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"THE DARKEST NIGHT that ever fell upon the earth never hid the light, never put out the stars. It only made the stars more keenly, kindly, glancing, as if in protest against the darkness." — THE P. E. O. RECORD, January, 1889

SEPTEMBER, ONCE AGAIN, brings college days to many of our young members. If you have a member of your chapter living on a college campus this fall, check RECIPROCITY REFERENCE, College Groups, in this issue. Send name and college address, chapters letters and state, to contact person listed. If the college or university is not listed, send this information to Florence Wallace (Mrs. M. E.), third vice president of Supreme Chapter, who will forward this information to the proper person.

NOTE TO CONVENTION VISITORS: The P. E. O. Executive Office and P. E. O. Centennial Center will be open to VISITORS attending the convention of Supreme Chapter in Des Moines, Iowa on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, and THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2. Monday, September 29, and Wednesday, October 1, are reserved for delegates and on those days only those with proper tickets will be admitted.

ALL P. E. O.'s SHOULD BE AWARE of the following policy of the executive board of Supreme Chapter: *"That approval be given for the use of the P. E. O. emblem at the place of burial of a member, if family of deceased member so desires."* It is not necessary, therefore, to secure individual consent from officers of state or Supreme Chapter.

A GREAT DEAL OF TALENT is lost to P. E. O. for the want of a little courage. Don't let the opportunity for service slip away. Be willing to express your opinions. It is better to be considered an enthusiast than to be devoid of interest.

*"If we shrink from tasks before us
Cowards are we — nothing more;
If we pause when duty calls us
Weaker are we than before."*

Ethel C. Gardner

President of Supreme Chapter

LIGHT THE CANDLES...



The capital city of Iowa awaits the invasion of P. E. O.'s who plan to attend the centennial of Supreme Chapter in Des Moines opening on Monday evening, September 29, at 8.00 p.m. in Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, the large building in background at far right. Downtown hotels are located in the area of the taller buildings at left.

Convention Bulletin VI
By ANNE JOHNSON, LJ, IOWA
Publicity Chairman

IT'S ALMOST TIME to light the birthday candles and strike up the band for the grand celebration, P. E. O. Centennial Convention of Supreme Chapter! Iowa P. E. O.'s will be waiting to welcome you to Des Moines. But first, a few last minute reminders — and a schedule of convention events:

REGISTRATION. State chapter

presidents should consult the August issue of THE P. E. O. RECORD for details. Visitors (except B. I. L.'s) will register on the mezzanine of the Fort Des Moines Hotel on Monday, September 29, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and at Veterans' Auditorium from Tuesday morning through convention. A registration fee of \$1.00 will cover the cost

STRIKE UP THE BAND!



of a program and convention badge. All visitors are urged to register.

TRANSPORTATION. Members of the Courtesy Committee will be at the airport on Sunday afternoon and Monday to aid you in securing transportation to your lodging. The cost is your personal expense. Shuttle bus tickets, *for delegates only*,

for transportation from hotels to Veterans' Auditorium may be purchased at a Transportation Desk in each delegate's hotel on Monday. Visitors who are housed in designated motels and who indicated need for transportation have been furnished information. No transportation is furnished for those staying in private homes.

MEALS. No breakfast tickets are sold to visitors. Delegates must eat breakfast in the hotel where they are staying. There is no official convention meal served on Monday. See August issue of *THE P. E. O. RECORD* for special arrangements for delegates. There is no luncheon on Thursday.

CORSAGES. Every effort will be

made by the florists to deliver the orders when housing location is known. However, florists cannot assume responsibility for delivery of corsages if the address is not given. If you have any change in housing, please report to the Corsage Committee at Veterans' Auditorium on Tuesday, September 30.

CLOTHING. Des Moines temperatures the last week of September are usually in the 60's. We hope for perfect fall weather, but just in case — tuck in a rain coat and a sweater. Wear comfortable shoes. May we suggest a semi-formal or formal dress for the banquet on Wednesday. No hats are needed during the convention.

REMINDERS. Don't forget — 1. *Your P. E. O. pin.* 2. *Your 1969 membership card.* 3. *Your DELEGATE IDENTIFICATION CARD if you are a delegate, or your HOUSING CONFIRMATION and your MEAL TICKETS if you are a visitor.* 4. *Your VISITOR TRANSPORTATION TICKET, if you purchased one.* 5. *TOUR TICKET, for B. I. L.'s who made reservations.*

SCHEDULE

CONVENTION OF SUPREME CHAPTER

Veterans Memorial Auditorium
Des Moines, Iowa

MONDAY, September 29, 1969

12:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m., Past Presidents, Presidents, Organizers of State Chapters — **TOUR OF P. E. O. CENTENNIAL CENTER.**

4:00 p.m., **HOOR OF REMEMBRANCE** (Open Meeting).

7:45 p.m., **PROCESSIONAL and FORMAL OPENING OF CONVENTION** (Open Meeting); **RECORD REMINISCENCES.**

TUESDAY, September 30, 1969

8:45 a.m., **CONVENTION MEETING.**

10:00 a.m., Promote Education for Others — Educational Fund.

10:30 a.m., Along the Way — Our Golden Year — P. E. O. Supply Department.

11:00 a.m., Love is P. E. O. — International Peace Scholarship Fund.

12:00 Noon, **LUNCHEON.**

1:15 p.m., **CONVENTION MEETING.**

2:00 p.m., Cottey College Program; Inauguration — President of Cottey College.

3:30 p.m., Remember the P. E. O. Foundation.

6:00 p.m., **SPECIAL DINNERS** — Presidents, Organizers, Past Presidents, Delegates, Visitors, B. I. L.'s.

8:30 p.m., P. E. O.'s **FIRST CENTURY** (Open Meeting).

WEDNESDAY, October 1, 1969

8:45 a.m., **CONVENTION MEETING;** Committee Reports.

12:00 Noon, **LUNCHEON.**

1:15 p.m., — 3:45 p.m., **CONFERENCES** (Open to Delegates and Visitors): P. E. O. Educational Fund; P. E. O. International Peace Scholarship Fund; P. E. O. Supply Department; P. E. O. Foun-

ation; THE P. E. O. RECORD; Cottey College.

TOUR OF CENTENNIAL CENTER (Delegates Only).

7:30 p.m. **BANQUET** (Open Meeting).

THURSDAY, October 2, 1969

8:45 a.m., Dedication of P. E. O. Centennial Center (Open Meeting).

9:45 a.m., **CONVENTION MEETING.**

10:00 a.m., Star In The Window; Installation of Officers; **RECESSIONAL.**

NOTE: Convention visitors wishing to tour the P. E. O. Executive Office and Centennial Center should plan to do so on Tuesday, September 30, or Thursday, October 2. On Monday and Wednesday, only delegates with proper tickets can be accommodated.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Delegates and Visitors

VISITORS AND DELEGATES to convention of Supreme Chapter, as well as P. E. O.'s from local areas, who wish to travel to Mount Pleasant in private cars following the convention are urged to do so on Thursday afternoon, October 2, if possible. This suggestion is made because there may be as many as eight or ten large commercial buses chartered for the Centennial Pilgrimage moving about the streets of Mount Pleasant on Friday, October 3. It will cause considerable traffic congestion on the streets if private cars compete with buses for space in the parking lots and along the streets.

The campus buildings and historical rooms will be open to the public and fully staffed on Thursday afternoon during daylight hours. Maps indicating points of interest in Mount Pleasant and on the campus, together with a brief commentary, will be available to those in private cars at the Centennial Pilgrimage Information Desk at the convention hall and also at the office of the college hostess, Miss Carol Nemitz, in the Students' Union Building at Iowa Wesleyan College.

We feel sure that your trip to Mount Pleasant by private car will be much more enjoyable by arranging to be on the campus on Thursday afternoon, if at all possible. There are a number of excellent restaurants along the way from Des Moines to, and including, Mount Pleasant, where meals may be obtained.

The members of Chapter Original A and the administration and staff of the College are looking forward to welcoming all visitors to Mount Pleasant on Thursday and Friday, October 2 and 3, and are busy preparing for your pleasure and comfort.—Majorie Weirick, P. E. O. Centennial Commission.

COTTEY DRAMA

at convention



All is not applause and red roses in the theatre, a fact Cottey drama students learn as they receive practical experience in the stage crew under the direction of Richard Eschliman, associate professor of speech and drama at Cottey. Mr. Eschliman and Cottey students will demonstrate Cottey training in children's theatre during the Cottey Hour at the convention of Supreme Chapter, Des Moines.

NOTICE OF ERROR: In the August Convention Bulletin, page 3, it erroneously said, "There will be no Tuesday luncheon." Thursday, October 2, is the day when no luncheon will be served. Tuesday and Wednesday lunches will be in Exhibition Hall at Veterans' Auditorium.

By VIRGINIA WATSON,
Cottey College

DURING THE COTTEY HOUR at the forthcoming convention of Supreme Chapter in Des Moines, Cottey drama students will present scenes from "The Magic Tarts," an original children's play in verse by Mrs. Sarah Stevenson, associate

professor of English at Cottey College. With Richard Eschliman, associate professor of speech and drama at Cottey, narrating and interpreting, convention delegates will be treated to a behind-the-scenes look at how a play production for children is put together.

"The Magic Tarts" is the first of three children's plays Mrs. Stevenson has written. The whole thing

grew out of a happenstance discussion between the two on the lack of dramatic literature for children. Written specifically for production by Cottey students, the first performance of "The Magic Tarts" was presented on campus in January, 1966. It was an instant success with over 400 children attending the Saturday matinee. After five performances, the play went back to the writing table to remove some of the problems discovered during performances. This past April, the play was presented in its rewritten form and again was applauded.

As mentioned, Mrs. Stevenson has two other children's plays to her credit. "The Enchanted Lady," also in verse, is based on the Loathly Lady of medieval literature. "Unna and the Bear Prince," taken from Norse mythology, had its premiere at Cottey this past winter and was well received. In February, 1968, Mrs. Stevenson spent three weeks at Temple Buell College, Denver, as playwright-in-residence during the presentation there of "The Enchanted Lady."

She has taught English and literature at Cottey since 1960.

For Mr. Eschliman's theatre workshop during the Cottey Hour at convention, the performing students will be in costume and makeup, but will use a minimum of scenery. One scene may be performed several different ways to demonstrate problems which arise in performing before your audiences. Mr. Eschliman will point out that acting for children is, in many respects, more demanding than working before adult audiences.

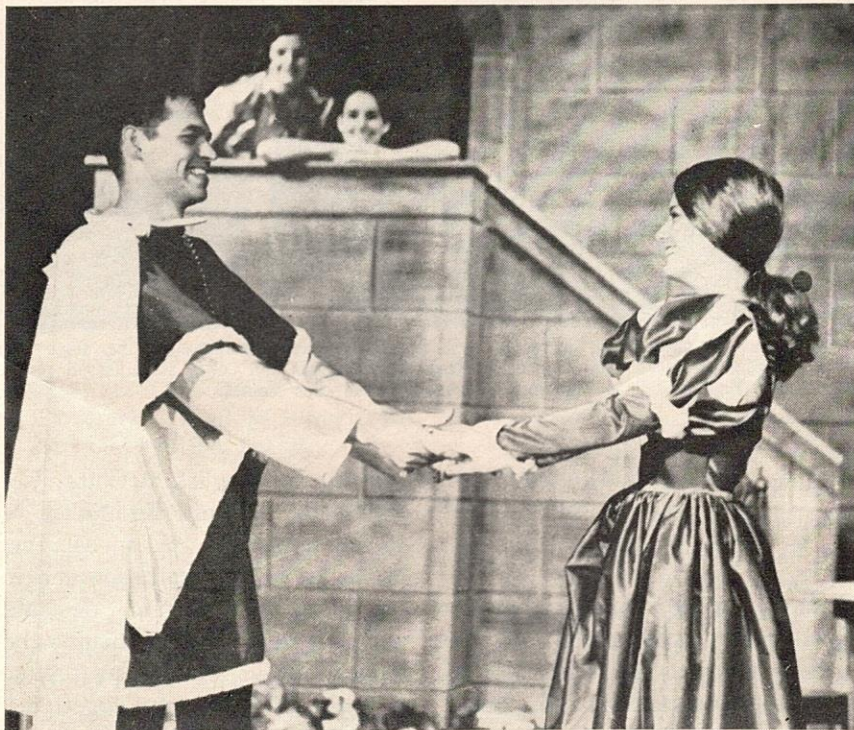
In his running narration, Mr. Eschliman will emphasize that the Cottey drama department trains its students by practical experience in costuming, makeup technique, set construction, stage lighting as well as in acting. He believes that theatrical training is not only a vital part of academic discipline, but of life, too, because of the experience gained in character analysis and the assuming of responsibility of team work on any production.

Mrs. Stevenson's interest in writ-

ing children's plays and Mr. Eschliman's interest in producing them have led to a new drama course at Cottey, Children's Theatre, being offered for the first time this September. It will be given two hours the first semester and one hour the second semester with the production of children's plays as part of the classroom work. Other drama courses offered at Cottey include introduction to the theatre, beginning acting, and elementary stagecraft. In addition, drama students have the opportunity to try their hand at experimental theatre work. For this a drama student may select a play of her choice or write an original play. She selects her cast, designs the costumes and stage sets, and directs the production. An experimental theatre, seating about 25, was constructed by Mr. Eschliman as a 1967 summer project in the substage of the Main Hall basement beneath Rosemary Auditorium.

During the 1969-70 academic year, Mr. Eschliman will direct students in the campus productions of "The Children's Hour," the play which launched Lillian Hellman on a career in 1934 as a successful Broadway playwright; "The Thurber Carnival," by the late James Thurber; and "The Innocents," the dramatization by William Archibald of Henry James' "Turn of the Screw," first shown on Broadway in 1950 with Beatrice Straight as the star.

Mr. Eschliman joined the Cottey faculty in 1965 after teaching drama in Fort Scott (Kansas) schools. He earned his bachelor's degree at Black Hills State College in South Dakota and his master's degree at Kansas State College, Pittsburg. He is married and there are two children in his family. ■



In the Cottey College production of "Unna and the Bear Prince," an original children's play by Mrs. Sarah Stevenson, associate professor of English at Cottey, Phillip Carman, instructor in English, is shown in his role as the Prince with his leading lady, Rebecca Logan, '69, of Tucson, Arizona.

Who is not satisfied with himself will grow; who is not sure of his own correctness will learn many things.—Chinese proverb

When in doubt, win the trick.—Hoyle

P. E. O. International Peace Scholarship Fund

General Information 1970-1971 for P. E. O. Members, Local and State P. E. O. Chapters

I. SCHOLARSHIP GIFTS

A. Local, State, Provincial Chapter Gifts

1. Scholarship gifts from local chapters are remitted by treasurers of local chapters to *treasurers of state or provincial chapters* who remit such gifts monthly to the treasurer of Supreme Chapter.
2. In remitting gifts to the treasurer of Supreme Chapter, the treasurers of state and provincial chapters, and the treasurers of chapters in subordinate territory, should show the amount of donations, with information concerning the donor, for a Designated Scholarship or Cottey International Peace Scholarships. This information should also be sent to the chairman of the board of trustees of the International Peace Scholarship Fund.

B. Gifts From Individuals

1. Scholarship gifts from individuals are deductible (see exception under B-4) by donors for Federal income, estate and gift tax purposes, if such gifts are made payable either: to P. E. O. FOUNDATION, with notation on check or in letter 'For I. P. S. Fund'; or to P. E. O. INTERNATIONAL PEACE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.
2. Procedure for handling deductible scholarship gifts;
 - a. Individual gives check to treasurer of local chapter.
 - b. Treasurer of local chapter forwards check to treasurer of state or provincial chapter, without endorsing check or posting in Local Chapter Treasurer's Book. On a separate page, notation may be made of date, amount, and name of donor.
 - c. If the state chapter administers a P. E. O. FOUNDATION account, checks made to P. E. O. FOUNDATION for I. P. S. Fund may be deposited by the treasurer of state chapter to that account and forwarded monthly to the treasurer of Supreme Chapter.
 - d. If check is made payable to the P. E. O. International Peace Scholarship Fund, or if the state chapter does not administer a P. E. O. FOUNDATION account, the treasurer of state chapter, without endorsing or posting, forwards check to the treasurer of Supreme Chapter.
3. For forms for bequests, see Article XV of the By-laws of Supreme Chapter. Forms also may be secured from the board of trustees of the P. E. O. Foundation. (See inside cover of THE P. E. O. RECORD.)
4. When deduction for scholarship gift is claimed by an individual, the U.S. Internal Revenue Code forbids designations of recipient by donor.

C. Designated Scholarships

1. A gift from a local, state, or provincial chapter, or group of chapters, may be sufficient to provide a scholarship at a designated school for a designated student who fulfills all requirements of the Fund. This designated scholarship is arranged through the cooperation of the chapters and the chairman of the board of trustees.
2. A gift of \$400 or more from an individual, a chapter or a group of chapters may become a Designated Award upon request of donor. From the lists of students, donors, in cooperation with the chairman of the Board of Trustees, may select students for Designated Awards and detailed information concerning the student will be given the donor.
3. Individual donors cannot designate recipients and claim deduction for such gifts on income tax returns. (See B-4 above.)

D. Cottey P. E. O. International Peace Scholarship

1. A gift of \$400 or more from a state, local or pro-

vincial chapter, or group of chapters, for a P. E. O. International Peace Scholarship at Cottey Junior College will permit the chapters, in cooperation with the chairman of the board of trustees, to select a foreign student.

2. An individual donor may provide a similar scholarship, selection of the recipient to be made by the chairman of the board of trustees. (See B-4 left.)

II. RECOMMENDATIONS — INDIVIDUAL AND CHAPTER

An individual or chapter having knowledge of a student who can qualify for a P. E. O. International Peace Scholarship should send the student's name and address with pertinent information to the chairman of the board of trustees. The student also should be directed to write the chairman of her qualifications. Initial inquiries should be addressed to the Chairman, P. E. O. International Peace Scholarship Fund, P. E. O. Executive Office, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312. Application forms and instructions will be sent to the prospective applicant only by the chairman of the board of trustees.

III. SPONSORSHIP

An individual chapter, or group of chapters wishing to sponsor a student, must write a letter to the chairman of the board of trustees accepting this responsibility. Sponsorship involves acting as a non-academic adviser; helping the student in the event of an illness or an emergency; and knowing the address of the student at all times. The chapter or group should indicate an individual as contact person.

IV. PERSONAL COURTESY

A. Correspondence

1. Individuals or chapters, in addition to their generous contributions to the P. E. O. International Peace Scholarship Fund, will find enjoyment in sending cards and letters to students who are far from family and friends. These thoughtful acts should not require replies from the student, and it should be so stated in the correspondence.
2. It is hoped that after the students have returned to their own countries, individuals and chapters will continue their interest and correspond with them. Current information received by P. E. O. members will be of special interest to the chairman of the board of trustees.

B. Hostesses

1. Very fortunate are those members and chapters who are near the schools in which the students are enrolled, for it is possible for them to entertain the students in their homes. To see and experience American home life is an important part of the student's education.
2. An individual or chapter inviting a student to visit or give a talk before any group must clear with her adviser as to absence from the campus, and all expenses must be borne by the individual or chapter. The student must be met on arrival and accompanied to bus or train when she leaves.

C. Monetary Gifts

Monetary gifts, including birthday and Christmas gifts, should be kept at a minimum.

V. PROGRAM MATERIAL

Program material on the P. E. O. International Peace Scholarship Fund is secured from the state and provincial chapter chairman.

P. E. O. International Peace Scholarship Fund

Procedures and Policies — 1970-1971

I. PURPOSE

Believing that education is fundamental to world peace and understanding, members of the P. E. O. Sisterhood contribute funds for the purpose of providing scholarships for selected women from other countries for study in the United States and Canada.

II. PREREQUISITES FOR APPLICANTS

A. Education

1. The applicant must have full-time graduate status working toward a degree (see 2, for exception) in the college or university she will attend.
2. Prerequisite 1. does not apply to the applicant who enrolls at Cottey Junior College, Nevada, Missouri. Cottey Junior College is owned and operated by the P. E. O. Sisterhood.

B. Promise To Return

An applicant shall sign a statement in the presence of a witness that, upon completion of her educational program, she will return to her own country to participate in the life of her country.

C. Notice of Admission and Entrance Classification

1. The applicant must have a notice of admission stating entrance classifications to the institution of her choice.
2. A copy of this notice of admission should be submitted when possible with the application form. An application cannot be considered if this notice of admission is not on file by April 1.

D. Round Trip Travel Expenses

The applicant must have her round trip or return travel expense guaranteed and a statement to this effect from the guarantor must be filed with the application. Scholarship funds may be used only for tuition, maintenance, and incidental expenses after the student is registered at the institution. Funds may be used only when in residence at an institution in the United States or Canada.

