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All Illinois P. E. O.'s

Introduction

▶ THE PURPOSE of this Book is to preserve, in ink, memoirs of individuals and chapters with the events which they caused to happen in P. E. O. since 1871 when the organization took root in Illinois.

▶ WE ARE fortunate, indeed, to be a border line neighbor of Iowa and especially close to Mount Pleasant where our Sisterhood was founded. Even before there were State Chapters, members who moved across the Mississippi, from Iowa, brought *Pioneering Efforts Over* and established a chapter in the Jacksonville Female Academy. Chapter "C" (old lettering), Jacksonville, marks the beginning of P. E. O. in Illinois.

▶ THIS COMPILATION of P. E. O. facts, figures, folklore and fun is the realization of the History committee, Myrtle C. Combe, Z, Harrisburg; May H. DeMoney, I, Chicago; and Eugenia Allin, CX, Decatur; who have worked tirelessly for the past fifteen years in collecting and assembling the materials necessary for a historical publication. But in spite of all their efforts, many of the early incidents go unrecorded and some pictures are missing.

▶ IT IS OUR SINCERE HOPE that 50 years hence, when another volume of our history is published, P. E. O. in Illinois, will have made the same remarkable growth and record which the years since 1903 have shown.

Sara B. Minear
President,
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Mary Allen Stafford



Alice Bird Babb

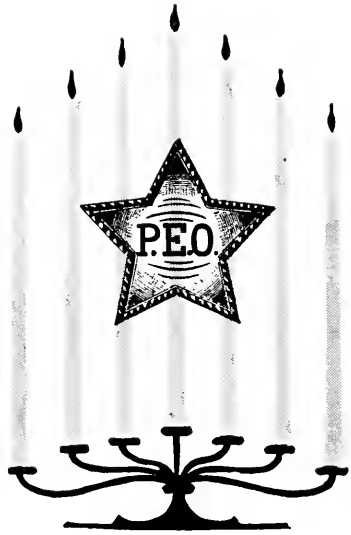


Ella Stewart



Hattie Briggs Bousquet

Founders of P.E.O. Sisterhood...1869



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LOOKING BACKWARD

► To THOSE of us who have long been steeped in the traditions of P. E. O., this chapter will be a review; but to our younger members it will be of historical value.

Every P. E. O. knows that the organization, as such, came into being on January 21, 1869. But what traditions, what impulses led to that event?

► THE FEMINIST MOVEMENT

To answer that question we must go back to 1830, when for the first time girls were admitted to classes of high school grade. With that act began the long history of the feminist movement.

College training for women came in 1833 at Oberlin, Ohio.

In 1841, Iowa Wesleyan College was founded at Mt. Pleasant.

This was the first co-educational institution west of the Mississippi River.

The natural result of co-education was, the sorority system, for the fraternity system had existed at William and Mary College since 1776.

The first women's college organization was the "I.C." Sorosis, founded at Monmouth College, (Ill.) in 1867.

The second college group of women was organized in 1869 at Iowa Wesleyan. This was the "P. E. O. Society".

► P. E. O. FOUNDED

The manner of its founding was as follows: Two girls were sitting on a stile at the corner of the campus one rather warm day in January, discussing the recently organized "I.C." Society, when one of them said, "Let's form a society of our own". The other agreed and they immediately contacted five close friends. These seven girls, Mary Allen, Alice Coffin, Franc Rhodes, Allie Bird, Suela Pearson, Ella Stewart and Hattie Briggs, who were the nucleus of our great sisterhood are always spoken of as "the original seven" or the Founders and to them we owe a debt of gratitude.

► P. E. O. GROWTH

That conversation on that stile that day in January seems like a trivial incident; but out of trivial incidents great issues are born; and from that conversation on that January day in 1869 has come, after eighty four years, a great organization of approximately 110,000 women, who have assisted in the education and advancement of thousands of other women.

Fortunately for P. E. O. its history and its traditions have been recorded while several of its founders were still living. These interesting, verified accounts can be read in "The White History" and in The Story of P. E. O., 1869-1936 by Winona Evans Reeves.



SEMINARY ACADEMY IN JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS
where the first chapter in Illinois met in 1871



MEMBERS OF "OLD C"; JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS



FOUNDERS:

RESIDENTS OF ILLINOIS

► FRANC ROADS ELLIOTT

Mrs. Elliott is the only P.E.O. Founder who might rightly be termed a resident of Illinois, having lived for thirty years in Chicago.

She was born in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa in 1852, was graduated from Iowa Wesleyan College in 1869. In 1872 she was married to Simon Charles Elliott, son of Dr. Charles Elliott, twice president of Iowa Wesleyan.

Early in their married life, the young people moved to Lincoln, Nebraska where their two children, Charles and Stella, were born and where in 1915 Mr. Elliott died.

The two children were graduated from the University of Nebraska under the presidency of Dr. James Hulme Canfield. Between the Elliott and Canfield families there was a strong bond of friendship which was strengthened by the marriage of Stella to James Canfield, a brother of Dorothy Canfield Fisher.

During the time her children were in the University, she became the first instructor in art, which was the beginning of the art department which later developed there.

For some years Mrs. Elliott followed art as a profession teaching and studying. She traveled widely in this country and

made several trips abroad to study in the galleries of France and Italy.

She was art supervisor in the public schools of Salt Lake City and in Aurora, Illinois. While in Aurora she established a model school room, a room properly lighted and ventilated, with hard wood floors and tinted walls on which hung pictures of merit. Teachers from all parts of the country came to inspect the room. Such rooms are common today, but it was Mrs. Elliott who, by her model room, brought to school authorities a consciousness of how ugly and unsanitary school rooms had been.

For the last thirty years of her life her home was in Chicago, where her son Dr. Charles A. Elliott lived. He was a physician and head of his department in the Northwestern University.

She lived in the Windermere Hotel on the south side, near the University of Chicago where she attended lectures with much regularity, sometimes taking a full course in a subject in which she was interested.

There remain today evidences of her activity during those years. Mrs. Elliott was founder of the Chicago Public School Art Society, which insures that in every public school room there shall hang at least one lovely picture, understandable to the pupils in the grade who sit before it.

Where ever she lived she was distinguished and honored.

In 1884 she was appointed to represent Nebraska at the New Orleans Exposition, the first time women commissioners were named to an international exposition. There she came into association with intellectuals of every sort. The women commissioners with many others, came together to hear Julia Ward Howe, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Lucy Stone, Francis Willard and the poet Whittier. Two favorite themes were the franchise of women and the abolishment of war.

For some eighteen years she worked to secure for women the right of a seat and vote in the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. That accomplishment later brought certain privileges to women of other denominations.

She was an intellectual in every sense of that word. She was a constant reader, not only of the classics, but of present day books, always abreast of current-day thought.

Her conversation never ran to personalities nor to the weather, she had wider and more interesting topics. She was in no sense bookish nor didactic; she was always charming and delightful and when one left her it was to look forward to another meeting.

Dr. Garrison of the University of Chicago, speaking at her funeral summed up her life when he said, "She was a representative

of the type of woman which puts the spirit of the home into the nation, the spirit of Christ into politics and brings culture and beauty into the lives of the common people”.

▶ ALICE BIRD BABB

While Alice Bird (Babb) was born in Iowa and lived practically all of her life in that state, Illinois may claim her as resident in the closing years of her life.

Following Judge Babb's retirement from the bench they came to Aurora, where he had business and financial interests, and established their home at 255 West Park Avenue. Here Judge Babb died in 1925 and Mrs. Babb followed one brief year later, November 21, 1926.

Two of their children live in Illinois, Miles Thornton Babb in Glencoe and Alice Babb Ewing (Mrs. Donald K.) in Aurora. Their oldest son, Max Wellington Babb, who died a few years ago, was president of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company of Milwaukee.

A daughter Claribel, died in childhood.

Mrs. Babb should be remembered by P. E. O.'s in every state for on that first day January 21, 1869, she was the first of the seven who took the pledge of membership, and she was the first president of the first chapter.

She was born in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, May 8, 1850, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wellington Bird. She attended the public schools, and Howes Academy and was graduated from Iowa Wesleyan College in 1869. She was married in 1873 to Washington Irving Babb, a young lawyer who later became a Judge of the District Court.

If one were to give an estimate of Mrs. Babb's character, it would be that she was strongest on the intellectual side. She loved society and her friends — but she did love a book. She was an omniverous reader, and very few books of merit failed to come to her library table.

Perhaps her almost constant reading was the cause of her failing vision, for in her last years she saw dimly. This, however, did not stop the reading for Judge Babb or Alice or other members of the family, or the nurse, read to her.

She had a keen interest in governmental affairs and in the issues of the day as well as in the classics.

She wrote a great deal for publication in her younger years and was a delightful speaker.

In her years in Mt. Pleasant she had a great interest in the college students and had charge of dramatics at Iowa Wesleyan.

She dramatized many of Dickens' stories and others and directed their presentation.

In religious faith she was a methodist, having joined as a young girl the old Ashury Methodist church in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

P. E. O.'s will do well to remember her as well as the other six who gave us an organization to cherish.

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ORIGINAL A
MT. PLEASANT



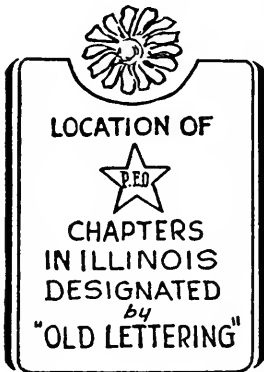
ILLINOIS



"K" or "L"
JACKSONVILLE



"AH"
JERSEYVILLE



ORIGINAL A—MT. PLEASANT, IOWA—ORGANIZED JAN. 21, 1869

"C" OLD LETTERING—JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS—1871-1887

**"K" or "L" OLD LETTERING—JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS—1883,
SHORT LIVED**

"AH" OLD LETTERING—JERSEYVILLE, ILLINOIS—1888-1889

3 HOW P. E. O.

CAME TO ILLINOIS

"C" (old lettering), Jacksonville

"L or K" (old lettering), Jacksonville

"AH" (old lettering), Jerseyville

No history of P. E. O. in Illinois could be complete without the story of the three early chapters which preceded the organization of the present Chapter A in the state; for P. E. O. has, in Illinois, not a record of fifty or sixty years; but one of eighty-three years, rich in service and sisterhood.

Chapter original A in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa had scarcely made a good start when the idea began to spread and others wanted to start P. E. O. societies.

▶ CHAPTER C

At the Jacksonville Female Academy in Illinois* a group of school girls were charmed by the stories concerning this rising star in Iowa, and on January 21, 1871, a P. E. O. society was formed which was later designated under the early lettering system as Chapter C. In addition to the organizer, Ollie Downing, the charter members were: Mary K. French, Mary Hodge, Fanny Keener, Clara McMurtry, Leona Wells, Lizzie Mae Moore, Anna Scovil, M. Lou Taylor, Alice Ramsay.

For the next two years after organization the chapter grew in interest and enthusiasm, increasing steadily in numbers. Many of the members lived in town, so it was thought best to hold the meetings in the homes rather than in the seminary.

As Jacksonville was a "city of schools", there was plenty of desirable material from which to choose, and the Illinois Woman's College, The Young Ladies' Atheneum, and The Conservatory of Music furnished many valuable members.

From personal recollections of younger descendants we can get a few facts about some of these girls, and from correspondence with the few surviving members we have some brief glimpses.

In spite of the natural obstacle of time, we have been able to see a fairly clear picture of Chapter C. This is due partly to the outstanding things accomplished by many of its members in art, music, teaching and in Christian citizenship, but principally it is due to the fact that one of the early members, Miss Ellie Trabue, who was initiated in 1873, kept her interest and membership alive even during the years when there was no P. E. O. in Jacksonville. In 1930 when Chapter CY was organized she joined that chapter

*See page 11

as a charter member. From Miss Trabue we have received much information about Original C.

Chapter C sent, as its first delegate to Mt. Pleasant, M. Lou Taylor, about 1873, and Sallie Hatfield, the year following. There was no Grand Chapter (or Supreme, as it is now called) at that time, and business was transacted in the homes of the members.

The P. E. O. Record had not yet come into existence and communication between chapters was carried on by correspondence. Some of these letters were ornaments to the "presidents' box" and were treasured for years.

At this time Chapter C was frequently spoken of as "The Star in the East", being the first chapter organized east of the Mississippi River. Five of the gold stars of Original C are in existence and are kept at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

In addition we have some other mementos that help us to visualize this early group. One of the outstanding finds is a picture taken in 1873 showing a group of fourteen girls wearing their P. E. O. stars.

One of Chapter C's busiest apostles of P. E. O. ideals was Kittie Dietrick. In a letter dated April 17, 1939, she writes, "I am inclosing copies of two old letters written in 1876 and they refute the statement that the first convention was held sometime later. Also I note that the statement was made that the chapter lent the pins. At that time the chapter did not lend the pins. We paid for them ourselves".

In those early days there were no organizers. Any one could organize a chapter by obtaining permission from Mt. Pleasant.

► CHAPTER L OR K

Of Chapter "L or K" we have been able to learn so little that it seems hard to believe that it really existed. Much research has failed to

establish definitely whether it was designated "K or L", but the preponderance of information seems to favor "K"*. Strangely enough the catalog of P. E. O. of 1887 fails to mention "K or L" or list its members. By patient research we have been able to discover: that it was probably organized in 1883, that the nucleus of members seems to have been students from the same Female Academy where Chapter C was flourishing, and from The Atheneum and the Illinois College; and that it evidently lasted a very short time.

▶ **CHAPTER AH**

Chapter AH, Jerseyville was organized August 31, 1888 and was disbanded about the winter of 1889 or 1890.

▶ **"THEY BUILDED WELL"**

Although the members of these three old chapters were young women, most of them seemed to realize the import of P. E. O. and to gather strength and inspiration from its aims and ideals.

It was from no lack of interest that Chapter C gave up its charter in 1887; but through a chain of circumstances which made the disbanding imperative. Severe illness and death were among the contributing factors.

Looking back over these years, one cannot feel that the influence is lost, for today the radiance of our star shines far and wide, and those of us who love and honor the principles of our sisterhood, revere the memory of those who kept its lustre untarnished.

Indeed we can all say with Kittie Dietrick, "They builded well".

*See page 296-298 of First Corresponding Secretary's book of State of Illinois.

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NEW LETTERING A-I; FIRST NINE CHAPTERS IN ILLINOIS

▶ WE WHO are members of P. E. O. in 1953 are hardly able to realize the difficulties and complexities faced by members of the earliest Illinois chapters, organized, and carrying on their chapter life before there was any state organization to unify and standardize their procedure. It seems very worth while, therefore, to preserve for ourselves and for future members some record of those beginnings. Some of the problems almost appall us; some of the procedures are vastly amusing; but in all of the records of those days prior to our state chapter organization in 1903, we find cause for great admiration of the wisdom and persistence and vision of our sturdy pioneers.

All P. E. O. societies were at first formed independently, each just another P. E. O. Society, without any further distinguishing name. In October, 1883, delegates from the societies then in existence, — located in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Jacksonville, Illinois, and the Iowa towns of Bloomfield, Fairfield, Burlington, Centerville, and Iowa City, — came together in Fairfield, Iowa, and formed the Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood. This was a momentous step, for it provided an over-all organization for these societies. As P. E. O. spread, it became apparent that some method of designating one group from the other was needed, so the

plan of using the letters of the alphabet was adopted, and the name *chapter* replaced *society*. Chapters were at that time lettered in the order of their organization, regardless of their location in one state or another. However, as soon as the Iowa Grand Chapter was formed (1893), these earlier chapters were re-lettered, by states, in chronological order.

In Illinois, the chapters from A through I had their beginnings before the organization of a state chapter, — and we have felt it worth while to preserve some few notes from their records of the years prior to 1903.

▶ CHAPTER A, CHICAGO

Organized January 17, 1893 by Kittie E. Dietrich

Charter members: Kittie E. Dietrich, Emma Durland, Eugenia Durland Rutenber, Eulalia Edwards, Clara Ellars Stowe, Ella Ellars, Minnie Osgood Smythe, Nelle Osgood Blasland.

The first *permanent* P. E. O. organization in Illinois was Chapter A of Chicago. There had been a previous chapter at Jacksonville, Illinois (1871-1877), preceded only by Original Chapter A at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and Chapter B at Fairfield, Iowa. The disbanded chapter of Jacksonville is lovingly referred to as Chapter "C" (old lettering) of Illinois.

The Grand Chapter meeting of October, 1892, at Iowa City, Iowa, was a very significant one, changing the name of the highest administrative body to "Supreme Grand Chapter", establishing State Grand Chapters, doing much in the way of reorganization of the Sisterhood, and harmonizing many perplexing situations. At this meeting permission was given to three members living in Chicago, — Mrs. Kittie Dietrich, Dr. Emily H. Hackett, and Miss Minnie Osgood, — to institute plans for the formation of three Chicago chapters, one on the north, one on the south, and one on the west side of the city.

Mrs. Jessie M. Thayer O'Neil, the newly elected Supreme President, had a very busy term of office; she, with her executive board, established the office of Organizer, took out articles of incorporation for the Sisterhood, organized the Iowa State Grand Chapter subordinate to the Supreme Grand Chapter, chose the marguerite as the Sisterhood flower, relettered the chapters by states, — and in addition found time to counsel with the Chicago committee as to the advisability of organizing one chapter to be known as Chapter A, Illinois, P. E. O. By the following January (1893), everything was in readiness for the organization of Chapter A. Miss Minnie Osgood, one of the charter members, has furnished a vivid picture of the occasion in the following account:

"The organization took place January 17, 1893, at seven p.m., in the home of Kittie Dietrich, 5027 Champlain Avenue, South Side. There was an awful snow storm off the lake. It was impossible for my sister and me, living in Edgewater (far north side) to brave the storm, which meant suburban steam train south to the city; horse car over Adams Street east to Wabash Avenue, and thence south by cable car on Cottage Grove Avenue to within walking distance of the place of meeting. We had no telephone in Edgewater in those days.

"The organization was very different then from that of today. Mrs. Dietrich (and it should be inserted here that her interest had been quickened by her earlier membership as a college student, in the chapter "C" (old lettering) in Jacksonville, not only organized the chapter, but also initiated the four candidates. The charter list included the four initiates and those whose dimitts had been received (though two were not present). The officers were elected, but were not installed until two weeks later."

► DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

As might be assumed, one of Chapter A's chief problems during its early years was the matter of transportation. Members were scattered over the north, west, and south sides, and getting from one side of the city to the other frequently involved the necessity of using a combination of steam suburban trains, horse, and cable cars, which meant, not infrequently, consuming an entire day for a meeting. Evidence of transportation difficulties is found in the various secretaries' records which read: "Attempted meeting on several occasions; only four present." "An informal meeting of the P. E. O.'s in the city was held at the Columbus School of Oratory, then located on East Adams Street, and six members of Chapter A were present. The majority thought it best to hold the meetings in a central place". "Chapter A made arrangements to continue to meet at the School, on the first and third Mondays of the month. The rent was \$1.75 per meeting." It should be added that through a period of several years, the meetings of Chapter A were held in the safety vault of the Columbus Memorial Building. At times it was somewhat crowded in this basement room, but there was no rent to be paid, merely the five dollar annual fee for the safety deposit box, where the priceless belongings of the chapter were kept. Not until the turn of the century did the membership of forty make the vault-room quarters too crowded, and cause the transfer of meetings to the Auditorium Hotel. Then, as now, Chapter A was a downtown chapter.

In May following the organization of Chapter A in January of 1893, the Columbian Exposition opened. The Supreme Chapter President, Mrs. Jessie M. Thayer O'Neil, was a member of the Lady Board of Managers of the Exposition, and she arranged to have the P. E. O. Sisterhood represented in the "Organization Room" of the Woman's Building at the World's Fair. Accordingly, when the Fair opened, there was a P. E. O. booth, beautifully decorated in yellow and white, with Miss Minnie Osgood in charge as official hostess. A vast amount of information was given out, and Miss Osgood's outstanding personality converted the somewhat doubtful venture of a P. E. O. booth into a magnificent success, giving P. E. O. much impetus to growth in Illinois.

When Mrs. Emma Runyon Pratt, President of Chapter A, went to the Supreme Grand Convention in Newton, Iowa, in 1897, she tendered the invitation for the 1899 convention to be held in Chicago. This invitation was accepted and the convention was held in the old Palmer House, then the most fashionable hostelry in Chicago. There were over 68 delegates, and many guests. This convention was unique in several respects: it was the first Supreme Convention held east of the Mississippi River, and the first to be held in a state not having a "State Grand Chapter" of its own; it was the first time a chapter had entertained all delegates in a hotel, with a spacious and elaborately appointed auditorium assigned for the meetings, and various parlors for the several committees. Of interest, too, is the fact that the total hotel expense for the convention was only \$482.55. At this convention Chapter A was given permission to form a new South Side chapter, to become Chapter D, — its first "daughter".



On January 17, 1903, a special meeting was called by Chapter A, — just ten years after its own organization date, — to be attended by representatives of all Illinois chapters, for the purpose of organizing a State Chapter from the nine local chapters which had been organized in Illinois. The meeting was held in Monmouth, Illinois, April 4, 1903, with Mrs. Dora Hallock, organizer for Supreme, presiding. With the organization of Illinois Grand Chapter, Chapter A relinquished her "big sister" responsibility, which she had carried for ten years as being the oldest active chapter in the state of Illinois. Through the many years following, Chapter A has been remarkable in her leadership as a chapter, and in her furnishing of P. E. O. leaders of state and national prominence.

Presidents who served: Kittie Dietrich, Alice Briggs, Emma R. Pratt, Grace Parks, Hettie Morse, Maude Torry, Lillian Stockton, Emily Hackett, Minnie Rowe, Hallie Newell, Mary Mills, Zoe

Pollock, Minnie O. Smythe, Genevieve Todd, Harriette Marquis, Bessie Tieken, Lettie Mudge, Aura Tobey, Lura R. Spurgeon, Bessie R. Raney, Beulah M. Thornton, Sarah B. Cooke, Marie C. Snyder, Roma G. Faulkner, Elizabeth B. Williams, Lamah E. Ware, Minnie T. Callen, Elizabeth Gilrain, Naomi Faber, Helen Swartz, Floy Brown, Ruth Olson, Dorathea Graef, Harriet Fitzsimons, June H. Stresenreuter, Margaret E. Hope.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 147.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 539.

► CHAPTER B, CLINTON

Organized December 5, 1895 by Mrs. Martha Norris

Charter members: Rilla Bailor, Lyde Howard, Harriet Amsden, Mary Phares, Nellie R. Danks, Hattie Kaufman, Aldora J. Tyler, Nelle Magill Pond.

On December 5, 1895, almost three years after the organization of Chapter A, Chapter B was organized in Clinton. The eight charter members immediately instructed the treasurer to purchase a tin box with lock and key, for their papers; with this business-like beginning, it is not surprising that by 1898 we find in the minutes, along with the "recommendation of the study of French as a digression from gossip", the first definite reference to the problem of a public library for the city of Clinton. The members were deeply interested in organizing a circulating library, and by various means, — a dime here, a quarter there, — earned the necessary money so that finally, as we read, "in February, 1901, we opened in a room over W. B. Rundle's Meat Market with a nucleus of seven hundred volumes". The Library Association consisted of two hundred and twenty seven members, each paying a fee of \$2.25 annually, to be used for the purchase of books. Previous to the employment of a librarian, members of Chapter B had charge of the library, each on a scheduled afternoon and evening. In the fall of 1901 the library was turned over to the city, and became a public library, supported by city tax. It should always be a matter of real pride to all members of Chapter B that to their continued and determined efforts is due the beginning of the Vespasian Warner Public Library. For years, as indicated by the secretary's records, the project continued to be a matter of strong interest and unflagging support.

When the Illinois Grand Chapter was organized in 1903, Chapter B felt very proud that one of its members, Mrs. Nellie Rundle Danks, was elected to be the first president.

Presidents who served: Nelle Magill Pond, Nellie Rundle

Danks, Rilla Bailor, Aldora Tyler, Harriet Magill Amsden, Alice Crang, Yuba Schmith, Bertha Freudenstein, M. Estelle Mann Carter, Minnie Ingham, Clara Rundle, Ella Huston, Clara Parker, Ruthelle Lemon, Lillian Kent, Emma Washburn Edmunds, Clementine Lundh, Grace McCuddy, Gertrude Pifer, Edna Phares, Myra Rundle Lewin, Nancy Kern, Alice Carter Querfeld, Lena Edmonson, Neva Robb, Ann Willis, Lorraine Hull.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 40.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 89.

► CHAPTER C, VERMONT

Organized July 14, 1897 by Helen Ballinger

Charter members: Susanna Amrine, Sarah Williamson McFadden, Addie Bartholomew Mershon, Jessie Chaddock Wright, Elizabeth Cassidy, Ida Phillips Dickey, Mary Louise Cassidy Woelber.

The idea of a P. E. O. Chapter in Vermont was conceived by Mary Louise Cassidy Woelber, who at that time was a pupil in the Columbia School of Expression, Chicago. She had been much impressed by a little gold star on the left shoulder of Miss Katherine Gill, one of her teachers, for whom Mary Louise had the greatest admiration and respect. Upon inquiry as to the significance of the star, the answer aroused her interest, and made her very desirous of forming a chapter in her home town of Vermont.

So it came about that in July of 1897 Mrs. Helen Ballinger of Keokuk, Iowa, commissioned by the President of Supreme Chapter to act as Organizer, went to Vermont and organized Chapter C with seven charter members, of whom Mary Louise Woelber said, "Here were young girls with the flaming enthusiasm of youth, and older women with their better judgment and steady hand." It is of interest to recall that Mary Louise Cassidey Woelber was the originator of the beautiful candle lighting ceremony in honor of our seven founders.

Although this little item crossed the dividing line of the formation of a state organization, it is of interest from an early day: "Someone very early in our history conceived the idea that a yellow satin star be used during initiation. The beautiful embroidered work had been completed, and the material was ready to be cut in the shape of a star, when a letter came from the State Grand Chapter saying that a star of yellow satin and white ribbons could be supplied to all chapters. The lovely embroidered satin was then made into a pillow and used for candidates to kneel upon. Later, this ceremony was abandoned, and the pillow is to-

day one of the chapter's choicest possessions." The note, preserved in Chapter C's history, shows their early unselfish desire to conform and cooperate.

Presidents who served: Susanna Amrine, Addie Bartholomew, Nellie Daugherty, Ophelia Pittenger, Ada Whitney, Rebecca Freeman, Helen Worsdell, Rhoda Nelson, Laura Kirkbride, Mattie Cox, Bess Bogue, Ada Whitney, Martha Russel, Abbie Webster, Bertha Braun, Lottie Hamilton, Cora Wyne, Addie Mershon, Nelia Fellon, Sada Bartholomew, Eily Nelson, Bess Mercer, Effie Beal, Mary Mercer, Lillian McCormick, Emma Tingley, Bertha Daugherty, Pauline Kirkbride, Katherine Mercer, Margaret Boynton, Doris Wixom, Maude Wilson, Ann Richmond.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 30.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 96.

► CHAPTER D, CHICAGO

Organized December 15, 1899 by Katherine Boehmler

Charter members: Laura C. Rice, Florence G. Anderson, Lila Robinson, Adah Webber Morris, Mary P. Bloom, Cora Z. Ogle, Ella Noble Thorpe, Mary Tinus Sims, Laura D. Babcock.

Living on the south side in Chicago were several members of Chapter A who felt that they could serve P. E. O. better in a chapter of their own. Accordingly they asked for, and were granted, a dispensation at Supreme Grand Convention in Chicago in October, 1899. Among the unavoidable causes for delay in organizing was the fact that the Supreme Organizer could not leave her new baby at once to come to Chicago, — and so the new chapter had to wait until the Organizer's delegate, Katherine Boehmler of Iowa, came to Chicago to do her Christmas shopping. There were nine charter members, all dimit, when the organization was completed on December 15, 1899. They were a very understanding and congenial group, who discussed all problems very openly, — so much so that, as their record says, "When we were three years old, a visitor arose to remark, 'I come from Minden, Nebraska, where we tolerate neither laxity nor levity', and sat down. But to this day our covenants are openly arrived at." However, harmonious as they were, it was not easy at first; often, the first two years, the minutes show "No quorum — no business", or "Just a talk meeting — no quorum".

By the first annual meeting, the number had grown to thirteen, and at that time Lulu Corkhill Williams joined by dimit from Chapter A, Illinois. As a very young girl she had been initiated in Original Chapter A (Mt. Pleasant, Iowa), so she

brought a wealth of experience to her chapter. During many years of her P. E. O. service, she was a source of inspiration and great pride to the members of Chapter D.

