapp read proof, the final proof being read by the committee at a meeting in Omaha, September 30 and October 1, 1968. Numerous delays during late summer, and a serious delay at the bindery in October, moved the delivery date into November instead of early October, as planned.

Except for minor items of correspondence, the duties of the Publication Committee ceased when the printing of *Out of the Heart* was completed. Since the distribution of the book, correspondence in the office of the historian has been heavy but rewarding.

STELLA CLAPP, *Historian and Publication Chairman*;
IRENE S. VAN BRUNT; ALVINA MATTES

REPORT OF THE P. E. O. CENTENNIAL CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE

AT THE 1967 convention of Supreme Chapter in Seattle, the broad outline of the plans of the Building Committee for the P. E. O. Centennial Center were sketched. Progress reports in THE P. E. O. RECORD have indicated the development of the plans into a structure.

For the past two years the Building Committee has held almost bi-monthly meetings with various persons, including the architects, interior designers, and contractor connected with the successful completion of the building. Contract for the work was awarded to the L. J. Rothfus Construction Company in August, 1967. It appears we are fortunate to have awarded the contract at that time, for in the interim building costs have risen at least eight dollars per square foot. Excavation was begun in the fall of 1967. Work was shut down, due to the weather, late in December, recommenced in the spring of 1968.

The cornerstone laying ceremony took place on August 17, 1968, with Laura Storms Knapp, past president of Supreme chapter, representing the group of past presidents. All members of the executive board, many members of the boards of trustees and committees of Supreme Chapter, presidents and organizers of state and provincial chapters and many other members were present. Following her address, Ethel Gardner laid the cornerstone, using the trowel which was used to lay the cornerstone of the P. E. O. Memorial Library. A copper relic box, containing significant mementos, was buried to be preserved for future generations. The prayer of dedication was by Robert L. Caldwell, D.D., minister of the Central Presbyterian Church of Des Moines.

Mr. Jon Crose, landscape architect, was retained in the fall of 1968 to develop site work and planting detail. We believe his work is well conceived and the results will enhance the total appearance.

A side lot variance from the Zoning Commission was necessary to allow a canopy to be constructed over the west drive, to shelter discharging passengers during inclement weather. The committee obtained approval from First Church of Christ Scientist for this and the variance was granted. It is noteworthy that this neighbor has been encouragingly courteous and cooperative in every way.

Plans were culminated to raze the existing garage-house at the rear of the property and construct instead a yard house for ground maintenance equipment, with exterior-burning facility.

The architect's efforts to purchase the wrought iron railing for the stairway being unsuccessful, their search ended in the finding of an Italian craftsman in Des Moines, who created and con-

structed the railing in the building . . . all of it being hand crafted.

The Building Committee has labored arduously during these two years and with the expertise and personal concern of the architects, contractor, and interior designers, the building is completed and partially furnished . . . in spite of delays because of 'unusual' weather which has plagued the builders.

Our first word to you, who represent all of those who have made this possible, is a word of sincere gratitude. You responded so enthusiastically and so promptly to the suggestion for funding made by the executive board of Supreme Chapter that you gave us courage to proceed. Every local chapter in subordinate territory and every state and provincial chapter contributed to the funds in some way.

We shall not take your time to describe the building or its furnishings. You have seen or will be seeing all of it. We trust you approve of the effort made to build and furnish a Center of beauty, utility and significance to celebrate the centennial of the sisterhood, and to portray to posterity the idealism which guided our founders and which we, in turn, endeavor to radiate.

For the committee, the actual building of the Center was much less complicated than the furnishing of it. Have you ever tried to furnish a building by mail? I presume no one but P. E. O.'s would attempt such a task . . . but, again to our P. E. O. sisters, our thanks for their understanding and their generosity. Because of this, and the tireless efforts of Robert Reline, interior designer, the building is partially furnished. No one can say of P. E. O.'s that they do not communicate! Hundreds of letters, scores of telephone calls, and some telegrams were the media which made this possible.

The committee has endeavored, most painstakingly, to record each gift, with the assistance of Edith Thompson, Marian Grant and Maybelle Hoffman of the Centennial Commission, both to the Building Fund and to the Furnishing Fund. Yet there may be errors or omissions. If such are discovered, we will appreciate your advising us so that we can correct them for the inscription on the Honor Roll.