E. Sponsor

1. The applicant must have a sponsor who is a citizen of the United States or Canada residing in the United States or Canada, who will act as her non-academic adviser and help her in the event of an illness or emergency and who will know the address of the student at all times.
2. An explanatory form shall be enclosed with the applicant's material.

F. Ineligibility

1. A sister or daughter of a recipient of a P. E. O. International Peace Scholarship cannot be an applicant.
2. A recipient having received one degree, or a recipient having received a diploma from Cottey Junior College, under the P. E. O. International Peace Scholarship program, is not eligible for further scholarship assistance.
3. Although grants may be given to women already married, an award shall be voided in the event that a recipient marries immediately after the granting or during the duration of an award.

III. PROCEDURES FOR APPLICANTS

A. Application Material

1. A student wishing to apply for a grant should request forms after October 1st of each year.
2. Application forms must be requested by the applicant. They may be secured from the chairman of the P. E. O. International Peace Scholarship Fund, P. E. O. Executive Office, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312.

3. Forms are sent to a Cottey College applicant upon her request and that of the Director of Admissions at Cottey College, after she receives notice of admission to Cottey College.

4. All application material shall be submitted in English.

B. Filing Date

Completed application forms must be received by the P. E. O. International Peace Scholarship Fund, P. E. O. Executive Office, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312, not later than January 31 of the year for which the award is requested. All other required material, except notice of admission (see II-C.2.) should be received as soon as possible following return of application forms, and not later than March 1. Applications for Cottey College must be on file before April 1.

IV. GENERAL POLICIES FOR APPLICANTS

A. Initial and Subsequent Applications

1. The application is made for a period not to exceed one year (two semesters and one summer session or equivalent).
2. An award may be used only in the school specified in the grant and it may become void in the event of transfer to another educational institution without the approval of the board of trustees of the P. E. O. International Peace Scholarship Fund.
3. Subsequent applications may be made for additional scholarship assistance under the following regulations:
 - a. Until she receives her degree or diploma from Cottey College, a recipient is eligible to apply for additional scholarship assistance.
 - b. Upon request, after October 1, renewal application forms will be sent and must be on file with the chairman by January 31 for scholarships for the ensuing academic year.
 - c. Requests for a renewal scholarship for Cottey College must be made by the student.

B. Maximum Amount of Scholarship

1. In 1970-71, maximum grants for one year (12 months) of study shall be \$2400. Requests for grants shall not exceed the following: schools on semester system, \$900 per semester; schools on quarter system, \$600 per quarter; schools on trimester system, \$800 per trimester; summer session, \$600. The maximum grant for Cottey College shall be the Resident Student Fee for the Academic Year.
2. The scholarships are not intended to cover all personal or academic expenses, but are given rather as *GRANTS-IN-AID*. It is required that the applicant show proof of other resources in her application. By "other resources" is meant personal and family funds, tuition, work scholarships, teaching assistantships, or study grants, and other scholarship grants.

C. The Award

1. Announcement of scholarship awards will be made about May 1.
2. Prior to each period of study for which the scholarship is requested, a check for the proportionate amount will be sent to the school. After initial payments, the following requirements must be met before subsequent payments will be made:
 - a. Progress report sent from school or adviser
 - b. Personal letter written by student about her course work, with a request for the next installment
 - c. Current grade transcript sent as soon as available
3. The award may not be used for travel either in the United States or Canada, or abroad.

I. P. S. State and Provincial Chairman 1969-1970

NOTE: Contact the chairman of your state for I.P.S. program material.

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SEPTEMBER

The time of fulfillment has come
 And content lies upon the land
 Like autumn mist.
 Field and tree yield their harvest
 Unresisting,
 And the streams flow gently
 In reflective mood.
 Long shadow fingers grasp at summer's skirts
 But she eludes them
 For a little while.

— By Charlotte Swede, BE, Iowa

P. E. O. Supply Department — Annual Price List

THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE of THE P. E. O. RECORD, containing the Annual Price List, is a part of official supplies of presidents and treasurers of local chapters, to be retained for reference.

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President		Form N, Cor. Sec. Monthly Report to Chapter, doz.60	Foundation Receipt Book75
Charter Folder	\$.90	Form V, Expulsion Form, each	.10	Foundation Record Book	10.25
Constitution .....	.60	Report of Change in Membership, Combined Forms H-I-J, doz. ....	.72	Guard	
Consent to Select Charter List, Form A, doz. ....	.60	P. E. O. RECORD Reports:		Ballot Box	12.75
Consent to Recommend Charter Member, Form A-1, doz. ....	.60	Form Q, Increase in Membership, pad .....	.40	Ballots (wooden) white, black, doz. ....	.65
Electrotype Star	1.80	Chapter Eternal, ½ doz. ....	.30	Bible, white	5.80
Memorial Service, set of 4 ....	.70	Invitation to membership, (engraved) 3 for .....	.75	Guard's Cases:	
Gavel: Regulation	4.00	Dimit Card and envelope, 3 for	.30	Ballot Box Case	8.70
White Plastic	8.00	Invitation to Dimit, 3 for	.45	(Fits ballot box 3¾ inches in height, give dimension with order)	
Officer's Part for Initiation*, each	2.00	Request for Consent to Initiate, doz. ....	.72	Emblem Case	14.00
Opening Ode .....	.50	Stationery, Business:		Initiatory Emblem* Complete ..	23.00
President's book*, with binder ..	6.00	Envelopes (size 6¾), 50 for ..	.75	Cardboard Carton	3.25
President's Book Binder	3.10	Envelopes (size 10), 50 for ..	1.15	Set of Ribbons with tassels ..	6.50
President's Book Plastic		Letterheads (8½ x 11), 50 for ..	1.25		
Page Cover .....	.50	Stationery, Social:			
President's Metal Box	7.50	Informals, 2 quires to box ..	3.25		
Request for Emblem of Deceased Member, Form B, doz. ....	.60	Notebooks, (4 x 5), 2 quires to box	3.25		
Request for Emblem of Inactive Member, Form C, doz. ....	.60	Combination box, 1 quire each, Notebooks and Informals ..	3.25		
Robert's Rules of Order, Revised	3.25	Monarch size sheets and envelopes, 1 quire each to box (7¼ x 10½)	2.00		
Tellers' Report of Election:					
Elective Ballot, pad of 50 ..	.70	Recording Secretary			
Nominating Ballot, pad of 100	.90	Bylaws form, doz. ....	.60		
Tellers' Report of Written Ballot, pad .....	.50	Recording Secretary's Book, complete	4.75		
Warrant Book	1.25	Refill for Recording Secretary's Book	2.45		
Centennial History		Voucher Form F, doz. ....	.60		
"Out Of The Heart"	5.00				
The Story of P. E. O.		Treasurer			
Vol. I, (1869-1923)	2.60	Notice of Dues, doz. ....	.60		
Vol. II, (1924-1936)	2.60	P. E. O. Emblem	5.75		
		Form X, Treas. Monthly Report to Chapter, doz. ....	.60		
Corresponding Secretary		Treasurer's Receipt Book	1.25		
Cor. Sec. Active Membership Book	5.50	Membership Cards, book of 25	.85		
Cor. Sec. General Enrollment Book	5.50	Treasurer's Record Book	6.25		
(Order must be approved by organizer of state chapter)		Treasurer's Roll Call Book	4.25		
Form 12, Report of Election of Officers, ½ doz. ....	.30	Foundation Kit (local)	1.25		
Letter reporting member Moving to Another City:		Foundation Form L-1, doz. ....	.60		
FL-1—to Local Cor. Sec., doz. ....	.60				
FL-2—to State Organizer, ½ doz. ....	.30				

NOTE: Always use current order form. All others are obsolete. Forms will be furnished with each order. Orders for items marked with * must be signed by President and Treasurer. Statement signed by President regarding loss of original part and letters approving order for replacement, signed by president and organizer of state chapter, must accompany orders for Officers' Parts. (See Instructions to Officers of Local Chapters). Refunds, less shipping charges, allowed ONLY on supplies returned in good condition WITHIN FOUR WEEKS OF DELIVERY. All orders must be accompanied by full remittance. Refunds due MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED as credit in payment of some other order. If order not received within three weeks, notify P. E. O. Supply Department, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312.

Reports of CONVENTIONS of State, Province, and District Chapters

NEBRASKA: Lincoln, June 3, 4, 5

Hostess Chapters: K, V, AI, BR, BY, CS, DK, DL, DM, DN, DX, EE, ES, FB, FF,
FG, FQ, FW, GD, GJ, GQ

Chairman: Margie Martin

Theme: "A Century Of Sisterhood."

SEEING TODAY'S P. E. O.'s gowned in the fashions of the 1860's, moving about in the modern Fine Arts Auditorium of Nebraska Wesleyan University, was to visualize President Jean Johnson's greeting, "The past is but a prologue to what is yet to be." P. E. O.'s centennial was effectively celebrated in Nebraska's 80th annual convention, with unique events created by Jean for the enjoyment of 225 delegates and over 400 visitors.

The original Star Ceremony, written in 1897 by Ida B. Johnson, perfectly presented by Chapter V under the direction of Florence Hartsook, epitomized the stateliness of the past. A pageant, Centennial Memories, written by Frances Key, FK, and produced by Phyllis Blanke, GJ, delighted the assemblage with recreation of scenes from the founding days of P. E. O. to the present. This professional production with GJ's elegant founders' dresses and nostalgic music was dedicated to the 23 past presidents registered at con-

vention. Each was presented wearing the dress of her convention year. Sidereal Soiree Supper, with tables lighted with scores of dainty kerosene lamps, recalled an evening of entertainment held by P. E. O.'s founders.

On opening day of convention, most were costumed in old-fashioned dresses. The president and

her pages wore yellow hoop-skirted dresses and executive board members carried nosegays of marguerites. The P. E. O. March by Barnhouse was used for each report of the guards, Martha Clark, BR, chairman. Bernice Tillett, "Mrs. Nebraska P. E. O. History," charmed us with her tales about articles of historical interest. Unique with this convention was Jean's Browsing Time, when all could inspect the more than one hundred exhibits of P. E. O. memorabilia, up-to-date projects, and interesting program ideas. A Century of Love, the centennial banquet, was a gala gathering of nearly 900. The program featured a B. I. L. chorus; Dr. Vance Rogers, president of Nebraska Wesleyan University; and toasts by toast-mistress Sheila Shreck.

Invocation for convention, which had been written by Bertha Clark Hughes, Chapter Eternal, was read by Ada Mead, Chairman, P. E. O. Centennial Building Committee. She and Irene Van Brunt, past president, Supreme Chapter, were our members of honor. Marie Busch, organizer, Supreme Chapter, our guest of honor, brought us the keynote address in inspiring fashion. She welcomed the new chapter, GT, O'Neill. At the Vesper Hour of Remembrance, 120 sisters were honored, with special tributes to two past presidents, Emma Gilbert

NOTICE: 1969 DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS

THE PRESIDENT of each local chapter and all officers of state, province, or district chapters should have received the 1969 DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS in early summer. Any president who did not receive her copy should write for a free replacement to THE P. E. O. RECORD, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312. The local chapter president should give the Directory to the corresponding secretary of her chapter who should keep it as a part of her official supplies.

P. E. O. members who wish to order a Directory for personal use may order from the above address, enclosing \$2.00 and chapter identification. The Directory may not be used for purposes of solicitation. — *Marjorie B. Reid, Chairman, Board of Trustees*, THE P. E. O. RECORD. ■

For Funds, Furnishings, Art. THE TIME IS NOW

THE BUILDING-FURNISHING COMMITTEE of the P. E. O. Centennial Center calls attention to the following pertinent and timely announcement:

I. As the P. E. O. Centennial Center nears completion, collectors' items of art of any kind, and interesting articles of the 1869 era, which members should like to give, or lend, to the Center, are solicited. Among many types, art symbolic of the province or state represented would be significant. There is ample and suitable display space and we are eager to present as many interesting and representative displays as possible. To avoid duplication, please clear with the committee chairman, address given below, regarding art pieces or other objects to be given or loaned.

II. There is need for remittance, as soon as possible, by local or state treasurers, of funds pledged to the Building-Furnishing Funds. Payments of most bills are required in the near future, as the building is nearly completed and most of the furnishings are already received. Your prompt cooperation will be appreciated.

The members of the Building-Furnishings Committee are deeply grateful for the enthusiastic response of chapters and individuals to the P. E. O. centennial project. We look forward to seeing many of you in Des Moines at the centennial convention. — *Ada H. Mead, Chairman, Building-Furnishing Committee, P. E. O. Centennial Center; 5122 Davenport Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68132.*

and Hattie Engleman. Margaret Nelson brought us music on the harp and Musetta Gilman gave the meditation. Inspirational devotions were entitled Our Legacy of Love, We Honor Our Heritage, and Our Faith in Our Future. Exemplification of the ritual, with official initiation of a member and Edith Dunn as president, was meaningfully presented by two-year-old Chapter GQ, under direction of Helen Magill. Music was highlighted by Marjorie Clements, DN, who was the organist; Ruth Stephenson, FB, Harriet Calkins, DT, Adelaide Spurgeon, DK, Miss Sarah Musselman, K, soloists; the Chapter ES Trio; the Lincoln Round Table Singers and the Hastings Sextette. Anne Nicklas, FF, led the singing of spir-

ited tributes to those whom we honored.

President Jean Johnson's gleanings from Proceedings of our past 80 years introduced each order of business and delighted us throughout convention, building bridges from past to future. Since P. E. O. started in the minds of college girls, introduction of the four College P. E. O. Groups, organized by our president this year, stirred our minds and hearts to continue to foster greater knowledge of P. E. O. in collegiate members.

Nebraska, P. E. O.'s oldest state chapter, awarded the 1969 Cottey grant to Miss Ann Sellon, Randolph. Miss Susan Carlson enthusiastically told us how it was to be Grant Fund Girl, 1968, and her

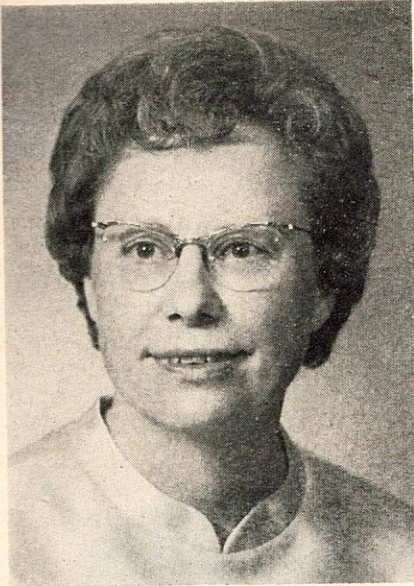
mother, Mary Carlson, FF, brought us A Mother's Point of View. Wilma Gilliland, DT, spoke as Cottey Area Chairman, and Jill Ramsey, GB, as an alum of Cottey. An IPS recipient, Miss Surinder Kaur Marwah, Bombay, India, who had just received her master's degree from the University of Nebraska, expressed gratitude to "P. E. O.'s and Americans." Chapter CL was cited for having 15 Educational Loan Fund recipients this year. Barbara Cobb read Helen LeDioyt's description of Here's How and Joan Leonard, EE, a second generation Loan Fund girl, spoke on You Helped Me. Irene Van Brunt told of the establishment of a Lecture Fund at Cottey College with the gift of money from Nebraska State Chapter and her family.

Nebraska State Chapter's gifts to the Centennial Center total \$16,055. Delegates from 195 chapters brought \$3,720 in the Gift March, of which \$1,850 was given to P. E. O. projects in honor of Jean Johnson. Her own Chapter DT and her B. I. L. each gave \$500.; Nebraska Panhandle Reciprocity Group 111, Chapter GN, that she had organized, and Chapter FZ, that had given her Exemplification of the Ritual in 1966, each gave \$100, and other honor gifts were given by Ruth Payne, FN; Sylvia Morris, CE; Chapters X, BZ, DP, GD, EV, GI, GL, GM, GO and Ellen Ann Quallset. Sylvia Morris, CE, gave \$50. in honor of her chapter's fiftieth anniversary.

Dorothy Yeager was re-elected to the P. E. O. Home Board. An open house at the Home in Beatrice was attended by 200. Tours of the Home were given by members of the Home Board. Of special interest was the family room in honor of the memory of Bertha Clark Hughes. Chapter M presented a portrait of her for the room, and Hastings chapters gave In Retrospect in honor of Sheila Shreck.

Climax of convention was the Symposium "100": "1" — I Am

★ THE P. E. O. RECORD



JEAN JOHNSON

One, by Irene Van Brunt; O — Perfect Symmetry, by Emma Sanderson; O, The Full Circle, by Ada Mead, the symposium fulfilling an admonition from an old Proceedings for P. E. O.'s to hear "utterances from different persons for the purpose of intellectual entertainment."

The invitation of South Sioux City for the 1970 convention was accepted. Marie Busch installed the officers: Sheila Shreck, Kathryn White, Helen Magill, Catherine Andersen, Janet Atkins, Verna Drayton, and Margie Martin. — By Elizabeth Dinsdale, EY. ■

'TIS NO WONDER that Jean Alden Johnson (Mrs. Wm. F.) has led the sisterhood in Nebraska, since her "hobbies" and leadership through the years have had to do with "girls." Besides guiding her two daughters, Judy (Mrs. Charles Mays, CB, Greencastle, Indiana) and Marian (Mrs. Charles Payne, GN, Nebraska, now of Erlangen, Germany), Jean was active for many years in Camp Fire work and in 1958 received the National Camp Fire Excellence of Leadership Wa-can Award. She has been Guardian of Job's Daughters and served on Grand Council and as Grand Deputy of Job's Daughters. She was an AFS mother to an Italian daughter in 1963-1964.

Jean was born in Kimball, Nebraska. There, in second grade, she "met" her husband, William, now a wheat farmer. Jean was valedictorian of her high school class and graduated from

the University of Nebraska in 1934, a Phi Beta Kappa, and a member of Mortor Board, Pi Lambda Theta, and Alpha Chi Omega. She was president of the YWCA on campus (girls again!), treasurer of W.A.A., and manager of Football Stadium Concessions.

The Nebraska president taught girls' physical education four years in Grand Island, Nebraska, and in 1937 was the second initiate of Chapter EH. Upon her marriage, she returned to Kimball and dimitted to Chapter DT, where her mother, Nellie Ludden Alden, Chapter Eternal, was a charter member. Here she held every office except that of treasurer. She has held each of the seven offices of Nebraska State

Chapter. She served as organizer for five chapters, GK, GL, GM, GN, (into which she had the pleasure of initiating her daughter, Marian,) and GO. As president, she organized four college P. E. O. Groups, at Kearney, Hastings, the University of Nebraska and Nebraska Wesleyan. Presiding at the convention of P. E. O.'s centennial year was a proud and happy experience. Marion came from Germany so that both she and Judy could serve as pages.

Jean's other interests include reading, gardening, bridge, travel, AAUW, and Order of Eastern Star, of which she is a Past Matron. Jean is a past president and life member of WSCS of the United Methodist Church.

IOWA: Mt. Vernon, May 27, 28, 29

Hostess Chapters: AK, AU, BM, CN, CS, DA, DK, DT, FO, GM, HJ, IF, IH, IL, JB, JL, KG, KJ, KK, LF, LI, LU

Chairman: Clara Moore

Theme: "The Stars of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

WITH CORNELIA ROSS, FO, performing brilliantly at the pipe organ in lovely King Chapel on Cornell campus in Mt. Vernon, the 77th annual convention was opened in grand style as the officers marched down the aisle dressed as our seven founders. Commemorating the centennial year, Tentie West, IR, told the story of P. E. O. in rhyme and gave sketches of each founder as the costumed officers posed individually in a huge old-fashioned frame.

"Stars of Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" was the theme chosen by President Florence Irving, CJ. She pointed out that our yesterdays follow us and strengthen the future of P. E. O. Hostess chapters welcomed 361 official members of convention, including 21 past presidents and over 500 visitors.

The guards wore green short-sleeved sheaths with yellow aprons patterned after the original P. E. O. aprons. Gloves and beads were yellow and shoes were green. Led by Barbara Woito, FO, and Vivian Durham, KG, they worked with precision and grace. Pages were

Virginia Mickunas and Virginia Smith, CJ, and Charlotte Clemens, HN.

Guest of honor, Miss Helen Evers, second vice president of Supreme Chapter, presented an address full of wisdom and laced with humor. Her dry wit was the hit of the convention as she answered questions contributed to the question box.

Charters were presented by Eva Winger, IN, organizer, to Chapters MD and ME. A charming response was given by Martha Siefer, MD. Barbara Paul announced that P. E. O. groups have been started during the year at Morningside College in Sioux City and at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

The Hour of Remembrance honoring 297 members was arranged by Lois Vernon, CV, past president, who gave the meditation; Charlene Van Wechel, BM, and Florence Smith, JB. The musical program included outstanding instrumental music by Marlis Windus, JT, Ruth Ann Malone, JT, and Pat Moehlmann, HJ, and vocal

selections by Nancy Bolton, LF.