The story of Laura Rice, the first president, is very interesting, and illustrative of the way in which P. E. O. spread. While visiting schoolmates in Osceola, Iowa, she had been initiated into their P. E. O. chapter. Returning to her home at Thorntown, Indiana, she called half a dozen of her friends together, and P. E. O. was established "back east" in 1886. Later she was a member of Chapter A, Illinois, for three years before being dismissed to Chapter D in 1899. Her name is also to be found in later years on the charter list of FJ, Davenport, Iowa, — EW, Los Angeles, California, — and KD, Glendale, California, — which is quite a record. The story of a little leaven leavening the whole P. E. O. loaf is oft-repeated. Many P. E. O. organizations owe their beginnings to the missionary conviction and enterprise of some one person.

Presidents who served: Laura Craven Rice, Laura Duke Babcock, Lila Woods Robinson, Mary Rogers McCosh, Lulu Corkhill Williams, Matie Cornell Goodspeed, Luella Bostic Stafford, Mabel Coe Crawford, Susan McGahen, Lida A. Church, Minnie Goodrich Morin, Verne Church Fowler, Flora McCosh Stout, Margaret Hall Miller, Elizabeth Elliott Wormhoudt, Laura Rice McDougall, Florence Ray Anderson, Juanita Callison Foster, Elizabeth Hall Stewart, Betty Douglass Clark, Margery M. Emery, Genevieve Needles Grout, Margaret Ayer Swanson, Cora Elting Snyder, Bonnie W. Wilkerson, Hazel A. Schreiber.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 64.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 273.

► CHAPTER E, MONMOUTH

Organized December 6, 1900 by Julia N. Robinson

Charter members: Eva S. Diffenbaugh, Juniata Xander, Caroline B. Hardin, Nellie J. Ewing, Evelyn C. Colwell, Mary G. Scott, Mary S. Evey, Mary E. Sykes, Adda L. Morton, Blanche S. Ross.

Living in Monmouth in 1900 were several ladies who had heard much about P. E. O. Two had lived in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, in their young womanhood; two others had been in towns in which they were associated with P. E. O. members. The four met together and talked about organizing a P. E. O. chapter, and eventually enlisted the interest of seven other friends, all of whom wished to become charter members of the new chapter. The Organizer

of Supreme Grand Chapter, Mrs. Julia N. Robinson, came to Monmouth for the organization. "All during this meeting", the record says, "there was a terrific electrical storm, rain descended in torrents, the floods came, but this did not dampen the intense interest of these sisters, nor has that interest lessened through the years."

In the early meetings, when a name was presented for membership, a member would rise and announce the name of the one she wished for membership. This name would be referred to an investigating committee to be acted upon, the ballot taken at the next regular meeting. At some meetings, however, a name would be presented by a sister arising and saying the name, and the ballot would be taken at the same meeting. This method was discontinued after a time, and the present method used.

In 1902, feeling the need for more money in the treasury, the chapter made plans to hold a Charity Ball, a strictly invitational affair. This was a huge success, and for a number of years the Annual Charity Ball of Chapter E was the big event in the social life of Monmouth, giving a great deal of pleasure as well as splendid revenue to be used for charitable work.



Chapter E, Monmouth, was the hostess to the nine chapters that came together in April, 1903, to form an Illinois State Chapter. It is of feminine interest that all the members of Chapter E wore dark skirts and white shirt waists with high collars, — and around the collar, a broad yellow ribbon tied in a big bow at the back. This was quite the latest style.

From the very beginning Chapter E has been interested in community service. When Monmouth built its first hospital in 1901, Chapter E assumed responsibility for furnishing and providing the yearly upkeep of one room. In the early years, too, they helped support a kindergarten. They laid the foundations for the spirit of service which has widened and expanded with the years.

Presidents who served: Mary Evey, Caroline Sipher, Juniata Xander, Ida Lord, May Patton, May H. Brokaw, Mary H. Pattee, Etha Soule, Agnes Sherrick, Alice Bruner, Lucretia S. Weir, Mabel M. McCoy, Florence Lauder, Betty Jane Ranney, Mary E. Sykes, Clara V. Hardin, Effie R. Austin, Catherine N. Lauder, Nellie McCoy, Joanna Mitchell, Lulu J. McCoy, Emma Gibson, Blanche Blair, Roberta Work, Evalyn Colwell, Lois B. Kritzer, Kathleen McCrery, Helen Welch, Elizabeth McLoskey.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 98.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 217.

► CHAPTER F, QUINCY

Organized January 4, 1902 by Dora Hallock

Charter members: Ora A. Stocks, Frances Best, Anna M. Best, Anna T. Williams, Margaret Cassidy Hathway, Amy Timothy, Lucy W. Trowbridge, Winfry F. Darby, Maud Sohland, Belle Johnson, Cara E. Stine.

On Saturday, January 4, 1902, Mrs. Dora Hallock of Monroe City, Missouri, Supreme Organizer, came to Quincy and organized Chapter F with eleven charter members. The first motion was for a fifty cent assessment to defray immediate expenses. A year of travel in the old world became the ambitious program topic for the first year. Just two months after their organization, the officers with much hesitancy initiated their first candidate. A long record of growth was thus begun. Mrs. Frances Best had the honor of being elected the first delegate to attend a state convention, — the very significant one in Monmouth, in April, 1903.

Presidents who served: Cora Stine, Margaret Cassidy, Belle Johnson, Anne Winters, Winfry Darby, Eva E. Robinson, Lena C. McCrory, Anna M. Best, Lyla H. Scott, Ora Stock, Carrie E. Knittel, Mary Hunsaker, Ollie M. Newland, Hettie M. Timothy, Margaret Seaton, Laura W. Jackson, Sue Foreman, Huntie Dorsey, Linnette M. Bixler, Charlotte Van Doorn, Winifred Nelson, Katharine Cleek, Elsie Harnly, Gladys Jensen, Roxana Williams, Mae Bredeweg, Sara B. Minear, Erlene B. Madsen, Elsie Williams, Eida Bonansinga, Lucille McEwen, Helen W. Lewis, Gladys Hoelzen.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 74.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 168.

► CHAPTER G, ALEXIS

Organized December 30, 1902 by Dora Hallock

Charter members: Ollie M. Tubbs, Lucy Garrett, Effie A. Filler Warnock, Pauline E. Tubbs, Hanna E. Rogers, Grace M. Souster, Martha Gamble Irwin, Anna C. Bohan, Alena Loveridge Hart, Edna C. Morris.

Mrs. Dora Hallock, Supreme Organizer, not only started the year of 1902 by organizing an Illinois chapter, but she ended the year gloriously with two new chapters, — G in Alexis and H in Aledo, on successive days at the end of December.

Ollie Ungles Tubbs, whom Chapter G regards as its founder, came from Iowa and from a rich and close association with Hattie Briggs, one of the seven founders. When Mrs. Tubbs came to Illinois to live, the urgent appeal of P. E. O. friends in Iowa induced her to consider the organization of a chapter in Alexis, —

and she proceeded carefully with her plans. The organization, with ten charter members, was effected just three months before the formation of the State chapter.

Presidents who served: Ollie Tubbs, Grace Souster, Elizabeth Blayne, Hanna Rogers, Ethel Tubbs, Anna Bohan, Grace Garrett, Florence Humpheys, Olive Lafferty, Edith Deuth, Georgia Durston, Eva Blayne, Crissie Bruington, Ruth Durston, Emma Jaques, Erma McGabbin, Hazel Cabeen, Virginia Stevenson, Mae Pearson, Helen Ralston, Gertrude Deal, Emma Lawrence, Mina Rae Bohan.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 31.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 72.

► CHAPTER H, ALEDO

Organized December 31, 1902 by Dora Hallock

Charter members: Laura O'Neal Marquis, Opal S. Wolff, Edna Andor Miller, Harriet C. Sells, Bess Wolf Watson, Bess B. Bassett, Bessie Sponsler Cabeen, Rowena E. Wells, May Black Wilson, Rose McManus Church, Minnie E. Prentiss, Pearl Love Dandy.

Mrs. Laura O'Neal Marquis, who had been a student at Mt. Pleasant and initiated in Original A, brought her dimit from Chapter B, Burlington, Iowa, and planned the P. E. O. chapter in Aledo. At that time Mrs. Hallock was Supreme Organizer, and on December 31, she and Mrs. Zander came in on the early morning train, unexpected by Mrs. Marquis and the girls that she had invited to form the charter membership. The ladies were taken to the home of Mrs. Sells and the girls were hastily summoned. Rowena Everett was to be married at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Pearl Love and Bess Bassett were to be bridesmaids and others in the group were to be guests. Nevertheless, Laura Marquis presented her dimit, and eleven others were initiated. It may be noted that the initiation then was shorter than in later years; however, officers were elected and installed. It is to be observed, too, that by June, the chapter numbered twenty, indicating a very rapid growth; in the second year of their organization, nine babies were born to Chapter H members, — a fairly high percentage!

Presidents who served: Bess Wolf Watson, Estelle Carter, May Black, Nannie L. Emrick, Bess Bassett, Sarah B. Cooke, Opal Wolff, Kathryne Detwiler, Rose M. Church, Mollie Bridgeford, Zua McHard, Alice Durston Rice, Carrie E. Allison, Rowena E. Wells, Stella L. Guthrie, Bertha W. Wallace, Marjorie C. McBride,

Katherine E. Blazer, Lorraine E. Prentiss, Pauline Emrick, Bess L. Watson, Anne P. Ives, Ruth Parks Beer.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 41.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 83.

► CHAPTER I, CHICAGO

Organized January 16, 1903 by Emma R. Pratt

Charter members: Grace R. Parks, Adna F. Pratt Ballard, Effie L. Lobdell, Winnie M. Jones, Flora Campbell Cook, Estella R. Jones Chase, Katherine Runyan, Frances Dickinson, Julia R. Gordon Pratt, Flora R. Runyan, Cora P. Runyan, Caroline R. Dyson, Lena M. Conrads.

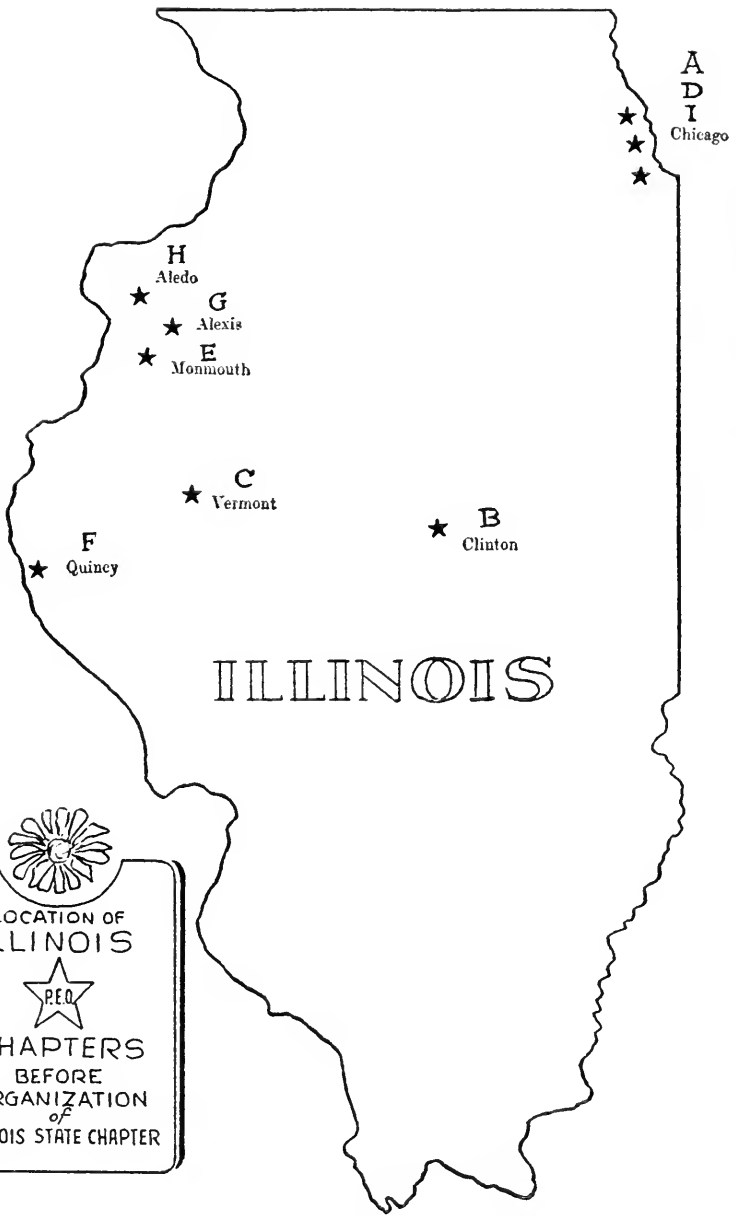
With the organization of Chapter I, Chicago, a couple of weeks after Alexis, we come to the last one previous to the formation of a state organization. Naturally, in a period of two months no great amount of permanent history could be written, but the later years of chapter I show that it was well begun.

Presidents who served: Grace R. Parks, Effie M. Read, Caroline R. Dyson, Helen M. Viele, May H. DeMoney, Lena B. Burton, Adna P. Ballard, Mabel D. Wallis, Evelyn D. Fraley, Lynette H. Manor, Dora R. Parks, Nellie S. Tenney, Jessie Parks Bonson, Bessie B. Claypool, Florence Miller, Josephine F. Till, Mary Ethyl Mantey, Irma S. Hays, Marjorie S. Christiansen, Marguerite Ludwigs, Marie Fairclough Keyes, Frances D. Richards, Florence Penry.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 55.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 174.

And so we conclude the list of those nine brave and enterprising young chapters that charted their own path until a road guide was given to them. When we are tempted to feel that procedures are complex, we may well recall our early beginnings and be grateful.



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P.E.O.

CHAPTERS
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ILLINOIS STATE CHAPTER

First Convention
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ILLINOIS GRAND CHAPTER
of the
P. E. O. SISTERHOOD
held at
Monmouth, Illinois, April 3, 4, 1903
Hostess Chapter, E, Monmouth.
Supreme Organizer, Mrs. Dora Hallock



Design of Original Emblem in use
1869-1916

Redesigned in 1916 to
Present Emblem



In 1920
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renamed
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ILLINOIS STATE CHAPTER, 1903-1953

► CHAPTER J, CARTHAGE

Organized January 8, 1904 by Juniata Xander

Charter members: Ida A. Cutler, Katherine Cherrill Kelly, Helen Ferris, Helen Miller Noyes, Fannie G. McCrory, Zellora Faye Hill, Welthy M. Owen.

Presidents who served: Welthy M. Owen, Fannie McCrory, Katherine Cherrill, Lillian B. Berry, Ethelyn H. Griffith, Julia Tate Noyes, Clara M. Griffith, Helen P. Griffith, Helen Griffith Baid, Elizabeth H. Taylor, Ethelyn Griffith Jones, Inez C. Hartzell, Sylvia R. Backman, Lillian P. Berry, Esther Williams, Ada Martin, Helen Sherrick, Sara Reaugh, Edna Fitzgerald, Edith Melvin, Alliene McLellan, Olive Wagner, Katherine Munneke, Grace Davidson, Lucille Thompson, Rowena Califf, Maxine Huey, Geraldine Huey, Lillian Callihan, Martha Capps.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 38.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 92.

► CHAPTER K, MACOMB

Organized March 7, 1905 by Belle Johnson

Charter members: Myra W. Jenkins, May Cummings, Nellie P. Armstrong, Edna J. Hill, Leah M. Laughlin, Alice Chandler, Eleanor E. Bailey, Nellie B. Well, Clara C. Mapes.

Presidents who served: Almira Jenkins, May Cummings, Eleanor Bailey, Nellie Wells, Nellie Gumbart, Ruth Brockway, Minnie Walker, Kate Lawrence, Matilda Bowen, Florence Holstine, Alta Walker, Mary Wyne, Anna O'Harra, Faye Knappenberger, Helen Wetzel, Ursula Willis, Winona Currens, Grace McDonough, Mary Hillyer, Martha King, Mary Ewing, Edith Worrell, Dorothy Harris.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 63.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 122.

► CHAPTER L, WOODHULL

Organized December 7, 1905 by Belle Johnson

Charter members: Carrie L. Mackey, Estella R. Ferris, Mable S. McClanahan, Viola R. Stickney, Sallie B. Taylor, Nellie S. Russell, Ethel B. Pritchard, Fannie D. Pritchard, Nonnie Gamble Woods, Sophia M. Taylor, Bettie Squires Miller, Carrie Wickoff Howell, Elizabeth Durston Simmons, Grace M. Minemyer, Mollie P. Taylor Bridgford.

Presidents who served: Elizabeth Simmons, Nellie Russell, Sophie M. Taylor, Viola R. Stickney, Nonnie G. Woods, Edith White, Carrie S. Downs, Anna Lowe Drennan, Grace S. Thayer, Eva W. Taylor, Jessie Decker Close, Alice Thompson Shetler, Lois D. Grossenburg, Ida S. Bell, Ruth T. Cain, Emma A. Anderson, Clara A. Holmes, Nelle S. Crane, Helen Gildemeister, Grace Bitts, Lenore S. Tucker, Nelle W. Faulkner, Gertrude T. Gamel, Ruth A. Bloomberg. Clarice M. Bell.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 29.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 76.

► CHAPTER M, SHERRARD

Organized December 8, 1905 by Belle Johnson

Charter members: Lora Osborn Bell, Iva A. Higbee Young, Mae Clark, Harriet Danielson, Jennie L. Martin, Grace Clark, Bessie Stuart, Harriet Abbott Carson, Emma Kinsey Hardy.

Disbanded April 27, 1910.

▶ CHAPTER N, ROSEVILLE

Organized December 11, 1905 by Mrs. Belle Johnson

Charter members: Nora Karns Rayburn, Mabel W. Aylesworth Clark, Elizabeth Beach Carlisle, Caroline Pearl Krieg, Caroline Jane Tucker, Ella Cunningham McMillan, Josephine Stearns Range, Clara W. Pratt Matthews, Myrtie T. Dixson, Edna B. Smith Brown, Julia Boyd.

Presidents who served: Ella McMillan, Nora Karns Rayburn, Myrtie Dixson, Clara W. Pratt, Edna B. S. Brown, Minnie Rayburn, Josephine Pratt, Bertha Patch, Pearl Krieg, Gladys Swanson, Alice Livermore, Rose Taylor, Lenora Staat, Mayme Pratt, Harriett Tucker, Bertha Patch, Florence Pratt, Edith Strickler, Edna L. Adkisson, Tessa Beaver, Edna M. Staat, Helen W. Taylor, Maxine Felt, Edna Pratt, Marguerite Hill, Gertrude S. Taylor.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 38.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 76.

▶ CHAPTER O, McLEANSBORO

Organized January 4, 1906 by Mrs. Belle Johnson

Charter members: Margaret G. McElvain, Cora Webb Flannigan, Carrie Harvey Lane, Jennie B. Foote, M. Augusta Barter, Rella Lasater, Fannie F. Benson, Lida C. Davis, Jennie L. Robinson, Anna B. Young.

Presidents who served: Jennie Foote, Annie B. Young, Pearl Hogan, Mabel Eckley, Eva McNabb, Cora Flannigan, Pauline Wallen, Madeline Campbell, Florence Powell, Cordah Hogan, Lea Walker, Aurelia Wright, Clara Blades, Ruth Wilson, Carolyn Hall, Mary Flannigan, Carrie Lane, Lola Brown, Marie Elliott, Mary Letsinger, Marian Moody.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 26.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 59.

▶ CHAPTER P, CHICAGO

Organized May 19, 1906 by Mrs. Grace R. Parks

Charter members: Ida B. Faulkner, June Ackenbach, May Ransom Leigh, Rebecca Warnock, Mabel D. Doud, Fannie W. Bryant, Hattie J. Goebel, Jessie Reed.

Presidents who served: Ida Faulkner, Nancy Olds, Elizabeth Goodsmith, Mary Brown, Lulu C. Williams, Clara Hardy, Suza Mohr, Mabel Davenport Doud, Maude McGonigle, Carrie E. Allen, Virginia Holland, Irma Summers, Anne Rhodes, Ada Heck.

Katherine Roth, Alma Bates, Helen Ramm, Marian Milmoie, Frances Gross, Agnes Larimer, Gertrude Vanstane, Helen Mathews, Henrietta Curran, Cornelia Gunderson, Ann Pennington, Frances Harris.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 44.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 144.

▶ CHAPTER Q, FARMER CITY

Organized July 30, 1906 by Juniata Xander

Charter members: Harriet Herrick, Marie Young Nichols, Nelle VanDeventer Hartsock, Katherine Herrick, Cordelia Robinson Dans, Grace G. Weedman, Josephine Littlejohn, Anna McCord, Gertrude Kincaid Iveson, Martha McIntire, Martha Weedman.

Disbanded April 29, 1914.

▶ CHAPTER R, PEORIA

Organized December 3, 1906 by Juniata Xander

Charter members: Mary T. Farley, Kate A. Carter, Flora R. Ryan, Carrie A. Foster, Elizabeth Edwards, Lulu Beckhaus, Laura A. Johnston, Charlotte C. Miller.

Presidents who served: Flora Ryan, Emma Correll, Etta Blythe, Ann K. Wright, Lulu Backus, Lizzie Wendell, Adelaide Potter, Lila Loucks, Nellie T. Hoffmann, June V. Kelly, Anna C. Menler, Grace Friess, Delma Lockwood, Mabel G. Hurd, Dora Yost, Cecile Hoffmann, Louise Standlee, Ella Shimmin, Frances Mackley, Harriette Hinnen, Nellie Day, Mary Casseday.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 42.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 130.

▶ CHAPTER S, MAYWOOD

Organized May 17, 1907 by Mrs. Juniata Xander

Charter members: Margaret Nixon, Lulu D. Price Hine, Isidore Nixon Allmendinger, Ora Snyder, Anna McPherson, Harriet Roland, Chella J. Guest, Mary Jones Glunt, Grace Darling Wittenberg.

Presidents who served: Margaret Nixon, Martha Jones Glunt, Harriet Roland, Lulu D. Price, Minnie Coffman, Lina Clifford, Alice Reiber, June Kopf, Ada Lancaster, Daisy McCullough, Clara Bullard, Genevieve Knopf, Sarah VanGunter, Stella Scott, Ruth Kilbey, Bessie Lewis, Cecil VanNuys, Carissa Newell, Ada Schorr,

Veran Swift, Margaret Storey, Kathryn Buck, Edna Asche, Lorene Griffith.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 70.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 142.

► CHAPTER T, KIRKWOOD

Organized September 27, 1907 by Mrs. Juniata Xander

Charter members: Margaret Pease, Blanche L. Houlton, Nell C. Kyler, Emma L. Tubbs, Mary S. Gibson, Jeannette Drain, Anna Belle Gibson, Minnie B. Capron, Olive A. Allen, Clare B. Kyler, Melle Willette Kyler.

Presidents who served: Minnie Capron, Clara Kyler, Olive Allen, Nelle Houston, Martha Watson, Adah Gamble, May Gibson, Retta Akin, Jeanette Abbey, Helen Oyler, Edith Balcoff, Mae Brownlee, Louise Kessler, Maude Everett, Jessie Pape, Mary Hill, Naomi Cochran, Julia Hemminger, Carol Van Riper, Lucy Van Riper, Margaret Kennedy, Cora Rezner, Thelma Mann.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 43.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 73.

► CHAPTER U, HAMILTON

Organized October 19, 1908 by Mrs. Martha Weedman

Charter members: May C. Wright, Jessie Robinson McMahan, Mabel Waggoner, Viola Crouch, Mary Machin Gardner, Helen Byers Higby, Bertha R. Dadant, Gertrude Gates Pardee, Maud Fullmer Gordon, Valentine Dadant.

Presidents who served: Valentine Dadant, Nira Robinson, Estelle Agnew, Mary Hosford, Gussie Berdolt, Clemence Dadant, Mabel Waggoner, Effie Jolidon, Maude Matthis, Florence McCartney, Gertrude Pardee, Clara Reed, Mabel Porter, Veta Gordon, Helen Louise O'Brien, Ella Wescott, Helen Jackson, Antonia Hathaway, Marcia Buss, Lorretta Hosford.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 38.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 83.

► CHAPTER V, ROCKFORD

Organized November 18, 1908 by Martha Weedman

Charter members: Margaret K. Seymour, Ella B. Snyder,

Stella M. Weaver, Etha L. Weaver Schooler, Anna Rankin, Jessie K. Dean, Anna W. Hunter, Catherine Seymour.

Presidents who served: Margaret Seymour, Stella Weaver, Laura Huber, Sarah Keyt, Stella Taylor, Geraldine Doxsey, Mayme Brodine, Ruth White, Mary Brown, Ettabel Brown, Alice Bowie, Ruth DeWitt, Eva G. Swenson, Anna Burgard, Anna Bowie, Jennie Mott, Frances Dobson, Myra Wormley, Lottie Maloney, Alice Chase, Lois Fiddick, Bessie Burritt, Zella Egdahl, Morea Cain, Mabel Block, Edith Van Duzer, Sarena Bolender, Pearl A. Ritchie.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 49.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 123.

► CHAPTER W, GALESBURG

Organized March 18, 1909 by Bessie Bassett, Proxy

Charter members: Mabel M. McClanahan, Sadie D. Little, Ethel H. Early, Jennie N. Longbrake, Nellie M. Eckley, Mary L. Overstreet, Elizabeth M. Franing, Sara T. Drake, Emma L. Hazen, Zora Hazlett, Nancy A. Martin, Mabel M. Evans, Abbie Gardner Boyes, Caroline E. Doyle.

Presidents who served: Mabel M. McClanahan, Sadie D. Little, Elizabeth Moore Franing, Zora A. Hazlett, Gertrude L. Carney, Lu Cox, Mable Foster Smith, Lyle Stickney, Caroline Greene Stotts, Lulu Ingersoll, Helen F. McLaughlin, Jessie Scofield Nash, Martha Neifert, Fanny S. Greene, Dorothy Hinchliff, Isyl Spiker Walton, Gladys Van Patten Swanson, Margery Bown Webster, Pearl Lucas, Nancy Anderson Johnson, Haroldine Ives Hazen, Alice Wellard, Dorothy Dickson Rogers, Marguerite Falls Casburn, Jean Zearing Gunning, Florance McComb Meyer.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 89

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 179.

► CHAPTER X, BUSHNELL

Organized June 1, 1909 by Mrs. Martha Weedman

Charter members: Cora B. Pinckly Cline, Blanche B. West, Nelle Ann Hoover, Edith McElvain, Elizabeth Yearick, Nell M. Pinckly, Mabel A. Frisbee, Garnet Pinckly, Hattie C. Pinckly.

Presidents who served: Garnet Pinckly, Blanche West, Lulu Truman, Mabel Frisbee, Crete Sperry, Martha Campbell, May Roark, Zoe Helfrich, Lily Ball, Maude Barber, Lulu Bricker, Lucie LeMaster, Emily Norcross, Helen Ball, Teresa Dertinger,

Sylvia Brewbaker, Carrie Chain, Duzzaa Snowden, Alice Perrine, Margaret Bricker, Vera Gray.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 48.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 95.

► CHAPTER Y, HAVANA

Organized April 22, 1910 by Mrs. Harriett M. Amsden

Charter members: Florence M. Collins, Mary E. Morrill, Bessie M. Price Southitt, Emma C. Fager, Angie A. Strickle, Lora M. Werner, Mabel B. Nortrup Morrill, Nellie E. Kroell.

Presidents who served: Florence M. Collins, Mary E. Morrill, Sara E. Pierce, Florence B. Steele, Grace G. Duffy, Mabel A. Wissman, Caroline McHarry, Alice Klingman, Ellena A. Duffy, Zella Schulte, Modelle Anno, Ruth L. Eaton, Lois Jones.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 37.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 69.

► CHAPTER Z, HARRISBURG

Organized March 11, 1911 by Pauline Ethel Tubbs

Charter members: Elizabeth E. Edwards, Etta W. Taylor, Julia K. Harris, May Collier, Bess S. Parish, Ida E. Stilwell, Fannie Gaskins, Mary E. Marsh, Portia Parish, Ethel H. Furman, Fredrica Baumer.

Presidents who served: Elizabeth Edwards, Ida E. Stilwell, Kate Harris, Fannie Gaskins, May Collier, Portia Parish, Bess Parish, Etta Taylor, Clara M. Harvey, Etta Karraker, Hazel Lehman, Myrtle Combe, Helene Rathbone, Leta Coleman, Eva Clark, Elsie Gregg, Clyde McGehee, Elsie Durham, Docia May Bonnell, Grace Ozment, Ethel Thompson, Sibyl Whitley, Lelle Pruett, Ethel Kane, Hortense Mugge, Nancy Lee Rude, Grace Collier, Ruth Gray, Kathleen Montgomery, Bernice Benson, Bess Choisser, Wilma Travelstead, Helen Parker, Louise Whitechurch, Dora Chapel, Helen Jackson, Myrna Towle, Mary Metcalf.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 49.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 81.