Some gifts came from other than P. E. O.'s or P. E. O. chapters. Alpha Xi Delta fraternity sent a check for one hundred dollars for the Building Fund. Since the two organizations were so closely linked historically they wanted to share in our centennial celebration. I trust some of its members, many of whom are also P. E. O.'s, are present. May we ask if any Alpha Xi Deltas are present? Is so, would you please stand? We want to greet and thank you!

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL GIFTS

It is anticipated other individuals, local chapters and state and provincial chapters will honor members or officers by completing the furnishings for the Center.

The gracious assistance given by many persons has put us in their debt . . . to mention a few: Members of the executive board of Supreme Chapter for their counsel and support; mem-

bers of the Buildings Committee: Dorothy Livermore, Joan Milligan and Lilas Brandhorst for their gracious spirit of cooperation; Mr. Tom Tibbs, then director of the Des Moines Art Center, was consulted on several occasions and results of his advice, so graciously given, as to proper display techniques, temperature and humidity control, and proper lighting, have been incorporated into the interiors; Miss Margaret Mohler, executive secretary, and the members of the staff at headquarters, who have given so generously of their time and skill during these years and who are now doing yeoman service in acting as your guides; Tip Harrison, Gail Marquart and William Wagner, architects for the building, have gone far beyond the call of duty in designing the building and overseeing its construction; Mr. Rothfus, with the concerned and able assistance of his wife, has provided for us a beautiful and well constructed building; Miss Marjorie Langhorst and Mr. Robert Reline of Brandeis Interior Design, are responsible for the decorating and furnishing of the Center — Robbe Reline has executed their plans with skill and efficiency, creating an atmosphere of beauty and harmony; Mr. Bill Hammon, artist, of Omaha, who designed and wrought the cross in the chapel, then redesigned it to make it beautiful enough for the P. E. O. chapel; a number of capable needlecrafters in Omaha who are beginning work on needlepoint for the twelve chairs . . . as a labor of love.

As we record a few and recall the many, many persons who have had a part in creating this new facility, we wonder when "so few (as our committee of six) have been indebted to so many!" Our gratitude is extended to each one who has had a part in constructing, decorating and furnishing the P. E. O. Centennial Center and on your behalf as well as our own, we express our thanks.

The Building Committee members are grateful to you who entrusted us with this great responsibility and have supported us all the way with your words of confidence and assurance, and as many have said, with your prayers. These have been a source of strength to us, for we know that: "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it."

Our hope is that this building may become a center from which may radiate the light of our star, so that its beams reach and brighten the lives of each P. E. O. sister for the next one hundred years, for out of our heritage comes our present action and our future direction and we pray, with Howard Thurman: "Grant us, O patient Father, Thy sense of the future, Without which all life would sicken and die."

ADA H. MEAD, *Chairman*; IRENE KERR; HELEN TUTTLE; JANE DORSCHER; JOAN MILLIGAN; PEARL ROBERTSON

The 69 guards for the 1969 convention wore sheer yellow dresses with bracelet length sleeves and star-bedecked aprons of the traditional P. E. O. design. The P. E. O. March was played for their entrance. In reporting to Helen Davis, past president of Iowa State Chapter and chairman, each guard touched her hand to the left shoulder, a sign used in early years to indicate membership. Rachel Gildner was co-chairman of the guards and pages.



P.E.O. Personals



Charter members of Chapter BZ, Webster, South Dakota, are pictured, front row, from left: Borghild Peters, Margaret Loe, Marian Halbkat, Vivian Anderson, Edna Bowles, Irene Jones. Back row: Irene Card, Elizabeth McCann, organizer; Helen Evans, state corresponding secretary; Arlyce Rathbun, Jean Bibby, second vice president; Maxine Langager, Martha Sewell, Mary Halbkat, Marjorie Mogen, Phyllis Fisher, Anne Newman, Donna Vander Linden.

CHAPTER BZ, WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, the state's 77th, was organized April 15, 1969, at the home of Edna Bowles. Elizabeth McCann presided, assisted by Helen Evans and Jean Bibby of the executive board; Carolyn Snyder, Lillian Carey, Lorraine Hosley, Barbara Stutenroth, Joy Walter and Frances Williams, all from Chapter AC, Groton, and by Ellen Gellerman and Ruth Mogen, BX, Aberdeen, and Marian Halbkat, BZ.