Beautiful and inspiring organ music was provided throughout the sessions by Mrs. Ross. Selections were sung by Bernice Marner, CS; Ahlene Colton, II; Elizabeth Cullen, FO; Marcella Lee, BU, Minnesota; and Nancy Marsh, FO; with accompaniment by Ruth Nielson, KG, flute; and Ruth Ann Malone, JT, and Elizabeth Moore, IH, piano.

The model meeting was presented by Chapter LF, and was followed by a Friendship Hour arranged by Chapter LU. The educational hour featured talks by Lazara Julianda, an IPS student from the Philippines; Shirlee Proctor, a recipient of the Educational Fund; and Ted McCarrel, president of Cottey College.

Mary Swaney, Chapter Original A, delighted the convention with her talk on what it means to be a guest in the Sarah Porter Beckwith Home. Marie Murray, P, president of the board for the Home, and Harriet Kords, Original A, hostess at the home, also spoke. The Davenport chapters presented an extremely clever musical skit to show Mrs. Kords that her quarters will be re-decorated as provided by the coupon parade which followed.

Over 600 attended the B. I. L. banquet. Each table had as its centerpiece a cake with 7 candles centered with a decorated styrofoam rocket. The candles were lighted

as Clara Moore, LU, convention chairman, did the countdown. At "blast-off" the rockets were lifted manually to the accompaniment of cheers by the dinner guests. Officers and their B. I. L.'s were introduced. In her beloved style, Miss Evers toasted the B. I. L.'s and Harold Geisinger, husband of Laura May, EP, treasurer, gave the response. A delightful musical program was presented by 14 singers from Chapters BM and JB, and B. I. L. Norman Goodbrod, former professor of piano at Grinnell College.

Invitations were presented by Rachel Evans, DJ, for the 1970 convention to be held in Storm Lake, and by Marilyn Sowers, DZ, for the 1971 convention in Cedar Falls. An extremely clever sketch was read by Mary Liljegren, MA, depicting a chapter meeting day in the life of a P. E. O. hostess in the year 2069, based on predictions contributed by chapters.

Officers installed by Miss Evers were: Dagmar Ingvaldstad, GO; Catherine Mick, IZ; Eva Winger, IN; Virginia Cambier, FS; Barbara Paul, KS; Laura May Geisinger, EP, and Clara Moore, LU. Florence Irving, CJ, was presented her past president's credential by Helen Evers and her past president's pin by Lois Vernon.

Checks for the project of her choice were presented to Florence Irving by the hostess chapters and

by her chapter; to the new president, Dagmar Ingvaldstad, by her chapter; and to Clara Moore, general chairman of the convention and newly elected member of the executive board, by the hostess chapters.

As all joined to sing May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You this truly inspiring and informative convention came to a close. — *By Margaret Huey, II.* ■



FLORENCE IRVING

FLORENCE IRVING (Mrs. N. W., Jr.) was initiated into Chapter CJ, West Des Moines, in 1951, and has served seven years on the executive board. Florence is the wife of Dr. Noble W. Irving, a radiologist. Their children are Marcia, Linda, and Noble A. Marcia received her M.A. degree in music education from the University of Colorado in June, 1969; Linda received her B.A. degree in physical education from the University of Nebraska in May, 1969; and Noble A. is a sophomore at the University of Colorado.

Doctor and Mrs. Irving have both been active in community affairs, have served in various capacities on boards of their church (Cottage Grove United Presbyterian Church), and in Camp Fire and Boy Scout activities. Florence has served in many capacities in the auxiliary of the local and state medical associations, as well as the Des Moines Women's Club. Her interests include flying (both she and her husband are licensed private pilots), boating, bridge, reading, and basketball.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA: Vancouver, May 30, 31

Hostess Chapters: F, W, AO, AP
 Chairman: Mary Malthouse
 Theme: "P.E.O. — A Heritage We Hold In Trust."



THELMA VARCOE

ALTHOUGH P. E. O. IN CANADA is but 59 years old, the centenary of the sisterhood was celebrated with pride and enthusiasm when members of the British Columbia Provincial Chapter met in convention at the Blue Boy Motor Hotel.

Thelma Varcoe presided with confidence and dignity. She welcomed delegates and visitors, with a special greeting for Irene Kerr, first vice president of Supreme Chapter, and Mabel Scurrah, past president of Supreme Chapter.

The beautiful Hour of Memory was conducted by Helen Richards, H, assisted by Mary Youson, AI, soloist, and Janet McLeod, W, organist. Yellow roses were placed in loving tribute to the memory of 20 sisters.

Devotions were given by Olive White, past provincial president, and Bea Magar, D. Each chose passages of scripture in keeping with the theme.

The banquet was in the Gainsborough Room with Mary Malthouse, W, presiding. Speakers were Miss Savithri Shanker, a former IPS student, and Barbara Cryer, an Educational Loan Fund recipient. The Point Grey School Choir sang several selections to the delight of the guests.

Irene Kerr gave her inspirational address on Friday afternoon and brought greetings from Supreme Chapter at the banquet.

The luncheon on Saturday was presided over by Vi Baynen, AP. A delightful program, Centennial Vignettes, was presented by Chapter AP. The model meeting was exemplified by Chapter A, the first P. E. O. chapter in Canada.

Guards and pages, all members of Thelma's chapter in Victoria, wore period yellow skirts and white blouses of the 1869 era. Chapter Y donated a cheque for

\$150. to the International Peace Scholarship Fund in Thelma's honour. Jeannette O'Brien, AE, pianist, and the members of the convention choir rendered beautiful selections during convention.

Jenda Woodcock, past president, installed the officers for 1969-70 and presented Thelma with her credential.

With the singing of Blest Be The Tie That Binds the 41st annual convention of the British Columbia Provincial Chapter was brought to a close. ■

THELMA VARCOE (Mrs. Brenton) received her education in Kamloops, moving to Victoria after her marriage. Her husband is with the Provincial Government in Victoria. The Varcoes have two sons, Terry who received his M.B.A. at the University of Western Ontario in London and is now a resident of St. Catharines, and Douglas who is studying toward a Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Victoria.

Thelma was initiated into Chapter Y in Victoria in 1954 and served in

all offices in her chapter. She was on the provincial board for five and one half years.

Thelma is a member of Fairfield United Church where she has been active in girl's work for many years. She serves on the Committee of Stewards and is a member of the United Church Women. She is treasurer of the Board of Directors of the United Church Presbytery Camp. Thelma has taught kindergarten and primary classes at an Independent School for the past eleven years.

She has a fascination for dogs of all breeds and fine china.

NEW YORK: New Paltz, May 20, 21, 22

Hostess Chapters: A, AB, AE, AM, AX, BF
 Chairmen: Jennie Claire Carnes, Margaret Mulno
 Theme: "What Is Past Is Prologue."

IT WAS FITTING that the New York State Chapter should hold its 41st convention and celebrate P. E. O.'s centennial year in the beautiful setting of Lake Mohonk Mountain House which is also celebrating its 100th year.

Visitors were greeted by lovely ladies gowned in entrancing original costumes of older days — the whole convention was geared to remembering and using the best of the past, while staying abreast of the times, keeping alive, and

thrusting confidently into our second century. It was a convention of exceptional awareness, sensitivity, warmth, and great teamwork — a well coordinated, well run entity. Our delightful president, Dorothy Carter, had convention business well in hand and was backed up at all times by P. E. O. love and thoughtfulness.

Registration ascertained that 134 delegates from 66 chapters, 7 state officers, 15 past presidents, and 185 visitors were present.

The Hour of Remembrance, under direction of Chapter C, honored 21 members. As the roll of remembrance was read, yellow marguerites were placed in position on a star covered with greens. Unusually lovely was the organ music by Adelaide Adams, C, Kentucky, and the vocal solos by Jane Bucci, T.

Past presidents appeared at the past presidents' dinner wearing white aprons with a strap over one shoulder fastened by a star, commemorating the first group appearance of P. E. O.'s. After dinner Chapter A, Highland, presented a skit honoring its 70th anniversary. Interesting historical events were reminisced among old members and new. And then came the fashion show — 27 rapturous dresses dating from an 1893 wedding dress in ivory silk with silk lace, train, and veil — all through the years to the miniskirt of 1969.

Guards, pages, and tellers dressed in yellow, pink, and blue dresses made of material hand-embroidered in the Philippines, with shoes of matching colors, and wearing white gloves, sparked the processional to the platform, which included the Guest of Honor, Irene Kerr, first vice president, Supreme Chapter, the executive board, and 15 past presidents. Margaret Sandra Paull, N, West Virginia, served as platform page.

After greetings, introduction of the guest of honor and state officers, the president, presented her theme, "What is Past is Prologue" adding that "We ain't seen anything yet!" Frances Harkness, AM, past president, presented the other past presidents. Dorothy Gilmer, AE, gave the devotions, 'Remembrance of Things Past', asking us to hold fast to the good of the past but also to test new ideas.

Presentation of its charter to Chapter BO was made by Eleanor Coppoc, AX, organizer, and the new chapter was welcomed by Irene Kerr. After the response by Marion Angelo, BO, Mrs. Kerr presented a challenging and thought-provoking keynote address.

Projects in Review was a dramatic presentation including Catherine Seeley, BJ, representing Winona Evans Reeves and the Educational Fund; Carolyn Lotz, H, representing Dr. Virginia Stockard and Cottey College; and Margaret Magill, AA, representing Usha Mookerjee, an IPS student. All were in costume and their presentations noteworthy.

The model meeting was performed by Chapter BN, very efficiently, under the supervision of Eleanor Coppoc. Doris Marshall presided.

A Candle Lighting Ceremony which commemorates our seven founders was presented by Chapter C. This ceremony was started in Chapter C, January 21, 1914, when four of the original founders were still alive. It was not intended to be a memorial service — the hostess just thought of lighting her 7-candle candelabra as an end to the ceremony. Later, Franc Roads Elliott was a guest and Chapter C repeated it for her. She was deeply impressed and since then it has become a tradition to light a candle for each founder.

The B. I. L. banquet with Dr. W. J. Coppoc, toastmaster, and Dr. Gordon L. Lippitt, speaker, was a gay and happy occasion. Mrs. Kerr greeted the B. I. L. guests and the response was given by Schuyler Tarbell, husband of Jane. Harriet Comfort, a third generation P. E. O., was the soloist.

Thursday morning devotions Look To This Day, were offered by Margaret Smith, BG, and pointed out that each day is a chance to begin and start over.

Mary Inkley, AC, corresponding secretary, informed us that Susan Krauter of New York took top scholastic honors at Cottey this year. Also, four applicants from New York have been accepted at Cottey for this fall.

Mary Schloss, K, issued an invitation to the 1970 convention to be held at Briarcliff College. A group of Rockefeller Center Rockettes appeared in Dutch costume, dancing

to the tune of 'Tip Toe Through the Tulips' and tossing tulips from their baskets inviting all to Tarrytown.

Flora Carmichael, C, delivered an excellent address, The Forward Thrust. Irene Kerr installed the following officers: Jane Tarbell, Dorothy Goodell, Eleanor Coppoc, Mary Inkley, Jean Wright, Mary Walcott, and Lucille Eichelberger. She then presented the past president's credential and Dorothy Carter was welcomed into the past president's group. A farewell song brought the convention to a close.
— By Aileen Gravelle, L.

DOROTHY MATHEWS CARTER (Mrs. J. L.) was born in Atlanta, Georgia. Her family moved to Washington, D.C., and she received her education in the District of Columbia public schools. After graduating from Stratford College in Virginia, Dorothy continued her studies at American University, Washington, where she met and married Joseph L. Carter who has been an executive with the American Red Cross for 28 years and is presently executive officer of the American Red Cross in Greater New York.

Dorothy was initiated into Chapter G, Virginia. When the Carter family moved to New York City she became a member of Chapter C. She has held all offices on the executive board except that of second vice president.

Her community activities include serving as chairman of the Red Cross Youth Program in Alexandria; being active in the Red Cross and United



DOROTHY CARTER

Fund campaigns; serving as a board member of the Alexandria Red Cross chapter and the Campfire Girls. She is a member of the women's planning committee of the Japanese International Christian University, and has participated in numerous panel discussions on youth at community forums and state and national conventions.

The Carters are members of the Methodist Church where both are active. Dorothy has served as superintendent of the kindergarten department and the primary department,

and as assistant superintendent of the church school. For five years she directed the week-day school. She has held numerous offices in the WSCS, both on local and district levels.

The Carters have two sons, Joe, Jr., professor at Norwich University in Vermont, and Richard, a public relations executive in the Philadelphia region for Sears Roebuck and Company. Dorothy's hobbies include collecting old blue and white china and antiques furniture. She also enjoys bird watching on Long Island where the family has a country home.

tenial dress, was an inspiration to all.

Charters were presented by Elizabeth Boyington, organizer, to chapters FS, Auburn; FT, Walla Walla; FU, Edmonds; and FV, Longview. Marilyn Valentine, FS, responded. Martha Arney, H, past president, welcomed the new chapters.

Moments of inspiration and beauty were frequent throughout convention. One long to be cherished in memory was The Hour Of Remembrance, presented by Alleen's chapter, DU, arranged by Janice Arnold. A harp prelude was played by Louise Marshall. A huge white satin cross with garlands of marguerites was center stage. As Margaret Furber, past president, gave tribute, tall candelabra burned in memory of the founders and 94 sisters. Special tribute was given to Ethel Munn Snider, F, past president, by Evelyn Sharninghouse, past president, F. An exquisitely beautiful presentation of The Lord's Prayer was sung by Peggy Peterson, DU, Oregon, as accompaniment to a white satin robed rhythmic choir, directed by Beth Schneider.

Sunday evening the past presidents were honored at a formal "birthday" dinner party, prepared and presented by Chapter CJ. Gertrude Beatty was toastmistress; Viola Garing, A, was the vocal soloist. Following the dinner, two model meetings were presented. The first, presented by Louise Holgate, was dated 1893 and taken from the actual minutes of Chapter A. The sisters were in authentic gowns of the period. The second model meeting was the 1969 version, expertly presented by Chapter FO, Olympia, Isobelle Josephson presiding.

Chapter CS was in charge of the luncheon on Monday. Hundreds of yellow balloons floated above the table arrangements of marguerites. The centennial chairman, Elizabeth Boyington, presented a style show, All Through the Years. The climax of the program was a

WASHINGTON: Seattle, June 1, 2, 3

Hostess Chapters: CJ, CS, CT, DI, DK, EI, EO
Chairman: Ruth White Co-Chairman: Ellen Goleeke
Theme: "The Impossible Dream."

SEATTLE extended a warm and sunny welcome to the 66th annual convention held in gracious dignity in the Olympic Hotel. Snow-capped mountains framed the sparkling waters of lakes and Puget Sound. Mt. Ranier, often reticent in welcoming visitors visually, appeared in all its glory.

The processional was colorful and impressive as each participant was wearing a centennial dress. The president, Alleen Armentrout, radiantly happy to be presiding in her "home town," welcomed 176 delegates, 21 past presidents, 22 fifty-year-plus members, and 325 visitors.

The cover of the programs was done by Patricia Kays, FP, who designed and lettered it in the style of 1869. She also painted the life-sized portraits of the founders which were displayed.

The guards and pages wore white skirts and blouses patterned from an 1870 fashion magazine, and bright yellow aprons made to the specifications given in Out of the Heart. Under the direction of Margaret Clark, BB, past president, the guards worked with perfect precision and grace. Helen Carter, AL, immediate past president, served as chief page. Georgia Newbury, daughter of the presi-

dent, served as her mother's personal page. Joan Reel and Mary Delehoy served as platform pages.

Mr. Roy Morse, city engineer, B. I. L., Chapter A, gave the welcome to the city. The beautiful invocation was given by Lois Dehn, past president. Mary Williams, pianist, and Doris Waesche, song-leader, of Chapter CS, wore identical centennial costumes and brought relaxation as they led the singing of clever parodies written to melodies of yesteryear.

As the state officers were introduced, Winifred Holen, E, past president and member of the Finance Committee, was introduced as treasurer pro tem. Special recognition was given to Joyce Gibbs, president of Oregon State Chapter, a visitor. The meditations were given by Elaine Brownell, CI; Patricia Kays, FP; and Audrey Click, EG. A musical ensemble, directed by Leone Turner, G, dressed in gingham centennial costumes and calling themselves The Belles of '69, responded to each meditation with appropriately fitting selections. At the B. I. L. banquet they sang a medley of songs-of-old. Catherine Lewis, EN, a member of the ensemble, sang two vocal solos at the Monday afternoon meeting.

Irene Kerr, beautiful in her cen-

check for \$100 presented to the chairman for furnishings for the Centennial Center. It was presented by Jean Fatton, president of Chapter DU, honoring the president.

About 500 attended the formal B. I. L. Banquet and Educational Hour, Chapters DI and EO in charge. Dr. Dale E. Turner, pastor of the University Congregational Church, gave the invocation and the benediction. Gordon S. Clinton, former mayor of Seattle, was toastmaster. Alleen Armentrout welcomed the B. I. L.'s and introduced Irene Kerr, who brought greetings from Supreme Chapter. A tribute to our B. I. L.'s was led by Doris Waesche, Wallace Goleeke leading the response. Vocal selections were sung by the well known Irish tenor, Robert McGrath.

Eunice Hansens, Cottey Chairman, introduced Orville Smith, B. I. L. of Ruth, EU, who presented a check in excess of \$5,000, contributed by B. I. L.'s to refurbish the Washington suite at Cottey. Any remaining balance will be placed in a savings fund to be used for future maintenance of the suite. Patricia Graham of the scholarship committee presented scholarships to Gloria Jordon, Hoquiam, and Mary Kay Frailey, Montesano. The featured speaker was Mr. James E. Parker, Director of Admissions at Cottey, who also conducted a Cottey Workshop on Tuesday morning.

Katherine Bain, AV, gave the formal invitation to convention in Olympia, 1971. Virginia Brown, E, with members of the hostess chapters presented a clever skit as invitation to convention in Spokane, 1970.

It was with regret that the resignation of Ina O'Day as treasurer was accepted. Officers installed by Irene Kerr were: Elizabeth Boyington, DW; Eunice Hansens, DX; Berneice Andrews, FA; Mary Lee Hamilton, AU; Shirley Hagestad, BH; Patricia Kays, FP; Elaine Brownell, CI.

As convention closed the dele-

gates departed with the memory of a prayer by Louise Ballard. "We pray for a return of a simple trust in God that made strong and great the homes of our ancestors, who in building this country left us our heritage . . . and Father help us all to have perspective to look ahead, see possible results, not in terms of today's conveniences, but in terms of years to come, and may tomorrow be a better day because of today's experience. Amen." — *By Helen Fencl, DU.*

ALLEEN ARMENTROUT (Mrs. P. C.) was born in Illinois, but grew up in Missouri where she attended Missouri Valley College. Here she met Peter Armentrout whom she later married. They moved to Colorado where each taught for several years. In 1944 they moved to Seattle, where both worked as engineering draftsmen for the Boeing Company. Peter retired in January, 1969, as manager of education and training.

The Armentrouths have two children, Georgia and Peter, both graduates of the University of Washington. Georgia and her husband, Gary Newbury, are speech therapists having done graduate work at the University. Georgia was initiated into her mother's chapter, DU, in 1956. Peter, Jr., is a graduate cartographer and employed by the Boeing Company. Alleen and Peter have four small grandchildren.

Alleen calls herself a jack-of-all-trades having taught in grade school, high school and junior college, worked on a newspaper, as well as being an



ALLEEN ARMENTROUT

engineering draftsman. As the children were growing up her activities followed their needs and interests. She taught Sunday School and play school, held offices in PTA, was a Brownie and Girl Scout leader for seven years, and the president of the Mothers' Club of her daughter's sorority. She is a member of Boulevard Park Presbyterian Church.

Alleen has served her chapter in most offices. She served as state chairman of the Welfare Board in 1959-60; president of Seattle Presidents' Council, 1961-62; State International Peace Scholarship Chairman, 1961-62. She was elected to the executive board in 1962 and has served in all offices. Her hobbies include helping others, travel, music and art.

MASSACHUSETTS: Lenox, May 1, 2

Hostess Chapters: V, L

Chairman: Abby Brent; Co-Chairman: Eleanor Fairs
Theme: "A Century To Treasure And Build On."

THE 29TH CONVENTION of Massachusetts State Chapter convened amid the promise of life which spring awakens in all of us. Throughout this convention, Massachusetts P. E. O.'s felt the promise which has lived in the ideals of this sisterhood for the past century; building upon these ideals holds for P. E. O. the promise of the future.

The pages and guards, in old fashioned dresses of cranberry and gold, brought quickly into our minds the theme of this convention. Florence Rood, president, had her daughter Margaret, DV, Illinois, as her page. Florence, who has held all state officers except that of corresponding secretary, exhibited throughout convention the warmth and graciousness which

has made her so special to Massachusetts P. E. O.'s.