► CHAPTER AA, CHRISTOPHER

Organized March 11, 1911 by Pauline Ethel Tubbs

Charter members: Nettie M. Edwards, Mary E. Meade,

Mattie W. Pfaus, Florence D. Provart, Ruby L. Beach, Mary Harrison, Grace Harrison Settle, Laura E. Little.

Presidents who served: Sarah A. Putman, Iva Tygett, Nettie Edwards, Mary Harrison, Eunice Gilbert, Bess Gibson, Freda Turner, Dell Hindman, Ruth Reagin, Katherine Rogers, Mollie Brown, Sears Lavender, Vivian Campbell, Mary Snider, Vera Guthrie, Eloise Davis, Helen Cook, Charlotte Johnson, Vivian Logan.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 34.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 70.

► CHAPTER AB, CARLINVILLE

Organized March 14, 1911 by Pauline Ethel Tubbs

Charter members: Delia B. Davies, Effie Mounts, Margaret Hubbard, Ida C. Turnbull, Eva Beatrice Hoehn, Ina L. Matthews Snell, Alice P. Perrin.

Presidents who served: Delia B. Davies, Effie Mounts, Margaret Hubbard, Ida C. Turnbull, Anna R. Burton, Harriette Palmer, B. Eva Hoohn, Fannie K. Rinaker, Dora A. Barcus, Pauline B. Rinaker, Ina L. Snell, Mae B. Wilson, Mabel I. Schuele, Adele L. Hemphill, Lilas K. Chamness, Martha Ellen Ross, Louise M. Arnett, Emily J. Anderson, Elizabeth J. Denby, LaVerne W. Lusk, Jean H. Landon.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 48.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 92.

► CHAPTER AC, DIXON

Organized April 22, 1911 by Pauline Ethel Tubbs

Charter members: Nellie F. Weed Storer, Anna C. Weed, Mattie M. Graves, Mae R. Keller, Ruth Helen Dysart, Lydia A. Garnett, Harriet Leland, Ethel Van Spanckeran, Ida M. Dysart.

Presidents who served: Ethel Van Spanckeran, Ida M. Dysart, Mattie Graves, Jessie Reid, Ruth Dysart, Mae Keller, Harriet Leland, Clara Coppins, Esther Newcomer, Grace Rowland, Margaret Lager, Frances Charters, Gladys Worsley, Helen McNamera, Irene Moore, Clara Armington, Grace Johnston, Alyce Bort, Edith Eichler, Dorothy Armington, Mary Frances Horton.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 58.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 118.

► CHAPTER AD, CHICAGO

Organized February 12, 1912 by Pauline Ethel Tubbs

Charter members: Eva Roberta Robinson, Frances D. Bloomington, Nancy P. Reynolds, Nettie S. Keller, Ella La Follette, Nellie L. Byington Boswell, Maud E. Wilson Stearns, Christine Bednar, Adelaide Ames Worth, Evangeline Nohe, Genevieve Elliott, Fannie Field Hall, Orpha Jewell Bake, Alma Elizabeth Wilson McMahill.

Presidents who served: Eva R. Robinson, Nancy P. Reynolds, Carrie K. Allison, Mary K. Lindsay, Nellie M. Lee, Ella W. Winter, Lura H. Rothman, Laura D. Lazear, Anna McKenna, Margot McPherron, Dorothy Keezel, Louise A. Reid, Maude Ziegler, Ruth B. Kimball, Edith Cummings, Ethel Bullen, Hazelle Knapp, Hermione I. Hill, Ruby S. McCallister, Alyce T. Shambaugh, Sunshine Daines, Myrtle Lincicome, Lillian Kline.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 60.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 202.

► CHAPTER AE, FARMINGTON

Organized March 7, 1912 by Pauline Ethel Tubbs

Charter members: Margaret B. McAfee, Mildred M. Marshall, Lura G. Wood, Alice E. Brewer, Julia E. Dimmitt, J. Ethel Fassnacht, Stella M. Orton, Grace B. Brown, Nellie E. Bowers.

Presidents who served: Margaret McAfee, Grace Brown, Lura Wood, Julia Dimmitt, Ethel Fassnacht, Nellie Bowers, Margaret Phillips, Elsie Butterfield, Blanche Blanchard, Estella Fash, Evalyn Rohlfing, Viola Anderson, Lorena Akin, Minta Schoonover, Gracie Parks, Lorena Hefner, Mary Holmberg, Georgia Roberts, Wilma English, Mattie Gentle, Vivian Brewer, Gwendolyn Wood, Valoris Dennis, Beatrice Negley, Mary Page, Marjorie Sims, Florence Harper.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 46.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 92.

► CHAPTER AF, CHICAGO

Organized January 6, 1913 by Luella B. Stafford

Charter members: Flora J. Sherman, Gertrude M. Losee, Emily E. Reid, Mary Purdy, Ruth Wells, Olga E. Keiper Pen Dell, Gerda E. Nelson, Meta Werlich Gibian, Myrtie Hart Cover.

Presidents who served: Myrtie Hart Cover, Olga M. Keiper,

Meta Werlich, Flora Sherman, Gertrude M. Losee, Olga E. Pen Dell, Mattie Halleman, Clara M. Potts, Marie H. Bernhardt, Gladys Wiley, Harriet S. Agler, Mary Schlieker, Ruth Klass, Rhoda Griffith, Ethel Jones, Caroline McKay, Lily Mitchell, Margaret Conant, Marjorie Hough.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 34.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 73.

► CHAPTER AG, KEITHSBURG

Organized March 16, 1914 by Luella B. Stafford

Charter members: Orpha S. Bloomer, Lou Newell Willits, Olive Emerson Temple, Olive Maley Hoyt, Gertrude P. Huston, Elizabeth C. Gilrain, Rose Abrams Watts, Jessie King Madden, Florence Allen Lawrence, Mary B. Humphreys, Hattye Orth King.

Presidents who served: Orpha S. Bloomer, Elizabeth C. Gilrain, Olive E. Temple, Lou N. Willits, Olive M. Hoyt, Hattye O. King, Mary B. Humphreys, Jessie K. Madden, Rose A. Watts, Murl G. Ogle, Isabelle D. Chafa, May D. Coe, Bessie B. Bloomer, Grace E. Trent, Ora N. Willits, Helen B. Barnett, Miriam M. Minter, Almarine W. Sheriff.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 25.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 50.

► CHAPTER AH, PEORIA

Organized March 18, 1914 by Luella B. Stafford

Charter members: Mary A. Craig, Alice Wilson, Alice Du Bois, Anna Green, Nell Russell Fouts, Helen M. Craig Whitmore, Minnie E. Patty, Charlotte S. Ashman, Mary L. Shepherdson, Lucile Du Bois Whiting, Verna E. Miller Doane, Mabel V. Morre Harper, Sara Jacob, Augusta Schwarting Kummer, Nancy G. Fuller, Ethel M. Scranton Parr.

Presidents who served: Mary A. Craig, Lena Edmonson, Nell Russell Fouts, Irene Lidle Lynch, Ada Graham Lester, Elsie Heyl McLaughlin, Estella R. Barnett, Nellie C. Wrigley, Opal Bowton Baymiller, Fannie M. Johnson, Grace A. Gorham, Florence D. Bone, Alice H. Findley, Mayme R. Heyl, Julia S. Johnson, Mary L. Shepherdson, Jessie Rutherford Anicker, Bertha C. Hazard, Minnie Brock, Blanche H. Triebel, Anne McCord, Phebe R. Miller.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 42.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 90.

► CHAPTER AI, CHICAGO

Organized April 7, 1914 by Luella B. Stafford

Charter members: Maude B. McDonald, Susan B. Levis, Jessie Mae Hieberg, Alice E. Cormack, Alice M. Braddock, Mayme D. Kress, Edna Miller Johnson, Elizabeth D. Craig, Mary Allen Monia.

Presidents who served: Alice Braddock, Maude McDonald, Mayme D. Kress, Mary D. Knapp, Murriel Kalk, June Stresenreuter, Margaret Wulfing, Mabel R. Undine, Bessie P. Day, Ruth M. Cruse, Constance C. Cox, Sophea Rathje, Betty Ann Heyes, Leone Joy Quinn, Bertha Strandberg, Lois J. Bennett, Norma L. Battis, Bess Montague, Mary C. Casper.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 38.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 90.

► CHAPTER AJ, BRIDGEPORT

Organized April 14, 1914 by Luella B. Stafford

Charter members: Lora M. Firmin, Carrie F. Hoppel, Mary I. Madding, Mildred M. Rausch Baker, Elizabeth N. Barnett, Anna I. Seed, Dora Lanterman, Mary B. Laughlin, Fannie C. Watson, Laura B. Groff.

Presidents who served: Lora B. Firmin, Anna C. Lewis, Mary B. Laughlin, Dora L. Lanterman, Elizabeth N. Barnett, Pauline G. Lewis, Melda F. Gray, Annie L. Finley, Annie L. Mangum, Mildred Rausch, Kathryn Wiggins, Pauline V. Thompson, Alta Hagnauer, Chlora B. Lewis, Maude Baldwin, Hilma Baldwin, Helen Fahnestock, Lois Anstine, Mona De Tray.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 34.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 61.

► CHAPTER AK, GILLESPIE

Organized April 25, 1914 by Luella B. Stafford

Charter members: Tillie Wilcox, Gertrude Rice, Sarah Jorgensen, Blanche Reese, Elsie Smith Isaacs, Bonnibel B. Frey, Alvena Schmidt, Clara J. Burton, Isa M. Pinkerton.

Presidents who served: Blanche Reese, Elsie Isaacs, Maude Fredrickson, Alvena Schmidt, Sarah Jorgensen, Ida Pfahler,

Clara J. Burton, Verna Hoehn, Tillie E. Wilcox, Erma McNely, Ora Lewis, Anna Fitzgerald, Adella Kiss, Katharine Grauel, Mary B. Elliman, Ora Lewis, Viola McPherson, Gwen Lesem, Marcia Hoehn, Kathryn Armstrong, Viola Fisher.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 31.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 66.

► CHAPTER AL, RUSHVILLE

Organized March 20, 1915 by Alice Willard

Charter members: Laura L. Knowles Lynch, Helen Graff, Nora Loring McLaren, Marie B. Dyson, Mary Loring Mourning, Maud R. Sweeney, Ruth S. Houston Scott, Harriet I. Houston Threlkeld, Bessie D. Rodewald, Lou Taylor Nolan.

Presidents who served: Laura V. Lynch, Nora McLaren, Marie B. Dyson, Bessie Rodewald, Alice M. Dyson, Mary Mourning, Ann Park, Matilda Deane, Lucile Dyson, Olive Bates, Grace Loring, Esther Miller, Nellie Barton, Clara Staffelbach, Glenna Heininger, Mabel Houston, Vergil Gain.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 38.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 65.

► CHAPTER AM, KNOXVILLE

Organized October 1, 1915 by Alice Willard

Charter members: A. R. Becker, Lee Anna H. Lafferty, Genevieve Lotts Collins, Florence Lewey Lander, Ophelia B. Hebard, Ella Lotts Lacey, Alice M. Charles, Isal Caldwell Lewis, Ruth Barrett, Jennie A. Schwartz, Mary Elizabeth G. Campbell Bailey, Minnie Rogers.

Presidents who served: Alice Charles, Orpha Hebard, Isal Lewis, Lee Ann Robbins, Alice Baer, Genevieve Collins, Alice Huggins, Ella Lacy, Margaret McAfee, Kate Wallick, Jennie Schwartz, Helen Brown, Fenimore Schwartz, Viola Mathers, Mildred Cecil, Martha Beecher, Grace Compton, Leona Lacy, Gladys Jensen.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 36.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 83.

► CHAPTER AN, GALESBURG

Organized March 4, 1916 by Alice Willard

Charter members: Anna M. Armstrong, Gail H. Ridgway Brown, Julia W. Bentley, Henrietta Armstrong, Hettie L. Thompson, Clara K. Lewis, Helen H. Birch, Blanche M. Boulton, Margaret Safford, Eulalia Anderson Gill, Amy Anderson, Blanche Holmes, Mary Pakenham Smith.

Presidents who served: Anna M. Armstrong, Eulalia A. Gill, Blanche Holmes, Hettie L. Thompson, Caroline F. Armstrong, Amy A. Toerpe, Henrietta Armstrong, Vanche M. Sessions, Irene B. Mariner, Esther N. Book, Grace B. James, Alice W. Dickson, Martha M. Annegers, Wilma Harrison, Margaret C. Stanfield, Mary C. Beatty, Edith Lass, Myrle Bates, Claire G. Chandler, Marie Hanson, Mildred Landon, Marguerite Nelson, Mary Isley, Ruth Atwood.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 49.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 106.

► CHAPTER AO, ELMWOOD

Organized April 13, 1916 by Alice Willard

Charter members: Ella M. Zoll, Margaret Ethel McCabe, Irene Clinch, Lena M. Clinch Bourque, Nina Belle Bowers, Zula May Miller, Nora M. Gilmore Wiley, Alice R. Tarpy.

Presidents who served: Ella Zoll, Nina Bowers, Irene Clinch, Zula Miller, Alice Tarpy, Ethel McCabe, Mary Schenck, Sadie Humphrys, Minnie Heptonstall, Vera Bourgoin, Anna Day, Gertrude McQuiston, Thora Young, Elsie Butterfield, Louise Schlots, Cora Shissler, Marie Shissler, Blanche Seltzer, Frances Waibel, Florence Miller, Mildred Bickford, Caroline Sipfle, Edna Seltzer, Helen Norris, Pauline Matson, Mary Beard.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 40.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 68.

► CHAPTER AP, WAUKEGAN

Organized May 19, 1916 by Hallie A. Newell

Charter members: Adla Richardson, Mary P. Hathorne, Eunice A. Munson Bentley, Maud E. Peter Lewis, Jessie Ambrose, Mabel M. Gibson, Edith R. Parker.

Presidents who served: Maud Peter, Adla Richardson, Edith Parker, Lovina Caldwell, Lena Patterson, Mabel Gibson, Olive

Phelps, Grace Hoag, Edith Welton, Edith Higley, Reba Carlson, Marion Sandven, Helen Weygant, Mary Crawford, Carolyn John, Esther Allen, Gertrude Fueik, Fyrn McCall.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 39.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 95.

► CHAPTER AQ, AUGUSTA

Organized September 23, 1916 by Hallie A. Newell

Charter members: Georgia C. Stockton, Jean Aldrich Booker Robbins, Lelia M. Tarr Moore, Mary Elizabeth Gordon Robison, Helen W. Violette, Ella Louise Pendleton, Edith May Winters, Bertha L. Winters, Grace Working Compton, Alma Alpha Bertholf, Mary Catherine Magill, Mary Lewis Beard.

Presidents who served: Mary Beard, Ella Pendleton, Lelia Moore, Mabel Robison, Edith Winters, Helen Artz, Mary Magill, Mace Crain, Mary Robison, Helen West, Marie Simons, Georgia Stockton, Louise Robison, Pearle Bruner, Grace Young, Rachel Weinberg, Elizabeth Williams, Fannie McAfee, Helen Violette, Mildred Cain, Esther Winters, Mary Fullmer, Nina Jones, Mary L. Weinberg, Imogene Whitehead, Shirley Shoopman, Mary Holmes.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 37.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 58.

► CHAPTER AR, URBANA

Organized November 7, 1917 by May H. De Money

Charter members: Leola H. Long, Anna Starbird, Effie B. Chance, Margaret E. Cramer, Mary Miller, Sarah A. Weeks, Pearl Mc Lean, Emma A. Gere, Sarah W. Davidson.

Presidents who served: Mary Miller, Leola Long, Eula Higgins, Sarah Weeks, Blanche Watts, Lillian B. Sale, Helen Sears, Elizabeth Campbell, Edith Scoville, Grace Stanton, Ruth Matthews, Anna Seely, Hortense Barr, Gertrude McDonald, Geraldine Cramer, Velda Newcomer, Bernita Davies, Burness Pierce, Meryl Williamson.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 61.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 147.

► **CHAPTER AS, PEKIN**

Organized November 19, 1917 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Minta B. Kroll, Carolyn Rhuhaak, Louise Himmelheber, Gladys T. Helm, Martha E. Rueling, Martha Steinmetz, Emma L. Weber, Maud C. Rupert.

Presidents who served: Emma Weber, Martha Steinmetz, Caroline Sipfle, Ella Gray, Emma Hinners, Maude Rupert, Imogene Elliff, Alga Velde, Marjorie Locke, Louise Grimmer, Hazel McClintick, Jessie Kriegsman, Miriam Wherry.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 45.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 80.

► **CHAPTER AT, LAWRENCEVILLE**

Organized November 21, 1917 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Cora Kirkwood, Roselle Whittaker, Inez Kirkwood, Allie Daugherty, Leonora Kirkwood, Lillie M. Stoll, Inez M. Tohill, Aleen Crumbacher, Anna M. Trueblood, Mary Lemmons.

Presidents who served: Inez Tohill, Cora Kirkwood, Inez Kirkwood, Jennie Lewis, Lillie Stoll, Aleen Crumbacher, Jeanette Nunn, Lucinda Andrews, Dewese Bristow, Margaret Kirkwood, Ethel Duff, Mildred Thompson, Emma Highsmith, Mary Tip-sword, Mae Cash, Veree Sonner, Margaret Davis, Lucille Wagner, Emily Kirkwood, Joy Wells.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 46.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 72.

► **CHAPTER AU, GLEN ELLYN**

Organized March 21, 1918 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Mary W. Alspaugh, Helen M. Kolb, Florence M. Milmoie, Lulu S. Tatham, Bertha Kopp, Audrie Alspaugh Chase, Mary Dening Lee, Bertha D. Congers.

Presidents who served: Mary Alspaugh, Jessie Lindsay, Katherine Mitchell, Lulu Tatham, Olive Shepherd, Marjorie Jorgeson, Alta Mitchell, Charlotte Simmons, Charlotte Benthey, Jeanie McBride, Marion Pugh, Marjorie Berwanger, Mary Bear, Ruth Kelly, Dorothy Dickson, Vonee Berquist Cooley, Catharine Karr, Jean Olsen, Frances Morgan.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 52.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 105.

► CHAPTER AV, BERWYN

Organized March 22, 1918 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Katherine E. Church, Mabel L. Stephens, Bess L. Rutledge, Laura O. Marquis, Maud M. Baldwin, Geneve B. Beckman, Ida B. Howells, Kate M. Baden, Emma G. Holmes, Ruby B. Busian, Marian M. Kordsieman.

Presidents who served: Laura O. Marquis, Maud M. Baldwin, Katherine E. Church, Mabel L. Stephens, Marian M. Kordsieman, Clara S. Jonathan, Margaret W. Hessler, Martha H. Pope, Alice M. Davidson, Letty Tate, Mayme Secreste, Mary A. Foltz, Thelma Moore, Mary E. Smith, Olive E. Roise, Margaret Wright.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 56.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 102.

► CHAPTER AW, BLOOMINGTON

Organized March 29, 1918 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Flora Isabel Kemp, Hattie C. Guild, Ruth H. Shaw, Mary C. Wallis, Elizabeth S. Chapin, Ella R. Funk Riggs, Mary S. Washburn, Nettie B. Butterworth, Carrie M. Hazlett.

Presidents who served: Flora Isabelle Kemp, Hester Smith, Stella Leys, Lottie Fitz Henry, Mabel Ahlenius, Ethel Baldwin, Amy Straight, Louise Waddell, Mary Washburn, Emma Read, Ruth Ramseyer, Eliza Burkholder, Clara Rost, Rosamond Mecherle.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 50.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 93.

► CHAPTER AX, CHICAGO

Organized April 1, 1918 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Edna M. Heilman, Jessie M. Libby, Anna T. Green, Anna Robinson, Mae Irene Robinson, Grace E. Williams, Tamma H. Ritsch, Elizabeth V. King, Corda P. Hooper.

Presidents who served: Corda Hooper, Florence Daniels, Mae Robinson, Grace Williams, Pearl Hill, Ethel Amory, Iva Lane, Margaret Harris, Delphine Baker, June Thornbury, Maude Baird, Hazel Howe, Doris Harper, Frances Noble, Marian Hooker, Hazel Bedinger, Helen Boberg, Melba Milton, Elva Adams, Gladys Chatters, Jessie Steinhart.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 53.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 96.

► CHAPTER AY, CHICAGO

Organized April 5, 1918 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Mabel F. Swiney Hubbard, Elizabeth T. Williamson, Mamie A. Rowley, Louise T. Squier, Vivian P. Hatch, Rosabel Robinson, Gertrude C. Huls, Bernice Wood, Alice D. Holliday, Sinabelle Smith, Louise C. Crooks.

Presidents who served: Mabel Swiney Hubbard, Louise Squier, Elizabeth Williamson, Elizabeth Castle, Florence Graybeal, E. Mae Street, Cassie Davis, Evelyn Olson, Josephine Nims, Lilian Beath, Marjorie Adams, Hazel Monroe, Daisy Minor, Florence Smith, Jean Richardson, Katherine Busse, Helen Knollin, Caroline Rickard.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 34.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 91.

► CHAPTER AZ, EVANSTON

Organized January 28, 1919 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Lulu C. Williams, Bertha K. Hoffman, Louise K. Hoffman Lownes, Mamie S. Hardy, Mary J. Traxler, Inez Traxler, Mae Traxler, Catherine Rogers, Dora T. Brown, Zena W. Baker, Louie Towle, Anna White, Elizabeth Williams, Edna R. Cook Cooper, Margaret Towle Morse, Clara K. Hardy, Maud N. Kraft, Myrta M. Dennis, Mae Ransom Leigh.

Presidents who served: Lulu C. Williams, Dora T. Brown, Flora E. Balch, Mae Leigh, Elizabeth Lovelace, Charlotte Mitchell, Anna F. Betts, Zena U. Baker, Eva Taft, Aline Hakes, Mary C. Edwards, Esther C. Evans Greaves, Ada Marcellus, Laura E. Mills, Vivian Wear, Constance Quint, Lucile Lugg, Helen Russell, Gudrun G. Tucker, Rita Miner.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 88.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 185.

► CHAPTER BA, JOLIET

Organized April 10, 1919 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Aneita H. Frances, Glada R. French, Zella M. Davies, Mattie M. Stainfield, Winifred P. Seaver, Alphonse L. Mason, Atlanta Lossius, Jean Corlett, Ethel S. White Jones, Liela E. Rainville, Marie H. Hawley, Louise A. Poehner.

Presidents who served: Aneita Francis, Ethel White Jones, Alphonse L. Mason, Glada French, Hattie Keith, Alice P. Pence, Minerva D. Newbold, Grace C. Hindle, Adrienne S. Barrett, Martha Wilson, Daisy Leach, Blanche Lee, Anna Rankin, Bertha Skinner, Mildred LeCompte, Hazel Jordan, Rosalind Pohl, Mabel NewKirk, Evelyn Noll.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 59.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 104.

► CHAPTER BB, ABINGDON

Organized April 19, 1919 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Mary L. Robb, Dora A. Yeomen Gaskin, Verda M. Shumaker, Gara E. Yeomen, Mabel E. Bond Stockdale, Mabel E. Reynolds Pierce, Ethel L. O'Connor, Mary K. Booton McMillan, Eva J. Robb.

Presidents who served: Mary Robb, Mabel Stockdale, Mabel Pierce, Cinda Robinson, Verda Shumaker, Gladys Campbell, Pauline Hunter, Malcolm Huff, Rose Snyder, Clara Henry, Emma Crumbaker, Daisy Miller, Lura Byram, Mae Cramer, Miriam Brokaw, Marion Vander Wert, Ruth Dunlap.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 30.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 59.

► CHAPTER BC, DECATUR

Organized June 6, 1919 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Eugenie M. Bacon, Jessie M. Miller, Winifred M. Schaub, Olive M. Bear, L. Louise Bear, Ella Boyer, Elizabeth B. Waggoner, Mattie E. Peacock, Mae Macknet, Margaret W. Dick, Alice B. Evans, Alice T. Curtis, Della P. Gushard, Gertrude M. Moore, Annie P. Hunt, Harriet M. Amsdem, Clara M. Hambright, Clara N. Hawkes.

Presidents who served: Harriet Amsden, Jessie Miller, Olive M. Bear, Mildred Warner, Josie Pownall, Gladys Moeller Cross, Pearl Mattes, Helen Shell, Helen Gill, Eunice McKee, Clarinda Hatfield, Mary Ward, Mona Davidson, Beulah Freed, Jessie Lloyd, Katharine Lowe.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 62.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 135.

► **CHAPTER BD, AURORA**

Organized September 23, 1919 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Flora L. Kelly, Beulah Tomblin Gilman, Margaret F. Pank, Anne M. Lord, Mary E. Anderson, Alice A. Shepard, Luella Knight Macember.

Disbanded April 25, 1929.

► **CHAPTER BE, FREEPORT**

Organized November 10, 1919 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Florence W. Furst Riner, Anna Young Gransden, Emma G. Wagner, Leila M. Coleman Manning, Mabel D. Hitchner, Bessie G. Firestone, Helen G. Harlan, Lucia B. Marvin, Helen P. Hildreth.

Presidents who served: Emma Wagner, Pauline Wise, Florence Furst, Elsa Wagner Nugent, Marion Dildine, Mabel Bowers, Mary Martin, Gladys Covert, Mildred Young, Edna Cully, Naomi Little, Mary Carter.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 47.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 81.

► **CHAPTER BF, SPRINGFIELD**

Organized January 24, 1920 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Edna Weaver, Louise Legg, Ella B. Leib, Virginia M. Bowles, Ethel Barnes, Etta Springer, Ressa R. Armbruster.

Presidents who served: Virginia Bowles, Mona Smith, Adaline Harnsberger, Ella Leib, Jeanette Stoddard, Irene Clapp, Mabel Walraven, Anna McLoud, Gene Hall, Helen Bradley, Elizabeth Vance, Edna Cantrall, Ruth Hodgson, Margaret Cullen, Florence Gordon, Roberta Conn, Edna Duncan, Lillian Linney.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 53.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 113.

► **CHAPTER BG, GENOA**

Organized January 26, 1920 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Alma Potter Kohn, Florence B. Leich, Blanche C. Kiernen Zeller, Adah K. Shesler, Cora W. Schoonmaker, Nellie F. Sandall, Dorothy C. Lankton.

Presidents who served: Dorothy Lankton, Lois Brown, Nellie Sandall, Alma Kohn, Adah Shesler, Laura Lindgren, Eva Stewart,

Mabel Jackman, Helen Smith, Bonnie Faber, Lorene Brown, Anita Schoonmaker, Carrie McCoy, Catherine Burroughs, Marion Baker, Grace Hobson, Florence Bennett, Mabel Baldwin, Marguerite Yerkes, Ruth Lankton, Edith Reid, Iona Eichler, Evelyn Pflaum, Margery Prain, Mary Jeanette Roberts, Helen Smith.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 28.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 52.

► CHAPTER BH, STERLING

Organized January 28, 1920 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Jennie W. Craddock, Daisy Wood VanSant, Bertha M. Williams, Isabella M. Honens, Stella Coney, Irene Bassett, Edith Dillon, Ruth E. Caughey, Elizabeth Nehrhod, Sophie M. Besse.

Presidents who served: Jennie Craddock, Winnifred Timmons, Daisy VanSant, Anna Sipes, Clara Deeming, Sophie Besse, Myra Cahn, Jessie McCandless, Lucia DeWind, Louise Jamison, Evelyn Sipes, Emily Rice, Helen Marquis, Myrtle Bogard, Dorothy Hutten, Helen Philips.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 46.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 78.

► CHAPTER BI, OAK PARK

Organized January 30, 1920 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Mary D. Stafford, Harriet E. Garvey, Estella C. Keck, Marrilla H. Rogers, Ethel V. T. Bliss, Beulah B. Smith, Olive H. Arey, Carrie A. Towle, Harriet L. Hedger Hart, Zaidee V. Peniston.

Presidents who served: Mary D. Stafford, Olive H. Arey, Estella C. Keck, Zella S. MacArthur, Beulah B. Smith, Grace T. Lockard, Ornetta A. Miller, Susan M. Pond, Olive A. Ellsworth, Susan P. McDowall, Eula L. Luthy, Marilla H. Rogers, Ruth C. Millener, Lois P. Preucil, Anabel M. Houghton, Margaret McClure, Edna C. Hull, Barbara Overmyer, Dorothea Coburn, Helen Mojonnier.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 50.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 110.