Consent to select a charter list was granted Vivian Anderson and the list included ten initiates: Phyllis Fisher, Mary Halbkat, Maxine Langager, Margaret Loe, Anne Newman, Borghild Peters, Arlyce Rathbun, Martha Sewell, Donna Vander Linden, Webster, and Marjorie Mogen, Waubay. The five members

received by dimit were Vivian Anderson, Irene Card, Edna Bowles, Marian Halbkat, Irene Jones.

Immediate past state president, Marian Hersrud, led in the objects and aims and past state president, Marie Bebermeyer, conducted devotions. Members of chapters in seven towns were present.

ANNA MAUDE GARNETT, CI, PUEBLO, Colorado, was named a 1968 Colorado Woman of Achievement and received her award at a banquet addressed by former vice president Hubert Humphrey. She taught in the Pueblo school system 43 years and was named district director of secondary education in 1965. In 1949 she was president of the Colorado Education Association and in 1960 received its high-

est award for service to education. She was a member of the board of directors of the National Education Association for two terms.

Her community and civic service includes two 6-year terms on the library board of trustees, a 2-year term on the Southern Colorado State College advisory committee, and serving as co-chairman of a subcommittee at the White House Conference on the Aging.

The achievement award carried a \$1000 prize, half of which Miss Garnett contributed to the Pueblo Service League and the State Hospital Auxiliary, which made the nomination.

CHAPTER CJ, SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN, the 86th chapter in Wisconsin, was organized January 18, 1969, at the Pine Hills Country Club. Mary Higley presided and was assisted by members of Chapter AV, Green Bay, the sponsoring chapter, Chapter J, Manitowoc, and members of the executive board.

Margaret Campbell, who selected the charter list, gave the history. Those members received by dimit were: Kathleen Berg, Joyce Fick, Alice Gallati, Joan Grosshuesch, Janita Holgate, Edna Johnson, Virginia Koyen, Claire Marshall, Phyllis Matz, Betsy Michael, Ann Schaeffer, and Elizabeth Trotter. The initiates were Murial DeMaster, Marianne Kalk, Darlene MacDonald, Rebecca Nelson, Alice Senty, Sally Schlosser, Mary Ann Windsor. Edna Johnson was installed as president of the new chapter.

In addition to those assisting the organizer, members of chapters in Milwaukee, Appleton, Superior and Manitowoc were present as guests at a luncheon served at the Country Club.

CHAPTER CG, EMPORIA, KANSAS, has had three members honored at the annual faculty recognition dinner at Kan-



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OBJECT: New Chapter

sas State Teachers College. Valeta Ives was recognized for 26 years' service on the music department faculty and Esther Vander Velde for 25 years as head of the catalog department of the college library. Dr. Kathryn Whitten was honored as retiring head of the home economics department after 22 years in that position.

Dr. Whitten also was honored at a tea given by the staff of her department in the attractive home economics parlors which she helped plan when the building was built several years ago. She has been an active leader in college and community affairs and an enthusiastic participant in chapter activities. She has served her chapter as president, and all regret that she is moving to the Topeka vicinity after her retirement.

CHAPTER GJ, TOPEKA, KANSAS, had particular interest in a news article which related the number of medical doctors in the Hiebert and Blake families, both families being in the chapter, making a kind of "double three-generation group."

The senior member is Grace Blake, author of *Home Life of American Birds*, reviewed in the July, 1968, issue of *The P. E. O. Record*. Her daughter, Elizabeth Hiebert, widow of Dr. Homer Hiebert, is a member of GJ, as is Alice Lee, wife of Grace's son, Dr. Henry Blake. The Hiebert daughters are Dr. Mary Sue Wester and Grace Beam, former members of GJ. Dr. and Mrs. Blake's daughters are Susan Lemon, GJ, and Sally Ben-tobji, a member before she moved to France.

Elizabeth's son, Dr. John Blake Hiebert, is at least the 25th physician in three generations of the families. Two younger sons in these families indicate a desire to study medicine.

Elizabeth Hiebert is a past president of Chapter GJ and Alice Lee Blake a past president of the Topeka Cooperative Board. Both have been active in many civic organizations.

CHAPTER FG, FAYETTE, IOWA, celebrated its golden anniversary in the centennial year, proud to have as its guest, Mrs. Clyde Cooper, Jr., a great grand-daughter of Jennie Denniston, one of the eight charter members.

The history of the chapter gives a capsule view of times past. There was "self-improvement," when members studied the *Short Story*. There were uninflated days when party meals cost 25 cents a plate, and programs for the year were produced for \$2.75. There was a day of local chapter projects — sewing clothes and packing baskets for the needy; rolling bandages and knitting during wartime; benefit teas for the library; scholarships for deserving girls. B. I. L.'s were feted with banquets and special ceremonies. Parodies were written and sung with pleasure.