The opening processional included the guest of honor, Marjorie Smith; our member of honor, Alice Barrows; 19 past presidents; and the seven officers. Fifty-four delegates and 118 visitors were present.

Interspersed throughout convention were scenes depicting important periods of our P. E. O. heritage: A Spiritual Visitation, a visit from our seven founders; Doty Cottey, a visit to the Cottey Campus conducted by Cottey alumnae; IPS in Profile, which included a followup on some scholarship recipients now working in their native countries; and Elf in Embryo, a story of what really happened at Chapter O, Missouri, after the 1904 Exposition. These scenes were written and directed by Kay Stryker, U; Eleanor Hinton, A; Lois Jean Dogget, M; Alice Barrows, G; Betty Fedge, G; Natalie Worsmann, K. Doris Gardner, K; Sue Breed, A; and Shirley Niswander, Y.

The beautiful devotions by Sally Kesseli, R, and the moving musical devotions by Janice Bowers, L, began each day in a meaningful way. The pleasure of seeing a charter presented to our new chapter, AB, added to the knowledge that P. E. O. ideals will continue to grow. The model meeting was ably and beautifully performed by Chapter T under the guidance of the organizer, Lucia Hills.

Our Vespers Of Remembrance were a true memorial to members who have entered Chapter Eternal this past year. The lovely voice of Natlie Worsmann and the tribute to these members by Margaret Ditmore, K, held deep meaning.

Marjorie Smith, our guest of honor, brought to us a message of deep interest. This message was an inspiration not only for the new year, but for the years to come.

Convention was held in buildings filled with mementos of 100 years ago. All the beautiful decorations added to these surround-

ings. At both of the delightful luncheons, we had a special treat — we were entertained by the brand new P. E. O. chorus.

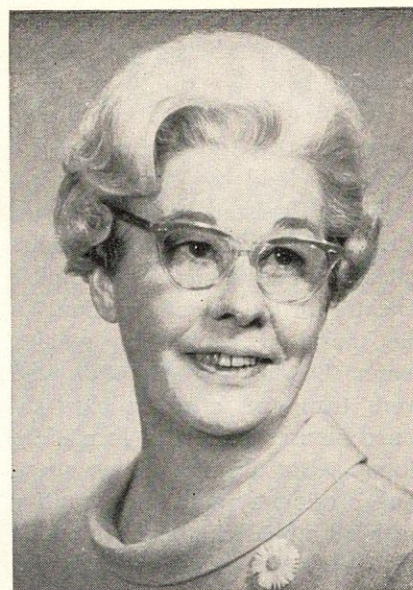
The banquet hall was a festive place when we entertained the B. I. L.'s. Maypoles, around which danced the seven founders, centered each table. The program, Centennial Salutation, combined an "old-fashioned" fashion show, vocal music, and interpretive dancing, a moving and beautiful salute to P. E. O.

The invitation to the 1970 convention by Chapters M and P was offered by models wearing bloomers riding a bicycle built for two. This presentation was greatly enjoyed and the invitation quickly accepted.

The newly elected officers were installed by Marjorie Smith. They are Eleanor Hinton, Lois Jean Dogget, Lucia Hills, Bessie Sinish, Anna Sears, Patricia Belting and Eugenia Shepard.

The convention closed with A P. E. O. Feast of Lights. As we left the darkened hall, each carried a lighted candle, and we could envision the light of P. E. O. stretching beyond us into another one-hundred years. — *By Donna Bicknell Kasabian, E.*

FLORENCE A. ROOD (Mrs. R. M.) was born in New Jersey and graduated from Douglass College, New Brunswick, New Jersey, with a B.S. degree in mathematics and physics. Florence spent several years as a private secretary in New York City and during World War II was personal assistant to the Head of the India Supply Mission in Washington, D.C. She moved to Pittsfield, Massachusetts, when she



FLORENCE ROOD

married Robert, an engineer at the General Electric Company.

There are three daughters and one son in the family: Margaret, a member of Chapter DV, Illinois, teaches in Glencoe; Sara is working for her degree at the School of Fine Arts, Boston University; Howard attends the Berkshire Community College; and Florence Jane is a high school sophomore.

Florence was initiated in Chapter F, Pittsfield, in 1947. After serving in various offices of her local chapter, she was elected treasurer of Massachusetts State Chapter in 1963 and has held all positions on the board except that of corresponding secretary.

A member of the First Church of Christ, Congregational, Florence has taught Sunday School and has served as an officer of several women's societies. At present she is serving a three year term as deaconess. Florence has been active in Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, College Club, the Hospital Auxiliary, and the Berkshire Museum Auxiliary. Sewing and reading are her relaxation.

NEW MEXICO: Raton, April 16, 17, 18

Hostess Chapters: H, N, W, AC, AF

Chairman: Margy Durrett

Theme: "A Journey Through Star Studded Years."

IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS surrounding Raton, a brief spring snowstorm presented unexpected problems to delegates and guests ar-

riving for New Mexico's fortieth P. E. O. convention. Its cold discomfort was quite forgotten in the warmth of the welcome extended

by the hostess chapters and the very busy general chairman, Margy Durrett, N.

Honoring all convention guests, a reception at the Raton Country Club was held by Virginia Kruse, president, assisted by members of Chapter Z. Following dinner, delegates and guests met at the Shuler Theatre for the evening session. To the music of convention pianist, Jeanne Quinn, G, the guards who were trim and crisp in old-fashioned blouses and skirts, formed an honor escort for the honor guest, past presidents, and the executive board. Emphasizing the centennial of P. E. O., the members of the executive board wore gowns that were the height of fashion a century ago. Mrs. Kruse called the convention to order, presiding over the meetings with unfailing grace and efficiency, assisted by her executive board and the guest of honor, Marjorie Smith of Spokane, Washington, recording secretary of Supreme Chapter.

After the invocation by Mona Wilson, S, past president, Mrs. Kruse introduced Mrs. Smith, the executive board, and her personal pages, her sister, Betty Stratbucker, FZ, Nebraska, and Nancy Norwood, Z. Appointments were made, reports given, and inspiring prayers and devotions were scattered throughout the business meetings. Irene Brantley, organizer, presented members of Chapter G in a model meeting, in which there was an official initiation. Again in keeping with the centennial of P. E. O., the officers of the model meeting were garbed in attractive white old fashioned gowns.

The following morning at the First Methodist Church, Betty Shrecengost, AR, assisted by members of Chapter Z and Leila Whited, N, organist, honored 19 members in an impressive Hour of Remembrance.

Prayer and devotion opened the business session at the Shuler Theatre. Chapter AU, the golden chapter organized in a golden year, was presented its charter by Mrs.

Brantley. Members of convention helped celebrate New Mexico State Chapter's fortieth birthday at a luncheon with Beth Gann, first vice president, presiding. Following a birthday message from Josephine Boswell, K, "Life Begins at Forty," an IPS student from India, Miss Mira Bakhru, studying at Denver University, in excellent English told of her many problems and plans as well as her deep appreciation of P. E. O. financial assistance.

The afternoon session was begun with renewed inspiration received from the address by the honor guest, Marjorie Smith, suggesting that we look in both directions when planning our lives; to the past for our foundations and to the future where the balance of life will be spent.

At the banquet honoring the B. I. L.'s, Mrs. Kruse presented her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morrison of Longmont, Colorado. Mr. Morrison was the clever and entertaining master of ceremonies, introducing guests and members of the executive board. For the evening's entertainment, styles and songs of yesteryear, A Century of Star Studded Fashion, passed in review under the humorous direction of Hannah Ginsberg, Z, and Janice Slaughter, B.

In the last hours of convention, the Educational Fund possibilities were presented in a delightful melodrama written by Virginia Malone, The Amazing Saga of Little Elfie, showing Mrs. P. E. O. coming to the rescue. The invitation to convention in 1970 to be held in Roswell was issued by charming airline hostesses, and accepted by Jean Mitchell, S, past president.

Rewarding workshops for delegates were held by Mrs. Brantley and Mrs. Smith. Conferences for delegates, reviewing yearbooks and presidents' letters, took place under the direction of the first and second vice presidents, Beth Gann and Elizabeth Duphorne.

New officers of the executive

board were installed by Mrs. Smith: Irene Brantley, A; Elizabeth Duphorne, X; Virginia Malone, J; Beth Gann, Q; Ethel Beard, R; Eloise Roberts, AD; Glenette Cain, G. Mrs. Smith then presented Mrs. Kruse with her past president's credential and pin, and Mrs. Kruse was escorted to her antique rocker as the newest member of the rocking chair brigade.

After making her appointments and last announcements, Mrs. Brantley closed the convention with the P. E. O. benediction. —
By Minella Molesworth, Z. ■



VIRGINIA KRUSE

VIRGINIA MORRISON KRUSE (Mrs. E. C.) was born in Beaumont, Texas, but grew up in Longmont, Colorado. She attended Cottey College and S.M.U. While a student at Cottey in 1948 she was initiated into Chapter DI, Colorado, the chapter to which her mother, Cornelia Morrison, still belongs. Her sister, Betty Morrison Stratbucker, is a member of Chapter FZ, Nebraska. In 1950 she was married to Edward C. Kruse, and visited Chapter BG, College Station, Texas, while her husband studied toward his master's degree in Industrial Education at Texas A&M. She later dimitted to Chapter DN, Oklahoma, visited Chapter EV, Nebraska for several years, and dimitted to Chapter Z, Roswell, New Mexico, in 1958 when her husband established an antique business in the state.

A past president of Chapter Z, Mrs. (continued on page 29)

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE EVIDENCE OF GROWTH



MISS MARGARET L. MOHLER, BP, Missouri, executive secretary, has served in that position since 1950, supervising the move of business effects from Mount Pleasant to the present P. E. O. Executive Office in Des Moines.

PERHAPS the greatest growing pains of P. E. O. in its first century were experienced at different intervals as growth in membership and chapters made the job of keeping records and providing chapters with uniform supplies an ever-growing business that seemed constantly to outgrow the facilities provided. The founders and the original chapter first handled matters of business and supplies — supplies principally being The

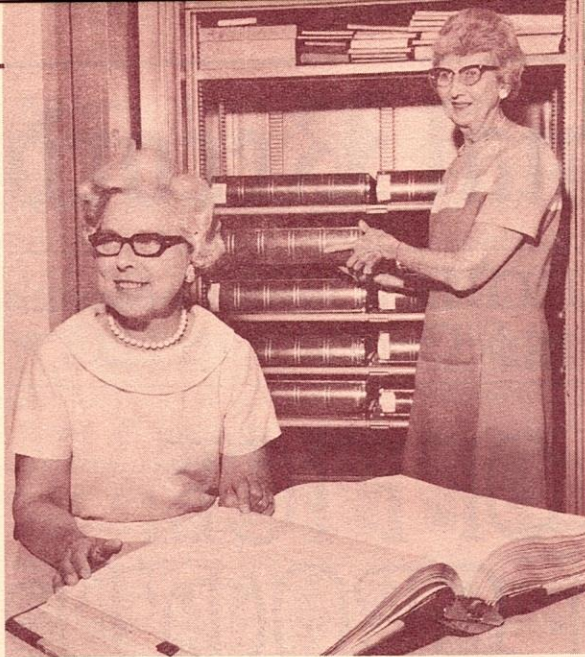
Book, a notebook wherein was printed the constitution, bylaws, and the simple ceremonies. On the formation of Grand Chapter, the officers and special committees assumed these duties, the elected treasurer charged with handling supplies as well as money. When a new treasurer was elected, all supplies would be sent to her home, and she was in business.

The work became more than one person could handle, and her house could hold, and in 1909 the second vice president was designated to handle supplies. Several years later a custodian of supplies was appointed and she served as an additional member of the executive board.

The need for a central office was long felt and discussed, but it was



FAN DALLAGER, JK, left, works in the executive office as secretary for the board of trustees, International Peace Scholarship Fund. Jean Stewart, GU, second from left, has been secretary to Miss Mohler since the Des Moines offices opened. Jeanne Price, JJ, second from right, has served as morning receptionist since the present office opened, and Mary Doolittle, EH, is the afternoon receptionist and visitors' guide. Also on the staff of the executive office, and on vacation when this picture was taken, is Mary Ellen Lovett, JK, who does duplicating work for the office and serves as secretary to the executive board.



MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT. From left: Doris Crookham, IE; Joy Eastman, GY. Bea Goodrich, GX, head of department, was on vacation when this picture was taken. The membership record of each P. E. O. is entered in the large books as shown, arranged by states and provinces, then into chapters within that area. Here can be found the name of each member, the date of her initiation and the chapter into which she was initiated; if she transfers to another chapter, her name is entered there and her record carried on. As of March 1, 1969, there were 169,290 active members and 4277 chapters. Since the founding, 249,522 members have been initiated into the sisterhood, their record of membership now recorded in books similar to those shown here.



TREASURER'S OFFICE. Mabelle C. Huber, EH, Colorado, right, appointed treasurer of Supreme Chapter, is shown with Marjorie Helgersen, Q, who has assisted in the office this past year. The treasurer is responsible for funds of Supreme Chapter as designated in the Constitution, and receives dues from state chapters and chapters in subordinate territory, pays warrants as authorized by the executive board. Each month the treasurer sends to members of the executive board and the finance committee a report of all moneys received and disbursed during the previous month, the total disbursement to date for each budgeted item, and a statement of amounts in all funds.



EDUCATIONAL FUND. From left: Jean Stebbins, Q; Florence Mohler, BP, Missouri, department supervisor; Irene Tandy, JY. Also in this department but not present for this picture are Jane Collins, JK, and Ruth Wilson, JK. Loans from the P. E. O. Educational Fund are processed in this department, applications being received here, notes and checks issued, and repayment acknowledged. All correspondence and information concerning the transactions for each loan are filed, a record of the loan being transferred to a permanent file when the loan is repaid. The Educational Fund is under the direction of the executive secretary.



ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT. From left: Margaret Carr, HX; Pauline Gardner, JY; Isabella Dalglish, JM. The accounting department handles matters of bookkeeping and finance for the supply department, the Educational Fund, and operation of the P. E. O. Executive Office.



THE P. E. O. RECORD. Seated, center: Alvina Mattes, IK, editor. From left Jean Bush, CJ, Idy Eckey, Q, editorial department; Florence Gray, KO, Lucille Hookem, IJ, Eve Hillman, HK, Catherine Evans, JJ, circulation department, Mrs. Hillman heading the department. Editorial work and correspondence of official magazine is handled from the Des Moines office, and all changes made on mailing labels are marked on label proofs which are sent each month to the printer, The Wayside Press, Mendota, Illinois.

not until the 50th Anniversary Convention in 1919 that revision of the constitution provided for a central business office, a Supply Department, and an executive secretary who would be custodian of supplies and treasurer of the Educational Fund. In 1920 the first executive office was opened in the Stevens Building, Chicago, with Miss Ada Baysoar as executive secretary. In 1922 the office was moved to Omaha, Nebraska, home of Bertha Clark Hughes, then president of Supreme Chapter. Mrs. Lulah T. Andrews, who had served in several offices of Nebras-

ka State Chapter, became executive secretary. A membership secretary served during the 1921-23 biennium, thus relieving the corresponding secretary of some of her chores, but in 1923 upkeep of these records became a department in the executive office.

In building the P. E. O. Memorial Library on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan College, office space for P. E. O. business was provided on the second floor. Mrs. Andrews served as executive secretary in the new location for two years and on her resignation, Miss Katherine Mann, Idaho, corresponding secre-

tary of Supreme Chapter and previously a trustee of the Supply Department, became executive secretary and served until 1941. Mrs. Hazel E. Hine, a faculty member of Cottey College, was appointed executive secretary and served for nine years. Mrs. Martha Ashcroft serving temporarily on two occasions. Miss Margaret L. Mohler was appointed executive secretary in 1950 and has served in that capacity since that time.

Rapidly expanding membership and expansion of the far-ranging P. E. O. projects made it advisable for P. E. O. to look ahead and plan

to have its own building, and the convention of 1957 authorized the executive board to purchase property in a central location in Iowa for an international executive office building. Choice property was ob-

tained on Grand Avenue in Des Moines and in 1960, on September 10, the present P. E. O. Executive Office was dedicated. In addition to the offices housed in Mount Pleasant, the new building pro-

vided space for the editorial and circulation work of THE P. E. O. RECORD, the treasurer, the International Peace Scholarship Fund, and meeting rooms for the executive board of Supreme Chapter.



SUPPLY DEPARTMENT. Front row, from left: Helen Rockwell, KT; Janice Stenstrom, HK; Gertrude Whitted, JK, head of department. Back row, from left: Virginia Kirkpatrick, Q; Eleanor Newell, GH; Muriel Risser, JZ; Mary Russell, GU; Dean Dimmitt, IZ; Dorothy Kooser, EH; Gene Froyd, GY. The supply department fills all orders received from chapters for officers' supplies and any items needed by the chapters. Supplies for new chapters are shipped from this department. All emblem orders are handled here, and when emblems are returned, they are received by this department. Miriam Messenger, QD, also is a member of the supply department but was not present for the picture.

SAYINGS OF THE SEVEN

WE OUGHT to keep in mind that even what we have become, and are, is really but intimation of what we are destined yet to be, if we shall continue to manifest the same activity and in the same spirit. . . "Love in action" should, in a sentence, express our chief characteristic. Love, first among ourselves, and then in our activities reaching out to all others. It should be our

purpose to not only make P. E. O. greater, and better, all the time, but womanhood and humanity, greater, and better, because of P. E. O. — *Mary Allen Stafford.*

AND WILL YOU allow me to say a word about precedents, about what has been? Do not try to preserve them because of sentiment, for new times demand new needs. Ev-

olution and growth mean life to organizations as well as individuals.

Take this thought with you to your chapters, and please remember that true loyalty to those gone before you in P. E. O., to the founders, if you will, lies in improving the unfinished structure they bequeathed to you, for P. E. O. is only yet in its beginning. — *Franc Roads Elliott.*

LOOKING OVER the yesterdays I can find no hour in which my heart has not turned to all in loyal devotion and a proud thrill of enthusiasm at the onward advancement of God's starry dwellers. . . To each and all my good wishes. May your sojourn here be long and ever crowned with bright hopes fulfilled. — *Suela Pearson Penfield.*

WE HAVE many fine appointments in our make-up today. The large sisterhood demands it, but I earnestly hope the true spirit of P. E. O. will not be smothered in form, but that the original idea of kindness, helpfulness, and charity will ever exist, and thus we will become a potent factor in the world's welfare. — *Alice Bird Babb.*

GOD BLESS you all, and may He give strength and wisdom to build higher and better what we founded and you have builded so beautiful and strong. — *Mary Allen Stafford, at ground breaking ceremonies for Memorial Library.*

IT SEEMS SO STRANGE when I think of our birthday and how we seven so unknowingly lighted so great a light. May we but feel that God's hand was surely in it and He has helped us to keep the star shining . . . where can we find a better chance to use our influence for good than P. E. O. association.— *Ella Stewart.*

I WOULD EMPHASIZE the thought that our Sisterhood should be characteristic of "Love in action." In Ben Hur the author says, "The happiness of love is in action; its test is what one is willing to do for others." So let there be not only the preciousness of a loving fellowship but even more the happiness of loving service in the spirit of helpfulness to all others.—*Mary Allen Stafford.*

LET ALL the pages of your life be tinted with golden deeds of truth and purity. — *Alice Virginia Coffin.*

I AM NOT extravagant enough to claim for the founders the credit for what P. E. O. has become. It is honor and credit enough that we were so wisely and fortunately guided that we were able to lay a foundation broad and strong enough that others, following after us, could build such a structure as P. E. O. has become. Our one ab-

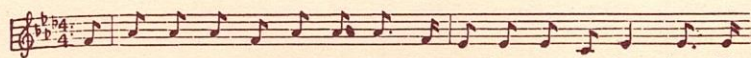
"We Sang, Oh How We Sang!"

AS FOUNDERS recalled their college days, singing and music is often mentioned. "We sang, Oh how we sang; everyone who had a tongue and a mouth, and who could keep time, could sing, and there was no talk about trained voices," said Alice Bird Babb, going on to tell how she and Alice Coffin would serenade Franc and Mame Allen with *Dream Sweetly, Love*, and *In the Starlight*. Allie Babb sang in a mixed quartet, The *Jedediah* Club (named for a favorite song), that received rave reviews — "brought down the house; set feet to stamping, hands to clapping."