▶ CHAPTER BJ, WHITE HALL

Organized April 7, 1920 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Mabel A. Lowenstein, Eleanor D. Short, Edna H. Winn, Louise Lucas, Pauline Lowenstein, Kate L. Ellis, Laura M. Baker, Mayme E. Watson, Emma D. Whiteaker, Mabel M. Schram, Louise R. Waddell, Adelia J. Greene.

Presidents who served: Mabel A. Lowenstein, Eleanor Short, Laura Baker, Louise Waddell, Carrie D. Noeker, Jessie Griswold, Edith Chapin, Pauline Lowenstein, Clara Branson, Beryl Rose, Helen Arnold, Elizabeth Fanning, Geneve Griswold, Florence C. Rose, Ardeen L. Walker, Helen S. Piper, Mildred Thomas.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 34.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 57.

▶ CHAPTER BK, ROCK ISLAND

Organized April 24, 1920 by May H. DeMoney

Charter members: Mary F. Kreis, Gertrude Sala, Anna E. Knox, Nettie A. Dingdinger, Ruth E. Prietcher, Ehrma B. McRoberts, Frida Bradford, Theodosia Heagy, Jennie Clark, Vernon Simmons, Sara E. Weiss, Ella Montgomery, Jennie L. Martin.

Presidents who served: Sara E. Weiss, Anna E. Knox, Louise Witter, Gertrude Sala, Helen Frey, Belle Ward, Dora Cervin, Geneva Schroeder, Clara Souders, Charlotte Helpenstell, Helen Osborne, Harriet Willard, Edna Davidson, Louise Ullemeyer, Opal Barton, Mildred Anderson.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 51.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 101.

▶ CHAPTER BL, MOLINE

Organized April 22, 1921 by Maude B. McDonald

Charter members: Margaret K. Seymour, Mary S. Huntoon, Mae Green, Ednah W. Bradley, Ella W. Edwards, Addie M. Cox, Ella B. Haley, Mamie Beam, Violet Birch, Evalyn Coulter, Ida P. Haddick, Myrtle McKelvey, Fannie Smith.

Presidents who served: Margaret K. Seymour, Ella H. Edwards, Myrtle B. McKelvey, Fannie Smith, May Green, Bess Chapman, Harriet Cornell, Edith Chapmen, Vere Coddington, Margaret MacDonald, Cora Fiske, Luora Hills, Mary Helen Fuller, Mabel Parkhurst, Belle Bickler, Isel Hankla.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 51.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 104.

► CHAPTER BM, LINCOLN

Organized April 5, 1922 by Maude B. McDonald

Charter members: Alberta C. Fox, Anna J. House, Rosanna D. Sylvester, Edyth B. Maxwell, Virginia F. Kennedy, Alta M. Mitchell, Gwendolyn Sanford Barlow, Georgia B. Humphrey, Elizabeth E. Small, Lillian A. Trapp, Josephine Lucas, Anna S. Irish.

Presidents who served: Alberta Fox, Josephine Lucas French, Maybelle Alvey, Alta Mae Mitchell, Ethel Johnston, Anna House, Ruth Gaffney, Florence Harts, Alene Berger, Hazel House, Bess Longan, Mariou Dowling, Lillian Trapp, Margaret Hodgson, Mary Alvey, Dorothy Parker.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 45.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 71.

► CHAPTER BN, PRINCETON

Organized April 11, 1922 by Maude B. McDonald

Charter members: Margaret T. O'Donnell Grove, Harriet A. Avery, Nell E. Gibbs, Winifred C. Skinner, Darlene F. Roe, Lillian W. Hensel, Gladys C. Zearing, Carolyn L. Trimble, Christine Brown, Ethyl C. Gill, Eugenia Spaulding, Marie C. Snell.

Disbanded April 24, 1936.

► CHAPTER BO, LA HARPE

Organized December 7, 1922 by Maude B. McDonald

Charter members: Nelle S. Conrardy Menzies, DeEtta A. Hungate, Mary E. Wheaton, Mabel Bushly, Mabel C. Mason, Clara M. Kaiser, Mary E. Lyon, Lauretta M. Sperry, Kathryn E. Barker, Elsie C. Moore, Martha E. Vedder, Edna R. Mayor, Emma S. Warren, Effie C. Towler, Fae S. Coulson, Ruth A. Thompson, Jane Seymour, Adah E. Ash.

Presidents who served: Nelle Seymour Conrardy, Mary E. Wheaton, Fae Speer Coulson, Mary C. Lyon, Martha E. Vedder, Edna R. Mayor, Kathryn E. Barker, Grace I. Smith, Alma J. Adair, Ruth A. Thompson, Frances W. Burg, Florence I. Roberts, Susan Gilman, Jane R. Rice, Grace I. Smith.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 30.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 57.

► CHAPTER BP, MINONK

Organized March 20, 1924 by Jessie M. Miller

Charter members: Mattie W. Stoddard, Nettie L. VanDoren, Grace C. Joosten, Mamie C. Phillips, Geraldine Phillips Fitzgerald, Myrtle S. Iliff, Lottie W. Simpson, Mary W. Pope, Myrtle E. Danforth, Hattie B. Simater, Ruth Miller Sauer, Charlotte B. Wilcox, Esther M. Simater Dye, Helen F. Henderson, Florence L. Wylie Park.

Presidents who served: Mattie Stoddard, Nettie Van Doren, Hattie Simater, Adda Sutton, Helen Henderson, Lillian Vissering, Ella Vissering, Esther Simater, Clara Gray, Louise Parks, Ethel McKee, Ruth Wylie, Ann Parks, Sara Bety McCully, Alice Stimpert.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 36.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 53.

► CHAPTER BQ, PEORIA

Organized April 14, 1924 by Jessie M. Miller

Charter members: Louise B. Curtis, Grace Mau Miller, Helen Blythe Camp, Dorothy Carter Metz, Elmagene T. Schueler, Mayme Alcorn, Harriet Bush, Margaret Crane, Althea Patteson, Marjorie Langston, Dorothy Gronnerod, Helen M. McClintick.

Presidents who served: Louise Curtis, Marjorie Baird, Elmagene Schueler, May Norton, Alice Roszell, Carolyn Barnett, Geneva Wilton, Charlotte Barbour, Mabel Fuller, Leda Wilson, Lena Wendell, Margaret Wrigley, Louise Plack, Margaret Ferdinand, Marjorie Langston, Hazel Mugge.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 33.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 59.

► CHAPTER BR, GALVA

Organized April 15, 1924 by Jessie M. Miller

Charter members: Jane Houghton, Decinia N. Ford, Janet B. Hudson, Jane J. Bergland, Elizabeth Ewing, Fannie R. Boyd, Helen F. Lanham, Mildred A. Hanlon Anderson, Mae Yocum,

Shirley Alford, Margaret H. Foote Anderson, Sue L. Wigren, Maurine Stewart.

Presidents who served: Helen Lanham, Jane Houghton, Pearl Bergland, Shirley Alford, Decima Ford, Alice Best, Mae Yocum, Hazel Miller, Mariam Means, Janet Hudson, Amy Seely Nelson, Marcella Overbaugh, Norma Johnson, Jane Clayton, Ethelyn Burcky.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 45.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 79.

► CHAPTER BS, WINNETKA

Organized April 18, 1924 by Jessie M. Miller

Charter members: Deborah S. Ferry, Lora T. Dickinson, Elizabeth F. White, Catherine O. Wisdom, Mabel R. Windes, Elyda A. Scharf, Louise H. Anderson, Eleanor Parker, Emma F. Dean, Emma Dinsmore Ely, Mary K. Beard, Barbara C. Fairclough, Harriet W. Huddle.

Presidents who served: Deborah Ferry, Lora Dickinson, Louise Anderson, Lulu Tatham, Louise Farwell, Mabel Windes, Catherine Wisdom, Mae Thomas, Louise Wagner, Margaret Snyder, Helen Kadyk, Clara Rummler, Blanche Humphrey, Minnie Stults, Dorothy Bronston.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 51.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 83.

► CHAPTER BT, AURORA

Organized April 19, 1924 by Jessie M. Miller

Charter members: Jessie L. Waterbury, Addie L. Thorpe, Florence I. Ely, Emma L. Kaiser, Ida B. Howells, Sara I. Tarble, Mary G. Worst, Minnie E. Winteringham, Ethel G. Willett, Louise G. Rice, Blanche C. Barber, Grace E. Bliss.

Presidents who served: Jessie Waterbury, Grace E. Bliss, Alice M. Braddock, Emma L. Kaiser, Maud N. Peffers, Marion W. Kaiser, Ferne G. Bushnell, Anne M. Wilkinson, Florence D. Evans, Florence H. Thomas, Gretta S. Budd, Ada M. Mitchell, Lois B. Downs, Alice Crane, Hazel Berwick.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 52.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 76.

▶ CHAPTER BU, ROODHOUSE

Organized June 27, 1924 by Caroline Stotts

Charter members: Grace Southwick, Della Ash, Anna B. Fant, Harriet Gilmore, Cora J. Orr, Lois Buchlin, Nina Hale Smith, Pauline VanDoren Mackey, Ruby Michel Houseman, Norma S. Martin, Ella Scott, Annie M. Smith, Bonnie Wilkerson.

Presidents who served: Ella Scott, Norma Martin, Della Ash, Lois Bucklin, Nina Smith, Nellie Ruyle, Grace Southwick, Hannah Hull, Pauline Mackey, Irma Hunt, Hazel Allen, Thelma Wilkinson, Lois Barr, Ethelyn Cuddy, Harriet Gilmore, Cloah Worcester.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 28.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 41.

▶ CHAPTER BV, MENDOTA

Organized December 11, 1924 by Caroline Stotts

Charter members: Edith Stenger, Mary W. Lotts, Clara W. Wagner, Florence B. Cook, Isabel B. Pohl, Ada Madden, Vivien C. Alexander, Margaret H. Potter Webb, Ann C. Van Etten, Agnes K. Cavanaugh, Cora A. Lenihan, Edith A. Ellingen.

Presidents who served: Mary Lotts, Florence Cook, Alma K. Reck, Isabel Pohl, Ada Madden, Ann Van Etten, Nano L. Dubbs, Adrienne Faber, Helen Scott, Pearl Schaller, Lois Moore, Florence Ellis, Elizabeth Colson, Caroline Schaller, June Claus, Jane Jacob, Wilma Butler, Dorothy Greenwood, Virginia Potter, Florence Goodwin, Mary Ellen Lipke.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 39.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 56.

▶ CHAPTER BW, DECATUR

Organized March 23, 1925 by Caroline Stotts

Charter members: Marion D. Wood, Clarabel E. Lewis, Alice B. File, Ella N. Bachman, Gussie B. Johnson, Grace G. Wood, Bessie M. Holt, Mary V. Love, Annie R. Stafford, Ivah I. Shellabarger, Anna H. Mills, Elsa E. Tearnan, Noy O. M. Nicholson, Corintha C. Boruff, Mary A. Collins, Mary V. Baldwin, Margaret W. Tait, Grace F. Dewein.

Presidents who served: Marion D. Wood, Ivah F. Shellabarger, Ella N. Bachman, Susanne I. Tenney, Elsa E. Tearnan, Bessie M. Holt, Stella C. Robinson, Jennie H. Rugh, Lyla J.

Melrose, Janet Anderson, Ethel E. Garman, Bessie L. McDavid, Harriet E. Mertz, Helen D. Morey, Charlotte N. Jack.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 47.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 74.

► CHAPTER BX, PEORIA

Organized March 31, 1925 by Caroline Stotts

Charter members: Etta Walker Blythe, Lizzie G. Wendell, Lila S. Loucks, Elizabeth Nash, Lulu P. Beckus, Fannie E. P. Shepherd, Nellie T. Hoffman James, Mary A. Lowes, Florence E. McGowan, Mary T. Farley, Grace M. Gregory, Emma A. Thompson, Olive L. McClintick, Katherine J. Faber, Myrtle M. Rodenhauer.

Presidents who served: Lulu Beckus, Minnie Bittel, Vandalia Burgy, Minnie Eagleton, Mabel B. Seabury, Marjorie Tadie, Mary June Thompson, Etta Walker Blythe, Ethel E. King, Olive L. McClintick, Nellie T. James, Maona Hood, Elizabeth Wendell, Vandalia H. Burgy.

Active membership March 1, 1935: 34.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 74.

► CHAPTER BY, TOULON

Organized April 9, 1925 by Caroline Stotts

Charter members: Ivah Mae Cover, Florence Fell, M. Irene Nowlan, Marianne M. Davis, Adah Lloyd, Katherine L. Brace, Pearl I. Williamson, Cora Nowlan, Inez B. Rennick, Ednah McClenahan, Mary N. Cover, Bertha L. Cover.

Presidents who served: Bertha Cover, Marianne Davis, Annie Lowman, Iva Cover, Pearl Williamson, Fannie Bradley, Irene Nowlan, Lucille McKee, Kathryn Lloyd, Ednah McClenahan, Celia Berry, Mary Louise Walker, Dean Ebert.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 25.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 38.

► CHAPTER BZ, CANTON

Organized September 2, 1925 by Caroline Stotts

Charter members: Adeline B. Norton, Rachel C. Simmons, Helen Sappington, Myrtice Marshall Anderson, Thelma A.

Mosher, Evelyn B. Crandall, Olive M. Allen Dean, Mabel Coons, Grace T. Slack, Grace M. Silva, Anna G. Preston, Margaret Lauderback, Constance Harrison, May Norton, Ruth Johnson Sterneman.

Presidents who served: Myrtice Anderson, Helen Sappington, Margaret Lauterbach, Rachel Simmons, Neta Taff, Mabel Coons, Frances Nelson, Loraine Mosher, Ruth Brehmer, Opal Sutton, Melba Mercer, Maurine Shepley, Lela Murray, Alice Klingman.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 47.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 76.

► CHAPTER CA, SPRINGFIELD

Organized October 17, 1925 by Caroline Stotts

Charter members: Daisy Gesler McKee, Emma Louise Everett, Alma Opel Jean, Annette Baxter, Deela May Horrell, Theresa F. Carroll Nafziger, Dorothy H. Stockton, Cordie E. Luers, Pauline D. Smith, Ruby Ellen Handshy Devlin, Bernice Angell, Ann E. Armstrong.

Presidents who served: Ann Armstrong, Theresa C. Nafziger, Ethel Jelliffe, Cordie E. Luers, Margaret Ditmore, Mayza Penewitt, Esther Wolaver, Alice Gottschalk, Ines Hoffmann, Gretta Schneider, Lillie Nichols, Louise Siple, Floreca Tomlin, Grace Fleming.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 47.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 82.

► CHAPTER CB, CUBA

Organized November 28, 1925 by Caroline Stotts

Charter members: Caroline Scott Baylor, Dorothy B. Shurtleff, Caroline V. Ewan, Ruth E. Ewan, Genava Durand, Thelma Stell Cooper, Blanche Nelson, Lucy Marshall, Lucy A. Stephens, Edna Herbert, Nellie Burgett, Nellie Grady.

Presidents who served: Caroline Scott Baylor, Nellie Grady, Marie Mowery, Sibyl Efnor, Edna E. White, Nellie Burgett, Emma Cline Murphy, Helen Melvin, Dorothea Clayberg, Ruth C. Queen.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 34.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 52.

► CHAPTER CC, ROCK FALLS

Organized January 9, 1926 by Caroline Stotts

Charter members: Frances E. Potter, Helen L. Church McNamara, Bertha M. Yackel, Sarah H. Vaubel, Merle Golder, Norma Riehl, Theo H. Bristol, Laura Scott, Virginia Kadel Eades, Claribel Stephenson, Lois Dimmett, Irene Rauch.

Presidents who served: Irene Rauch, Virginia Eades, Hazel Cruse, Elza Pippert, Liddie Howe, Ruth Walton, Sue Hendricks, Sue Newburn, Dorothy Winn, Myrna Pfundstein, Helen Lennox, Vivian Peterson, Julia Whiteley.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 29.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 45.

► CHAPTER CD, PITTSFIELD

Organized February 5, 1926 by Caroline Stotts

Charter members: Bertha Graham, Clara B. Shastid, Blanche P. Williams, Myrtle Glandon, Almarena G. Grote, Edna H. Weaver, Ruth C. Barrett, Lucile Hough King, Eva English, Janet Biglow Hudson, Helen Lewis Grigsby, Glenna B. Cummings, Maude M. Higbee, Maude Shaw, Pearl W. Smith.

Presidents who served: Janet B. Hudson, Bertha Graham, Myrtle C. Glandon, Maude M. Higbee, Edna H. Weaver, Blanche P. Williams, Clara B. Shastid, Caroline B. Carey, Florence Bush, June Harp, Marjorie Williams, Myrtle Dean, Mary Jones.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 34.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 48.

► CHAPTER CE, SAVANNA

Organized December 9, 1926 by Mabel Y. Frisbee

Charter members: Harriet Correll Taylor, Myrtle Rose, Mabel Imus, Isabella W. Imus, Winifred E. Howe, Doris Calehan Parker, Sue Cole, Fannie Eldredge, Lauritta F. Miles, Laura P. Thurber, Mabel Parker, Patty Leonard, Emma Machin Yates, Lelah Turner, Fannie Benedict, Harriet E. Stockwell.

Presidents who served: Harriett Stockwell, Laura Thurber, Winifred Howe, Mabel Parker, Myrtle Rose, Margaret Mehlhop, Patty Leonard, Clara Stransky, Sue Cole, Lela Turner, Jennie Fuller, Fannie Eldredge, Louise Hyler, Loretta Miles, Louise Greison, Joy Cooley, Svea Adolphson, Alta Elder, Blanche Altenbern, Mabelle Greison, Blanche Lantau, Margaret Stransky, Hazel Diehl, Mildred Stiles, Jeanne Fuller, Marjorie Rickert.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 44.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 71.

► CHAPTER CF, CHARLESTON

Organized April 9, 1927 by Mabel Y. Frisbee

Charter members: Gay Anderson, Mary G. Piper, Olive M. Allen, Joyce Haefner, Nellie W. Anderson, Myra F. Tooke, Alfaretta Mitchell, Mary C. Mitchell Hardy, Ida M. Shuey, Myra Alexander, Eva Iknayan, Bertha L. Sellars, Phoebe F. Shortess, Mary M. Reat, Floy U. Modessitt, Lena Foreman, Florence W. Shoemaker, Mary P. Anderson, Olive E. Craig, Lucille W. Allison, Margaret McCrory Corley, Esther McCrory.

Presidents who served: Olive S. Craig, Esther McCrory, Almeda Durgee, Irene S. Phipps, Patsy Stover, Alice Cavins, Elizabeth Thut, Florence M. Olsen, Ethel S. Phipps, Frances Zeigel.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 54.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 86.

► CHAPTER CG, OAK PARK

Organized April 21, 1927 by Mabel Y. Frisbee

Charter members: Lottie B. Niles, Ruth H. Myers, Edith S. Mattmiller, Anna M. Phillips, Marie B. Dreffein, Edith R. Havens, Dorothy S. Strong, Julia B. Branch, Ina M. Sisler, Grace K. L'Hommedieu, Elizabeth Daniel, Elizabeth P. Mattis.

Presidents who served: Grace L'Hommedieu, Ina Sisler, Elizabeth Daniel, Julia Branch, Anna Louise Phillips, Edith Mattmiller, May Baker, Dorothy Strong, Sarah Johnson, Bess Smith, Helen Larsen, Ruth Ruckman, Helen Pringle, Levina M. Chapman.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 37.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 53.

► CHAPTER CH, RIVERSIDE

Organized April 23, 1927 by Mabel Y. Frisbee

Charter members: Nerma F. Wagner, Mary Moore, Juliet D. Kimball, Elizabeth D. Marks, Margaret W. Brundage, Eleanor C. Saxe, Harriet G. Frazier, Gertrude N. Krueger, Grace W. Moore, Gladys H. Hinkle, Sylvia K. Schnable, Louise D. Dawson.

Presidents who served: Nerma Wagner, Gladys Hinkle, Margaret Brundage, Louise Dawson, Grace Moore, Ida Mae Slaton, Gertrude Krueger, Ruth Norris, Louise Rowland, Mary Moore, Nancy Peebles, Eunice Darrow.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 49.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 76.

► CHAPTER CI, CHICAGO

Organized November 22, 1927 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Delia R. Rigler, V. Miller, Maude C. Sherman, Gertrude D. Giffin, Virginia G. Hackett, Chastine C. Webber, Kathryn G. LaVoie, Ella H. Woodhead, Mabel C. Kerndt, Iva L. Soli, Ruby E. Prince, Genevieve S. Breed.

Presidents who served: Gertrude Giffin, Iva Soli, Olive Cain, Ruby Prince, Mabel Kerndt, Genevieve Breed, Mabel Heberling, Corinne Eddy, Gertrude Langhorne, Mary Shackelton, Sarah Smith, Dorothy Nash, Helen Crooks, Velma Redmon.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 22.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 46.

► CHAPTER CJ, ROCKFORD

Organized February 16, 1928 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Lucile A. Dickerson, Grace N. Weikel, Ruth T. White, Ettabel L. Brown, Ruth C. DeWitt, Alice Countryman, Annis B. Smith, Ethel Rutherford, Geraldine Doxsey, Elice K. Andrews, Frances L. McPhail, Jane P. Hubbell, Sadie R. McPhail.

Presidents who served: Lucille Dickerson, Ruth White, Frances McPhail, Harriet Leland, Elizabeth Corbridge, Sadie McPhail, Hazel Reno, Grace Hall, Elice Andrews, Annis Smith, Lou Williams, Lydia Blaine, Grace Kampmeier, Madge Schwartz.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 45.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 71.

► CHAPTER CK, HINSDALE

Organized February 17, 1928 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Nettie G. Neumann, Florence F. Howes, Tessie Sindeler, Sadie M. Gibson, Cora P. Lockwood, Ellen M.

Healy, Margaret Flett, Verbee Ebert, Florence E. Hale, Leone Schroeder, Georgiana Kohout, Bertha Hoover, Jane Maxwell.

Presidents who served: Nettie Neumann, Ellen Healy, Ina Holch, Leone Schroeder, Georgiana Kohout, Cora Lockwood, Marion Carson, Lillian Morris, Sadie Gibson, Dorothy Holcomb, Agnes Sieben, Virginia Kearnes.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 47.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 90.

► CHAPTER CL, BLOOMINGTON

Organized March 29, 1928 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Marjorie M. Hartenbower, Parthena G. Wyatt, Edna L. Radliff, Agatha D. Green, Ada M. Meeker, Julia S. Johnson, Anna P. Washburn, Alice P. Hiltabrand, Mabel Hartenbower, Eleanor R. Wetzels, Mary H. Platt, Blaine Boicourt, Alice R. Ellis Pickard, Bernadine B. Kirkpatrick.

Presidents who served: Marjorie Hartenbower, Parthena Wyatt, Clara Dunn, Ada Meeker, Bernadine Kirkpatrick, Jane Curtiss, Edwinna Akers, Eleanor Wetzels, LaRue Sloan, Nellie Fairchild, Edna Radliff, Marjorie Doud, Shirley Campell, Gladys Saurer.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 49.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 67.

► CHAPTER CM, STREATOR

Organized April 17, 1928 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Louise Dicus, Isabel White, Eva R. Fairbairn, Ellen M. Schurman, Nell Harrison, Louise Gaut, Dorothy B. Yates, Nora Dixon, Nellie Wilson, Wilda L. Essington, Helen H. Fornof, Phoebe R. Arthur, Charlotte A. Hall, Gussie M. Jones, Louise Tremper.

Presidents who served: Eva Fairbairn, Nellie Wilson, Lucile Schiffbauer, Gussie Jones, Louise Dicus, Ellen Schurman, Alice Funk, Rose Wagner, Bessie Powers, Reba Barrett, Gladys McNamara, Margaret Arthur.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 56.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 71.

► CHAPTER CN, WINNETKA

Organized April 20, 1928 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Frances McGraw, Lottie Allen Babb, Eloise W. Wortley, Stella S. Smith, Bess Taylor Ballenger, Rose B. Hamilton, Anna B. Goble, Nina D. Davis, Cora Gould Davies, Charlotte W. Ratcliffe, Lillie B. Brown, Grace C. Hunter, Janette Raub.

Presidents who served: Rose Hamilton, Anna Goble, Charlotte Ratcliffe, Nina Davis, Janette Raub, Eloise Wortley, Lucile Dougherty, Laura Clarke, Atlantis Marshall, Charlotte Vandeburgh, Margaret Masters, Gertrude Nielsen, Hildegard Skyrn.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 48.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 71.

► CHAPTER CO, OAK PARK

Organized May 24, 1928 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Jeanette Magowan, Nina Goertz, Mildred B. Gehlmann, Margaret Rea May, Florence I. Harris, Ella W. H. Gates, Mildred L. H. Marsh, Lucile K. Clovis, Marie C. Lilliston, Ercel F. Whitmer, Florence A. Wolcott, Olive D. Shelley, Nell B. Heisterman, Gladys P. Houser, Florence Brubaker, Addie M. Hoffman, Marion H. Bell.

Presidents who served: Jeanette Magowan, Florence Wolcott, Margaret May, Florence Brubaker, Jessie Job, Mildred Gehlmann, Gladys Houser, Bessie Bates, Florence Magowan, Alma Weldo, Mabel Gramlich, Maybelle Snorf, Edna Ruth Wood.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 37.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 71.

► CHAPTER CP, LAKE FOREST

Organized October 30, 1928 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Edith G. Johnson, Jeanette H. Haynes, Frances L. Coffin, Theresa H. Cummings, Doris L. Muir, Annie Roberts, Eda C. Sleight, Jessie M. Russell, Eleonora Engle, Isabelle W. Brown Carter, Marguerite Creamer Pearson, Stella R. Glasgow Daires, Genevieve W. James.

Presidents who served: Edith Johnson, Eda Sleight, Frances Coffin, Annie Roberts, Dorothy Williams, Anna H. Wenban, Olive

I. Vercoe, Stella Glasgow, Mildred Gillette, Dorothy Moore, Esther Beatty, Margaret Curtis.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 31.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 68.

► CHAPTER CQ, CHICAGO

Organized April 16, 1929 by Myrtle C. Combe

Charter members: Mae Hazen Howe, Lillian Gerecke Hope, Ruth Hazen Kimble, Addie M. Tomlinson, Cecil Kasehagen, Marion Murphy, Kate S. Hale, Helen D. Bechtolt, Florence B. Tomlinson, Aurel Zinsmeister, Katherine D. Payne, Marion L. Tracy, Georgia V. Hill, Genevra A. Overholt, Vera Wertheim, Anita B. Reece, Margorie G. Suard.

Presidents who served: Mae Hazen Howe, Addie M. Tamlinson, Katherine Payne, Josephine Swigert, Helen D. Bechtolt, Madelyn H. Gleeson, Marget McPherron, Marie Lauthers, Aurel Zinsmeister, Ruth Kimble, Florence Pinch, Esther Comstock, Lois Zinsmeister.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 48.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 71.

► CHAPTER CR, EVANSTON

Organized April 17, 1929 by Myrtle C. Combe

Charter members: Elizabeth Mae Parry, Laura Lee Clements, Esther L. Strickland, Ruth E. Maland, Hazel Lamb Skinner, Helen Bogue Dicus, Laura C. Eason, Helene H. Altfilisch, Lucile K. Clovis, Marjorie A. Francis Bickler, Frances P. Baker, Ida C. Dicus, Blanche Young Gregg, Anita Hill Atkinson, Hulda M. Phipps.

Presidents who served: Laura Lee Clemens, Palma Smith, Frances Baker, Amanda Holbrook, Sylvia Lee, Hazel Skinner, Ruth Maland, Jeanette Myers, Ruth McAfee, Luella Bushey, Mayme Brown, Eleanor Hoffman, Jean Simmons, Mary Brentlinger.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 44.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 87.

► CHAPTER CS, KEWANEE

Organized April 18, 1929 by Myrtle C. Combe

Charter members: Margaret V. Lauterback, Leona M.

Karsten, Mary W. Walker, Frances D. Rhodes, Elizabeth B. Palmer, Pauline King Kemp, Bertha Brunner, Charity P. Taylor, Ilma Kerr Heflin, Clara Louise Howard, Louise N. Boethke, Harriet Munn, Hazel Curtis Swain, Carrie C. Peterson Waller, Eleanor T. Washburn.

Presidents who served: Margaret Lauterback, Mary Walker, Eleanor Washburn, Pauline Kemp, Bertha Brunner, Ilma Heflin, Louise McRae, Mildred Anderson, Martha Curtis, Betty Stewart, Hazel Swain, Helen Williams.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 59.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 92.