As civic groups were formed to deal with local needs, members worked wholeheartedly in them, and in P. E. O. devoted efforts to furthering education, the continuing purpose.

CHAPTER ETERNAL

ARKANSAS

Hanna, Flewellen (Mrs. E. R.), C, Little Rock, July 9

CALIFORNIA

Black, Hazel J. (Mrs. E. A.), EF, Los Angeles, March 12, 1969

Brown, Marjorie Corrick, HJ, Santa Rosa, July 17

Butts, Esther T. (Mrs.), HK, Los Angeles, July 16

Cheney, Laura S. (Mrs. W. G.), BC, Long Beach, July 5

Cripps, Mary E. (Mrs.), HW, Modesto, July 25

Dryer, Mabel (Miss), BW, Los Angeles, July 26

Hagelin, Florence (Mrs.), JB, Watsonville, June 25

Kuehl, Genevieve (Mrs. A. C.), NE, San Rafael, July 22

Lester, Labelle (Mrs.), FS, Stockton, July 14

Martin, Blanche (Mrs.), DS, Chico, June 22

McFadden, Jennie (Miss), Z, Pasadena, July 19

Potthoff, Frieda, FL, Los Angeles, July 20

Powell, Ruth E. Keith (Mrs.), BB, Claremont, July 17

Rybicki, Betsy (Mrs. Robert), KE, Corona, July 17

Seymour, Alice (Mrs.), KP, Los Angeles, July 14

Shugart, Mildred (Mrs. D. F.), AC, Santa Barbara, July 25

Sinclair, Martha R. (Mrs.), AT, Los Angeles, June 28

Stockton, Georgia C. (Mrs.), HD, Santa Barbara, August 6

Terrell, Sara R. (Mrs. R. H.), AE, San Jacinto, July 26

Thee, Frank (Mrs. F. W.), FC, Long Beach, August 10

Williams, Carrie E. (Mrs.), FT, Azusa, July 12

COLORADO

Aspinall, Julia (Mrs. W. N.), CD, Palisade, July 8

Bennett, Leona (Mrs. W. J.), CV, Arvada, July 17

Birkins, Janet (Mrs. C. S.), DO, Denver, July 14

Campbell, Reta M. (Mrs. Harry), EB, Fort Collins, July 19

Cobb, Dorothy W. (Mrs. J. C.), AJ, Craig, June 23

Emerson, Lois I., T, Brush, July 13

Joslyn, Alice (Miss), DA, Denver, June 3

Ould, Irene (Mrs.), AO, Glenwood Springs, June 29

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Barnhart, Bena A. (Mrs. G. S.), G, Washington, July 20