Dillon Payne, classmate, associates Sweet Sue with such sentimental songs as *Her Bright Smile Haunts Me Still*, and *Leaf by Leaf the Roses Fall, Drop by Drop the Spring Runs Dry*. Hattie Briggs and Ella Stewart, who taught music after college days, often entertained instrumentally, playing the famous duet at the Sidereal Soiree where "they crossd hands, one going to the north and one to the south — oh, how fine it was!" Mrs. Babb goes on to say that some of the best singing was done at student prayer meetings where all joined in on the hymns. Civil war songs were popular — *Tramp, Tramp, Tramp; The Vacant Chair; Tenting Tonight* — and mention is made of *Kathleen Aroon, Lorena*, and "*Dreaming, ever fondly dreaming . . . Bring the dreams of long ago.*"

But mentioned most often is *Weevily Wheat*, and while dancing was not approved, it can be assumed that Alice Babb spoke truly when she said, "When we sang *Weevily Wheat*, we just had to dance the Virginia Reel." You could not sing the song without dancing the reel, she said, and they sang it often. For your dancing and singing pleasure, here it is.

WEEVILY WHEAT



It's step her to your weev'-ly wheat, It's step her to your bar - ley, It's



step her to your weev - 'ly wheat, To bake a cake for Char - ley.

Refrain:

O Charley he's a fine young man,
O Charley he's a dandy,
He loves to hug and kiss the girls,
And feed 'em on good candy.

The higher up the cherry tree,
The riper grow the cherries,
The more you hug and kiss the girls,
The sooner they will marry.

Refrain:

Over the river to water the sheep,
To measure up the barley,
Over the river to water the sheep,
To bake a cake for Charley.

Refrain:

My pretty little Pink, I suppose you think,
I care but little about you,
But I'll let you know before you go.
I cannot do without you.

Refrain:

sorbing, and dominating purpose was to perpetuate a most beautiful and unselfish schoolgirl friendship that would continue after school-days were over. . . Our love and friendship bound us together in ties so strong that I am confident that any one of the seven would have sacrificed, and, if need be, suffered, for any one of the seven in case of need. I am possibly giv-

ing you in this the key to what has made our Sisterhood what it is today. — *Mary Allen Stafford.*

THE GROWTH of this society will always fill me with "wonder and amaze," for truly tall oaks have grown from very small acorns. I try to think sometimes in my sober moments, that we original seven foresaw all this greatness, and

built accordingly, but not so, we were no wiser than any chance seven you may select from any P. E. O. society, only the soil was fruitful—the time was ripe for just such an organization as has grown from the tiny seed. — *Alice Bird Babb.*

I HAVE LEARNED that the greatest missionary work that can be done in this country is to help every young person with the brains to take it, to a college course.—*Franc Roads Elliott.*

I HAVE FEARED sometime, from our wonderful growth, that the sisterhood might become a club, and that I would greatly deplore. We used to sing, "Blest be the Tie," and that would be lost in a club.

Continue to read over and over our objects and aims, learn to be small and modest, rather than haughty and great, and above all — be kind to all — be kind, be kind. — *Alice Bird Babb.*

MAY OUR BADGE of sincere friendship — our star — be emblematic of the star of Bethlehem, guide to heaven. May we indeed be stars among women in whatever vocation we fill. — *Alice Virginia Coffin.*

WE WANT to have in our constitution something about being loyal to all P. E. O.'s, to all with whom we associate. I fear we sometimes forget the latter clause. It means loyalty to our home folks, to our neighbors, and to the stranger who passes our way.

Our real work is not to go out and search for "The Holy Grail," but to do the daily rounds, "the common task," as cheerfully and as well as possible, right at our own door. She who reaches out too far, who attempts to do too much, often fails in life's most important duties. — *Alice Bird Babb.*

MAY WE ALWAYS unconsciously attempt to raise the standards of those with whom we associate; may we strengthen the weak in purpose, lift the burden from a troubled heart, and may we always be stars among women in whatever circumstances we find ourselves.—*Alice Virginia Coffin.*

THE YEARS have taught some sweet, some bitter lessons—none wiser than this from Lowell: To

spend in all things else, but of old friends be most miserly.—*Alice Bird Babb.*

WHEN I THINK of the past and look at the present and dream of the future, I am filled with hope and great expectations lure me on-

ward. I trust that our little effort, like the ripples on the lake, will widen and extend. . . . —*Ella Stewart.*

WHY NOT have a society of our own, then we can stay together.—*Hattie Briggs.*

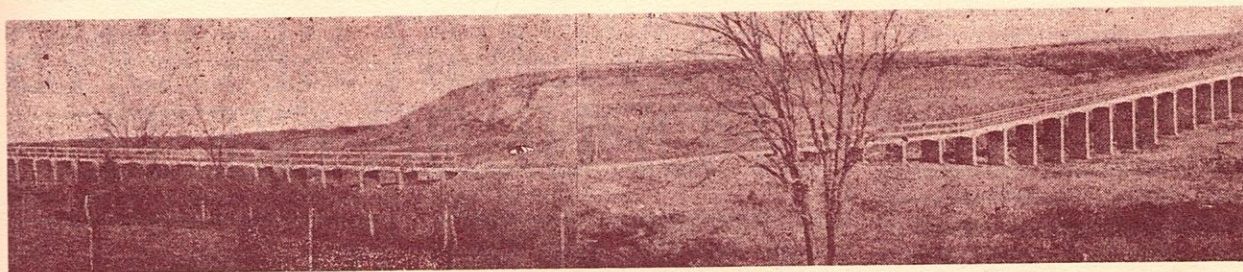
Early Chapters Left Their Mark on Local Scene

BEFORE THE DAYS of the unifying philanthropic projects of Supreme Chapter, P. E. O. chapters undertook many local projects for betterment of the community. Providing a sidewalk to the ceme-

tery was a popular endeavor, understandable in view of the poor roads and an all-day Memorial Day observance involving marching bands, orators, and veterans' marches. Perhaps no other of the



CHAPTER ORIGINAL A gave this fountain to the city of Mount Pleasant. At Christmas it is lighted and decorated as a huge candle.



THIS IS NOT a government project, but a 1200 foot concrete walk to the city cemetery at Nelson, Nebraska, erected at the instigation of Chapter J which raised the entire amount needed, \$1,903.00. This "substantial walk" was completed in 1913, and is still in use. Many early chapters undertook similar projects.

many "walks to the cemetery" provided by P. E. O. chapters assumed the grand scale of the one pictured, but the effort and dedication required would be comparable. Charlotte Clabaugh, J, Nebraska, reports as follows on how her chapter got the job done:

"Leave it to the ingenuity and determination of a group of women to raise the almost insurmountable sum of \$1900 in 1911, the amount needed when Chapter J decided it would raise the money for a 1200 foot walk spanning a huge draw to the local cemetery. The entire chapter, 28 members in a town of less than 500, turned to and earned money with box suppers, Shakespearean readings, five-act plays — members even edited one issue of the weekly paper, proceeds of \$51.50 going to the Cemetery Fund. (As might be suspected, the editor was a B. I. L.).

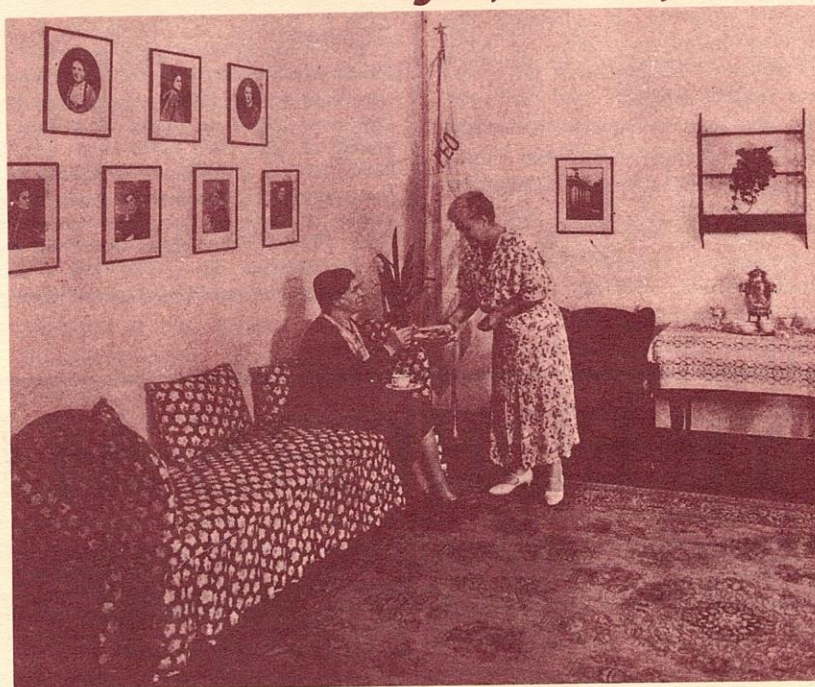
"Members canvassed the town for subscriptions — 'No one complained that he was not solicited,' notes one historian. One B. I. L. insisted that his wife never ate a meal without keeping an eye turned towards the street, and should a hapless townsman stroll by, it was not unusual for her to unceremoniously leave the table, make a wild dash out of the house, and return smiling serenely, cash in hand or a name on the dotted line. It was no small wonder that Chapter J quickly earned a reputation for dedication to a cause, and one would hear slogans about town such as, 'If you desire important matters to go, just place them in the hands of P. E. O.' — and — 'Here at home you hear them say, it always goes when handled by Chapter J.'"

Another favored project of local chapters was furnishing a room in a hospital, or a room in the library; providing books for the library also

was an enterprise which drew enthusiastic support. Many chapters at the turn of the century turned their efforts to public health, recog-

nizing in particular the importance of sanitation; a report from one chapter tells of its efforts to construct a public bath house, and

P. E. O. Room, The Century of Progress



AT THE CENTURY OF PROGRESS Exposition in Chicago, 1933, Illinois chapters were hostesses at the P. E. O. room, shown here, located in the Social Science Building. From its opening on May 27 to the close on July 4, there were 1203 registrations, P. E. O.'s and their families and friends finding it a convenient, and cool, place to meet. Hostesses received and forwarded mail, received and dispersed messages, advised on how to get around, served tea, and assisted guests in any way possible. Above, Mrs. William Callen, hostess, serves Mrs. J. B. Mudge, chairman, appointed to replace Mrs. Katherine Church who was out of the city. This hospitality room followed a long tradition. P. E. O.'s maintained a room at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. The registration book used there is in the historical collection of Supreme Chapter. It also was used to register visitors to the Omaha Trans-Mississippi Exposition, 1898; P. E. O. Day at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, Saint Louis, 1904; and delegates and visitors to national P. E. O. conventions, 1893 to 1915.

THE P. E. O. RECORD notes that an early Iowa chapter raised \$100 "to hire a sanitary inspector for the town."

Wherever help was needed P. E. O.'s found a way to serve. If a tornado hit an area, as in Pomeroy, Iowa, 1893 — "ladies went up, lived in two cars, and sewed for three days for the storm stricken people." Christmas baskets were provided for the needy. During war years projects were geared to the needs of soldiers, and after World War I chapter letters in THE P. E. O. RECORD show that a multitude of chapters adopted French War orphans, sending money for their support and supplying clothes.

City beautification was a popular cause, many chapters planting flowers and shrubbery in a parkway or the city square. Chapter Original A gave to the city of Mount Pleasant the fountain pictured on page 26.

While such local projects were worthy and gave individual chapters a feeling of accomplishment, as the number of chapters increased, members desired to have a common endeavor that all chapters could support, and in 1907 this was accomplished in establishing the P. E. O. Educational Fund, to be followed by the acquisition and operation of Cottey College, and following World War II, the International Peace Scholarship Fund.

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Mention P. E. O. Record.

ADS IN EARLY ISSUES of The P. E. O. Record reveal that many items with P. E. O. motifs were quite generally available at local outlets, or through order. Small silver spoons, two shown above, were especially popular, as was a gold ring bearing the letters. Such items have become heirlooms in many families; a few now might be found at antique shows or shops. The spoon at left has a profile of Alice Bird Babb on its handle and Old Main of Iowa Wesleyan in the bowl. It was introduced in Illinois in about 1907. The one on the right with marguerites on the handle and the emblem in the bowl had been available earlier through an Iowa jeweler. Other designs were introduced from time to time. The souvenir plates described above were first given as gifts to the guests of the Moulton, Iowa, B. I. L.'s at an entertainment for P. E. O.'s and proved so popular that additional plates were produced.

YE EDITOR'S ALMANAC

Comprised Mainly of Items, Literary and Otherwise, published in THE P.E.O. RECORD,
And Selected to provide Incidental Sidelights, as Recorded, on Days Beyond Recall.★

VACATION VIEW

THE VACATION PERIOD is over and every one is at his accustomed vocation. Do you note that there is only a difference of one letter in vocation and vacation — one word implying work the other rest. That every one should for his own poise of mind and welfare of body take a vacation is an accepted fact.

A vacation doesn't necessarily

mean a railroad ticket to a distant point; it doesn't mean mountain or sea or plain. As Lyman Abbott expresses it, "There is no space between man and his happiness, it has no relation to geography. Happiness is a point of view. We are happy anywhere or we are happy nowhere. If that discovery means disillusionment and the passing of youth, why so be it and God bless middle age." — THE P. E. O. RECORD, October, 1919.

HERE IS A RECIPE you may wish to use at some of the "dainty", "delicious" banquets and luncheons of P. E. O. because it is yellow and white: On individual dishes arrange inner leaves of lettuce. In center of each, lay strips of white of hardboiled egg, placed like the petals of a big daisy. Rub the yolks through a colander. Heap the yellow granules in the center with a spoonful of mayonnaise dressing. — October, 1902, page 247.

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Kruse was elected treasurer of New Mexico State Chapter in 1962 and has served in all offices on the board. Active in church and community projects, Mrs. Kruse has taught Sunday School and been circle chairman of the First Methodist Church, is a member of the Roswell Assistance League, has served as a Brownie leader and a Cub Scout den mother, PTA president, and belongs to the Roswell Symphony Guild. She is currently president of the Roswell Public Li-

brary board of trustees, vice president of the Roswell Chapter of the American Field Service foreign exchange program, president of the Berrendo Mid-School music association, and secretary of the Goddard High School PTA.

Three active teenagers in the Kruse family, Carolyn, 17, Kathy, 15, and Eddy, 13, keep the family fires burning brightly. For relaxation she enjoys duplicate bridge, researching her husband's antiques, and collecting antique Christmas ornaments.

The model meeting was exemplified by Chapter BJ, and pretty young Anne Gentles was initiated into the chapter.

Idaho has the honor of having two members of honor. Marion Grant is a member of the Centennial Commission, and Helen Gorton Ware is a trustee of the Supply Department. Introductions and tributes honored past presidents and 50-year members. Mary Schwiebert from the new chapter, BM, Caldwell, was granted a charter by her sister, Alice Walters, organizer.

The convention choir, The Century Singers, provided appropriate numbers for special events, as well as delightful songs to entertain. They were dressed in white lace blouses and long yellow skirts. The organ and piano were skillfully played by Ann Shively; Marjorie Griffith, K; Diane Powell, B; and Rhea Paige, BJ. Reminding us of our heritage were large colored portraits of the founders, the artistic work of Mildred Lowery, BJ. Special honors go to the "off-broadway musical" entitled Daisies Won't Tell written by Barbara Asboe, AK, and cleverly performed by her chapter.

To the spritely music of The P. E. O. March, guards and pages performed their duties with precision and grace. Their dresses were made in the style of the founding era, yellow with white and gold marguerite design.

Grace Keveren assumed her office as newly elected president and was presented a floral tribute by her chapter, AI. Doris Mauk became treasurer and other officers were advanced. Gwendolyn Deal received her pin and credential and was welcomed into the loving fellowship of past presidents.

Sports-minded girls from Coeur D'Alene invited members to come to their lake city for next year's convention.

Many were the talents displayed by P. E. O. sisters of Idaho. Our thanks goes to Doris and the committees for their important part in the planning and execution of a

IDAHO: Pocatello, June 2, 3, 4

Hostess Chapters: B, K, AF, BG

Chairman: Doris Mauk

Theme: "Out Of The Heart."

OUR LOVELY president, Gwendolyn Deal, opened the 54th annual convention to 148 members representing 64 chapters and many visitors. Out of The Heart came the president's theme, Climb 'til Your Dreams Come True. Marianna Beers, AK, Pocatello, sang this theme beautifully in a song composed for convention by Jerry Shively, B. I. L., BG, Idaho Falls. Upon request she later repeated the song.

Forty one sisters were held in remembrance with Memorial Vespers in the United Methodist Church. Soft organ and harp music was played by Ann Shively, BG, and Sarah Tracy, AF. Poetic meditations, given by Barbara Spencer, BG, preceded the placing of marguerites on a large gold star as the memorial roll was called.

The projects evening reviewed and renewed interest in P. E. O. projects. Jane Evans, V, radiated the satisfaction of belonging to a chapter which puts the work of the Educational Fund as its most important local project. Grace Keveren, first vice president, announced that Miss Wijdan Shami of Jordan is Idaho's new IPS student. She is studying for her Ph. D. in school administration at the University of Idaho. Julia Dunbar of

Nampa, recent graduate of Cottey College, reflected a wholesome, youthful viewpoint in her talk, Cottey, We'll Always Remember. Recipients of Idaho Cottey College scholarships are Kathryn Lee Williams, Grangeville, and Lynde Lyons, Boise. Helen Jean Carey, AA, showing colored slides of the P. E. O. Chapter House in Caldwell, reminded us again of the beauty, comfort and homey atmosphere of our Home.

Honored guest, Marjorie Smith, recording secretary of Supreme Chapter, in her inspiring and helpful address, Memories and Dreams, helped us look both backward and forward. Devotions by Dorothy McCormick, AX, and Patricia Fisher, D, charged us to have faith and climb with courage and enthusiasm, never losing our sense of awareness of the wonder, mystery and beauty of Our Father's World.

Dr. Richard L. Willey, dean of the college of education, Idaho State University, also B. I. L., AK, addressed us at the banquet, using as his theme a quotation from Tagore, "And the Morrow is Theirs." He stressed the need for the re-assessment of educational and human values. Evelyn Falk, K, graced the evening with two beautiful vocal solos.

wonderful convention; to Marjorie, who was both joy and inspiration and gave practical help; to Gwen, who, out of her heart, lovingly guided the convention so that our dream is now a memory and we climb on with our star to guide. —
By Bessie Coffin, R. ■

GWENDOLYN S. DEAL (Mrs. E. H.) was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and when less than one year old moved to Warner, Alberta, Canada, where her father had a general store. In 1918 her family moved to Eugene, Oregon. Gwen attended high school in Eugene, and also the University of Oregon where she was in the first class to receive the R.N. as a 5-year student at St. Vincent's School of Nursing. She was a member of Sigma Kappa. She later worked in her profession in hospitals in Portland, Chicago, Nampa, and during the polio epidemic, at Nyssa Memorial Hospital.

Gwen is a member of The United Methodist Church; WSCS; Order of Eastern Star; Iras Temple, Daughters of the Nile; Women's Century Club, Nampa, of which she is a past president; AAUW; YWCA; Legisladies Club in Idaho; Tuesday Musicales; and the city library board, Nampa, before moving to Boise. In P. E. O. she was initiated into Chapter N, Nampa, and became a charter member of Chapter AX, Nampa, which she



GWENDOLYN DEAL

served as president. She served 7 years on the executive board of state chapter.

Gwen was married to the late Edson Deal, and for over 12 years was employed in his insurance office, Nampa. A son, Bruce, died in 1954. The two other children are Mrs. Robert J. Dodson (Patricia), FQ, Snohomish, Washington, and Dr. Edson F. Deal, in orthopedic residency, Salt Lake City. There are six grandchildren. Gwen has one sister, Mrs. J. D. Kindschi, Spokane.

Chapter, and introduced the members of honor: Maybelle Hoffman, Member of the P. E. O. Centennial Commission, Supreme Chapter; Helen Dowell Powell, FR, Board of Trustees, Cottey College; and Lola Minear, past member, Board of Trustees, THE P. E. O. RECORD.

Irene Snell addressed the convention on Some Unfinished Business, stressing the importance of charting our course for the future.

Music throughout convention was outstanding, and much of it original. Gwendolyn Hallenback, EQ, songleader, and Shirley Eakins and Martha Edwards, pianists, added much enjoyment.

Five new chapters, FS, FT, FV, and FW, were presented charters and welcomed by Irene Snell. Frieda Hamil, FS, responded.

Jean Rainey, first vice president, presided at the impressive Hour of Remembrance held in the lovely new St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Beautiful selections, including clarinet solos by Shirley Kissinger, EI, and vocal solos by Margarette Fuhr, EQ, and Gwendolyn Hallenback, EQ, were presented. Tributes were given in memory of five past state presidents. There were 114 sisters on the Memorial Roll.

The Educational Hour was presented by Opal Grigsby, second vice president. Delightful folk music was presented by Ellen Gray and Mary Morck, and Bill Cline, a teacher in Boulder High School. Miss Carol Hawkins, a Cottey student, sang several Cottey songs and gave some highlights of her life at Cottey. Jean Rainey, first vice president, presented three IPS students in their native costumes. They delighted the delegates with their expressions of appreciation and their native songs and dances. A scholarship of \$750. was presented by Colorado State Chapter to Crystal Rae Josewski of Balsa.