► CHAPTER CT, EAST ST. LOUIS

Organized April 20, 1929 by Myrtle C. Combe

Charter members: Nell H. Olbrich, Mayme Mead, Esther N. Spitze, Madeline W. Pierce, Alta G. Ropiequet, Jennie L. Rodenberger, Hazel H. Wright Driemeyer, Mabel A. Miller, Evalena B. Nickell, Nell E. Watson, Frances W. Nalbach, Jessie M. Goetzman, Louise Helm, Corinne Ellis.

Presidents who served: Nell Olbrich, Bessie Patterson, Madeleine Pierce, Corinne Ellis, Charlotte Johnson, Alta Ropiequet, Frances Nalbach, Odessa Patterson, Vashti Gill, Edna Hitchcock, Gertrude Stephenson, Lucile Myers, Jennie Rodenberger, Katherine Osborn, Adele Harrington.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 46.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 73.

► CHAPTER CU, MOUNT MORRIS

Organized November 16, 1929 by Mabel Y. Frisbee

Charter members: Frances G. Prendergast, Dorothy Davis Ross, Polly B. Newton, Pauline B. Yoe, Frances T. Bronson, Margaret Crawford, Ada Mitchell, Lorraine Thomas, Ealy F. Grobe Morris, Mary E. Wishard Logan, Ruth Coffman, Bernice B. Leonard, Laura Lewis Cratty, Edith E. Kable.

Presidents who served: Mary Wishard Logan, Berniece Leonard, Lorraine Thomas, Ealy Grobe Morris, Amy McNett, Ruth Coffman, Pauline Yoe, Dorothy Ross, Ethyle McNett Town, Margaret Crawford, Edna Coulson, Lola Lizer, Sarah Allen, Margaret Mitchell, Evelyn Lundgren.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 26.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 40.

► CHAPTER CV, EVANSTON

Organized January 14, 1930 by Opal B. Baymiller

Charter members: Edith B. Loucks, Drusa D. McKarahan, Mildred B. Wanberg, Alberta Read, Adelaide M. Cox, Virginia B. Ashby Eyerly, Nona S. Donahue, Marian Abel McCreary, Carrie M. Holmes, Maude B. Stolley, Anna Dean K. Whitechurch, Mary Scott Burkland, Fern Constance Harris, June Whitford Misko, Lucie Fogle Janes.

Presidents who served: Edith Loucks, Doris Mutz, Adelaide Cox, Anne Whitechurch, June Misko, Mildred Wanberg, Hazel Hamrin, Alda Gillet, Dorothy Hiatt, Ruth Freeman, Hermion Mathews, Mabel Tackaberry, Marian Aycock.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 56.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 93.

► CHAPTER CW, LA GRANGE

Organized February 3, 1930 by Opal B. Baymiller

Charter members: Hazel Hill Vial, Kathryn V. Squires, Sarah B. Dodge, Mary E. Heater, Jennie E. Vial, Margaret Tyler Vial, Ruby D. Purcell, Edith Bloomfield, Mildred G. Workman, Beulah A. Johnson, Eleanore M. Hurbut, Hope E. Branum, Elizabeth K. Warner, Frances M. Mooney.

Presidents who served: Kathryn Squires, Carrie Kendall, Beulah Johnson, Eleanor Davies, Hazel Ziesel, Josephine Fielder, Anna Simons, Ruth Shupp, Mila Field, Kathryn Price, Bernda Ault, Mabel Lissack, Roxane Runiner, Alberta Drake.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 55.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 96.

► CHAPTER CX, DECATUR

Organized March 17, 1930 by Opal B. Baymiller

Charter members: Hazel J. Wikoff, Edith S. Clark, Elizabeth H. Stevens, Margaret Moore, Marion Wood, Grace S. Jack, Harriet E. Childs, Lavina Hess, Irene H. Duerr, Eugenia Allin, Margaret Hadley, Jessie W. Lockett, Olga E. McDavid, Anna W. McNabb, Effie M. Theobald, Margaret Morrow, Olive M. Young, Helen E. Bohon.

Presidents who served: Eugenia Allin, Olga McDavid, Margaret Moore, Grace Jack, Lavina Hess, Genevieve Miller, Helen Allen, Neva Gauger, Effie Theobald, Marian Diehl, Marjorie McGee, Harriet Birt.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 51.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 69.

► CHAPTER CY, JACKSONVILLE

Organized April 14, 1930 by Opal B. Baymiller

Charter members: Ellie J. Trabue, Grace Burd Coover, Emma G. Smith, Vera T. Swope, Harriet Gilmore, Empo Henry, Jessie P. Jenks, Anna L. Stevenson, Claire S. Stevenson, Anna K. Johnson, Stella M. Gilbert, Vera K. Caldwell, Alida Alexander, Lula D. Hay.

Presidents who served: Jessie P. Jenks, Vera Swope, Empo Henry, Elizabeth Buffe, Bessie Ballow, Pearl Dollear, Helen Carpenter, Lela Hamm, Vera Caldwell, Violet Davis, Harriet Willard, Lecie Hutchison, Anna L. Stevenson.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 47.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 85.

► CHAPTER CZ, PEORIA

Organized April 15, 1930 by Opal B. Baymiller

Charter members: Elsie D. Heiple, Myrtle G. Mendenhall, Pearl T. Lund, Harriet Kellstedt, Dorothy B. Hootman, Eva W. Prochazka, Ethel Fisher, Ruth W. Pearman, Freda M. Engstrom, Una G. Lidle, Grace Dunshee, Harriet Galbraith, Talea M. Hulsebus, Ella M. Streibich.

Presidents who served: Ethel Fisher, Ella Streibich, Hazel Lynch, Dorothy Hootman, Nelle Olson, Elizabeth Keithley, Madge Schied, Harriet Galbraith, Glenna Cummings, Pearl Lund, Helen Russell.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 30.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 53.

► CHAPTER DA, PARK RIDGE

Organized December 13, 1930 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Gladys E. Kivell, Florence G. Smock, Bereniece Ward, Edith G. Malone, Opal Ragan, Mary Osia, Miriam V. K. Nelson, Evelyn Cox Simmons, Harriet J. Smock, Mary S. Shepard, Carrie H. Snell, Gloria T. Taylor, Lillian

L. Ackerburg, Katherine M. Abbott, Marian B. Cassody, Elvira Brown, Cora Ryerson.

Presidents who served: Gladys Kivell, Opal Ragan, Marian Cassady, Elvira Brown, Mary Shepard, Gloria Taylor, Lillian Ackerburg, Florence Smock, Marion Miller, Margherita Hallberg, Carrie Snell, Ruth Cameron, Mary Schmidt.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 40.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 66.

▶ CHAPTER DB, CHICAGO

Organized December 30, 1930 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Norma L. Romes, Sara P. Taylor, Jean W. Goodsell, Helen M. Taylor, Helen C. Miller, Grace E. Johannesen, Jean H. Greig, Sara Jane Romes Matther, Elizabeth Romes Young, Ethel B. Kellar, Grace M. Stephens, Lillian P. Wisdom.

Presidents who served: Helen M. Taylor, Jean Goodsell, Sarah P. Taylor, Grace Johannesen, Eloise Hutchinson, Elizabeth Romes, Marjorie Carr, Grace M. Stephens, Helen C. Miller, Ethel B. Kellar, Hila Logan, Helen Mercer.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 16.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 35.

▶ CHAPTER DC, SPRINGFIELD

Organized January 6, 1931 by Pauline B. Rinaker

Charter members: Jessie M. Graham, Ruth C. Montgomery, Margaret P. Cowdin, Helena M. Tobin, Neva C. Strong, Dell F. Jordon, Alice W. Luehrs, Alice E. James, Emilie L. Taylor, Lucy S. Shepherd, Virginia S. Catron, Eleanor K. Holmes, Nira C. Irwin, Gertrude L. McKelvey, Kathleen G. Hardaway.

Presidents who served: Kathleen Hardaway, Helena Tobin, Gertrude McKelvey, Dell Jordan, Esther French, Ruth Montgomery, Jessie Graham, Vera Dellert, Helen Stephens, Frances Bay, Lucy Shepherd, Lucille Reddick.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 35.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 54.

▶ CHAPTER DD, AURORA

Organized January 23, 1931 by Pauline B. Rinaker

Charter members: Mary Potter Culver, Susie C. Davis,

Esther E. Randall, Nettie C. Rea, Anna Riddell Sagle, Polly Boorkman, Pearl Grometer, Creta Ricker, Sidonia L. Walker, Ann B. Hamper, Minnie F. Janda, Mabelle J. Cheney.

Presidents who served: Anna Sagle, Mildred McDowell, Anna Hamper, Mabelle Cheney, Katherine Lee, Minnie Janda, Lettie Murphy, Mary Culver, Mame Croushorn, Lillian Schwarz, Creta Ricker, Hildagard Schuff, Lucille Halfvarson.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 57.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 77.

► CHAPTER DE, CHICAGO

Organized January 31, 1931 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Elizabeth Bell Albro, Mary M. Marker, Marion F. Brazelton, Mona Jackson, Catharine Gifford Snyder, Ethel D. Luckenbill, Margaret McLaughlin, Helen M. Schollenberger, Emily C. Hackett, Essalee Wallace, Alta H. Davis, Mary Louise DeMet, Louise M. Wallace, Helen L. Snider, Miriam L. Ecklund.

Presidents who served: Catharine Gifford, Essalee Wallace, Mary DeMet, Elizabeth Bell, Helen Schollenberger, Sylvia Johnson, Marion Brazelton, Madge Baldwin, Frances Seeley, Ione Wells, Bernice Burden, Virginia Parker, Mona Peterson, Mona Jackson.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 33.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 63.

► CHAPTER DF, WESTERN SPRINGS

Organized February 3, 1931 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Helen B. Carpenter, Lillian H. Shore, Martha D. Keith, Sara Dockum, Ernesta S. Seass, Nora H. Bills, Alice F. Sperry, Elizabeth A. Stevenson, Mabel Togg, Wilma G. Hieronymus, Margaret Creelman, Elizabeth Andrews, Margaret S. Groat, Rosamund H. Abbott, Louise Acres, Ruth C. Bolay, Willmana S. Noyes, Mary P. Niemann.

Presidents who served: Lillian Shore, Wilma Hieronymus, Nora Bills, Willmana Noyes, Mabel Hank, Mildred Trumbo, Nora Wishard, Marie Moore, Sara Simpson, Helen Bomke, Josephine Swec.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 41.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 77.

► CHAPTER DG, CHICAGO

Organized February 11, 1931 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Mabel G. McKee, Julia A. Pool, Helen B. Patton, Bertonia A. Allum, Edith Harris, Florence B. Payne, Helen J. Miller, Helen B. Leys, Edith L. Lanning, Jean M. Brewer, Gladys M. Irwin, Margaret A. Clevevtt, Frances S. Cassidy.

Presidents who served: Mabel G. McKee, Helen B. Patton, Helen B. Leys, Jean M. Brewer, Helen Miller, Gladys Cross, Olive Cross, Olive Hill, Ruth Wilder, Maybelle Cross, Mildred Daniel, Katherine Crawford, Lucile Coombs.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 41.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 87.

► CHAPTER DH, CHICAGO

Organized February 16, 1931 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Elizabeth O. Smith, Bernice Law, Clara M. Harvey, Grace B. Beall, Martha J. Van Nostrand, Rachel P. Withers, Alberta O. Smith, Gertrude H. Klingensmith, Mae F. Trigg, Kathryn R. Cairns, Marguerite Hartman, Grace P. Ferguson, Zoraida H. Dobberteen, Ramona K. Johnson.

Presidents who served: Elizabeth O'Lynn Smith, Clara Harvey, Eleanor Holland, Martha Van Nostrand, Zoraida Dobberteen, Kathryn Roark Cairns, Ruth Sherman, Helen Small, Ruth Wilhjelm, Eleanor Briggs, Florence Mayfield, Edna Ridley, Lucile Drewry.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 35.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 73.

► CHAPTER DI, DOWNERS GROVE

Organized February 26, 1931 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Marjorie B. Wrenn, Ollum A. Mochel, Addie H. Becker, Eva M. Coburn, Margaret H. Derr, Beatrice A. Hoag, Marie M. Payson, Vivian W. Harkness, Ruth C. Boal, Nelia C. Owen, Lucile E. Jones, Grace E. Diener, Leila M. Lacey, Clara E. Mackey, Gladys M. Coles.

Presidents who served: Marjorie Wrenn, Ollum Mochel, Ruth Boal, Nelia Owen, Leila Lacey, Ruth Carpenter, Edna Naramore, Alice DeWolf, Merle Mackey, Maude Antkoviak, Margaret Godshalk, Betty Wiley, Myrtle Beckham.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 41.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 64.

▶ CHAPTER DJ, CHICAGO

Organized April 11, 1931 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Ethel E. Holton, May Y. Reed Mullen, Laura S. Hartwell, Florence M. Blake, Louise Hartwell, Helen I. Whigam, Florence Hanawalt, Grace O. Randall, Lillie A. McAllister, Edith M. Briggs, Snow Mayo, Julia M. Hartwell, Mary G. Hartwell, Betsy A. Hanson, Eva H. Thornton, Frances E. Thornton.

Presidents who served: Ethel E. Holton, Grace O. Randall, Snow Mayo, Florence M. Blake, Edith M. Briggs, Betsy A. Hanson, May Y. Mullen, Florence Hanawalt, Bertha Pendrup, Dorothy J. Magee, Lucy Daniels.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 26.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 41.

▶ CHAPTER DK, CARROLLTON

Organized April 13, 1931 by Pauline B. Rinaker

Charter members: Edith F. Burns, Blanche S. Purl, Harriet W. Eldred, Ruth F. Meek, Clara H. Meek, Alma M. Daum, Edna R. Vedder, Louise M. Baldwin, Minnie J. Sharon, Elizabeth M. Coyle, Ann Driver, Meda P. Jones, Mary T. Pierson, Julia Pierson, Dorothy Davis.

Presidents who served: Clara Meek, Julia Pierson, Edna Vedder, Blanche Purl, Ruth Meek, Elona Hardcastle, Harriet Eldred, Gudrun Wilson, Hazel Raper, Ann Driver, Blanche Brown.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 30.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 41.

▶ CHAPTER DL, ROCHELLE

Organized April 13, 1931 by Pauline B. Rinaker

Charter members: Kathlyn MacCullock Kirpeteg, Margaret Falstad, Lois E. Kingma, Mabel L. Lissack, Beth W. Grieve, Kalah Stegmeir, Faye F. Carter, Laura B. Masters, Lillian O. Unger, Orva Cleveland, Mabel Barker, Franc Unger.

Presidents who served: Mabel Lissack, Kathlyn MacCullock, Beth Grieve, Lois Kingma, Lillian Unger, Ethel Hoon, Orva Cleveland, Laura Masters, Franc Unger, Nora Phelps, Hazel Anderson, Faye Carter, Margery Guest, Helen Ellis, Ruth Heron, Pearl Motlong, Anastasia Bienfang, Ada May.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 33.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 46.

► CHAPTER DM, OAK PARK

Organized April 15, 1931 by Mabel Y. Frisbee

Charter members: Nellie Banes, Emma J. Larson, Minnie L. Fitzgerald, Grace V. Kuck, Mary H. Yearley, Beatrice E. Tomlinson, Frances Wilson, Emma McConkey, Laura May Ollendorf, Willette Fitzgerald Kuhlman, Clara E. Taylor, Jean Fitzgerald-Budd.

Presidents who served: Minnie L. Fitzgerald, Nella R. Briggs, Laura May Ollendorf, Jessie Johnston Howser, Lois Dimmitt, Marian Cates, Betty Inman, Myrtle Murray, Margaret Hawkins, Margaret Nass.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 31.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 57.

► CHAPTER DN, GENESEO

Organized April 16, 1931 by Pauline B. Rinaker

Charter members: Gertrude P. Huston, Rose A. Watts, Lydia Colby, Clara W. Murphy, Nellie S. Smith O'Harra, Marion P. Becker, Olive S. Greenwood, Fannie M. White, Flora White, Nellie Hanna, Louise E. Magee, Mary C. Brown, Mildred E. Richmond, Louise T. White, Edith G. Wood.

Presidents who served: Gertrude Huston, Clara Murphy, Mildred Richmond, Louise White, Olive Greenwood, Loma Hoy, Rose Watts, Eunice Higginbotham, Marian Becker, Jean Potter, Mary Brown.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 35.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 52.

► CHAPTER DO, EVANSTON

Organized April 21, 1931 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Stella C. Searle, Lillian Beecher, Winifred Roach, Saidee Lee Caperton, Annette G. Goheen, Ada C. Mercer, Mary W. Moore, Ruth M. Webb, Pearl Stanley Miller, Erma C. Houston, Flora D. Skipp, Alice M. Bishop, Sarah F. Brandt.

Presidents who served: Stella Searle, Winifred Roach, Erma Houston, Frances Dreyer, Pearl Stanley Miller, Ada Mercer, Annette Goheen, Sarah Brandt, Mary Moore, Ella Kennedy, Ruth Eberlein, Faith McGee, Ruth Krotz.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 36.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 61.

► CHAPTER DP, OAK PARK

Organized April 23, 1931 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Nina H. Goertz, Charlotte R. Ellinwood, Ella W. Gates, Kathryn V. Squires, Dorothy Gronnerod, Virginia J. Gardner, Vivian H. Ketcham, Retta B. Hervey, Marjorie F. Bates, Jane O. Harris, Ruth Skelly, Alice R. Hubbard, Vernia M. Kirkpatrick.

Presidents who served: Nina Goertz, Vivian Ketcham, Charlotte Ellinwood, Retta Hervey, Daisy Holland, Eldora Spear, Maud Diehl, Katherine Roth, Marie Good, Lela Long, Faith Wood.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 34.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 50.

► CHAPTER DQ, EVANSTON

Organized April 24, 1931 by Bessie R. Raney

Charter members: Mary Alice Ebersole, Miriam C. Burr, Agnes Reeves Colville, Ruth Drummond, Ida S. Crawford, Harriette B. Allen, Margaret Butchart, Cecile H. Heywood, Lucile B. McKnight, Mary Lee Elwood, Alice A. McSloy, Mildred B. Taft, Aliff B. Bradt.

Presidents who served: Agnes Colville, Miriam Burr, Ida Crawford, Mary Alice Ebersole, Harriette Allen, June Luscher, Margaret Whitfield, Marjorie Bennett, Mary Lee Elwood, Ruth Hause, Betty Carey, Olive Pickard, Margaret Kreml.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 34.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 62.

► CHAPTER DR, CHICAGO

Organized January 11, 1932 by Mabel Y. Frisbee

Charter members: Ruth H. Thelander, Gertrude E. Cone, Ruth K. Frazier, Frances Beinert, Carol D. Woodruff, Vera Ryan, Barbara Wood, Gretchen K. Culter, J. Louise Pavey, Pauline S. Atlass, Jeanette B. Wells, Helen Gilmore, Aileen Mundt, Elizabeth R. Baldwin, Maxine Smaage.

Presidents who served: Ruth Thelander, Ruth Frasier, Gertrude Cone, Vera Ryan, Maxine Smaage, Betty Baldwin, Caroline McCormick, Katharine Harbaugh, Virginia Drake, Beryl Spies.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 28.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 51.

▶ CHAPTER DS, JOLIET

Organized January 14, 1932 by Mabel Y. Frisbee

Charter members: Christine E. Bunch, Helen A. Humphrey Perry, Hester K. Nicolls, Harriet E. Peterson, Margaret Wheelock, Grace Tippet, Helen Anne Wright, Lois M. Hyde, Mabel F. Hunt, Mabel Moon, Doris McKinstry Loomer, Dortha Hudzietz, Mildred N. Anderson Libberton.

Presidents who served: Helen Humphrey, Grace Tippet, Mabel Moon, Lela Eldred, Mabel Hunt, Harriet Peterson, Helen Anne Wright, Myra Mather, Dorothy Hudzietz, Christine Bunch, Glenna Hamill.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 27.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 33.

▶ CHAPTER DT, SALEM

Organized January 29, 1932 by Stella R. Leys

Charter members: Louise H. Rodden, Helen McMackin, Dorothy H. Merritt, Amelia Schoonover, Florence Donahue, Charlotte Holt, Helen Laney, Edith Reed Purdue, Ruth Rohrbough, Marie D. Cotton, Opal H. Bell, Margaret B. Martin, Lena Keeler, Helen Wilson.

Presidents who served: Louise Rodden, Helen McMackin, Opal Bell, Dorothy Merritt, Margaret Martin, Helen Laney, Margaret Holt, Ruth Rohrbough, Lena Keeler, Stella Logan, Louise Davidson, Grace Kneale, Helen Wilson, Nedra Yohe, Pauline David, Ruth Bachman, Gladys Hiatt, Dorothy Dietrich, Mamie Sweney, Winona Smith.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 39.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 52.

▶ CHAPTER DU, CHICAGO

Organized April 11, 1932 by Mabel Y. Frisbee

Charter members: Beatrice Ek, Rachel Sykes Anspach, Jennie Wittbecker, Doris R. Mutz, Caroline Stoeber, Frances Shanks, Mary Elizabeth Burmeister, Saidie B. Works, Ruth B. Stauffer, Lizette S. Freeark, Lucille B. Gallion, Margaret A. Snedicor, Kathrynne M. George, Ora B. Nightingale, Lillian E. Morgan.

Presidents who served: Doris Mutz, Saidie B. Works, Beatrice Ek, Lizette Freeark, Caroline Stoeber, Rachel Anspach, Ruth

Stauffer, Dorothy Waterbury, Dorothy Gano, Eloise Beatty, Stena Elghammer, Vivian Porter.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 30.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 60.

► CHAPTER DV, EVANSTON

Organized April 20, 1932 by Mabel Y. Frisbee

Charter members: Harriet L. VonWeyk, Ruth Lacy Velde, Myrtle E. Judd, Grace I. Judd, Mary Matilda Janes Baker, Arlene Hipple, Mildred Newman, Willa Ella Hawley, Kathryn M. Rooney Johnson, Rae S. Keil, Helen B. Greenwood, Ellen L. Judd, Virginia M. Fraser.

Presidents who served: Helen B. Greenwood, Ruth I. Velde, Mildred Newman, Grace I. Judd, Willa Ella Asay, Rae S. Keil, Mae T. Burns, Alice Louise Wescott, Mildred A. Magill, Eva L. Henninger, Arlene Hipple, Olive M. Carlson, Ruth Cook.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 48.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 57.

► CHAPTER DW, POLO

Organized December 3, 1932 by Alice P. Pence

Charter members: Alta E. Burman, Lois Vertrees Dexter, Romana Terry, Florence R. Rowland, Annabelle McGrath, Ida Marie Woodruff, Hazel Rusch, Mary Vera Joiner, Nancy Strickler, Pauline S. Schell, Fannie G. Schryver, Aileen McGrath, Milbrey E. Mulnix, Vera Ocker, Eleanor Griffin.

Presidents who served: Aileen McGrath, Nancy Strickler, Eleanor Griffin, Romana Terry, Vera Joiner, Fannie Schryver, Marguerite Coffey, Milbrey Mulnix, Margaret Donaldson, Annabelle McGrath, Mary Copenhaver.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 23.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 38.

► CHAPTER DX, DE KALB

Organized April 1, 1933 by Alice P. Pence

Charter members: Grace E. Nix, Helen B. Adams, Maude Uhland, Elsie Wiggert, Emily Burton, Eva McKee, Jeann H.

Sohner Wirtz, Charlotte M. Cummings Whittaker, Irma J. Wittke Glidden, Grace C. Spencer, Alice E. Gould, Mary S. Mann, Blanche Davidson, Rose P. Bradley.

Presidents who served: Eva McKee, Maude Uhland, Jean Wirtz, Elsie Wiggert, Grace Nix, Charlotte Whittaker, Hazel Foster, Hazel Coar, Alice Gould, Florence Dertinger, Grace Howell, Katherine Walker, Bernadine Hanby, Emily Burton, Jeannie Hains, Edna Rasmusen.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 45.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 58.

► CHAPTER DY, ELGIN

Organized April 3, 1933 by Alice P. Pence

Charter members: Alice Blackman, Elma Sims Gabby, Doris Cartwright, Mildred T. Weigal, Nina Reber, Eva C. McClenaghan, Norma Eggert, Winnifred Towner, Ethel C. Bennett, Ina R. Shepherd, Dorothy O'Connor, Edith C. Eiser, Edna L. Spiess, Margaret Gabby Mote, Louise Stewart.

Presidents who served: Alice Blackman, Ethel Bennett, Ina Shepherd, Louise DeLancey, Eva Jean McClenaghan, Eileen Allerton, Dorothea Myers, Gertrude Gromer, Nina Reber, Marjorie Leonard, Gladys Schmidtke, Martha Dack.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 55.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 78.

► CHAPTER DZ, CHICAGO

Organized April 5, 1933 by Mabel Y. Frisbee

Charter members: Addie D. Mitchell, Almona B. Hamblin, Winifred C. Abram, Martha B. Eastin, Margaret Mitchell, Rosalind J. Engberg, Elinor N. DuBois, Adolphia G. Ettinger, J. Louise Pavey, Bessie A. McCaughan, Ruth G. McAfee, Dorothy F. Dickson, Mina Latham, Irene Heims.

Presidents who served: Addie Mitchell, Winifred Abram, Doris Flynn, Harriette McCalman, Pauline Morrison, Kathryn Squires, Marguerite Martin, Jean Goodsell, Kathryn Garretson, Josephine Hemb, Susie Marlatt.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 32.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 63.

► CHAPTER EA, BATAVIA

Organized April 8, 1933 by Alice P. Pence

Charter members: Bessie S. Bucks, Dorothy Bucks, Louise W. Pickett, Mary E. Storm, Ora C. Gayle, Naomi R. Abernathy, Ida M. Purinton, Harriet Keith, Mary G. Morton, Ruth W. Nelson, Dorothy M. Frick, Mae L. Lee, Florence E. Daniels, Sara A. Thompson, Isabelle C. Crane.

Presidents who served: Mary Storm, Bessie Bucks, Ruth Nelson, Florence Daniels, Maude Bailey, Edna Hailey, Isabelle Crane, LaVerne Augustine, Blanche Powell, Miriam Johnson, Edith Elwood.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 29.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 52.

► CHAPTER EB, JOLIET

Organized April 18, 1933 by Alice P. Pence

Charter members: Stella Lane, Lucille Evans, Nellie L. Mariner, Harriet D. Temple, Helen S. Johnson, Grace G. Jones, Luella N. Deam, Alice F. Johnson, Edith L. Mowat, Martha W. Talcott, Gordina S. Newton, Vera K. Reynolds, Mildred M. Frost.

Presidents who served: Grace Jones, Lucille Evans, Luella Deam, Nellie Mariner, Alice Johnson, Gordina Newton, Helen Johnson, Vera Reynolds, Edna Blough, Marion L. Hahneman.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 29.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 39.

► CHAPTER EC, QUINCY

Organized April 19, 1933 by Alice P. Pence

Charter members: Ruth H. Howerton, Gladys R. Appuhn, Edythe R. Johnson, Corinne Primrose, Margaret H. Keys, Ruth Enlow, Mary Schallenberg, Belle Zora Taylor, Grace E. Shuck, Yetta M. Tisdall, Lillian Schlagenhauf, Mary W. Larson.

Presidents who served: Mary Warren Larson, Ruth Hale Howerton, Gladys Appuhn, Corinne Primrose, Grace Shuck, Marian Merritt, Margaret Pearce, Helen Larson, Winifred Thesen, Winifred Pfeiffer, Marie Howd, Lois Nichols, Mabel Gabriel, Lydia Bunting.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 39.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 60.

► CHAPTER ED, EDWARDSVILLE

Organized April 4, 1934 by Mary K. Lindsay

Charter members: Martha L. Williamson, Hazel D. Powell, Emily C. Gunn, Lucile G. Dressel, Doris H. Alexander, Alice G. Mayo, Grace E. Davis, Helen B. Osborne, Helen W. Love, Naomi B. Wood, Viola R. Bristow, Dorothy D. Schwarz Blackmore, Adelaide H. Dale.

Presidents who served: Hazel D. Powell, Naomi B. Wood, Helen W. Love, Martha L. Williamson, Dorothy S. Blackmore, Doris H. Alexander, Viola R. Bristow, Elizabeth P. Scott, Lucile G. Dressel, Edna V. Kinzer, Florence T. Springer, Marjorie C. Flagg, Alice G. Mayo, Vivian L. Blume.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 30.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 44.

► CHAPTER EE, MORTON

Organized April 14, 1934 by Mary K. Lindsay

Charter members: Jean Gallagher, Joanna C. Conibear, Jane Ann Conibear Doble, Erma Carius, Mabel Roling, Iva Hoettchen, Ethel Darst, Marion Hallock, Edna C. Wright, Hazel Risk, Anna Miller, Garretta Ueberrheim, Emma E. Miller, Edythe Kirk, Jane Corbitt Oekel.