FLORIDA

Taber, Gladys W. (Miss), AM, Tampa, July 16

Taylor, Mildred (Mrs. C. H.), AT, Winter Park, July 20

Rood, Belle Thorngate (Mrs.), BD, Daytona Beach, July 25

ILLINOIS

Farber, Evelyn (Mrs.), HI, Urbana, July 4

Gillet, Alda C. (Mrs. J. M.), CV, Evanston, August 9

Helden, Mary Francis (Mrs.), AS, Pekin, May 12

Helmer, Ethel (Mrs. Max), JR, Kankakee, July 13

Lindgren, Laura (Mrs. E. W.), DL, Rochelle, July 12

Ogden, Vera (Mrs. D. P.), CN, Winnetka, July 22

Wertheim, Vera H. (Mrs.), CQ, Chicago, July 23

Wolfe, Sara Kramer (Mrs. J. B.), K, Macomb, August 7

INDIANA

Christian, Lelia R. (Mrs.), T, Greensburg, May 25

Gunderson, Harriet (Mrs. N. E.), X, South Bend, June 18

Hendricks, Cecilia H. (Mrs. John), AE, Bloomington, July 15

Sunkel, Louise (Mrs. Willard), I, Greencastle, July 1

Whitesides, Stella (Miss), AQ, Greenwood, July 6

IOWA

Blark, Ann (Miss), Z, Waterloo, August 2

Findlay, Katherine (Rev. H. J.), P, Burlington, July 22

Kerekes, Jessie M. (Mrs. Frank), HN, Ames, July 27

Leider, Gertrude (Mrs. Albert), FD, Sheffield, July 27

Loehr, Viola D. (Mrs. J. F.), HS, Newton, June 21

Mattox, Georgia (Mrs. L. H.), DN, Shenandoah, July 3

Murray, Ethel (Mrs. C. J.), JH, Sioux City, May 2

Sidles, Susie (Miss), DM, Seymour, July 13

Staebler, Frances (Mrs. Carleton), Original A, Mt. Pleasant, July 19

Stearns, Evelyn H. (Mrs.), IH, Cedar Rapids, July 30

Templeton, Carolyn (Mrs.), DE, Perry, July 5

Turner, Berniece Jackson (Mrs.), N, Chariton, July 18

KANSAS

Ashley, Effie (Mrs. L. R.), CD, Pleasanton, July 20

Carnine, Lena (Mrs. H. J.), CG, Emporia, June 5

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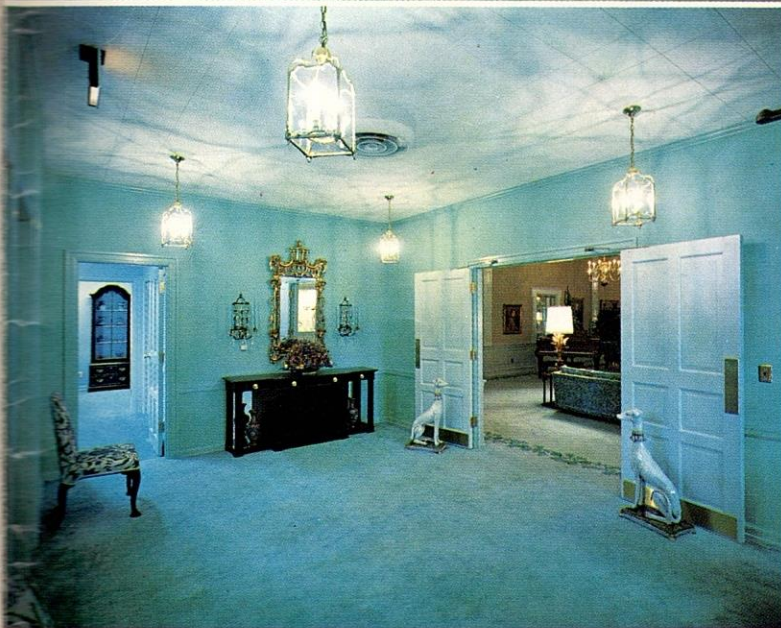
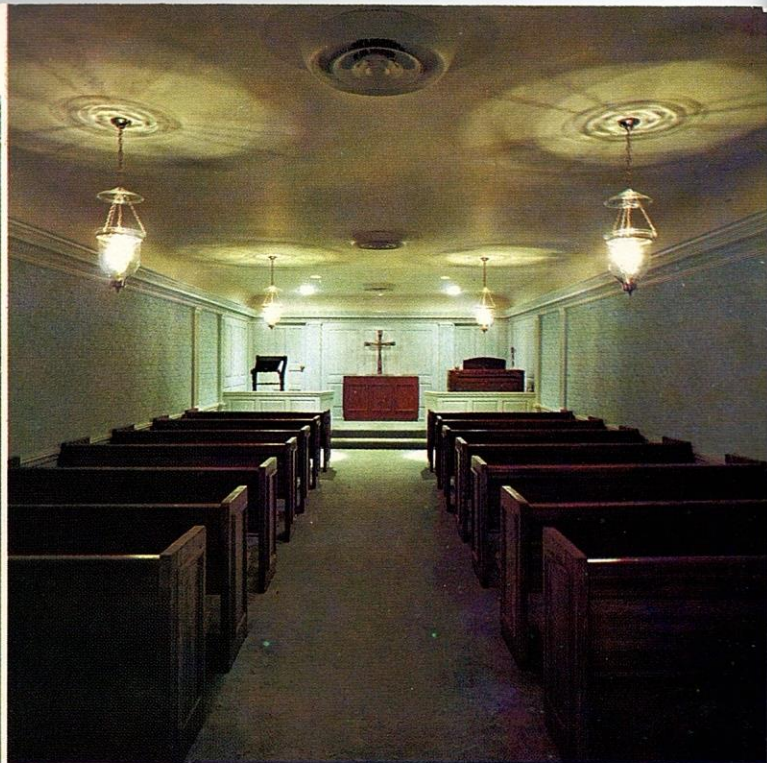
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