Mildred McCall, past president, and chairman of the Trustees of the Colorado P. E. O. Chapter House, Inc., presided at the annual

COLORADO: Boulder, June 11, 12, 13

Hostess Chapters: H, AV, BY, CG, CZ, DV, EI, EQ, EY

Chairman: Daphne Sorensen

Theme: "Pride In Our Past, Faith In Our Future."

THE BEAUTIFUL new complex — William Village, University of Colorado — was the setting for the 67th annual convention, presided over graciously and with precision by President Edna Gaines. Large pictures of our seven founders graced the stage. The state officers looked charming in gowns of the days of our founding.

Edna's "Extr'ordinaries," our singing guards, were dressed in yellow A-line dresses and wore bonnets trimmed with marguerites. They carried tiny parasols. After

their enthusiastic welcoming song and drill, they placed the parasols across the front of the stage, forming a row of huge marguerites.

The twin sisters of the president, Mildred Schroer, AK, New Mexico, and Margaret Brittain, DF, were platform pages. Mary Liz Mott, FV, developed the theme of convention, stressing the fact that P. E. O. ideals have not changed with the years. These ideals were developed in the devotions.

Edna welcomed Irene Snell, corresponding secretary of Supreme

meeting of the Corporation. She introduced the members of the board. She also introduced Ruth Crozier, ED, director and Mary Bischof, past president, director of public relations. The officers gave their reports. Mildred suggested that delegates urge all members of the corporation to consider ways and means of retiring the loan. She urged all P. E. O.'s and their B. I. L.'s to become acquainted firsthand with our Chapter House.

The model meeting was ably presented by Chapter EI, directed by Shirley Oldemeyer, organizer, assisted by Bernice Russell, past president.

Judge Horace Holmes, Boulder, served as master of ceremonies at the B. I. L. banquet. Entertainment featured the old and the new. An original skit, The Founding of P. E. O. written and directed by Gwendolyn Hallenback, was presented and The Boulder Sing-out Group, directed by Bill Cline, sang a group of modern numbers.

Betty Hull, FW, chairman, reported activities of the Welfare Fund Board; Opal Grigsby, second vice president, gave the report of the committee on scholarships, which included one award of \$750. to a first year student, two \$750. scholarships given by the Cottey Club of Denver, and four \$1,000. scholarships from the Heiserman Scholarship Fund.

Anna Petteys, Z, well-known author and educator, addressed the convention on The Mini Century Ahead. She stressed that we have left but thirty years in this century to attain the freedom we have struggled for, and freedom must survive. The invitation for 1970 was given — highways are happy ways and they all lead to Sterling!

Delegates to convention of Supreme Chapter were elected, and the following officers were installed by Irene Snell: Jean Rainey, Opal Grigsby, Shirley Oldemeyer, Louise McVicker, Gwendolyn Perkins, Gene Crisman, and Katherine Rock. — *By Dorothy Hogan, AT, Past President.* ■



EDNA GAINES

EDNA HAMIL GAINES (Mrs. C. E.) was born near Sterling, Colorado. She was educated in Colorado schools, and received her B. S. degree from Iowa State University with an Institutional Management major. She worked for five years in the food department of the University of Michigan League in Ann Arbor. She returned to Sterling in 1937 upon her marriage to Dr.

Charles E. Gaines, D. O. Their only son, Bob, his wife Jody (DZ, Colorado) and their two children recently purchased a cattle ranch near Sundance, Wyoming. Edna and her husband plan to visit them often when P. E. O. duties no longer require attention.

Edna is a member of the First United Presbyterian Church where she works actively in the Women's Association and served many years as superintendent of the Church School. Her interest in civic projects is evidenced by the fact that she served six years on the school board, taught adult education classes in nutrition, served several years on the Logan County Cancer Board, and was elected to the committee which set up the charter for Sterling when it became a home-rule city.

She was initiated into Chapter Z, in 1937, served as secretary for the convention committee in 1947 in Fort Morgan, then was elected chairman of the convention committee in 1962 when convention was held in Sterling. She has served in all offices of Colorado State Chapter.

Golfing, sewing, knitting and trout fishing at their rustic cabin located in the Medicine Bow National Forest, Wyoming are special interests.

MISSOURI: Kirksville, June 3, 4, 5

Hostess Chapters: A, C, E, G, R, V, AG, AM, AQ, AX, BE, BF, BN, BZ, CW, CZ, IG

Chairman: Luella Attebery

Theme: "From Yesterday With Challenge."

IN HARMONY with our P. E. O. centennial year, Missouri delegates and visitors registered in new Centennial Hall on the campus of Northeast Missouri State Teacher's College for their 76th annual convention.

Pre-convention activities included the past presidents' dinner with guests including the executive board; Irene Snell, corresponding secretary of Supreme Chapter, convention guest of honor; Luella Attebery, CW, and Betty Sue Smith, X, chairman and vice chairman of convention; and the dinner chairman, Alice Mitchell, E. The president's luncheon on Tuesday honored Mrs. Snell. Lilas Brandhorst, past president, and a member of

the Centennial Commission, Supreme Chapter, was the member of honor.

Miss Gene Wild, president, opened convention in Baldwin Hall Auditorium with a warm welcome to all and she presided throughout in a gracious and precise manner. Mary Lloyd, past president, gave the invocation after which Miss Wild announced her theme and her dedication to "Emily Hensley Dowell who organized Chapter FZ; Chapter FZ; my loyal and efficient executive board; the faithful and dedicated past presidents; all P. E. O.'s whose lives have touched and enriched mine by their love and friendship; and to my Mother who taught me P. E. O. ideals long

ago and whose love, patience and understanding has made possible my service."

Mrs. Attebery welcomed the delegation to Kirksville and Maxine Farrar, first vice president, gave the response. Guards and pages were dressed in old-fashioned dresses of lace-trimmed yellow dotted Swiss to carry out the centennial theme.

The Lord's Prayer was sung by Mary DeArmon, GQ, accompanied by Leone Conklin, GA.

Four new chapters — FA, Columbia; KB, Poplar Bluff; KC, Raytown; KD, Warrensburg — received their charters from Mary Thomas, organizer. Mrs. Snell gave the welcome from Supreme Chapter and Miss Florence Turner Porter, past president, from Missouri State Chapter.

The Hour of Remembrance, under direction of Marilyn Barrett, IG, was a memorial to 135 sisters. Music was furnished by Marie Schick, A, organist; Judy Simpson Ellis, soloist; and Miss Gilda Alvarez, cello soloist, accompanied by Miss Tryphena Scott. The invocation and Scripture were given by Ruth Barrett, IG, and the meditation by Mrs. Lloyd.

Miss Wild presided at the P. E. O. projects dinner. Following the invocation by Dorothy Martin, past president, Marjorie Conant, vice president of the Past Presidents' Club, introduced the 14 past presidents in attendance. A vocal trio composed of Evanelle Weatherwax Paradise, Caroline Funk, and Marcia Judd, all of Chapter E, presented three numbers.

Virginia Maxson, recording secretary, gave a short talk on the Educational Fund and Juanita Hammons, past president, read the International Peace Scholarship report as well as the centennial report in the absence of Kathryn Newman, second vice president. A letter was also read by Yvonne Sunen, FK, from a former IPS student, Dr. Rizalina Duran-Saquida.

The Cottey program was presented by Mrs. Farrar who introduced Mary Jane Logan, DE, a Cottey graduate who will attend Kansas University next year. Mary Jane and her group of five Cottey girls "told it like it was" in an original skit written by Mary Jane, and by singing Cottey songs. The other Cottey girls were Jane Thurlow of Browning, Jane Henderson of Cameron, Christy Jackson and Thera Price, both of Chillicothe, and Prakairut (Nong) Sastrasink of Thialand. Announcement was made of gifts to the three projects totaling approximately \$3,775.

Devotions were given by Dr. Alice Nightingale, IB, and by Joan Orr, FZ. Challenging to all was the informative and inspirational talk given by Mrs. Snell, and beautiful the vocal response by Marilyn Davidson, CW, "Come Yet Blessed."

Clara Ann Boyer of Sarcoxie was introduced by Eleanor Johnson, HU, chairman of the Missouri Memorial Scholarship Committee, and her mother was also introduced. Thera Price of Chillicothe received her second year scholarship.

Mrs. Farrar presided at the luncheon honoring Missouri's first chapter in its 83rd year; Chapters G and H in their 75th years; and Chapters DB, DC, DD and DE in their 50th years. Betty Sue Smith, X, gave the invocation. Miss Mary Stille, A, a P. E. O. for 62 years, was introduced. Dolls dressed as the founders were on the head table.

Chapter AF, Centralia, exemplified the model meeting carefully and precisely under the direction of Mrs. Thomas. Members of the Home Board of Trustees also "told it like it is" in regard to all facets of the Home, being introduced by Betty Brock, IF. The new member appointed to the Board, Jean Morton, EE, was introduced. Gifts to the Home totalled \$832.

Special music was furnished by Maureen Watkins, E, and Evanelle Paradise, E.

Mrs. Attebery presided at the Centennial Banquet. The Reverend William Schleiffarth of the First Christian Church, Brookfield, gave the invocation. Mrs. Snell brought greetings from Supreme Chapter after which Bernice Clark, CW, led the singing of original songs, accompanied by Libby Cowgill. A series of four living pictures "P. E. O. in 1869" was presented by daughters of Chapter CW and a B. I. L., with Kathryn Myers, narrator, and Libby Cowgill, accompanist. The speaker was Dorris Shelton, AI, of Scottsdale, Arizona, who spoke on the subject, Climb the Highest Mountain. Other guests included Mrs. Farrar's parents, Senator and Mrs. W. O. Mackie of Kirksville.

Invitations were extended the the convention for 1970 in Maryville; for 1971 in Springfield; and for 1972 in St. Charles.

Mrs. Snell installed the following officers: Maxine Farrar, Q; Mary Thomas, HD; Virginia Maxson, HW; Carolyn Dickson, IV; Margaret Weimar, JG; and Luella Attebery, CW.

Miss Wild was presented with her past president's credential by Mrs. Snell and was welcomed into the Past Presidents' Club and presented with her past president's pin by Mrs. Conant.

With the singing of Blest Be The Tie That Binds and the benediction by Mrs. Farrar, the 1969 convention was closed. — *By Marjorie Conant, ED, Past President.* ■

SHIRLEY GENE WILD, a Friday 13th child, was born in Sarcoxie, the oldest town in Missouri west of St. Louis, and now famous for its flowers. She was graduated from Sarcoxie High School as valedictorian, was graduated by Cottey College, and received her B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Missouri. She is office manager and treasurer of Gilbert H. Wild & Son, Inc., which grows and ships irises, peonies, and Hemerocallis (day lilies) to all parts of the world.

Gene was initiated into Chapter FZ in 1949 holding the offices of treasurer, corresponding secretary, vice president and president. She served



GENE WILD

a three-year term on the Missouri Memorial Scholarship Committee, and went on the Board of Missouri State Chapter in 1963.

For the past 6 years she has been treasurer of the American Hemerocallis Society. She is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, serving as a deaconess and Sunday School teacher; is a member of and has held offices in Charity Chapter #341 O.E.S., White Shrine, and holds life memberships in the American Hemerocallis Society, American Iris Society, American Peony Society, Alumni Association of the University of Missouri, Cottey College Alumnae Association, and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Her hobbies are knitting, needle-point, stamps and horses. She owns the World Champion 3- and 4-year old Tennessee Walking Horse, Beloved Belinda.

trustees, Cottey College, who told of changes and improvements at Cottey.

Two 50 year members, Willa Austin, Greycliff, and Pearl Marsh, Worland, were present to accept tokens for their long devotion from Mildred Yates, B, past president. Mabel Moudy, Laramie, a 55 year member, accepted her gift with enthusiasm. At 91 Mabel gave testimony for P. E. O. and its ideals; she attended the convention with her daughter, Margaret Rice, past president.

Not all of the beautiful music was originally published in 1869 but many were surprised that *Sweet Genevieve*, darling of barber shop quartets made her debut one hundred years ago, together with *Little Brown Jug* and *Shoo Fly, Don't Bother Me*. Delegates were delighted with scraps of information concerning recipes and clothing styles of our founders' day. Especially close to our own time and place was the fact that it was December 10th, 1869, that Wyoming, the equality state, permitted the first women voters in history.

Agnes Wherry, B, past president, admits that she has played piano selections from Sibelius at so many Wyoming conventions during her 55 years as a P. E. O. that she cannot remember how many. All were delighted once again by her dedication in having prepared Romance and Caprice. Wilma Frisbie Lane, past president, who plays with the Wheatridge, Colorado, Symphony, played several violin solos and led the convention in singing Wyoming's own anthem, "Wyoming."

Mimi Buntin, C, Cheyenne, revealed her versatility by serving as the page for the honored guest and singing several selections. Vocal solos by Betty Lou Ward, G, Casper, and Velma Crane, N, Douglas, and adroit pianist Molly Banlow, V, Gillette, contributed to the serenity of the convention. A very new P. E. O., Mary Weidensaul, Q, played the spirited marches for the guards and for convention sing-

WYOMING: Lander, June 9, 10, 11

Hostess Chapters: H, Q

Chairman: Althea Logan; Co-Chairman: Reva "Peg" Norris

Theme: "A Century Of Progress Through Faith And Dedication."

JUNE TORRENTS had raised the Popo Agie river above its banks and scrubbed Lander clean before delegates arrived for the 48th Wyoming convention. Each subsequent event was heralded with exciting displays of natural "fireworks" and "rolls of drums;" motels turned off their air conditioning and started their heating plants. The rain neither dampened the enthusiasm of the delegates or cooled the warmth of the gracious ladies of the hostess chapters. The spirited grace and shine of humor of Della McShane, C, president, as well as the lovely setting in the shadow of the Wind River mountains, set the tone of nostalgia and reminiscence.

During the Hour of Remembrance arranged by Mary Kay Anderson, past president, in the First Methodist Church, marguerites were added to the framed replica of the cover of the January, 1969, issue of THE P. E. O. RECORD for each of the 31 sisters remembered in words and song. The two vocal solos by Mary Watt, H, and Vir-

ginia Fuller, Q, contributed to the reverent beauty of the service.

Throughout convention emphasis on things past was evident, beginning with the "keynote speech by Wyoming's "great lady," Gladys Beeson, AM, past president, during the special centennial observance. The theme of friendship's garden recurred. Golda Zingheim, past president, introduced the 17 past presidents attending with clever verses likening each to a flower in her garden. The courtesy committee presented its report in verse form written principally by Jeanette Sager, past president. Marie Busch, beloved honored guest, remarked that Wyoming seemed to be a "poetic state."

Ornately framed pictures of the founders, larger than life size, graced the hall as did our two members of honor. Irene Kerr, Z, Cheyenne, first vice president, Supreme Chapter, who in her gracious way shared her experience and wisdom through KERRent Events, and Mildred Russell, AB, board of

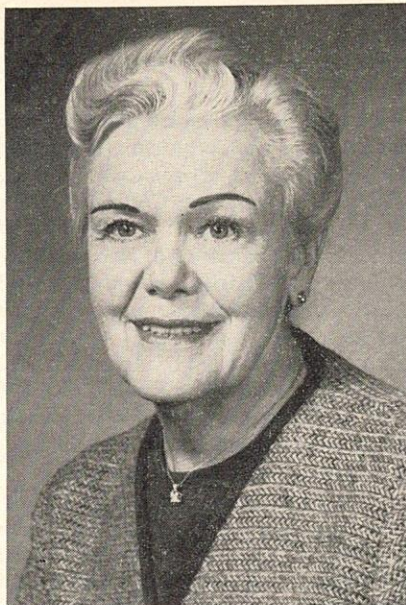
ing. Meditations were by Mary Phifer, N, Wheatland, and Ruth Anderson, M. Torrington.

Friendships were renewed and new friendships made during the delightfully planned meals with their original decorations and the morning and afternoon coffee breaks. The well planned program provided an easy manner to accomplish the work of the convention. Anne Cook's IPS skit starred Sheridan members: Gwinavere Quillen, AM, as Margretha Alder, Switzerland; Lillian Hoveland, AB, as Helen Perroti, Greece; Jeanne Castberg, P, as Hiroko Nakamoto, Japan; and Haroldine Peterson, T, as Yvonne Khouri of Lebanon. Elinor Robinson reported in a dramatic way of three Wyoming Loan Fund recipients with the help of Barbara Johnson, AD, Virginia Milam, S, and Shirley Garrett, Z, all of Cheyenne.

Cozette Johnson, a 1969 graduate of Cottey, graciously filled in for two other Cottey girls who could not attend at the last minute. Mary Milleson, Lander, and Cozette presented as always the best possible testimony for Cottey.

A large gathering of B. I. L.'s was infected by the general enthusiasm of the delegates and guests as they shared the delicious dinner and delightful entertainment of Frank Norris, Jr., co-chairman Peg's son, as he extolled the scenic and historic wonders of Wyoming. Another tidbit of history which all found fun was Mary Meyer's musical reading of The Unsinkable Molly Brown.

The convention returned abruptly to the twentieth century when "astronettes" from Chapters S, Cheyenne, and R, Wheatland, launched their invitation to the 1970 convention. New officers were installed by Marie Busch as convention closed with the prayerful wish expressed by Shirley Kirkbridge, C, Cheyenne, and Beverly Hoffman, D, Cody, in their eloquent Prayers for Peace. — *By Sally R. Vanderpoel, AK, Past President.* ■



DELLA McSHANE

DELIGHTFUL Della McShane was born, reared and educated in Nebraska. Following her graduation from Immanuel School of Nursing, Omaha, Nebraska, she did graduate work at Colorado State College, Greeley. She holds registered nursing licenses in Nebraska, California, and Wyoming.

Those who know Della wonder how she finds time to engage in her many activities and those of her husband, Dr. Kenneth McShane, physician and surgeon, who is president of

East Cheyenne National Bank and a board member of the Cheyenne National Bank.

Della has been a longtime member of the chancel choir of her church, Cheyenne's First Presbyterian. She is the vice president of the Cheyenne Community Concert Association, a member of Staff and Clef (an affiliate of the Federation of Music Clubs), Mizpah Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, Laramie County Medical Auxiliary, DePaul Hospital Guild, Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and the Auxiliary to the International College of Surgeons.

Della became a P. E. O. in 1951 in Chapter C, Cheyenne. She held five chapter offices and all seven offices in the state chapter.

The McShanes are world travelers and avid fishermen. Several years ago Della caught a Dolly Varden trout in Canada. Last year they fished the interior of Alaska and will leave this October for the Holy Land and the Far East.

The three McShane children have difficulty keeping up with their active parents: Mrs. John Champion (Mary) lives at Story, Wyoming; James is a graduate student at the University of Wyoming; Robert, a major in the Air Force and a graduate of Dartmouth, is the father of three grandchildren, the "light" of Della's life.

MONTANA: Billings, June 15, 16, 17

Hostess Chapters: Y, AS

Chairmen: Marjorie Barz, Arlene Sivertson

Theme: "Our Today's And Yesterdays Are The Blocks With Which We Build."

A PROFUSION of daisies decorated the Rimrock Room of the Northern Hotel where delegates from all 53 Montana chapters and many visitors had assembled for the 47th annual convention and to commemorate the 100th year of P. E. O. The P. E. O. March, the processional of pages, officers, past presidents, and representatives of Supreme Chapter entered convention hall following prelude music by Jean Rohrer, AS, at the organ. The invocation by Margaret Garry, R, was followed by the Dresden

Amen by the Marguerite Chorus. President Vesta Ahlquist's greetings preceded the formal opening, as did the devotions by Marjorie Gordon, E. A flute solo by Mildred Marsh, Y, music chairman, concluded the pre-opening. This was especially meaningful as Mildred's mother, Mildred Russell, a Cottey College trustee and the member of honor, was in attendance.

Introduction of the past presidents given in original verse by Helen Watkins, BA, and the introduction of the executive board,

also in original verse, by Marjorie Keeton, corresponding secretary, delighted those in attendance.

President Vesta's daughter, Anita Price, V, and her sister, Anita Wilford, V, were pages. They were gowned in old-fashioned floor-length yellow skirts and matching flowered blouses. The other pages and guards wore similar centennial costumes in pink with ruffled aprons and large gold stars, such as our founders wore.

The official welcome was given by Elizabeth Johnson, Y, and Alice Hodgson, AS, presidents of their chapters, and response was by Mary Jo Buffington, first vice president, and the Marguerite Chorus, who parodied Alice Blue Gown with lyrics of welcome.

A charter granted to Chapter BA, Sidney, was accepted by Lois Koch, president. The chapter was welcomed to Montana State Chapter by past president, Huldah Townsend, AP, and to Supreme Chapter by Florence Wallace, who closed the morning session with an inspirational message.