Presidents who served: Jean Gallagher, Jane Ann Dobel, Edna Wright, Erma Carius, Emma Buehrig, Florence Mathis, Ethel Darst, Elsa Stumpf, Irene Duniway, Helen Cox, Ethel Melton, Marjorie Jensen.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 33.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 46.

► CHAPTER EF, PEORIA

Organized April 16, 1934 by Stella R. Leys

Charter members: Alice Virginia Covey, Betty Bartholomew Baldwin, Evabeth Miller, Helen Heyl Royster, Elizabeth Findley Meek, Gladys Royal Bittel, Isabel Bone Rix, Evelyn Holliday Fraker, Martha Baymiller Ridley, Gretchen Hulsebus Iben, Lucille Triebel Ireland, Rhody Fisher, Eleanor Hazard Reagan, Dorothy Gorham, Mildred Hazard Neidlinger.

Presidents who served: Gretchen Iben, Evelyn Fraker, Evabeth Miller, Lois Kauffman, Mary Rummel, Margaret Cowan,

Betty Baldwin, Mildred Neidlinger, Alice Covey, Helen Dunlop, Virginia Baymiller, Betty Brown.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 42.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 66.

► CHAPTER EG, CHICAGO

Organized April 21, 1934 by Margaret W. Brundage

Charter members: Anna L. Helsing, Felicie S. Ward, Corinne H. Cheney, Marion Klasstorner, Edna Bell Spencer, Alice Roth, Vera T. Joyce, Ruby H. Johnson, Muriel Schumaker, Helen H. Helsing, Martha Bowen, Mary C. Nelson.

Presidents who served: Anna Helsing, Corinne Cheney, Olive Boice, Winifred Lumpkin, Sally Simpson, Mary Virginia Oldaker, Ethel Bemmels, Adelaide Price, Louise Miller, Winifred Knox, Amy Medina, Mary Gene Gurley.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 24.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 58.

► CHAPTER EH, OTTAWA

Organized April 21, 1934 by Mary K. Lindsay

Charter members: Ethel M. Roe Whitaker, Katherine E. Dyson, Eva Anderson, Ellen W. Green, Edith Hibbs, Evelyn M. Drew Zwanzig, Hope H. Dunavan, Audrey Albert, Minnetta Hartshorn Pearson, Eleanor Parks Carlson, Clara T. Thorson, Mildred E. Marsh Teitgen, Margareth H. Carlson, Mildred Morgan, Lillian M. Lindholm, Hazel C. Giehler, Sara W. Floyd.

Presidents who served: Ethel Roe Whittaker, Lillian Lindholm, Hope Dunavan, Margareth Carlson, Clara Thorson, Ethel Propps, Helyn Sawyer, Audrey Albert, Sophia Spurgin, Frances Gates, Helen Burke.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 35.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 59.

► CHAPTER EI, JACKSONVILLE

Organized May 21, 1934 by Mary K. Lindsay

Charter members: Hester C. Burbridge, Vivian P. Johnson, Esther N. Robinson, Margaret Merz Rohrman, Janet M. McClelland, Margaret P. Gruny, Julia Thornburgh Walker, Grace

L. Fitch, Eloise S. Plouer, Laura S. Bailey, Frances R. P. McReynolds, Mary E. Groves, Virginia F. Hoffman, Thelma J. Hollowell.

Presidents who served: Hester Burbridge, Julia Walker, Thelma Hollowell, Grace Fitch, Laura Bailey, Eloise Plouer, Katherine Sheppard, Margaret Gruny, Mary Louise Newman, Elma Savage, Isabel Thomson.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 29.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 47.

► CHAPTER EJ, VIRDEN

Organized May 22, 1934, by Mary K. Lindsay

Charter members: Leta E. Coleman, Kathryn C. Liggett, Bessie M. Babbitt, Sarah A. Goode, Edna L. Alderson, Bertha M. Blunk, Leota J. Heuston, June C. Costley, Elsie C. Horner, Mable W. Beasley, Corinne Boucher Hale Kunkle, Grace Shumaker.

Presidents who served: Leta E. Coleman, Elsie C. Horner, June Costley, Sarah Goode, Bertha M. Blunk, Alma England, Edna L. Alderson, Kathryn C. Liggett, Bessie Babbitt, Grace L. Shumaker, Pearl Woolley, Edith M. Wallace, Georgia Donaldson, Mable Beasley, Charlotte Lane, Leta Coleman.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 21.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 24.

► CHAPTER EK, WINCHESTER

Organized May 23, 1934 by Mary K. Lindsay

Charter members: Elsie M. Thomas, Bernadine Corrie, Alice I. Mudd, Annie L. Smith, Bessie C. Stainforth, Maude C. Danner, Mary L. Coultas Black, Isabel S. Cowhick, Anna E. Haskell, Mabel G. Booz, M. Weltha Webster, Lucille B. North, Bertha Allen, Edna B. Pine.

Presidents who served: Edna Pine, Mabel Booz, Maude Danner, Anna Haskell, Alice I. Mudd, Bernadine Corrie, Elsie Thomas, Beilby Leach, Jane Lehman, Lucille North, Courtney Edmonson.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 27.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 35.

► CHAPTER EL, WILMETTE

Organized June 1, 1934 by Margaret W. Brundage

Charter members: Darlene Jones, Edena Smith, Jeneva Doyon, Luella Farrall, Helen H. Davidson, Theodora C. Mahle, Elizabeth W. Michelet Traxler, Olive C. Smith, Rose B. Pifer, Dora A. Harper, Edith R. Bickham, Leah K. Robson, Winifred Large Pauley.

Presidents who served: Darlene Jones, Rose Pifer, Winifred Pauley, Dora Harper, Helen Davidson, Beatrice Jeffords, Katherine Adams, Leah Robson, Helen Willis, Margaret Gadske.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 48.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 70.

► CHAPTER EM, GRIGGSVILLE

Organized August 27, 1934 by Ethel C. Jelliffe

Charter members: Margaret Hunter, Henrietta F. Kopps, Helen F. Bashforth, Jennie H. Loveless Armentrout, Josephine Laird McLaughlin, Ada W. Jester, Mary Elizabeth Myers, Harriet W. Myers, Margaret T. Yates, Nellie S. Carey, Hazel S. Ball, Celia Hitch.

Presidents who served: Margaret G. Hunter, Ada Jester, Mary E. Myers, Harrietta Kopps, Annabelle Ramsey, Hazel S. Ball, Gertrude Gay, Josephine McLaughlin.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 16.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 25.

► CHAPTER EN, WHEATON

Organized January 28, 1935 by Ethel C. Jelliffe

Charter members: Florence O. Hills, Else L. Cromer, Elaine D. Thompson, Hazel L. Jordon, Mabel C. Safford, Edna D. Wygant, Genevieve C. Biggar, Ruth T. Heaton, Reba D. Harris, Irene R. Kleitz, Retta E. Gaylord, Dorothy S. Morgan, Margaret A. Graut Huntington, Ethel A. Duner, Lucille C. Rotchford.

Presidents who served: Florence Hills, Ethel Duner, Genevieve Biggar, Bernece Roberts, Rachel Ross, Margaret Best, Reba Harris, Florence Byerrum, Eleanor Mojonner, Neta Chandler, Helen Stockton, Lydia Crawford, Alice Bremer.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 43.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 75.

► **CHAPTER EO, SPRINGFIELD**

Organized March 23, 1935 by Ethel C. Jelliffe

Charter members: Georgina K. Kyle, Jeanette R. Abels, Mary S. Wakeman, Dorothy P. Rebscher, Anne E. Lewis, Helen S. Ehrhardt, Helen H. Lindner, Cynthia A. Loud, Ella Joy Skoog, Marie G. Wood, Helen J. Kadyk, Helen L. Wood, Mary Ethel Briggie, Grace K. Hadley, Clara F. James.

Presidents who served: Georgina K. Kyle, Grace K. Hadley, Jeanette R. Abels, Helen S. Ehrhardt, Blanche Lambert, Flo Waldmire, Frances Thomas, Anne Lewis, Mary Jane Neer.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 36.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 45.

► **CHAPTER EP, PALATINE**

Organized April 6, 1935 by Margaret W. Brundage

Charter members: Lillian Puffer, Helen Wanberg, Nettie Reusser, Lillian Anderson, Gertrude L. Langhorne, Ida H. Orth, Mary L. Bloomquist, Lulu Herrmann, Anne W. Slover, Dorothy G. Mair, Edna L. Mair Shaddle, Mae M. Gibbs, Margaret Paddock.

Presidents who served: Lillian Puffer, Gertrude Langhorne, Margaret Paddock, Lulu Herrmann, Dorothy Mair, Florence Steinbrinck, Mildred Acree, Mae Gibbs, Mildred Sanborn.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 31.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 54.

► **CHAPTER EQ, SPRINGFIELD**

Organized April 9, 1935 by Ethel C. Jelliffe

Charter members: Mary Louise W. Dillie, Margaret W. Cooke, Irma C. Schlitt, Anna P. Spencer, Joan C. MacWherter, Mildred S. Struck, Luella Payton Smurr, Mildred O. Eberle, Lois A. Newkirk, Carrie Nell D. Frew, Clara Jane Tobin Hall, Helen O. Collamore.

Presidents who served: Mary Louise Dillie, Helen Collamore, Joan MacWherter, Lois Newkirk, Mildred O. Eberle, Irma C. Schlitt, Elsie K. Wells, Pearl Radeke, Margaret Cooke, Virginia Ackerman, Luella Smurr.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 51.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 66.

▶ CHAPTER ER, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Organized April 13, 1935 by Margaret W. Brundage

Charter members: Leonora D. Byrd, Elizabeth Barrett, Helen W. R. Wilson, Martha P. Mills, Edna H. Allison, Dorothy I. Bowlin, Martha Mueller, Irma Grose, Marion I. White Johnson, Edith L. Lindsey, Donna Marie Volz, Mary F. Monroe, Dorothy P. Fellingham, Esther Underwood Dugnette.

Presidents who served: Leonora D. Byrd, Elizabeth Barrett, Martha Mills, Dorothy Fellingham, Grace W. Wensley, Lois Kumler, Louise Rinker, Thelma Cox, Helen Otzen, Helen Meyer.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 49.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 69.

▶ CHAPTER ES, SPRINGFIELD

Organized April 15, 1935 by Ethel C. Jelliffe

Charter members: Bernice Angell, Annette Baxter, Pearl Brown, Mary Frances Chatburn, Emma E. Parrotte, Katherine VanMeter, Bertha M. Chapman, Frances Summers Ridgely, Alma M. Bengee, Catherine C. Curry Bucholz, Courtney Quinlan, Louise M. Jacobs, Jeanette M. Dickerson, Diamond V. Brand, Beulah M. Price.

Presidents who served: Frances Chatburn, Courtney Quinlan, Diamond V. Brand, Jessie Jenks, Pearl Brown, Lillian Glover, Jeanette M. Dickerson, Emma E. Parrotte, Helen Cory.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 34.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 47.

▶ CHAPTER ET, ROCKFORD

Organized April 17, 1935 by Ethel C. Jelliffe

Charter members: Charlotte A. Howard, Betty Lou Hughes Bridges, Janice M. Chilcott Merson, Virginia C. Robinson Barrett, Janette J. Jeffreys, Rae K. Anderson, Louise R. Dike, Helen S. Muntz, Phoebe J. Barnes, Vivian W. Barnes, Henrietta Burr Leonard, Margaret Chernals.

Presidents who served: Charlotte Howard, Helen Muntz, Janette Jeffreys, Elizabeth Lawton, Mariam Robertson, Bernice Wormley, Phoebe Barnes, Barbara Spongberg, Vivian Barnes, Gretchen Lobdell, Lois Picken.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 32.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 48.

► CHAPTER EU, CHICAGO

Organized November 9, 1935 by Myrtice M. Anderson

Charter members: Pauline Callen, Marjorie G. Sward, Helen S. Campbell, Helen L. Snider, Frances C. Hope, Hazel N. Lunoe, Evelyn S. Olsen, Lela S. Fuekerson, Margaret N. White, Lutrelle W. Bickel, Amelia C. Wedderspoon, Anna L. Wendt.

Presidents who served: Marjorie Sward, Hazel Lunoe, Amelia Wedderspoon, Helen Campbell, Edna Hagenbook, Marjorie Bickel, Anne Wendt, Alice Somes, Laurene Kennelley, Lutrelle W. Bickel.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 41.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 57.

► CHAPTER EV, SKOKIE

Organized April 7, 1936 by Myrtice M. Anderson

Charter members: Lottie A. Babb, Lou Belle Koepf, Cathryn B. Nelson, Marion W. Wetmore, Margaret McClellan, Ruth H. Jenness, Jessie Burkitt vonOhms, Louise W. Throop, Evelyn Reynolds, Martha C. Caris, Beulah F. Littell, Blanche H. Smith, Dorothy S. Pavey, Alma F. Galitz.

Presidents who served: Lottie Babb, Lou Belle Koepf, Cathryn Nelson, Marion Wetmore, Grace Fowler, Louise Throop, Nelda Hamilton, Violet Juniac, Mabel Westerberg.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 37.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 74.

► CHAPTER EW, LA GRANGE

Organized May 26, 1936 by Myrtice M. Anderson

Charter members: Eva Vanderploeg, Margaret S. Mooney, Anita Atkison, Grace B. Friess, Emily C. Gunn, Florence M. Klose, Angeline H. Olson, Anna R. Dunlap, Marguerite T. Colyer, Pearl E. Hedges, Bernice Sedgwick, Ruth R. Matthews, Dorothy C. Littlewood, Agnes M. Barber.

Presidents who served: Eva Vanderploeg, Anita Atkison, Emily Gunn, Anna Dunlap, Agnes Barber, Florence Klose, Pearl Hedges, Mary Neice, Lillian Collins.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 43.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 73.

► CHAPTER EX, EVANSTON

Organized April 15, 1937 by Ruth M. Cruse

Charter members: Margaret G. Bryan, Audrey E. Spangler, Mabel I. Whitford, Mary W. Purdy, Esther E. Franke, Laura G. Ames, Margaret H. Alborg, Sophie M. Bernhard, Muriel Nancarrow, Olive A. Dean, Lucille Ireland, Grace Danshie, Carrie M. Mace, Elsa M. Huebner, Alta P. Teetor, Margaret Bryan Loveland.

Presidents who served: Margaret Bryan, Elsa Huebner, Audrey Spangler, Gladys McCroskey, Alta Teetor, Ethel Dalton, Ruth Zook, Agnes Goff, Grace Gaumnitz.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 39.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 63.

► CHAPTER EY, EAST ST. LOUIS

Organized April 17, 1937 by Ruth M. Cruse

Charter members: Miriam Rodenburger, Mildred W. Bowman, Lucille Schnyder, Clara B. Bacon, Eleanor J. Buzzell, Eunice J. Williamson, Marie Mueller Oertle, Mary Hurd, Irma B. Bucknell, Helen Wright Newman, Gladys Farthing, Elise M. Clanahan, Laura H. Whitlock, Ruth K. Davis, Beulah C. Sprecher, Marie H. Kenagy, Ruth Steenmeyer Cassel.

Presidents who served: Ruth Steenmeyer Cassel, Miriam Rodenburger, Marie Kenagy, Laura Whitlock, Mary Hurd, Gladys Farthing, Gladys Frazier, Esther Jones Delano, Clara Bacon, Irma Bucknell, Marie Oertle, Eleanor Buzzell, Elsie Clanahan, Maurine Hundley, Ruth Davis, Louise Casteel.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 32.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 44.

► CHAPTER EZ, BROOKFIELD

Organized April 20, 1937 by Ruth M. Cruse

Charter members: Kathrine M. Mott, Leah Schaffert, Pauline G. Eckland, Ruth A. Pearson, Laura P. Lilljander, Elizabeth G. Hendel, Mary E. Mann, Catherine M. Lewis, Fredrika W. Wiley, Alma S. Dopp, Miriam B. Allen, Esther M. Bendel, Clara E. Cassady.

Presidents who served: Clara Cassady, Pauline Eckland,

Laura Lilljander, Miriam Allen, Dorothy Polivka, Mary Mann, Nan Jones, Catharine Lewis, Elizabeth Ellingson.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 35.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 46.

► CHAPTER FA, EFFINGHAM

Organized September 10, 1937 by Ella B. Leib

Charter members: Lillian C. Powell, Harriet M. Walters, Serena H. Bachman, Daphne Olson, Julianne Loving, Justine Harris, Ruth R. Brissenden, Marion S. Karr, Velta M. Goodfellow, Martha Britton, Ruth H. Gaertner, LaWanda C. Wiley, Eva S. Porter, Lorna S. Magowan, Charlotte Bowman, Genevieve Marshall.

Presidents who served: Velta M. Goodfellow, Marion S. Karr, Ruth R. Brissenden, Martha Britton, Lillian C. Powell, Lura Nehren, Dorothy O'Neill, Ann Loving, Genevieve Marshall, Irene Slifer, Helen Strobel, Josephine Van Deusen, Harriett M. Walters, Justine Harris.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 35.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 48.

► CHAPTER FB, PEORIA

Organized February 10, 1938 by Ella B. Leib

Charter members: Anna Price, Anita Briggs, Jane M. Reed, Alice H. Nance, Nellie Keyser, Edna May Jamison, Eva Dovey, Hallie P. Dovey, Goldie Stephens, Harriet D. Howell, Florence Coakley, Eileen H. Phillips.

Presidents who served: Harriet Howells, Jane Reed, Hallie Dovey, Eileen Phillips, Alice Nance, Madaline Bennett, Mate Sunderlin, Martha Solomon, Mary Safford.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 34.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 48.

► CHAPTER FC, WOOD RIVER

Organized March 12, 1938 by Ella B. Leib

Charter members: Ruby Giehl, Gertrude M. Jolley, Beulah Bergholtz, Catherine Z. Harmon, Irene Meyer, Elizabeth Gerner, Besse Cahoon, Helen G. Paton, Adaline E. Hubbard, Eleanor E.

Coffeen, Edith J. Harrod, Cecile M. Wainright, Ethel Holcomb, Lorena De Atley, Helen B. Volz, Lillian Gillis.

Presidents who served: Ruby Giehl, Beulah Bergholtz, Helen Paton, Adeline Hubbard, Besse Cahoon, Helen Volz, Ethel Holcomb, Lovisa Berry, Gertrude Jolley, Cecile Wainright, Eleanor Coffeen.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 27.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 36.

▶ CHAPTER FD, AMBOY

Organized March 31, 1938 by Ella B. Lieb

Charter members: Neita J. Vaughan, Lucile J. Entorf, Grace L. Brink, Ruby A. Holladay, Edith V. Eichler, Anna L. Hewitt, Clara H. Badger, Lois C. Funkhouser, Minnie E. Lee, J. Elizabeth Lee, Jane C. Griffith, Clara E. Klapprodt, Hazel G. Wagner.

Presidents who served: Hazel G. Wagner, Mildred R. June, Jane C. Griffith, Neita J. Vaughan, Anna L. Hewitt, Mildred Nowe.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 20.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 26.

▶ CHAPTER FE, GENEVA

Organized April 2, 1938 by Ella B. Leib

Charter members: Alma M. Bates, Myrtle G. Nelson, Velma H. Redman, Dorothea K. Gray, Marian Meyers, Jessie L. Sherwood, Fairie Cunningham, Laura Cantrall, Helen Wanburg, Florence V. Burghorn, Eva Vanderploeg, Agnes P. Weber, Luanna Chappel Zolessi, Mary R. Davis.

Presidents who served: Luanna Chapel Zolessi, Dorothea Gray, Marion Meyers, Agnes Weber, Emily Anderson, Dorothy O'Connor, Virginia Hutchings, Ruth Vernon.

Active membership March 1953: 39.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 51.

▶ CHAPTER FF, URBANA

Organized April 12, 1938 by Ella B. Leib

Charter members: Ruth Mathews, Helen Sears, Grace Stanton, Mary Veirs, Fern J. Richart, Kate MacDonald, Anna L.

Clark, Helen J. White, Evangeline G. Hunter, Georgia B. Reed, Lucile J. Whiting, Marguerite W. Ashby, Lizzie M. Maris, Grace L. Raymond, Joann G. Scott, Kathryn McClure, Mary Jo Scoville Beamer, Betty Richards Zorn Ralston, Elizabeth Prucha, Lena Rice.

Presidents who served: Grace Stanton, Helen Sears, Evangeline Hunter, Ruth Mathews, Lucille Whiting, Winifred Waxler, Eva Trotier, Dorothy Garland.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 55.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 71.

► CHAPTER FG, TAYLORVILLE

Organized April 14, 1938 by Ella B. Leib

Charter members: Helen G. Reese, Augusta C. Taylor, Priscilla A. Coale, Edna E. Duncan, Lourena B. Grundy, Catherine S. Bryant, Helen P. Love, Verna H. Vogelsang, Aileen Clawson, Arlone D. Kramer, Lucy DeHart, Roselle B. Young, Janice W. Hopper, Bernice B. Marblestone.

Presidents who served: Helen Reese, Arlone Kramer, Catherine Bryant, Roselle Young, Priscilla Coale, Lourena Grundy, Lucy Peabody, Bernice Marblestone, Aileen Clawson.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 22.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 32.

► CHAPTER FH, QUINCY

Organized April 23, 1938 by Ella B. Leib

Charter members: Esther Kreich, Blanche Blackwood, Ida Schreimann, Lola Yancey, Nellie Whitefield, Mildred Turnbull, Myrtle McAhren, Nellie Sproul, Mildred Ebert, Ruby B. Janssen, Stella R. Lilly, Marian Beil, Mary E. Williamson, Harriet M. Hunter, Cora D. Smith.

Presidents who served: Myrtle McAhren, Mildred Turnbull, Mildred Ebert, Mary Williamson, Harriet Hunter, Blanche Qigley, Laura Mack, Lola Yancey.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 39.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 53.

▶ CHAPTER FI, CHICAGO

Organized November 19, 1938 by Beulah M. Thornton

Charter members: Ruth B. Kimball, Eleanor J. Huber, Lois E. Harrison, Louise A. Reid, Dorothy W. Weaver, Ione L. Furry, Florence R. Allen, Corinne B. Redfield, Eva C. Gallaher, Sabra S. Comstock, Genevieve C. Cato, Lucile L. Hottenroth.

Presidents who served: Ruth Kimball, Eleanor Huber, Florence Allen, Lois Harrison, Eva Gallaher, Clara Faulkner, Dorothy Hutton, Ethel Stiles.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 29.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 38.

▶ CHAPTER FJ, CHICAGO

Organized May 15, 1939 by Beulah M. Thornton

Charter members: Ethel Hedenbergh, Emma M. Widenhouse, Sadie G. Winebrenner, Margaret R. Baldwin, Doris G. Hall, Grace H. Peterson, Gladis Farrell, Ruth Hannah Richards, Georgia Gardner, Lois M. Roach, E. Louisa Pandolfi, Bernice Vaughn, Marikae Stout Hutchens.

Presidents who served: Ethel Hedenberg, Ruth Richards, Gladis Farrell, Lois Roach, Sadie Winebrenner, Doris Hall, Helen Williams.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 17.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 29.

▶ CHAPTER FK, MOUNT CARMEL

Organized September 30, 1939 by Louise Dicus

Charter members: Ernestine Willhite, Ellen S. Fulks, Harriet K. Frey, Helen Gibbs Denton, Lucile Goddard Roberts, Ina S. Taylor, Elinor Mitchell Hill, Mary Best Baird, Helena Reeves, Flora Cleveland, Irma Condrey, Lora G. Shaw.

Presidents who served: Ernestine Willhite, Helen Gibbs Denton, Irma Moulton Condrey, Ellen Turner Fulks, Grace R. Mitchell, Elinor Mitchell Hill, Anne Denton Brubeck, Margaret Snyder Liddle.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 35.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 43.

► CHAPTER FL, MORRISON

Organized March 8, 1940 by Louise Dicus

Charter members: Jennie W. Craddock, Ruth E. Caughey, Lillian Norrish, Louise Robertson, Wilma Lucas, Wilma G. Trundy, Daisy Riordon, Mildred Chapman, Agnes Mills, Bessie Beswick, Fae Rogers, Christina Sauer, Mary Wright, Ruth Tracy, Margaret Iftner, Doris Mellon.

Presidents who served: Jane Craddock, Doris Mellon, Daisy B. Riordon, Wilma Lucas, Agnes Mills, Pauline Simmonds, Wilma Trundy, Phyllis Cole.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 29.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 45.

► CHAPTER FM, BLOOMINGTON

Organized March 29, 1940 by Louise Dicus

Charter members: Lesha Marshall, Helen Goehner, Florence M. Sherrard, Esther N. Robinson, Ruth E. Ahlenius, Barbara Jean Gerling, Charlotte L. FitzHenry Robling, Jean Jordan Lawson, Constance Ferguson, Mary Jane Carothers Carper, Ernestine Barker, Mary M. Nafziger, Marjorie Ellis, Stella Henderson, Mary S. Arnold.

Presidents who served: Esther Robinson, Ruth Ahlenius, Mary Nafziger, Elsie Grime, Eileen Filnsbach, Mary Arnold, Ruth Huggins, Margaret Knuppel.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 34.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 49.

► CHAPTER FN, NEWTON

Organized December 5, 1940 by Ella B. Leib

Charter members: Winifred M. Burton, Ethel S. Wright, Chlora Arnold, Inez H. Roebuck, Bertha Crowley, Shirley Mason Klier, Clara Riley, Lena T. Payne, Rese B. Armitage, May Kendall Wilhoit, Ida Harding, Rose Apple, Marie Bevis.

Presidents who served: Ethel Wright, Winnie Burton, Clara Riley, Rese Armitage, Marie Bevis, Shirley Klier, Laura Eberhardt, Lena Payne, Mary Absher, Ollie Arnold, Ethel Thormahlen.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 26.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 32.

► CHAPTER FO, SANDWICH

Organized December 7, 1940 by Mary C. Beatty

Charter members: Alta M. Schule, Jean R. Potter, Laura N. Haskin, Genevieve R. Long, Bessie I. Ogilvie, Desire D. Montgomery, Violet J. Lindner, Lucille I. Legner, Ethel H. Lindner, Charlotte H. Early, Hedwig Easter, Helen W. Lowry, Grace F. Coleman, Minnie B. Davis, Florence M. Hammond.

Presidents who served: Alta Schule, Genevieve Long, Florence Hammond, Desire Montgomery, Charlotte Early, Bessie Ogilvie.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 24.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 31.

► CHAPTER FP, PARK RIDGE

Organized April 5, 1941 by Mary C. Beatty

Charter members: Ella W. Gates, Geneva Shinn Parrish, Janet Johnson Mosher, Louise A. Frederick, Mabel E. French, Florence G. Strassheim, Azalia G. Bangert, Esther T. Carrick, Florence S. Grieve, Georgena B. Sale, Helen N. Sargent, Jean L. K. Buehlman, Shirley Carlson Youngberg, Grace L. Weiss, Margery F. Consoer.

Presidents who served: Ella Gates, Esther Carrick, Gene Sale, Azalia Bangert, Grace Spencer, Julia S. Johnson.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 41.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 48.

► CHAPTER FQ, PEORIA

Organized May 13, 1941 by Mary C. Beatty

Charter members: Virginia M. Hyson, Lucy F. Scherer, Evelyn J. Oaks Forbes, Helen L. Moore, C. Ann Dovey Curtis, Margaret L. Mason, Eleanor S. Holliday, Mildred L. Adamson, Phillippa R. Gearhart, Betty M. Hoffman McQuarrie, Dorothy H. Semlow, Marion G. Simko, Elizabeth P. Batorson.

Presidents who served: Helen Moore, Lucy Scherer, Eleanor Holliday, Betty McQuarrie, Mary Finney, Margaret Sutherland, Ann Curtis.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 38.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 54.

▶ CHAPTER FR, OLNEY

Organized March 20, 1942 by Geneva C. Schroder

Charter members: Lois S. Horton, Lillian S. Roberts, Miriam R. Wade, Mary W. Morrison, Margaret V. Borah, Clara T. Blackburn, Dorothy Nell Roberts, Eileen H. Meehan, Genevieve McD. Robbins, Lena V. Wilson, Nellie Godeke, Gertrude L. Weber, Margaret Williams Borah, Mildred A. Cooper.

Presidents who served: Lois Horton, Lillian Roberts, Margaret W. Borah, Pauline V. Thompson, Virginia M. Dailey, Viola Kowa.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 25.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 33.

▶ CHAPTER FS, OAK PARK

Organized April 8, 1942 by Geneva C. Schroder

Charter members: Dorothy E. Strong Mai, Ruth Johnson, Jessie O. McKerrow Paslowsky, Evelyn Northcott Staves, Suzanne O. Christensen, Ruth L. Flinn, Gwendolyn Fouse, Helen V. Sawler Aarts, Margaret Jane Dykema, Jeanne M. Winn Clark, Mary Anna Chapman Kitzerow, Isabel Balfour Williams, Evelyn I. Green.

Presidents who served: Betty Mai, Jessie Paslowsky, Gwen Fouse, Ruth Flinn, Mary Anna Kitzerow, Hortense Frankiw, Edith McKerrow, Jeanne Winn Clark.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 23.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 41.

▶ CHAPTER FT, CHICAGO

Organized April 9, 1942 by Geneva C. Schroder

Charter members: Eleanor Orth, Edna Laity, Rebecca Knowlton Hollaway, Joy Bangs Keswick, Content Bangs Ferguson, Elizabeth Danforth Randolph, Grace Lambertson, Reba Staggs, Margaret Larsen, Helen Baumgartner Abben, Beth James, Margaret Chittenden O'Malley, Mary Page Taylor, Sally Fortune Cheney.

Presidents who served: Eleanor Orth, Edith Knight, Miriam Collins, Reba Staggs, Content Ferguson, Mary Kaiser.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 23.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 45.

► CHAPTER FU, SPRINGFIELD

Organized December 5, 1942 by Ruby E. Prince

Charter members: Etha Anderson, Villa S. Stout, Vera C. McConnell, Marjorie Armstrong, Gladys M. Weart, Isabella M. Madden, Vivian McLarty, Marian J. Hodges, Kathryn L. Sloan Tanton, Ethel K. Hawkins, Cordelia C. Stephens, Ruby P. Evans, Louise Griffith, Nellie Towers, Myfanwy Filson.

Presidents who served: Villa Stout, Vera McConnell, Ruby Evans, Isabelle Madden, Marie Jaeger, Gladys M. Weart.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 37.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 49.

► CHAPTER FV, ROCKFORD

Organized March 12, 1943 by Ruby E. Prince

Charter members: Mary C. Brown, Sarah Brown Wilder, Margaret Connell, Marrian Kelley, Pearl L. Webb, Elizabeth A. Golden, Maude E. Golden, Etta L. Pennock, Elizabeth B. Plueddeman, Frances W. Ratcliffe, Mabel H. Rupp, Anna B. Mackey, Maudene Williams, Myoma Meyers.

Presidents who served: Mary Brown, Pearl Webb, Margaret Connell, Elizabeth Plueddeman, Helene Parker.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 35.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 43.

► CHAPTER FW, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Organized March 18, 1943 by Ruby E. Prince

Charter members: Irma M. Grose, Muriel S. Oden, Marion D. Bloecker, Marguerite A. Tuttle, Vera M. Militzer, Dorothea S. Carr, Mildred L. Myers, Olga M. Lattof, Mildred S. Collins, Ruth K. Johnston, Beth D. Nichols, Margaret B. Gregg, Wilda M. Close, Ellen M. Evans.

Presidents who served: Marguerite Tuttle, Irma Grose, Marion Bloecker, Margaret Gregg, Elizabeth Lyman, Mary B. Marrow.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 35.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 43.

► CHAPTER FX, CHICAGO

Organized April 6, 1943 by Ruby E. Prince

Charter members: Mary B. Devitt, Eleanor H. Reagan, Dorothy Mae Reynolds, Ruth H. Quinlan, Margaret Wolf, Jane T. Dabney, Leonore A. Gill, Amy R. Brons, Adelyn Vail, Grace Vail, Margaret V. Lee, Bernice Munson.

Presidents who served: Ruth Quinlan, Amy Brons, Jane Dabney, Betty Ross, Dorothy Reynolds.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 20.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 35.

► CHAPTER FY, CHICAGO

Organized April 10, 1943 by Ruby E. Prince

Charter members: Virginia McQuiddy, Ruby S. Cummins, Frances E. Stout, Frances T. McConaughy, Fredda L. Wines, Mary B. vonAlbrecht, Laura Mae Carpenter, June Mathews Jubelt, Helen Marr VanTuyl, S. Jean Beatty Angrist, Ardis L. Schlotterbeck, Emily F. Maloney.

Presidents who served: Frances T. McConaughy, Hellen Marr Van Tuyl, Virginia McQuiddy, Margaret Pittman, Fredda Wines, Ruth Neilander, Janith H. MacDonald.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 14.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 32.

► CHAPTER FZ, ELMHURST

Organized April 4, 1944 by Louise R. Waddell

Charter members: Mattie S. Anderson, Ellen L. Clark, Marjorie C. Boye, Anna May Hyde, Edna G. Haney, Edna M. Anderson, Mary Louise Boren, Rachel Squibb Byler, Arvilla S. Van Denberg, Alice M. Tozier, Helen H. Billett, Florence K. McArty, Rebecca P. Roberts, Grace C. Moreland.

Presidents who served: Mattie Anderson, Ellen Clark, Edna Haney, Florence Bacon, Helen H. Billett.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 43.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 52.

► CHAPTER GA, MOUNT CARROLL

Organized April 5, 1944 by Louise R. Waddell

Charter members: Ida M. Thayer, Zella Catherine Corbett,

Edna Thoreen, Thelma Fox Hommedew, Ruth Noble, Armella Kneale, Florence M. Eaton, Margueritte Harmon Bro, Sadie Hedley Schmidt, Dorothy Ashley Lovejoy, Violet Frank, Virginia Weigel.

Presidents who served: Ida Thayer, Violet Frank, Ruth Noble, Sadie Schmidt, Zella Corbett, Dorothy Seyfarth, Evelyn Senneff.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 23.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 30.

► CHAPTER GB, JERSEYVILLE

Organized April 10, 1944 by Louise R. Waddell

Charter members: Eleanor Bowen, Helen M. Cross, Adele T. Dressel, Huldah M. Drew, Cornelia DuHadway, Edna C. Pereboom, Edith Pirtle, Jean Pirtle, Adah Smith, Alice A. Staley, Hazel C. Woodrow, Ruth Snedeker, Mabel E. Ewin.

Presidents who served: Huldah Drew, Adah Smith, Lucille Porter, Cornelia DuHadway, Jean Pirtle.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 28.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 34.

► CHAPTER GC, WILMETTE

Organized February 26, 1945 by Bessie S. Ballow

Charter members: Rose Baker Pifer, Claire Biles, Dorothy Lewis Edwards, Fern Storm Jones, Sue Sparks Workman, Dorothea Becker Blythe, Frances Bartz Paulsen, Mary Lee Christian, Phoebe Snyder Brooks, Caroline Swenson Perrill, Peggy Ware Storms, Vera Howard Richardson, Hazel Lowry Funkhouser, Susan P. Waidner.

Presidents who served: Rose Pifer, Dorothea Blythe, Peggy Storms, Doris Van Winkle.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 31.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 38.

► CHAPTER GD, ELGIN

Organized March 20, 1945 by Bessie S. Ballow

Charter members: Ethel Hoaglund, Blondina Allen, Dorothea Riley, Margaret Lee Jensen, Ruth Pattinson Lea, Blossom Patter-

son, Lula I. Sorn, Charlo Byars Bohl, K. Thelma Sowers, Jane Hampton Chipman, Mary Henderson Meyer, Harriet R. Southard, Marcy Haeger McQuillan, Ruth Bridge, Rosemary Ebrie, Norma R. Strohm, Vera Mae Thompson.

Presidents who served: Ethel Hoaglund, Lula I. Sorn, Margaret Lee Jensen, Norma Strohm, Vera Mae Thompson, Charlotte C. Anderson.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 33.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 37.

▶ CHAPTER GE, PEORIA

Organized April 5, 1945 by Bessie S. Ballow

Charter members: Bertha L. Winters, Della W. Thede, Ethel M. Parr, Margaret S. Mitzit, Helen C. Hayler, Eva V. Mackemer, Grace Clark Brown, Monta Bane, Jessie P. Hazen, Wanda C. Watson, Dorothy Van Scoyk, Ethel B. Helmick, Elizabeth Voss, Remda Westerman, Mary C. Johnston.

Presidents who served: Bertha Winters, Della W. Thede, Grace Clark Brown, Dorothy C. Chessman.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 29.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 36.

▶ CHAPTER GF, EVANSTON

Organized June 1, 1945 by Hazel V. Ziesel

Charter members: Meribah Peterson, Frances Hyde Armstrong, Ethel L. Esch, Genevieve Robbins, Frances De Curtis, Anna C. Ames, Marion F. Bryant, Elizabeth E. Bjork, Mabel F. Tuit, Mary Louise Nielander, Iva M. Sharp, Esther F. Carr, Eunice B. Baab, Orpha H. Fries, Beulah T. Walsh, Kathleen Hughes, Harriet M. Luckman.

Presidents who served: Frances De C. Curtis, Meribeh Peterson, Frances H. Armstrong, Eunice B. Baab, Eloise Hutchinson, Genevieve Nauman.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 26.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 36.

▶ CHAPTER GG, ALTON

Organized February 5, 1946 by Hazel V. Ziesel

Charter members: Ruthanna B. Savage, Roberta Coffman,

Jeanne F. Mac Duff, Florence B. Vose, Nellie M. Brown, Linnette Bixler, Anna Rosenkranz, Elizabeth McVey Shultz, Marie Drescher, Winnie T. Luer, Helen Patison, Margaret Ann Nuckols, Clara G. Foster, Allie L. Heuer, Florine D. Schmoeller, Helen Sonntag, Flora H. Sonntag.

Presidents who served: Clara G. Foster, Winifred Delano, Jeanne F. Mac Duff, Dorothy I. Lake.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 29.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 41.

► CHAPTER GH, DOWNERS GROVE

Organized March 14, 1946 by Hazel V. Ziesel

Charter members: Nelia C. Owen, Margaret H. Derr Scamehorn, Marjorie B. Wrenn, Mary Seares, Elizabeth D. Coles, Jessica North MacDonald, Myrtle Becker, Grace B. Vogele, Margaret Lake, Joanna B. Yost, Hazel M. Gordinier, Vera R. Iehl, Helen C. Jensen, Ethel E. Berntsen, Dorothy P. Owen, Helen E. Boltz, Esther D. Johnson, Elsie I. Wurtz, Frieda Humphris, Ardys Ray.

Presidents who served: Joanna Yost, Elsie Wurtz, Jessica MacDonald, Grace Vogele.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 27.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 35.

► CHAPTER GI, CHICAGO

Organized March 26, 1946 by Hazel V. Ziesel

Charter members: Helen Joan Miller, Jane M. Fockler, Lulu M. Teach, Margaret H. Alborg, Grace H. Peterson, Wilma Smyth Mayeske, Alice L. Carpenter, Margaret Gear Lawrence, Ethel Hay Oschatz, Ruth Lee Spaeth, Beulah M. Clark, Constance C. Folkrod, Florence Walton, Lillian Heacock, Ruth Hardy Jaeger, Betty Wilson, Vera Gustafson.

Presidents who served: Helen Miller, Jane Fockler, Alice Carpenter, Helen M. Barker.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 29.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 38.

► CHAPTER GJ, SKOKIE

Organized April 2, 1946 by Hazel V. Ziesel

Charter members: Lottie Allen Babb, Alma F. Galitz, Ruth

Hawkins Jenness, Jessie Burkitt Von Ohms, Katherine S. Galitz, Evelyn D. Reynolds, Anna B. Phillips, Martha De Moss Byrum, Marguerite L. Gray, Gertrude F. Miller, Anita P. Clynes, Jane Ehmer, Lillian H. Dunlap, Agnes F. Brown, Myrtle E. Hendrickson.

Presidents who served: Lottie Babb, Alma Galitz, Evelyn Reynolds, Grace F. Kellogg.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 27.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 27.

► CHAPTER GK, WILMINGTON

Organized April 4, 1946 by Hazel V. Ziesel

Charter members: Blanche M. Luther, Lela E. Shipley, Ruth Rettenmayer, Loeva Dude, Eve Feely, Oda Erikson, Mary Z. Luther, Margaret E. Johnson, Arline S. Merkel, Florence M. Dunbar, Blanche D. Keeley, Mabel G. Martin Scivally, Vesta A. Hinds, Alma M. Butcher, Adele Davey, Ruth Mutchler, Ruth Stevens.

Presidents who served: Blanche M. Luther, Lela E. Shipley, Ruth Rettenmayer, Florence Dunbar, Adele Davey.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 25.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 28.

► CHAPTER GL, CENTRALIA

Organized October 18, 1946 by Jennie H. Rugh

Charter members: Julia Phillips, Helen R. Herfurth, Theresa P. Nichols, Helen L. Gough, Fanny F. Perrine, Pauline B. Wham, E. Carolyn Hager, Ruby Baker, Edna Hebbler, Reba D. Webb, Mildred R. Chambers, Georgia C. Felt, Glenna Gildehaus, Ione Hildes.

Presidents who served: Theresa Nichols, Pauline Wham, Helen L. Gough.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 21.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 25.

► CHAPTER GM, EAST ST. LOUIS

Organized November 12, 1946 by Jennie H. Rugh

Charter members: Jane S. Parks, Mary Morrow, Natalie S. Roper, Bess M. Benham, Esther R. Laughlin, Ora V. Sager,

Marguerite Harding, Frances Eppard, Mary Stewart, Henrietta S. Bowman, Susie Lee Moore, Carolyn Bradley, Mable Bruce, Frances Cox, Nettie Potts, Carrie Hollman.

Presidents who served: Jane Parks, Mable Bruce, Mary Stewart, Mary Morrow.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 20.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 22.

► CHAPTER GN, MAYWOOD

Organized January 14, 1947 by Jennie H. Rugh

Charter members: Helen Barber, Louise Houghton, Carissa Newell, Bettie L. Coffman, Edna M. Schwarz, Lois E. Moore, Evelyn Nordquist, Marion J. Newell, Margaret C. Baker, Martha Kochenderfer, Maude P. Foster, Vera Dunning, Mary R. Wageck, Ruth Cromar, Helen Hodgskiss, Esther Lloyd Hagg.

Presidents who served: Lois Moore, Helen Hodgskiss, Helen Barber, Evelyn Nordquist.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 28.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 30.

► CHAPTER GO, MOUNT VERNON

Organized January 27, 1947 by Jennie H. Rugh

Charter members: Mary C. Phillips, Ruby L. Wilson, Lois S. Horton, Aline Hutchison, Edna H. Casey, Olivia Kathryn Broyles, Martha Gee DeWitt, Rose Griffith Lough, Laura S. Hall, Octa J. Newkirk, Nina W. Burks, Ethel R. Harrison, Ruth H. Maxwell, Catherine Harris Corlew, Mabel B. Howard, Ferne W. Lee, Elizabeth Maxey, Rose Mary DeWitt, Stanley S. Lewis.

Presidents who served: Edna H. Casey, Aline G. Hutchison, Ruby Wilson, Mary C. Phillips, Ferne W. Lee.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 25.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 26.

► CHAPTER GP, OAK PARK

Organized February 1, 1947 by Jennie H. Rugh

Charter members: Virginia C. Schleicher, Patty B. Sizer, Maryalice Butler, Mary Ellen John, Patty O. Butler, Rosemary G. Royer, Shirley P. Ferguson, Emmy Lou F. Monson, Joann

Frakes, Marjorie C. Faulkner, Betty Morrow Raska, Barbara D. Schwanke, Gloria Angsten.

Presidents who served: Patty B. Sizer, Betty Raska, Jeanne Eggleston, Marjorie Faulkner.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 19.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 27.

► CHAPTER GQ, ROCK ISLAND

Organized February 26, 1947 by Jennie H. Rugh

Charter members: Olive Wagner, Irma Romans, Hazel C. Miller, Ethel M. Long, Edith M. Walz, Annabel C. Pruden, Florence Coffland, Esther May Huston, Rosemary H. Greene, Helen Willming, Mildred R. Johnson, Lylal W. Swenson, Clara B. Chaney.

Presidents who served: Olive Wagner, Irma C. Romans, Annabel Pruden, Eleanor E. Jones.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 23.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 26.

► CHAPTER GR, DECATUR

Organized March 4, 1947 by Jennie H. Rugh

Charter members: Helen R. Beer, Ruby E. Gullett, Yolande E. Irish, Nadine N. Osgood, Blanche W. Burks, Suzannah Wright, Maud N. Davidson, Bertha R. Ferguson, Margaret Rugh, Dott Williams, Bessie Dickey, Julia Kilborn, Ruby M. Whittle, Fanny Bassett, Louie I. Reid, Ellen Y. James.

Presidents who served: Ruby Gullett, Suzannah Wright, Lois Burks.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 31.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 32.

► CHAPTER GS, PEORIA

Organized March 12, 1947 by Jennie H. Rugh

Charter members: Mary Frances Rodenhauser, Katherine M. Kupper McCarrell, Dora L. Phillips, Mary Louise Seabury Hem-brough, Shirley Schueler Hyler, Louise Flora Howard, Marian Barbour Voelker, Mary Ellen Mendenhall Teeter, Susan Fuller Schefelbein, Alice Ann McCord Weaver, Barbara Lund, Phyllis Blair Marshall.

Presidents who served: Louise Howard, Phyllis Marshall, Martha Blair.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 31.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 33.

► CHAPTER GT, WESTERN SPRINGS

Organized March 20, 1947 by Ruby E. Prince

Charter members: Marion P. Bohner, D. Elizabeth Knudsen, Mina L. Wichman, Margaret W. Vaile, Alice A. Roth, Mabel J. McKee, Florence A. Wickersham, Verna H. Bird, Margaret M. Carlson, Laura F. Rosenwald, Esther M. Chambers, Beatrix H. Coman, Dorothy E. Kellogg, Ruth H. Hutchison, Jerry Collins.

Presidents who served: Margaret W. Vaile, Marion P. Bohner, Esther Chambers, Elizabeth Knudsen.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 32.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 37.

► CHAPTER GU, BEARDSTOWN

Organized May 27, 1947 by Blanche A. Lee

Charter members: Edna Brown Pine, Mildred G. Hegener, Bessie L. Dunn, Fern M. Knudsen, Opal M. Dowdall, Lill E. Corkill, Mary E. Welch, Grace W. McAllister, Elizabeth C. Hegener, Lena C. Spencer, Dorothy I. Zimmerman, Georgene McKenzie, Edna Dunn Huss, Adele Hegener, Verna Coleman Huss, Winifred W. Winhold, Caroline Post Simpson.

Presidents who served: Edna Pine, Mildred Hegener, Grace McAllister.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 24.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 25.

► CHAPTER GV, RIVER FOREST

Organized June 5, 1947 by Blanche A. Lee

Charter members: Rhoda M. Griffith, Marguerite G. Tabbert, Jane R. Lee, Martha H. Jaeger, Daisy E. Lee, Cassie C. Pine, Cynthia C. Pine Pemberton, Mildred Lane Nix, Rosa D. Sims, Edith A. Richards, Alice D. Webster, Josephine M. Wheeler, Esther B. Guilford, Frances Sims.

Presidents who served: Rhoda M. Griffith, Esther B. Guilford, Mildred Lane Nix, Jane Lee.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 23.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 29.

► CHAPTER GW, PEKIN

Organized November 22, 1947 by Blanche A. Lee

Charter members: Zillah C. Kriegsman, Gladys S. Langley, Lydia S. Breedlove, Marie E. Reardon, Doris R. Kenyon, Mildred E. Himmel, Martha A. Grossweiler, Vivian B. Horst, Lois L. McClintick Westrope, Gladys E. Abts, Norma Bastian, Lois G. Francisco, Helen J. Hoffman, Dorothy Veerman.

Presidents who served: Helen Hoffman, Doris R. Kenyon, Marie Reardon, Mildred E. Himmel.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 25.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 30.

► CHAPTER GX, CARBONDALE

Organized April 3, 1948 by Blanche A. Lee

Charter members: Helen Sherertz, Katheryn Reissaus, Ethel L. Wilson, Thelma E. Dykhouse, Ruth Sedwick Blakey, Ruth M. Turner, Mabel Sickman Lane, Elizabeth Opal Stone, Gladys Clark, Minnie Mae Pitkin, Mabel Pulliam, Lucy K. Woody, Bernice Sickman, Jane Hills Blakey, Ruth Haroldson.

Presidents who served: Helen Sherertz, Lucy K. Woody, Ruth Haroldson.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 30.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 36.

► CHAPTER GY, HIGHLAND PARK

Organized April 8, 1948 by Blanche A. Lee

Charter members: Adelaide Carlson, Elizabeth E. Bjork, Roma J. Baker, Irene A. Frehner, Louise B. Hansmann, Helen M. Sproul, Charlotte K. Brown, Evelyn M. Watkins, Ellen Miller, Stella K. Stunkel, Helen A. Date, Roberta M. Seitz, Anna L. Lacy, Jessie E. Hiatt, Ruth S. Nelson, Anita B. Davis.

Presidents who served: Charlotte K. Brown, Adelaide Carlson, Betty E. Bjork.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 29.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 32.

► CHAPTER GZ, PARK RIDGE

Organized April 12, 1948 by Blanche A. Lee

Charter members: Mildred H. Jeffries, Dorothy H. Hagemann, Alice L. Evans, Opal H. Baldwin, Jean B. Carlson, Millicent R. Olmsted, Dorothy S. Coate, Georgia K. Weidenmiller, Elloree H. Myers, Mae W. Wilson, Augusta B. Murphy, Doris W. Malone, Constance S. Van Alyea, Shirley K. Snider, Margaret B. Rosbe.

Presidents who served: Alice Evans, Opal Baldwin, Mae W. Wilson.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 34.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 37.

► CHAPTER HA, RANTOUL

Organized December 14, 1948 by Elizabeth Corbridge

Charter members: Hazelle Rhoads, Hazel Freeland, Dorothy Morton, Mildred Exton, Bernelle Moot, Mabel Kimes, Marien Seward, Laura Ryburn, Cleda Wiley, Virginia Van Zant, Florence Gorman, Bernelle E. Stephens, Marguerite Van Dam, Janis Little, Betty James.

Presidents who served: Hazelle Rhoads, Dorothy Morton, Virginia Van Zant.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 20.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 24.

► CHAPTER HB, MOLINE

Organized December 14, 1948 by Elizabeth Corbridge

Charter members: Mary Helen Fuller, Bonita H. Black, Marguerite H. Wilson, Myrtle Reeves, Adelaide Price, Vivian B. Jones, Clara H. Warfield, Vere Coddington, Mary Jane Coddington Buck, Sylvia Honeywell, Margaret Smillie, Gwendoln Dodge, Sylvia Hanson, Jane H. Brainard, Marguerite Cornell.

Presidents who served: Bonita Black, Myrtle Reeves.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 39.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 43.

► CHAPTER HC, AURORA

Organized April 11, 1949 by Elizabeth Corbridge

Charter members: Lucile J. Entorf, Olive M. Randall, Evaline M. Friday, Helen B. Pierce, Hilda L. Schultz, Marie M. Johnson, Louise Lloyd, Irene Hill, Aune Perham, Ruth Judd, Florence Thorp, Florence Muschler, Winifred McIntyre, Doris Armbruster.

Presidents who served: Lucile Entorf, Helen B. Pierce.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 21.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 21.

► CHAPTER HD, PANA

Organized May 26, 1949 by Elizabeth Corbridge

Charter members: Stella M. Vaughn, Gladys Preihs, Louise McCracken, Mary Bob Miller, Carlene Preihs Wagner, Helen M. Brummett, Barbara J. Henderson, Helen L. Dorward, Mary P. Seiler, Eva M. Downs, Kathleen D. Burroughs, Vanette Ziegler, Erma F. Tex, Winifred Hinton, Mary R. Denton, Myrle Rogers.

Presidents who served: Gladys Preihs, Stella Vaughn.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 24.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 25.

► CHAPTER HE, HOMEWOOD

Organized November 30, 1949 by Sara B. Minear

Charter members: Edith Mays Figley, Blanche P. Johnston, Lilah I. Morrison, E. Louisa Pandolfi, Carol E. Branch, Kay B. Canning, Viola B. Cook, Helen O. Gring, Frances D. Heron, Celeste Noel, Lois Stewart, Minnie Auten.

Presidents who served: Lilah I. Morrison, Edith M. Figley, Jean Vaughn, Kay B. Canning.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 22.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 25.

► CHAPTER HF, HINSDALE

Organized February 17, 1950 by Sara B. Minear

Charter members: Bessie L. Love, Florence F. Howes, Arlene W. Dickinson, Esther W. Vogler, Helen F. Durman, Raymona C. Swortwood, Frances A. Sanden, Sara Beth McMillan,

Lucy W. Moore, Cora P. Lockwood, Elizabeth Keller, Marion Hobson, Helen M. Lowden, Irene N. Nelson.

Presidents who served: Raymona Swortwood, Marion Hobson, Mildred Seaton.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 32.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 32.

▶ CHAPTER HG, WASHINGTON

Organized March 20, 1950 by Sara B. Minear

Charter members: Dorothy M. Gano, Rose M. Steimle, Helen Habecker, Harriet B. Heiple, Jessie M. Grafton, Mabelle M. Clemens, Louise Busse, Ethel M. Storey, Ethel L. Black, Blanche D. Esser, Frieda M. Roehm, Caroline Z. Martini, Betsy C. Coons, Alice Kimmell Snell, Fleeta H. Fuller, Mary Heiple Birkett, Maude H. Ochenrider, Gertrude O. Kimmell, Edith White, Blanche L. Danforth, June Mueri.

Presidents who served: Gertrude Kimmell, Frieda M. Roehm.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 24.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 24.

▶ CHAPTER HH, PARK FOREST

Organized March 29, 1950 by Sara B. Minear

Charter members: Martha Richert, Helen Softley, Marjorie Kempster, Bette H. Lasher, Ernestine B. Bryant, Edna Gordon, Margaret McKay Nevosad, Mary Helen Fuller, Vera Coddington, Bernice Patterson, Isabel Palmer, Martha Herminghaus, Jeanne Oliver, Florence Byrd Stevenson.

Presidents who served: Isabel Palmer, Martha Richert, Helen Softley, DeEtte Holland.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 35.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 40.

▶ CHAPTER HI, URBANA

Organized March 31, 1950 by Sara B. Minear

Charter members: Velda Newcomer, Elizabeth Frank, Gloria Sauer Grace, Helen P. Knodle, Donna Jordan Mamer, Elizabeth R. Cobb, Gretchen Young Plagge, Beth Stephens Martin, Dorothy S. Campbell, Dorothy C. Salisbury, Betty Jane Cribbet, Mary L.

Filbey, Janice R. Perkins, Mary Elizabeth L. Housrath, Betty J. Mitchell, Mae E. Howard, Jerry S. Crocker.

Presidents who served: Velda Newcomer, Dorothy Salisbury, Mae Howard.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 25.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 30.

► CHAPTER HJ, GREENFIELD

Organized April 5, 1950 by Sara B. Minear

Charter members: Elizabeth P. Bell, Mildred Green Bauer, Virginia S. Parks, Lloyd E. Fosse, Pauline Bulger, Margareta Lou Smith, June Burnham, Florence Mellos Guy, Pauline Bott, Hazel D. Parks, Dorothy E. Guer, Elizabeth Hettick, Louise K. Smith.

Presidents who served: Elizabeth Bell, Mildred Green Bauer.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 16.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 16.

► CHAPTER HK, LITCHFIELD

Organized May 18, 1950 by Sara B. Minear

Charter members: Eunice Larkin, Martha Guyan, Evelyn Russell, Kathryn Patton, Henrietta Mahlandt, Eunice Paullis, Merle Butler, Jane Flareth, Margaret P. Heath, Doris D. Moss, Maxine Hauser, Lois Blazer, Frances Sinclair, Rachel Thorp, Margaret Ann Sinclair Wilson, Virginia Morgan, Abbie Morgan.

Presidents who served: Eunice Larkin, Martha Guyan.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 21.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 25.

► CHAPTER HL, DES PLAINES

Organized May 25, 1950 by Sara B. Minear

Charter members: Gwendolyn Smaage, Ruth B. Kimball, Ann E. Romigh, Eva B. Anderson, Jean H. Kinder, Mary W. Muncy, Grace L. Crosby, Nelle M. Shorey, Bernadene Roberts, Audre Woehr, Elinor M. Traeger, Marie Coe, Margaret Milliman, Lillian Knippenberg, Florence M. Harris.

Presidents who served: Gwendlyn Smaage, Ann E. Romigh.
Active membership March 1, 1953: 19.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 19.

▶ CHAPTER HM, PALOS HEIGHTS

Organized May 28, 1950 by Sara B. Minear

Charter members: Lulu W. Avery, Kathleen K. Cross, Florence S. Grieve, Margaret M. Keswick, Elizabeth E. Stewart, Jacqueline L. Suthers, Ethel H. Miller, Barbara M. Biederman, Marjorie G. Coates, Grace Lake Gilleard, Harriet Flood Kanter, Bernice Lund, Ellaree Schroeder, Francine Stevenson Ware, Virginia M. Wood.