The model meeting was ably exemplified by Chapter Q, Great Falls, under supervision of Eleanor Robinson, organizer. Mary Jo Buffington conducted the projects program and was indeed fortunate in having as guest speaker, Mildred Russell, Cottey College trustee. Her enthusiasm for Cottey was diffused to everyone in the audience. The scholarship recipients for 1969-70 were announced: Lynn Roberts, Great Falls, Phyllis Bock, Sidney; Shirley Hatfield, Hamilton; and Sharon Mathers, Miles City. The Floy Olds Fries scholarship presented to Sharon Mathers was increased by \$100. when Faye Harris, AI, past state president, presented her check in that amount. These scholarships are in the amount of \$450. each.

A vocal solo by Janet Christensen, AD, accompanied by Maureen Booth, AV, and convention singing led by vivacious Barbara Hickel, AE, provided pleasant musical interludes.

Two workshops were held Tuesday morning previous to the call to order, under direction of the executive board. The organ prelude was played by Gladys Newman, E, and Dorothy McMurchie, AS. Devotions by Vivian Peterson, AQ, were followed by I'll Walk With God, sung by the Marguerite Chorus.

A program followed by Naomi Lory, past president, in honor of our 50-year members. She traced the styles for each decade from the present time back 100 years ago. Fifty-year members who were present were: Leona Froney and Zora Williams, S; Mary Dissley, J; Helen Miller, Y; and Olive Laird, B.

In resumé of chapter letters, Blanche Harding, treasurer, and her daughter, Gaye Engle, F, likened chapters' activities to building a sturdy and lovely home. They painted a wall-sized 1869 cupolaed house while their pre-recorded tape described specific chapter activities.

The invitation to the 1970 convention was accepted by president-elect Mary Jo Buffington, little green men and space ships inviting us to launch our second P. E. O. century in Butte.

Florence Wallace installed the officers: Mary Jo Buffington, AR; Cynthia Beverly, AW; Eleanor Robinson, Q; Garnette Stengel, AK; Marjorie Keeton, AU Blanche Harding, AI; and Arlene Sivertson, AS.

The Battle Hymn of the Republic was a stirring musical finale presented by 25 centennially-gowned Billings P. E. O.'s, accompanied by Georgia Besinque, AE, under the talented direction of Jean Wallace, AE.

A Memorial Service at the Congregational Church under the direction of Cynthia Beverly, second vice president, preceded the opening of convention. Music included the prelude and postlude by Gladys Newman, E. The Twenty-Third Psalm by the Marguerite Chorus accompanied by Irene Wil-

liams, AE; The Lord's Prayer sung by Elizabeth Rowan, S.

Social activities began with a dinner hosted by Y and AS at the Hiland's Club for the executive board and honored guests. The president's brunch, a registration tea, and the B. I. L. banquet followed on Sunday. Toastmistress was Marjorie Barz, Y. Guest speaker at the banquet was Dr. Luther Powell, minister of First Presbyterian Church and husband of Dorothy Powell, Y, who gave the invocation. The Marguerite Chorus sang several selections and were answered by The Bilboys who had written their own lyrics for the occasion. B. I. L. Gordon Mick played background music.

Monday evening a reception was held for the past presidents, 50-year members, and other honored guests in the Carter Room of the Northern Hotel and was followed by the Anniversary Banquet to which many came dressed in gowns of the 1869 era. Georgia De-sonia, AS, was toastmistress and Beth Stevens, AS, gave the invocation. Musical numbers presented were vocal solos by Elizabeth Rowan, S, accompanied by Virginia Hynes, S, and selections by the Bell Choir of the First Presbyterian Church under the direction of Mildred Marsh, Y. Speaker of the evening was Ruth Liane, AE, whose inspirational talk, encouraged all to let lights of love and faith shine, no matter how dark the way. Virginia Helmer, AE, announced the gift of \$100. for the Centennial Center Furnishings Fund in Vesta's honor.

The Northern Hotel provided exactly the right background for the centennial theme which had been followed closely with the table decorations, the antiques, the favors, the exquisitely gowned dolls representing the seven founders against a background stile and fence made by Beth Stevens, AS, even in the flower-trimmed long handled popcorn poppers which were used to gather ballots. — *By Barbara Card, AS.* ■



VESTA AHLQUIST

VESTA C. AHLQUIST (Mrs. E. E.) was born, reared and educated in Montana. Her husband Edward is president of Billings White Truck Company and Great Falls White Company.

They have lived in Billings for the past 25 years. They have three children: Edward, Jr., who is associated with his father in business; Anita Price (Mrs. Craig), V, Havre, Montana, mother of two sons, Mark, 5, and Matthew, 2; and James, a junior at Montana State University.

After the death of Edward, Jr.'s, wife in January, 1967, only eight weeks after the birth of their second child, he returned to the family home with his two children and Vesta assumed the role of both mother and grandmother to Julie, 7, and Jimmy, 2.

Vesta is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, has been active in many civic organizations, and has had many and varied hobbies. She became a member of Chapter AE in 1950. She served her chapter twice as president, in 1956-57 and in 1962-63. She was chairman of the Reciprocity Board in 1961-62. In 1962 Vesta was elected treasurer of Montana State Chapter and has served in all the offices. Her other activities include Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, PTA, Junior Women's Club, Eastern Star, Toastmistress, DeMolay Mothers' Club, and Rainbow Board.

Fund recipient, spoke of what it meant to her to have this loan available. She also reported on the IPS Fund. Ruth Hamilton, AD, mother of Patricia Hamilton, a student at Cottey in 1968-69, was introduced. Jean Marie Seidorf, BW, a third-generation P. E. O. and a Cottey graduate, urged all to "recruit for Cottey so that others might have the opportunity of sharing an experience, which I shall never forget." Chapter CU presented Carolyn with a check in the amount of \$200. for her special project — Cottey College.

The meditation on Friday by Jane Akers, DA, was based on II Corinthians 5:6 and 17: "Old things pass away, all things are new." A choral response was given by the CU Ensemble.

Chapter DB, with Helen Smith presiding, presented the model meeting, under guidance of Eleanor Burr, N, organizer. Sharon Jacobsen was initiated into the chapter. Members of Chapters, K, Z, CH, CI, CK and CN provided the program for Chapter DB by extending an invitation for 1970 convention to be held in Dayton, Ohio.

A Memorial Roll Book was presented to state chapter by members of Chapter BA in memory of Carolene Guard and Nancy Danks. In dedicating this book, Elizabeth Arnold, DQ, said: "This book will come to life only as the contributions received in memory of those to be entered in it are used for the education of young women. To them and to those whose names will be added, we pledge to be faithful stewards in our continued interest in the young women of the future."

The state centennial chairman reported that 111 gifts, totaling \$9331.50, had been received. The scholarship chairman reported two scholarships were awarded for 1969-70, to Jane Ellen Doak of Marietta and Meredith Wenzel of Port Clinton.

Gladys Taylor, AG, served as toastmistress for the Centennial Birthday Banquet. B. I. L.'s sang

OHIO: Sandusky, June 12, 13, 14

Hostess Chapters: S, AG, AI, AL, AQ, BE

Chairmen: Eileen Campbell, Elaine Anderson

Theme: "The Future Beckons."

THE 42ND ANNUAL convention convened at Breakers Hotel, Cedar Point. There were 266 members registered including 240 delegates representing 122 chapters; 18 past presidents; 7 state officers; Miss Helen Evers, second vice president of Supreme Chapter; the president of the Ohio P. E. O. Home Fund, Inc.; and 101 visitors.

After the call to order by the president, Carolyn Baldwin, CU, the invocation was given by Myrtle Graumlich, E, the eighth president of Ohio State Chapter. A meditation by Jane Souers, BH, was based on the Scripture, "How shall I give thee a good heritage." — Jeremiah 3:19. CU gave the choral response. Throughout all meetings, Iris Chilcote, BD, provided piano music and accompaniment for vocal selections by the ensemble and con-

vention singing. Juanita Harrison, CU, songleader, inspired all with her lovely voice. Fifty-year members were honored: Hazel Brownell, B; Rhea Lanz, AQ; Ruth Gildemeister, BG; Frances Newell, AF; and Hazel Markle, CI.

Corlie Jackson, third president of Ohio State Chapter, now a member of CN, Indiana, was honored as a 60-year member. The highlight of the afternoon meeting was the thought-provoking address by Miss Helen Evers.

Sailing into the Future, theme of our projects dinner, with Mary Helen Wegmann, CQ, first vice president, presiding, gave the delegates pertinent data. Georgianna Bonds, second vice president, reported on the Educational Fund. Mary Rose Comienski, DO, recording secretary and a former Loan

Happy Birthday and the rafters rang. Two birthday cakes were on each table and each cake was centered with a lighted candle. The speakers' table was decorated with tulle and tiny electric lights, stars that blinked their radiance at the assembled guests. Vern Anderson, husband of Elaine Anderson, AQ, co-chairman of convention, responded for the B. I. L.'s. Carolyn introduced the members of the executive board, their B. I. L.'s and the members of her own family. Miss Evers brought greetings from Supreme Chapter. An original song written by Juanita Harrison, CU, was sung by the ensemble, in costume. Entitled One Hundred Years of Friendship, the song told the story of P. E. O. Mr. Robert J. Miller, executive secretary of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, reviewed the history of P. E. O. and gave his meaning for our letters: P — Protect it. E — Enjoy it; and O — Obligate yourself to the future of it.

On Saturday morning convention hall became a tranquil sanctuary for the Hour of Remembrance. Mary Wisenbaugh, BQ, read the Scripture and Miriam Morrison, AY, gave the meditation. Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee was sung by the ensemble as tribute was paid to 53 sisters.

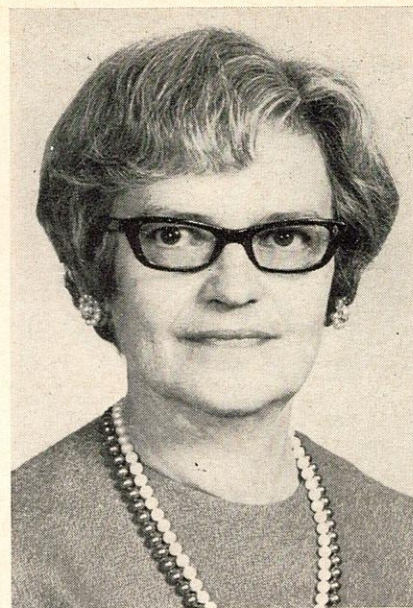
Helen Evers conducted a Question and Answer Workshop which was most instructive to all. Members expressed their appreciation with a standing ovation. The following officers were installed by Miss Evers: Mary Helen Wegmann, president; Georgianna Bonds, BQ; Eleanor Burr, N; Virginia Black, AG; Mary Rose Comiensi, DO; Elizabeth Arnold, DQ; and Mary Wolfe, DS. After receiving her credential, Carolyn thanked all who had helped during her service on the board, and was presented her past president's pin by Frances Newell, immediate past president, then was conducted to the past presidents' circle. Mary Helen Wegmann formally closed convention. The delegates left for

home renewed in the true spirit of P. E. O. and ready for the challenge of The Future Beckons. —
By Margaret J. Hecht, BL.

CAROLYN I. BALDWIN (Mrs. J. R.), a native Ohioan, was educated at Wittenberg University, Springfield, where she met her husband, Jim, a Lutheran minister. She has lived all her adult life in Ohio. She was initiated into Chapter CB, Oxford, in 1955 while her husband served as pastor to students at Miami University and Western College for Women. While living there she was province director of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

In Toledo in 1955 she dimitted to Chapter AY and since 1965 has belonged to Chapter CU, Worthington, and has served six years on the executive board. During her residency in Worthington she has been treasurer of the auxiliary to the Lutheran Welfare Services of central Ohio; a volunteer at the Alexander Graham Bell School for the Deaf; a member of the scholarship committee of the Columbus Pan Hellenic Council; and an active member of the district women's groups of the Lutheran Church and the women of All Saints' Lutheran Church where her B. I. L. is the pastor.

The Baldwins have two sons: C. David, an industrial designer, who



CAROLYN BALDWIN

with his wife and two children, lives in Toledo; and R. Thomas, Worthington, an attorney with the securities division of the Ohio Department of Commerce, whose wife, Genevieve, is a member of Chapter CU. They have one daughter.

In July the Baldwins returned to Toledo, where Jim is public relations director of the Lutheran Social Services of Northwestern Ohio.

CONNECTICUT: West Hartford, June 12,13

Hostess Chapter: K

Chairman: Nancy Edwards; Co-Chairman: Charlotte Bagnall

Theme: "Lanterns Of Light."

CONNECTICUT'S MT. LAUREL was at its height of beauty aided by the 90 degree humid weather — what a delight to assemble in comfortably air-conditioned University of Hartford Millard Auditorium for our tenth convention. Pages in white and guards in floor-length skirts, white blouses, and white aprons led past presidents and officers to their respective places. The march music was by Mr. C. D. Barnhouse, written for an early Iowa convention.

Over 100 visitors and delegates welcomed our guest of honor, Margaret Holliday, chairman, Educational Fund. Out of state guests

were from Vermont, Massachusetts, and Hawaii.

Meditations by Emma Waddington, E, past president, suggested similarities of light and life and reminded us of our obligations to "become" a P. E. O. Throughout convention we were entertained by the musical talents of members of Chapter K including duets and original parodies. A welcome was given to Chapter Q, new in our state, and again we watched the model meeting remembering a hundred years of love and light.

An inspiring and meaningful Hour of Meditation was led by Winifred MacDonald. Three were



PATRICIA MALONEY

honored with three marguerites placed in a green floral star.

Patricia Maloney's chapter, K, was hostess for the reception given in her honor. The B. I. L. banquet featured lantern decorations; beautiful duets by Patricia Edge, K, and Roger Loucks; a delicious dinner; and a hilarious response and welcome by B. I. L. John Maloney.

The Friday morning session resumed after an informal buzz session. Julia Nelson, L, used a basket of eggs to develop the thoughts of the meditation, The Egg and Us. Margaret Holliday's talk was the highlight of the morning session, followed by the election of officers: Winifred MacDonald, N; Martha McCulloch, L; Katharine Cackler, E; Mary Elizabeth Snow, G; Marjorie Allen, B; Margery Carlson, K and Rosalind Whalon, A.

After the meaningful workshops, we were introduced during luncheon to an IPS student, Shandi Roni Bendr  from India, and listened to vivacious Linda Cornell, the Connecticut Cottey scholar, both examples of "lanterns of learning."

With the assistance of her pages, Marjorie Steinert, K, and Patty's mother, Margaret Martin, AS, Nebraska, the business of the day finished smoothly. The new officers were installed by Mrs. Holliday, Patty was welcomed into the past

presidents' circle, Blest Be the Tie was sung, and the new president closed with the benediction.

Chapter K honored Patty by presenting her with a linen luncheon set lovingly designed and sewn by Edith Sundstrom and members of Chapter K. — By Betty Shaw, D. ■

PATRICIA M. MALONEY (Mrs. J. W.) was born in Kearney, Nebraska. She lived most of her childhood in Kearney where she was active in Camp Fire Girls. Patty attended school in Lake Forest, Illinois. Later she was a graduate of Colby College, Waterville, Maine, majoring in history and preparing to be a high school teacher.

Patricia married John Maloney and settled in Ashland, Kentucky, where he was stationed with the army for two years. She taught school for a short time until they moved to Connecticut where he is part owner of an insurance agency. They have three

children: Julie, 11; Timothy, 8; Kathleen 6.

Patty had been active in the Presbyterian Church in Hartford, and is now active in the Congregational Church in New Britain. She has served on several church committees, has taught Sunday School, and has sung in the choir.

Patricia was initiated into Chapter AS, Kearney, Nebraska. She became a member of Chapter K, Simsbury, Connecticut, and served it as president. She has served on the executive board of state chapter for five years.

Patty has been a member of the Hartford Symphony Chorale for ten years and she introduced and organized the Camp Fire Girls in the New Britain area. Presently she is finishing her fourth year as a Camp Fire leader and guardian, and is serving as a district chairman and member of the board of directors for the local council of the Camp Fire Girls. Other interests are music, hiking, sewing, sketching, and photography.

ILLINOIS: Bloomington, June 11, 12, 13

Hostess Chapters: AR, AW, BC, BW, CF, CL, CX, FF, FM, GR, HA, HI, HP, HX, IF, JP, JV, KD, KE, KO, KP, KQ

Chairman: Olive McCannon, Lucille Mathias; Co-Chairman: Jacqueline Weberg
Theme: "A Proud Past—A Dream Of The Future—How Swift The Years."

THE 67TH annual convention of Illinois State Chapter was presided over by Grace Randolph, BZ, president. All meetings were held on the campus of Illinois Wesleyan University. Growing peach-colored geraniums were used as decorations. The corners of the convention room were arranged to show the way it looked 100 years ago in homes such as those in which the founders might have lived, the furniture arranged as if some one had just left for a moment . . . the toys, books, fancywork set aside.

Dean Everett Walker of the University welcomed the delegates and guests saying, "During these three days I. W. U. means I Welcome You!" Mayor Walter Bittner welcomed all and presented a gold key to the city of Bloomington, good for 100 years, to the president.

The guards and pages under the direction of Margaret Stransky,

past president, wore white lace-inserted A-Line dresses with green scarfs, and green earrings. Sarah Jane Mistic, BC, was chief guard and Susan Vitale, BW, was her assistant. Platform pages were Gretchen Randolph, BZ, daughter-in-law of the president, and Mary Ellen Randolph Raster, BZ, a cousin.

Mary Bowen, chairman, Finance Committee, Supreme Chapter, was guest of honor and was a fascinating and charming person in all she did to make this convention such a friendly one. Special music during convention was provided by a group from the hostess chapters, The Grace Notes.

Gertrude Vissering, JQ, Elizabeth Rice, KU, and Nine Dancey, AS, gave inspiring meditations. Charters were presented to six chapters by Charlotte Barbour, organizer. Mary Bowen welcomed

chapters LC, LD, LE, LF, LG, and LH to Supreme Chapter.

"Because they loved the beautiful, — Because they believed in happiness — We dedicate this hour to fond remembrance and not to sorrow." This was the theme of the Time of Remembrance held in Presser Hall. One-hundred twenty-seven were listed in the Memorial Book. A special memorial tribute was given by Frances Bay, president of the Past President's Group, in honor of Gladys Cross, past president and member of the P. E. O. Home Board, who died one week before convention.

The Projects Dinner was in charge of Margaret Nordman, P, first vice president. The Educational Fund Since 1907 was given by Mary Pinkerton, AX. A skit by six Cottey girls and a talk by an Educational Fund student and Miss Nira Ben-Jonathan from Israel, IPS, were followed by a most inspiring address by Dr. Robert S. Eckley, president of Illinois Wesleyan University, on New Ideas in Education.

The Reverend Richard G. Watts, B. I. L., First Presbyterian Church, Normal, gave the benediction and the invocation. Question and Answer time with Mary Bowen and Charlotte Barbour were productive sessions held each morning. The model meeting was presented by Chapter CF, Charleston, in a perfect and inspiring way with Ann Cloud as president and an official initiation. New officers are Margaret Nordman, Marjorie Lutz, Charlotte Barbour, Mary Alvey, Mary Pinkerton, A. Jeannette Knodt, Lucille Mathias.

The B. I. L. Banquet was perfect in every detail, held in the Scottish Rite Temple. Mary Bowen was the ideal after-dinner speaker. Greetings by Grace Randolph, introduction of B. I. L.'s by Lucille Mathias, and response by Paul Mathias, paved the way for the program in the auditorium, a concert by the SPEBSQSA from Bloomington.

At this convention there were

311 chapters represented, 7 state officers present, 15 past presidents, 337 members of convention, and 485 visitors. The invitation to the 1970 convention was renewed to meet at the Marriott Motor Hotel in Chicago and Lois Nelson, BK, Rock Island, extended a musical invitation to the 1971 convention to be held at Augustana College. Grace Randolph received her credential from Mary Bowen and her past president's pin from Frances Bay.

The funniest and happiest event of the last morning was a skit called A Happening. Given first by an Oak Park Chapter as a Founders' Day program, it depicted P. E. O. 100 years from now. It was a happy way to end a fascinating convention in which all business was taken care of, many friendships made and renewed. — *By Marjorie W. Reynolds, BZ.* ■

GRACE GENTLE RANDOLPH (Mrs. C. L.) was born near Canton and has lived in central Illinois all of her life. She attended Western Illinois Teachers College at Macomb, Illinois, and taught in the rural schools for six years. She later worked for the government farm program as chief statistician for Fulton County.

Grace was initiated into Chapter BZ, Canton, in 1947. In her twenty-two years of P. E. O. she has held an office for twenty-one years, in the local chapter BZ, on the Convention Planning Group of District Seven, and



GRACE RANDOLPH

all offices on the Illinois executive board.

Her community interests are varied including church work at the United Methodist Church of Locust Lane of which she is a member, the Gift Shop League of the Graham Hospital, and holding part time bookkeeping jobs.

She is married to Charles L. Randolph and they have lived on the Randolph farm which was homesteaded by the family in 1832. They have one son, Phil, who attended agriculture college in Oklahoma and has now taken over the farming operations. Phil is married and he and Gretchen have two children, Romy, 6, and Colin, 3. They are the pride and joy of Grandmother Grace.

Her hobbies include collecting plates, needlework, reading and traveling.

OREGON: LaGrande, June 16, 17, 18

Hostess Chapters: I, K, AF, AX, CJ, CO

Chairman: Virginia Cochran

Theme: "Match Us To This Hour."

IT WAS MOST APPROPRIATE that Oregon's P. E. O. Centennial Convention be held in LaGrande, a town which, too, had its beginnings about a hundred years ago. The convention, Oregon's 58th, met at Eastern Oregon College. The background of the stage in Convention Hall featured a giant star of P. E. O. encircled by individually

framed portraits, in color, of each of the seven founders. Oregon evergreens were also used as decorations at the base of the officers' table. From the first day of convention, when members of the executive board entered Convention Hall in lovely old-fashioned costumes, to the last moment, when president Joyce Gibbs extinguished

the candles on the centennial birthday cake, we felt the ideals of those seven founders close to us.

Members of the convention included our guest of honor, Marjorie Reid, chairman, Board of Trustees, THE P. E. O. RECORD; member of honor, Amy Welch, immediate past president of Supreme Chapter; 19 past state presidents (including Edna Brownnton, I, president in 1922); all state officers, guards and pages, and delegates from 126 chapters.

The Hour of Memory was held at the college auditorium under the direction of Chapter DK. In an atmosphere of dignity and reverence, Margaret Hill, DK, gave the meditation and Jeannette Baum, DK, read the memorial tribute to 38 members. There was appropriate vocal music by Janis Keffer, DK, accompanied by Lila Bishop, I. Organ prelude and postlude music was provided by Florence Grow, BI.

The convention theme was carried out meaningfully in the devotions by Paula Schudel, S; Jean Meyers, AQ; and Allien Duncan, AO, using as subjects — "Match Us To The Hour of the Past, the Present, and the Future."

Virginia Cochran, I, general chairman, gave the greeting from the hostess chapters and introduced members of her committee. Jean Popovich, corresponding secretary, responded. Ruth Horning, organizer, presented dispensations to Chapters DY and DZ.

The inspirational address, "A Vision of Stars" was given by our honored guest, Marjorie Reid. She also gave helpful answers to questions from the question box during convention. Another fine address, The Pathway Of The Star, was given by our member of honor, Amy Welch, AN.

Lula Williams, first vice president, gave her report at the Educational Hour and introduced Miss Elizabeth Riddell of Cottey College who sang two numbers, accompanied by Florence Hutchinson, AB. Elizabeth also spoke on

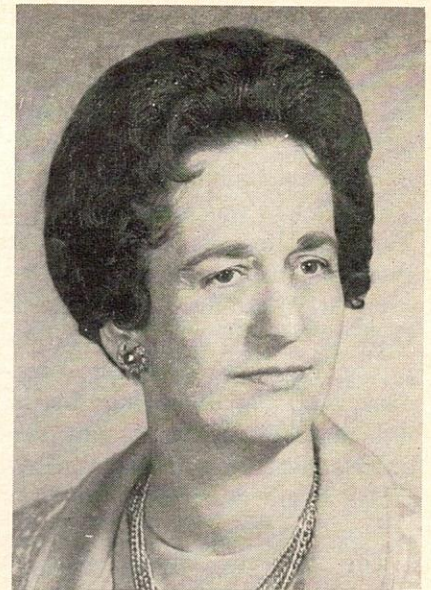
the subject, My Introduction to Cottey. Speaking on Finding My Field was Joyce McFetridge, DK, former loan fund recipient. Dorothy Berry, director, Public Relations, Cottey College gave the address, Your College. Peggy Burgess, CA, introduced area representatives. Oregon chapters awarded a grand total of \$9090.00 in scholarships this year: 6 Cottey College scholarships totalling \$6,125.00; the Amy Welch \$550. scholarship to Mrs. Barbara Dodrill; a \$500. scholarship from Chapter BM to Christine Crabtree; and 9 scholarships of lesser amounts.

The model meeting was beautifully exemplified by Chapter R led by Josephine Farris.

The theme for the Monday luncheon, the Educational Dinner, and the reception for the past presidents was P. E. O. Founders and hostesses were Chapters AX and CJ. Tuesday's luncheon theme was Pioneer Women and hostesses were Chapters K and AF. Coffee breaks were hosted by Chapter I.

The P. E. O. centennial was a real celebration at the B. I. L. banquet which was appropriately entitled Gazebo Gormandizing — with garden flower decorations and an elaborate menu carrying out the theme. Chapters I and CO were the hostesses, and Dr. Frank Bennett, B. I. L., served as toastmaster. Delightful musical entertainment was provided by Gail Swart, R, piano; Janis Keffer, DK, soprano; The Praetorian Trio from Eastern Oregon College; and the Men's Quartet, made up of LaGrande B. I. L.'s — Rempel, Eustace, Spear, and Easley. Accompanists were Lila Bishop, I, piano, and Linda Bishop, I, flute.

During convention, members were charmed by the musical numbers and skits presented by the Salem Centennial Players. Judy Krueger, AR, songleader, had the right tune for various occasions; Florence Grow, BI, was convention pianist, and Gail Swart, R, played for the Educational Hour.



JOYCE GIBBS

Vocal solos during convention were presented by Barbara Turner, BJ, and Marguerite Ranstad, DS, with Marilyn Muller, CM, and Florence Grow as accompanists.

Bathing beauties from Chapters AS, BZ, CC, CS, CU, and CZ distributed tiny bottles containing scrolls upon which were written the invitations to the 1970 convention, to be held in Coos Bay "by the beautiful sea."

Gifts were presented to outgoing president, Joyce Gibbs, from chapters AJ, DR, DS, DT, and the Roseville P. E. O. Group.

New officers installed by Marjorie Reid were: Lula Williams, Doreen Shogreen, Ruth Horning, Jean Popovich, Pauline Acaiturri, Eleanor Ehlers, and Arlene Mencke.

Following the formal close of convention, Chapters K, AF and CO entertained at an informal coffee hour honoring the new executive board. The theme was From the Maxi to the Mini, emphasizing that in a changing world — changing in styles, manners and customs — in this new century we can rededicate ourselves to the principles established by the founders of P. E. O. These principles do not grow old and will help to "Match Us To This Hour." — *By Helen Hansen, CO.* ■

JOYCE LAMOREUX GIBBS (Mrs. R. L.), a native Washingtonian, is a graduate of Cottey College and Whitman College, and a former field representative for Cottey. Joyce's husband, Robert Gibbs, is vice president of the U. S. National Bank of Oregon. The Gibbs have a son, Jerry, 14, and a daughter Maren, 11.

Joyce was initiated into Chapter U, Washington. She later became a mem-

ber of Chapter BQ, Oregon, and now belongs to Chapter AJ, Portland. She served in all state offices except that of recording secretary. She also belongs to Eastgate Chapter No. 116, OES, and Alpha Chi Omega. Joyce is a member of the Parkrose United Church of Christ where she has served six years on the Board of Christian Education and was also director of the junior choir.

Joyce has been an instructor in piano at Linfield College, a case worker in public welfare, a professional staff member for the YWCA, and a member of the board of directors for the YWCA for eight years.

From these many worthwhile interests and activities, we may truly say that Joyce has indeed "matched herself to this hour," in attune with her convention theme.

50 Year HONOR ROLL



Margaret Robson
Idaho



Blanche Firth
Illinois

Lyons, Marie (Mrs. H. H.), AT, Ordway, 1919; same

Rush, Mabel (Mrs. H. T.), AU, Pueblo, 1919; same

IDAHO

Robson, Margaret (Mrs. I. A.), M, Kellogg, 1919; same

ILLINOIS

Anderson, Mildred (Mrs. A. J.), L, Woodhull, 1919; CS, Kewanee

Firth, Blanche B. (Mrs. B. H.), AK, Gillespie, 1919; IK, Collinsville

Johnson, Edith (Mrs. E. A.), N, Grand Junction, Colorado, 1919; CP, Lake Forest

IOWA

Bean, Lois (Mrs. F. G.), CK, Mt. Ayr, 1919; JH, Sioux City

Bentz, Katharin Horn Hoffman (Mrs.), W, Leon, 1919; same

Clark, Edna B. (Mrs. M. H.), BP, Indianola, 1919; AG, Winterset

Edson, Ada (Mrs. J. L.), EP, Storm Lake, 1919; same

Morrison, Ann (Mrs. H. E.), AR, Grundy Center, 1918; same

Ryken, Irene (Mrs. M. J.), BN, Ackley, 1919; same

Sands, Lanchen (Mrs. C. G.), P, Red Wing, Minnesota, 1919; JQ, Charles City

Saunderson, Daisie (Mrs. J. M.), DX, Sioux City, 1915; JH, Sioux City

MINNESOTA

Loudon, Agnes V., O, Moorhead, 1919; same

MISSOURI

Alexander, Katie Mae (Mrs. A. L.), CQ, Ridgeway, 1919; CH, Eldon

Bumbarger, Edna (Mrs.), C, Memphis, 1919; same

Clarahan, Ethel Kelley (Mrs. L. E.), A, Eureka Springs, Arkansas, 1919; EL, St. Louis

Gold, Kilby, BB, Sedalia, 1919; same

Gruver, Florence (Mrs. F. E.), CT, Flat River, 1919; HJ, Farmington

Hoffman, Ida, BB, Sedalia, 1919; same

Kirkland, Mary Rushbrook (Mrs. F. P.), CR, Hardin, 1919; same



Blanche Skiff Ross, Illinois
A P. E. O. for 75 Years

BLANCHE SKIFF ROSS, BI, OAK PARK, Illinois, is observing her 75th year as a P. E. O. Mrs. Ross, a niece of Alice Virginia Coffin, one of the seven founders of the sisterhood, was initiated into Chapter AO, Newton, Iowa. She later became a member of Chapter E, Monmouth, Illinois, and in 1948 became a member of her present chapter. Mrs. Ross has two daughters, Verna Orndorff, BI, River Forest, Illinois, and Diane Fennekohl, BA, Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Ross' husband, the late Frank P. Ross, and her brother, Frank Vernon Skiff, were founders of the Jewel Tea Company. Among the many P. E. O. endeavors to which Mrs. Ross has generously contributed is construction of the library at Cottey College, dedicated in 1962 as the Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library. Mrs. Ross and members of her P. E. O. family plan to attend the centennial convention of Supreme Chapter.

Mrs. Ross' interests have reached far in many areas. She took an early interest in the PTA in Oak Park and helped to establish kindergartens in the town. She was one of the founders and is a life member of the Oak Park and River Forest Garden Club. She is a life member of the Art Institute of Chicago and for many years was active in the Infant Welfare League of Chicago and Oak Park.

ARIZONA
Nichols, Verna Swain (Mrs.), AH, West Liberty, Iowa, 1918; BH, Tucson

ARKANSAS
Sharp, Jo C. (Mrs. G. S.), C, Little Rock, 1919; same

CALIFORNIA
Allen, Ann S. (Mrs. L. H.), E, Superior, Wisconsin, 1919; PE, San Bernardino
Cummings, Laura E. (Mrs.), BG, Livermore, 1918; DB, Oakland

Dixon, Helen, M, Kellogg, Idaho, 1919; RH, Yucaipa

Gray, Lila Webster (Mrs. F. W.), AH, Glendale, 1919; same

Lambert, Ora Bell (Mrs. W. D.), AW, Long Beach, 1919; DR, Wilmington

Meier, Caroline (Mrs. J. J.), BT, Weeping Water, Nebraska, 1918; HW, Modesto

Nystrom, Grace, M, Omaha, Nebraska, 1919; RH, Yucaipa

Thompson, Emma A., BX, Peoria, Illinois, 1919; FZ, Ventura

Wilson, Blanche (Mrs. N. A.), DM, Seymour, Iowa, 1919; QY, Anaheim

COLORADO
Baird, Grace (Mrs. W. N.), P, Salida, 1919; same

Donnell, Una (Mrs. J. S.), AS, Kearney, Nebraska, 1919; S, Ft. Morgan

Feldman, Isabel (Mrs. I. G.), AA, Wray, 1918; CY, Grand Junction

James, Minnie Eberle (Mrs. Lewis), AJ, Craig, 1919; same

CHAPTER ETERNAL

My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. —Exodus 33:14

ARKANSAS

Atkinson, Ida Ruth (Mrs. T. E.), C, Little Rock, June 2
Shaver, Florence (Mrs. W. N.), P, Van Buren, May 19

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Bews, Raye M. (Mrs. F. E.), C, Vancouver, May 12

CALIFORNIA

Boege, Sally (Mrs. G. E.), QG, Fullerton, May 22
Bradley, Sarah (Mrs.), BU, Los Angeles, June 8
Carter, Colene (Mrs. R. E.), EP, San Gabriel, May 11
Carter, Helen Joan (Mrs. H. C.), FJ, Long Beach, May 26
Cushman, Ferne M. (Mrs. R. E.), EP, San Gabriel, May 22
Dandridge, Phyllis (Mrs.), BI, Monrovia, April 19
Elliott, Mabelle J. (Mrs. W. P.), OB, Pacific Palisades, May 24
Garmen, Phyllis (Mrs. G.), EK, Whittier, April 27
Jarman, Edith (Mrs.), FK, Palo Alto, May 29
McMillan, M. Edna (Mrs. J. C.), CY, Los Angeles, May 24
Matson, Clara B. (Mrs. L. E.), MM, Palo Alto, June 3
Nall, Joan Short (Mrs. R. D.), PB, Newport Beach, May 14
Newcom, Eloise N. (Mrs. R. W.), KO, Glendale, May 11
O'Brien, Vallie (Mrs. T. D.), IL, Oakland, May 30
Oliver, Delpha (Mrs.), QQ, San Clemente, May 24
Paul, Katharine M. (Mrs.), KM, Los Angeles, May 19
Rowley, Dorothy (Mrs. H. B.), ID, Berkeley, May 17
Ruhlen, Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. L. L.), AE, San Jacinto, May 20
Steven, Laurene (Miss), JX, Long Beach, May 14
Stunz, Bessie (Mrs.), OR, San Clemente, May 17
Sugru, Helen (Mrs. H. J.), GA, Los Angeles, April 14
Wilkens, Jean D. (Mrs. G. C.), PS, Del Mar, June 5

COLORADO

Bridges, Elizabeth (Mrs. F. B.), EG, Fort Morgan, May 8
Ellis, Amanda (Miss), CE, Colorado Springs, May 11
Dickerson, Harriet M. (Mrs.), U, Windsor, May 23
Felson, Audrey (Mrs. G. W.), AO, Glenwood Springs, May 23
Lohn, Hazel F. (Mrs.), DN, Denver, May 7

MacPherson, Florence (Mrs. F.), CY, Grand Junction, May 10
Spindle, Ida M. (Mrs. B. S.), U, Windsor, May 10
Thompson, Alberta (Mrs. E. J.), K, Manitou Springs, May 5

CONNECTICUT

Crossman, Louise N. (Mrs. W. C.), J, Westport, April 15
Herbert, Myrtle B. (Mrs. G. P.), D, West Hartford, June 6

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Hurt, Kate (Miss), D, Washington, February 23

FLORIDA

Freeland, Clara M. (Mrs.), CB, St. Petersburg, May 23
Hart, Helen B. (Mrs. J.), BZ, Tallahassee, June 7
Johnson, Ruth H. (Mrs. C. L.), CW, North Palm Beach, June 2
Schoonover, Margaret (Mrs. J. W.), CC, Bradenton, May 15

ILLINOIS

Chilcote, Goldie (Mrs. D.), AU, Glen Ellyn, April 23
Cross, Gladys A. (Mrs. A. G.), DG, Chicago, June 3; President of Illinois State Chapter, 1957-58
Danner, Maude (Mrs.), EK, Winchester, May 7
Karr, Fannie P. (Mrs. D. E.), R, Peoria, June 7
Landon, Mildred (Mrs. R.), AN, Galesburg, May 23
McFarland, Myrtie (Mrs. F.), F, Quincy, May 10
McPherson, Viola (Miss), AK, Gillespie, June 7
Reynolds, Vera K. (Mrs. A. R.), EB, Joliet, May 19
Schroeder, Ellaree (Mrs. O.), HM, Palos Heights, May 7
Swanson, Gladys (Mrs. R. M.), W, Galesburg, May 6
Wagner, Olive (Mrs. H. L.), GQ, Rock Island, June 3

INDIANA

Jay, Amy L. (Mrs. C.), BV, Logansport, June 4
Pierce, Mary Esther (Mrs.), AW, Terre Haute, May 21
Schram, Mabel (Mrs. E.), CQ, Peru, May 26
Wise, Dora S. (Mrs.), J, Valparaiso, May 17

IOWA

Banwell, Ilah (Mrs. C. R.), FS, Clarion, May 24
Cleave, K. Frances (Miss), O, Farmington, June 12
Davis, Marion (Miss), BX, Maquoketa, May 22
Dennis, Ruth A. (Miss), IP, Dubuque, May 23

Fay, Pama D. (Mrs. J. M.), JN, Clinton, May 14
Fuhrmeister, Lulu (Mrs.), GV, Fort Dodge, May 20
Good, Emily A. (Mrs.), DI, Hamburg, May 4
Hemmingson, Margaret (Mrs. H. P.), E, Iowa City, April 30
Johnson, Elva (Mrs.), V, Des Moines, June 8
Kramer, Cecelia (Mrs. H. J.), FT, Postville, April 6
Moore, Ruth (Mrs. S.), JT, Cedar Rapids, May 25
Patterson, Leo (Mrs.), II, Cedar Rapids, May 6
Pyles, Blanche (Mrs.), HM, Des Moines, May 19
Rait, Margaret (Miss), FB, Cedar Falls, May 13
Ramsey, Cora B. (Mrs.), IH, Cedar Rapids, May 30
Rutherford, Lucille (Mrs.), BI, Sac City, May 10
Shaw, Margaret Bragdon (Mrs. H. W.), Z, Waterloo, June 10
Wagner, Sadie (Mrs.), EZ, Anita, January 27

KANSAS

Bukey, Mary F. (Miss), AY, McPherson, May 15
Carnine, Lena (Mrs. H.), CG, Emporia, June 5
Friend, Susan (Miss), CG, Emporia, May 10

LOUISIANA

Balcom, Isa B. (Mrs. H. V.), B, Shreveport, May 9

MICHIGAN

Bald, Grace C. (Mrs. F. W.), AY, Flint, April 29
Chase, Leota (Mrs. R.), AS, Saginaw, May 17
Fralick, Leona (Mrs. B. L.), AE, Detroit, May 12
Niehuss, Lois M. (Mrs. M. L.), W, Ann Arbor, May 31
Redhead, Margaret (Mrs.), DD, Birmingham, May 14

MINNESOTA

Cutter, Celia (Miss), I, St. Paul, June 9
Meyer, Delora Meiner (Mrs. Clifford), BW, Wayzata, May 12
Peterson, Irene (Mrs. Lloyd), BR, Duluth, April 25
Schmidt, Edith L. (Mrs. G. F.), A, Minneapolis, June 6
Waychoff, Ruth (Mrs. O. C.), AA, Minneapolis, May 22

MISSOURI

Carnes, Elizabeth (Miss), AD, Trenton, May 25
Chick, Florence (Mrs. W. W.), IJ, Kansas City, May 28
Fields, Yvette W. (Mrs.), ET, Lee's Summit, May 16
Gibbany, Eliza Henderson (Mrs.), BC, Pattonsburg, June 10
Kelso, Dennis M. (Miss), BI, Cape Girardeau, May 23
Leitch, Maude (Mrs.), FK, St. Louis, May 15
Randolph, Jennie Hennings, AQ, Marceline, April 16

RECIPROCITY REFERENCE

The following list of contact persons for reciprocity organizations is presented as an aid to local corresponding secretaries and unaffiliated active members living in the areas named who may wish to know of P. E. O. activities in which they may participate. The list will be printed every other month, September through May.

When an active member moves to another locality, it is the duty of the corresponding secretary of her chapter to notify chapters in the area to which the member is moving. If the locality is represented in the list below, she may write to the person listed. If the locality is not represented here, she should write to the corresponding secretary of the chapters in that locality as listed in the 1968-69 Annual Directory of Officers which she received through the president of her chapter as an item for her official supplies.

Reciprocities not listed should immediately send the following information to THE P. E. O. RECORD, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312: (1) City or area represented. (2) Name and complete mailing address of a member who can serve as a contact person for unaffiliates until September, 1970.

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