Presidents who served: Ethel H. Miller, Elizabeth E. Stewart.
Active membership March 1, 1953: 20.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 23.

▶ CHAPTER HN, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Organized January 24, 1951 by Ethel B. Dalton

Charter members: Winifred Webster, Jane Faner, Florence Hannum, Jane Hirt, Julia Hull, Irene Johnson, Louise Johnson, Hortense Laude, Mildred Martin, Blanche Rose, Betty Ross, Mary Ellen Tucker, Ruth Beisler, Eleanor Lips, Lotte Parbs.

Presidents who served: Louise Johnson, Betty Ross.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 22.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 22.

▶ CHAPTER HO, GALESBURG

Organized March 29, 1951 by Ethel B. Dalton

Charter members: Isyl B. Walton, Nellie S. O'Harra, Carol J. Ford, Alice C. Willard, Margaret Weber, Florence E. Willard, Myrtle M. Tally, Charlotte M. Petersen, Islah B. Kuhl, Jo Ann Bulkeley, Alyce Anderson, Eila V. Hiler, Irene C. Bulkeley, Evelyn D. McClure, Eleanor Robson, Mabel H. Scneider, Elizabeth Baylor.

President who served: Isyl B. Walton.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 24.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 26.

▶ CHAPTER HP, BLOOMINGTON

Organized March 31, 1951 by Ethel B. Dalton

Charter members: Blanche A. Oborn, Louise Logan, Vera H. Vogelsang, Maria Browne, Betty Lou Vannice, Virginia Spellman, Lucille E. Sedwick, Elizabeth Burnham, Janet E. Herrin, Betty W. Oborn, Faith H. Larsen, Carrie R. Spier, Helen J. Patton, Florence R. Holmes, Betty H. Brown, Rosie J. Yarger, Helen H. Morrison, Ethelda W. Cooke.

President who served: Blanche A. Oborn.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 23.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 24.

▶ CHAPTER HQ, GLEN ELLYN

Organized April 5, 1951 by Ethel B. Dalton

Charter members: Marion Pugh, Ruth G. Kelly, Frances Allen Noble, Frances B. Biederman, Jean H. Finch, Vernalee Sharp, L. Vonee Cooley, Evelyn Murphy, Rachel Whitfield, Jeanne A. Royer, Rebecca P. Roberts, Virginia H. Dolmyer, Dorothy P. Boylston, Helen D. Rinefort, Laurice L. Guyer.

President who served: Marion Pugh.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 21.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 22.

▶ CHAPTER HR, BELLEVILLE

Organized May 7, 1951 by Ethel B. Dalton

Charter members: Mildred Eversull, Hazel Wilson, Elizabeth Ryan, Eleanor Wehrle, Marie Ackermann, Sylvia Robertson, Hazel Hall, Lillian Dechant, Mary Kennedy, Josephine L. Asbury, Mary Luise Niess, Jane Lee Badgett, Josephine Cross, Frances Reed, Dorothy N. Buenger.

President who served: Mildred Eversull.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 16.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 16.

▶ CHAPTER HS, WAUKEGAN

Organized September 29, 1951 by Ethel B. Dalton

Charter members: Cora Ewan Rinehart, Norma C. Efnor, Marjorie Pile, Zelma Lewis, LaVerne B. Wehrman, Denise H.

Wing, Esther Allen, Louise D. Jones, Jean Beagle, Alene Ludtke, Alice Jane Fryman, Barbara Graham, Mary Elizabeth Dean.

President who served: Cora Ewan Rinehart.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 18.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 19.

▶ CHAPTER HT, GRANITE CITY

Organized November 2, 1951 by Haroldine I. Hazen

Charter members: Gladys M. Chapman, Myra L. Jackson, Anna Kaltenbach, Helen A. Coolidge, Vivian K. Fechte, Lucile Rodemyer, Goldie G. Fischer, Eva Dron, Loretta Reiske, Mary Miller, Elizabeth W. Rice, Marie Droege, Dorothy L. Kerch, Vivian P. Johnson.

President who served: Gladys M. Chapman.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 17.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 17.

▶ CHAPTER HU, SPRINGFIELD

Organized February 12, 1952 by Haroldine I. Hazen

Charter members: Esther Newbegin, Helen Sherertz, Evelyn N. Dixon, Celia Hitch, Edith B. Ragan, Phyllis Hanna, Bernice I. Bell, Viola Volle, Elma T. Turner, Josephine K. Olson, Mary L. Grummon, Ruth W. Diers, Alice B. Knight.

President who served: Esther Newbegin.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 15.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 15.

▶ CHAPTER HV, HIGHLAND PARK

Organized February 16, 1952 by Haroldine I. Hazen

Charter members: Jane T. Dabney, Margaret E. Smith, Ellen Miller, Mary Jane Blackburn, Hope J. Straiith, Doreen Donaldson, Claire Cates, Raedith Reed, Betty Moncrieff, Lynn Strange, Amy R. Brons, Patricia Sanders, Pat Frye, Margaret Fleming, Elizabeth Cochran.

President who served: Jane Dabney.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 16.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 16.

▶ CHAPTER HW, EVANSTON

Organized February 18, 1952 by Haroldine I. Hazen

Charter members: Mary B. Wick, Allene R. Robson, Wilferene M. Kessler, Frances Nelson, Marion Dillinger, Mildred Miller, Josephine R. Nims, Marjorie Preucil, Docia Bathurst, Sue Huff, Edith A. Lipps, Margaret Cooley, Lynn Wienhoeber.

President who served: Frances Nelson.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 18.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 18.

▶ CHAPTER HX, DANVILLE

Organized April 1, 1952 by Haroldine I. Hazen

Charter members: Flo Hunter Shell, Patricia Perry Burke, Lillian Hackley Hazel, Lois B. Draegert, Bertha Pendrup, Gertrude F. Johnson, Jeannette P. Kleinschmidt, Ellen B. Miles, Mary Jane Wetherell Webber, Mamie Engel Rogers, Pansy B. Collins, Mabel A. Lowenstein, Margaret Buck Bishop, Grace Theodora Garrett, Florence Angell, Jean Campbell Henson.

President who served: Flo Shell.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 17.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 17.

▶ CHAPTER HY, ELMHURST

Organized April 14, 1952 by Haroldine I. Hazen

Charter members: Ruth B. Rinaldo, Dorothy D. Rowe, Eleanor F. Fralick, Jennie Clark, Barbara J. Morgan, Hazel S. Dame, Ruth H. Strand, Mary Ehrhardt, Faith B. Jenkins, Nathalie Foersterling, Thelma Schroeder, Joy B. Ramsey, Marian Golseth, Lois E. Dinkmeyer.

President who served: Ruth B. Rinaldo.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 14.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 14.

▶ CHAPTER HZ, OAK PARK

Organized May 23, 1952 by Jessie Parks Bonson

Charter members: Zella B. Creswell, Pearl Mittelstadt Fyling, Beulah Bergholtz, Emily Nystrand, Gano F. Anderson,

Catherine J. Stark, Marjorie F. Sainsbury, Hortense G. Frankiu, Margaret E. Miller, Evelyn J. Forbes, Louise Rowland, Sue Elizabeth Anderson, Grace L. Armstrong, Grace B. Schreiber.

President who served: Pearl Fyelling.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 14.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 14.

▶ CHAPTER IA, CRYSTAL LAKE

Organized June 5, 1952 by Jessie Parks Bonson

Charter members: Arklay M. Firth, Elizabeth Alford, Beatrice L. Wimple, Hazel W. Crumlish, Virginia Hennig, Helen B. Schneider, Bess Smith, Ruth L. Sherman, Edith Woertz, Medora Colberg, Marjorie Von Stein, Betty Bonson Smith, Helen Lowell, Frances Sayles.

President who served: Arklay M. Firth.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 14.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 14.

▶ CHAPTER IB, PEORIA

Organized September 19, 1952 by Jessie Parks Bonson

Charter members: Frances B. Herman, Ida W. Endres, Imogene Belsley, Marian Whitmore, Hilda Mae Ball, Eva Bergstrom, Lucinda Soldwell, Lucille Wallis, Myra Miller, Zilla Stein, Margaret Dewey, Mary Hoffman, Adelaide Adams.

President who served: Frances B. Herman.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 14.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 14.

▶ CHAPTER IC, STREATOR

Organized November 8, 1952 by Jessie Parks Bonson

Charter members: Ann J. McNamara, Eunice Remley, Susan Brandes, Julia Bromage, Mabel Metcalf, Ruth Strong, Betty Stevenson, Dorothy Patterson, Emily Shannon, Carolyn E. Schramm, Ellen Baysinger, Lyndal M. Dorland, Miriam W. Elliott, Emily J. Gilman, Jane Prichard.

President who served: Eunice Remley.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 15.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 15.

▶ CHAPTER ID, WHEATON

Organized January 12, 1953 by Jessie Parks Bonson

Charter members: Mary Wright, Jane McKoane, Margery Johnston, Neta Chandler, Betty Bluedorn, Belvidere Formo, Laura Coonley, Mary Gale Hamilton Norton, LaVerna S. Augustine, Alice S. Somes, Mary Anna Okell, Kathryn H. Everett, Virginia M. Kimball, Helen S. Poe, Betty R. Kleber.

President who served: Laura Coonley.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 15.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 15.

▶ CHAPTER IE, QUINCY

Organized January 21, 1953 by Jessie Parks Bonson

Charter members: Wilha Vuylsteke, Lou Willa H. McReynolds, Ione M. Seeley, Mary E. Murphy, Linda Webb, Charlotte Woodward, Elizabeth Beeson, Beatrice A. Howell, Ida Line, Winnie Ingram, Dorothy B. Jacobson, Marie H. Estaque, Jessie A. Casper, Betty Montgomery, Mary Louise Patterson, Ann S. Cravens.

President who served: Jessie A. Casper.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 16.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 16.

▶ CHAPTER IF, DECATUR

Organized January 23, 1953 by Jessie Parks Bonson

Charter members: Alice C. Hixson, Ruth S. Vorhees, Patty D. Ray, Patricia M. Schenk, Margaret F. Munneke, Mary A. Kamm, Ermine J. Parks, Neva L. Bridges, Ellen Nenney, Helen M. Higgs, Helen C. Eaton, Betty E. Jacobson, Joan Purdue, Alma Herkless, Catherine Minto, Betty Lee Campbell, Marion Jean Larson, M. Eileen Jones.

President who served: Alice C. Hixson.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 18.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 18.

▶ CHAPTER IG, ROBINSON

Organized January 30, 1953 by Jessie Parks Bonson

Charter members: Cleo H. Kaley, Gladys J. Cochran, Lucy

S. Hamilton, Lucille L. Schernekau, Jean Mills, Elizabeth Willard, Ruth B. Burckhalter, E. Marye Norris, Jean Ridgeway, Letty Irwin, Georgia D. Lathrop, Norma R. Hammer, Oather Maxwell, Worthy H. Correll.

President who served: Cleo H. Kaley.

Active membership March 1, 1953: 14.

Total membership from date of organization to March 1, 1953: 14.

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OFFICERS OF ILLINOIS STATE CHAPTER, 1903-1953

▶ 1903-04: MONMOUTH, APRIL 4, 1903

President	Nellie R. Danks	<i>Chapter</i>
First Vice-President	Ophelia Pittinger	B Clinton
Second Vice-President	Alena Loveridge	C Vermont
Recording Secretary	Bessie Bassett	G Alexis
Corresponding Secretary	Lulu C. Williams	H Aledo
Treasurer	Belle Johnson	D Chicago
Organizer	Juanita Xander	F Quincy
		E Monmouth

▶ 1904-05: CHICAGO, APRIL 12, 1904

President	Maude B. Torry	A Chicago
First Vice-President	Grace R. Parks	I Chicago
Second Vice-President	Pauline E. Tubbs	G Alexis
Recording Secretary	Mary E. Sykes	E Monmouth
Corresponding Secretary	Lulu C. Williams	D Chicago
Treasurer	Helen Worsdell	C Vermont
Organizer	Belle Johnson	F Quincy

▶ **1905-06: CLINTON, APRIL 24, 1905**

President	Grace R. Parks	I Chicago
First Vice-President	Lulu C. Williams	D Chicago
Second Vice-President	Fannie McCrory	J Carthage
Recording Secretary	Bessie Bassett	H Aledo
Corresponding Secretary	Mary A. Tanner	A Chicago
Treasurer	Clara V. Hardin	E Monmouth
Organizer	Belle Johnson	F Quincy

▶ **1906-07: VERMONT, APRIL 24, 1906**

President	Grace R. Parks	I Chicago
First Vice-President	Lulu C. Williams	D Chicago
Second Vice-President	Belle Johnson	F Quincy
Recording Secretary	Bessie Bassett	H Aledo
Corresponding Secretary	Martha Cox	C Vermont
Treasurer	Harriet Amsden	B Clinton
Organizer	Juanita Xander	E Monmouth

▶ **1907-08: CHICAGO, APRIL 24, 1907**

President	Lulu C. Williams	D Chicago
First Vice-President	Harriet Amsden	B Clinton
Second Vice-President	Mira W. Jenkins	K Macomb
Recording Secretary	Elizabeth D. Simmons	L Woodhull
Corresponding Secretary	May B. Wilson	H Aledo
Treasurer	Merta Dixon	N Roseville
Organizer	Juanita Xander	E Monmouth

▶ **1908-09: MONMOUTH, APRIL 22, 1908**

President	Lulu C. Williams	D Chicago
First Vice-President	Harriet Amsden	B Clinton
Second Vice-President	Effie R. Austin	E Monmouth
Recording Secretary	Elizabeth D. Simmons	L Woodhull
Corresponding Secretary	May B. Wilson	H Aledo
Treasurer	Fannie F. Benson	O McLeansboro
Organizer	Martha Weedman	Q Farmer City

▶ **1909-10: QUINCY, APRIL 20, 1909**

President	Harriet Amsden	B Clinton
First Vice-President	Winfry F. Darby	K Macomb
Second Vice-President	Lila H. Scott	F Quincy

Recording Secretary	Nancy Olds	P Chicago
Corresponding Secretary	Minnie B. Capron	T Kirkwood
Treasurer	Fannie F. Benson	O McLeansboro
Organizer	Martha Weedman	Q Farmer City

► **1910-11: ALEXIS, APRIL 26, 1910**

President	Winfry Darby	K Macomb
First Vice-President	Elizabeth D. Simmons	L Woodhull
Second Vice-President	Ethelyn Griffith	J Carthage
Recording Secretary	Nancy A. Olds	P Chicago
Corresponding Secretary	Minnie B. Capron	T Kirkwood
Treasurer	Martha J. Glunt	S Maywood
Organizer	Pauline E. Tubbs	G Alexis

► **1911-12: ALEDO, APRIL 26, 1911**

President	Elizabeth D. Simmons	L Woodhull
First Vice-President	Ethelyn Griffith	J Carthage
Second Vice-President	Bessie Bassett	H Aledo
Recording Secretary	Nancy Olds	P Chicago
Corresponding Secretary	Flora Ryan	R Peoria
Treasurer	Margaret Seymour	V Rockford
Organizer	Pauline E. Tubbs	G Alexis

► **1912-13: CHICAGO, APRIL 16, 1912**

President	Elizabeth D. Simmons	L Woodhull
First Vice-President	Ethelyn Griffith	J Carthage
Second Vice-President	Bessie Bassett	H Aledo
Recording Secretary	Blanche B. West	X Bushnell
Corresponding Secretary	Flora Ryan	R Peoria
Treasurer	Margaret Seymour	V Rockford
Organizer	Luella B. Stafford	D Chicago

► **1913-14: CARTHAGE, APRIL 22, 1913**

President	Ethelyn Griffith	J Carthage
First Vice-President	Bessie Bassett	H Aledo
Second Vice-President	Eleanor E. Bailey	K Macomb
Recording Secretary	Blanche B. West	X Bushnell
Corresponding Secretary	Hallie A. Newell	A Chicago
Treasurer	Margaret Seymour	V Rockford
Organizer	Luella B. Stafford	D Chicago

▶ **1914-15: MACOMB, APRIL 28, 1914**

President	Ethelyn Griffith	J Carthage
First Vice-President	Eleanor E. Bailey	K Macomb
Second Vice-President	Luella B. Stafford	D Chicago
Recording Secretary	Blanche B. West	X Bushnell
Corresponding Secretary	Hallie A. Newell	A Chicago
Treasurer	Margaret Seymour	V Rockford
Organizer	Alice Willard	W Galesburg

▶ **1915-16: WOODHULL, APRIL 27, 1915**

President	Eleanor E. Bailey	K Macomb
First Vice-President	Luella B. Stafford	D Chicago
Second Vice-President	Viola R. Stickney	L Woodhull
Recording Secretary	Blanche B. West	X Bushnell
Corresponding Secretary	Hallie A. Newell	A Chicago
Treasurer	Margaret Seymour	V Rockford
Organizer	Alice Willard	W Galesburg

▶ **1916-17: ROSEVILLE, APRIL 25, 1916**

President	Eleanor E. Bailey	K Macomb
First Vice-President	Luella B. Stafford	D Chicago
Second Vice-President	Viola R. Stickney	L Woodhull
Recording Secretary	May H. DeMoney	I Chicago
Corresponding Secretary	May A. Brokaw	E Monmouth
Treasurer	Alice Willard	W Galesburg
Organizer	Hallie A. Newell	A Chicago

▶ **1917-18: McLEANSBORO, APRIL 17, 1917**

President	Luella B. Stafford	D Chicago
First Vice-President	Viola R. Stickney	L Woodhull
Second Vice-President	Fannie Benson	O McLeansboro
Recording Secretary	Jessie G. Scofield	AH Peoria
Corresponding Secretary	May H. Brokaw	E Monmouth
Treasurer	Mollie Bridgford	H Aledo
Organizer	May H. DeMoney	I Chicago

▶ **1918-19: CHICAGO, APRIL 23, 1918**

President	Luella B. Stafford	D Chicago
First Vice-President	May H. Brokaw	E Monmouth
Second Vice-President	Gladys Swanson	N Roseville

Recording Secretary	Ruth H. Dysart	AC Dixon
Corresponding Secretary	Margaret McAfee	AE Farmington
Treasurer	Mabel D. Dowd	P Chicago
Organizer	May H. DeMoney	I Chicago

▶ **1919-20: PEORIA, APRIL 21, 1919**

President	May H. Brokaw	E Monmouth
First Vice-President	Margaret McAfee	AE Farmington
Second Vice-President	Etta W. Blythe	R Peoria
Recording Secretary	Ruth Dysart	AC Dixon
Corresponding Secretary	Gladys Swanson	N Roseville
Treasurer	Mabel D. Dowd	P Chicago
Organizer	May H. DeMoney	I Chicago

▶ **1920-21: MAYWOOD, APRIL 27, 1920**

President	May H. DeMoney	I Chicago
First Vice-President	Margaret McAfee	AE Farmington
Second Vice-President	Etta W. Blythe	R Peoria
Organizer	Bessie C. Ticken	A Chicago
Recording Secretary	Ruth Dysart	AC Dixon
Corresponding Secretary	Flora Isabel Kemp	AW Bloomington
Treasurer	Mabel D. Dowd	P Chicago

▶ **1921-22: KIRKWOOD, APRIL 26, 1921**

President	Margaret McAfee	AE Farmington
First Vice-President	Etta W. Blythe	R Peoria
Second Vice-President	Flora Isabel Kemp	AW Bloomington
Organizer	Maude McDonald	AI Chicago
Recording Secretary	Jessie M. Miller	BC Decatur
Corresponding Secretary	Harriette Palmer	AB Carlinville
Treasurer	Mabel D. Dowd	P Chicago

▶ **1922-23: HAMILTON, APRIL 25, 1922**

President	Etta W. Blythe	R Peoria
First Vice-President	Flora Isabel Kemp	AW Bloomington
Second Vice-President	Valentine Dadant	U Hamilton
Organizer	Maude McDonald	AI Chicago
Recording Secretary	Jessie M. Miller	BC Decatur
Corresponding Secretary	Katherine Church	AV Berwyn
Treasurer	Mabel D. Dowd	P Chicago

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1903 — 1953

PRESIDENTS OF ILLINOIS STATE CHAPTER



NELLIE R. DANKS, 1903-04
Chapter B, Clinton
Treasurer, Supreme Chapter,
1905-07



MAUDE B. TORRY, 1904-05
Chapter A, Chicago



GRACE RUNYAN PARKS, 1905-07
Chapter I, Chicago
Supreme Chapter;
First Vice-President, 1909-11;
President, 1911-13



LULU CORKHILL WILLIAMS,
1907-09
Chapter D, Chicago



HARRIET M. AMSDEN, 1909-10
Chapter B, Clinton



WINFRY DARBY, 1910-11
Chapter K, Macomb



ELIZABETH D. SIMMONS, 1911-13
Chapter L, Woodhull



ETHELYN GRIFFITH (JONES),
1913-15
Chapter J, Carthage



ELEANOR EADS BAILEY, 1915-17
Chapter K, Macomb
Corresponding Secretary,
Supreme Chapter, 1919-23



LUELLA B. STAFFORD, 1917-19
Chapter D, Chicago



MAY H. BROKAW, 1919-20
Chapter E. Monmouth



MAY H. DEMONEY, 1920-21
Chapter I, Chicago



MARGARET McAFEE, 1921-22
Chapter AE, Farmington

ETTA W. BLYTHE, 1922-23
Chapter R, Peoria





FLORA ISABEL KEMP, 1923-24
Chapter AW, Bloomington

MAUDE B. McDONALD, 1925-26
Chapter AI, Chicago



MABEL DAVENPORT DOUD, 1924-25
Chapter P, Chicago
Supreme Chapter:
Treasurer, 1925-29;
Second Vice-President, 1929-31;
First Vice-President, 1931-33;
President, 1933-35





JESSIE M. MILLER, 1926-27
Chapter BC, Decatur



BESSIE R. RANEY, 1928-29
Chapter A, Chicago
Supreme Chapter:
Corresponding Secretary, 1937-39;
Recording Secretary, 1939-41;
Organizer, 1941-43;
Second Vice-President, 1943-45;
First Vice-President, 1945-47;
President, 1947-49



KATHERINE E. CHURCH, 1927-28
Chapter AV, Berwyn
Served on Board of Trustees,
Cotley College



MABEL Y. FRISBE, 1929-30
Chapter X, Bushnell



MYRTLE C. COMBE, 1930-31
Chapter Z, Harrisburg



LETTIE S. MUDGE, 1931-32
Chapter A, Chicago
*Served as Trustee of
Educational Fund*



OPAL B. BAYMILLER, 1932-33
Chapter AH, Peoria



PAULINE B. RINAKER, 1933-34
Chapter AB, Carlinville



STELLA R. LEYS, 1934-35
Chapter AW, Bloomington



ALICE P. PERRIN, 1935-36
Chapter BA, Joliet



MARY K. LINDSAY, 1936-37
Chapter AD, Chicago



ETHEL C. JELLIFFE, 1937-38
Chapter CA, Springfield



MYRTICE M. ANDERSON, 1938-39
Chapter BZ, Canton



RUTH M. CRUSE, 1939-40
Chapter AI, Chicago



ELLA B. LEIB, 1940-41
Chapter BF, Springfield



BEULAH THORNTON, 1941-42
Chapter A, Chicago
*Serving as Trustee
of Supply Department*



LOUISE DICUS, 1942-43
Chapter CM, Streator



MARY C. BEATTY, 1943-44
Chapter AN, Galesburg



GENEVA C. SCHRODER, 1944-45
Chapter BK, Rock Island



RUBY E. PRINCE, 1945-46
Chapter CI, Chicago



LOUISE R. WADDELL, 1946-47
Chapter AW, Bloomington



BESSIE S. BALLOW, 1947-48
Chapter CY, Jacksonville



HAZEL V. ZIESEL, 1948-49
Chapter CW, LaGrange



JENNIE H. RUGH, 1949-50
Chapter BW, Decatur



BLANCHE ALLEN LEE, 1950-51
Chapter BA, Joliet



ELIZABETH CORBRIDGE, 1951-52
Chapter CJ, Rockford



SARA B. MINEAR, 1952-53
Chapter F, Quincy

▶ **1923-24: ROCKFORD, APRIL 24, 1923**

President	Flora Isabel Kemp	AW	Bloomington
First Vice-President	Mabel D. Dowd	P	Chicago
Second Vice-President	Maude McDonald	AI	Chicago
Organizer	Jessie M. Miller	BC	Decatur
Recording Secretary	Ettabel Brown	V	Rockford
Corresponding Secretary	Katherine Church	AV	Berwyn
Treasurer	Valentine Dadant	U	Hamilton

▶ **1924-25: GALESBURG, APRIL 22, 1924**

President	Mabel D. Dowd	P	Chicago
First Vice-President	Maude McDonald	AI	Chicago
Second Vice-President	Jessie M. Miller	BC	Decatur
Organizer	Caroline G. Stotts	W	Galesburg
Recording Secretary	Ettabel L. Brown	V	Rockford
Corresponding Secretary	Katherine Church	AV	Berwyn
Treasurer	Valentine Dadant	U	Hamilton

▶ **1925-26: BUSHNELL, APRIL 28, 1925**

President	Maude McDonald	AI	Chicago
First Vice-President	Jessie M. Miller	BC	Decatur
Second Vice-President	Katherine Church	AV	Berwyn
Organizer	Caroline G. Stotts	W	Galesburg
Recording Secretary	Ettabel L. Brown	V	Rockford
Corresponding Secretary	Mabel Y. Frisbee	X	Bushnell
Treasurer	Valentine Dadant	U	Hamilton

▶ **1926-27: HAVANA, APRIL 27, 1926**

President	Jessie M. Miller	BC	Decatur
First Vice-President	Katherine Church	AV	Berwyn
Second Vice-President	Caroline G. Stotts	W	Galesburg
Organizer	Mabel Y. Frisbee	X	Bushnell
Recording Secretary	Olga Pen Dell	AF	Chicago
Corresponding Secretary	Bessie R. Raney	A	Chicago
Treasurer	Grace Duffy	Y	Havana

▶ **1927-28: HARRISBURG, APRIL 26, 1927**

President	Katherine Church	AV	Berwyn
First Vice-President	Mabel Y. Frisbee	X	Bushnell
Second Vice-President	Myrtle C. Combe	Z	Harrisburg

Organizer	Bessie R. Raney	A	Chicago
Recording Secretary	Olga Pen Dell	AF	Chicago
Corresponding Secretary	Helen Henkel	BF	Springfield
Treasurer	Grace Duffy	Y	Havana

► **1928-29: CHRISTOPHER, APRIL 24, 1928**

President	Bessie R. Raney	A	Chicago
First Vice-President	Mabel Y. Frisbee	X	Bushnell
Second Vice-President	Nettie Edwards	AA	Christopher
Organizer	Myrtle C. Combe	Z	Harrisburg
Recording Secretary	Opal B. Baymiller	AH	Peoria
Corresponding Secretary	Helen B. Henkel	BF	Springfield
Treasurer	Grace Duffy	Y	Havana

► **1929-30: CARLINVILLE, APRIL 23, 1929**

President	Mabel Y. Frisbee	X	Bushnell
First Vice-President	Myrtle C. Combe	Z	Harrisburg
Second Vice-President	Lettie S. Mudge	A	Chicago
Organizer	Opal B. Baymiller	AH	Peoria
Recording Secretary	Pauline B. Rinaker	AB	Carlenville
Corresponding Secretary	Stella R. Leys	AW	Bloomington
Treasurer	Bess Mercer	C	Vermont

► **1930-31: DIXON, APRIL 21, 1930**

President	Myrtle C. Combe	Z	Harrisburg
First Vice-President	Lettie S. Mudge	A	Chicago
Second Vice-President	Opal B. Baymiller	AH	Peoria
Organizer	Pauline B. Rinaker	AB	Carlenville
Recording Secretary	Stella R. Leys	AW	Bloomington
Corresponding Secretary	Bess Mercer	C	Vermont
Treasurer	Alice P. Perrin	BA	Joliet

► **1931-32: CHICAGO, APRIL 27, 1931**

President	Lettie S. Mudge	A	Chicago
First Vice-President	Opal B. Baymiller	AH	Peoria
Second Vice-President	Pauline B. Rinaker	AB	Carlenville
Organizer	Stella R. Leys	AW	Bloomington
Recording Secretary	Alice P. Perrin	BA	Joliet
Corresponding Secretary	Mary K. Lindsay	AD	Chicago
Treasurer	Ethel C. Jelliffe	CA	Springfield

▶ **1932-33: CANTON, APRIL 25, 1932**

President	Opal B. Baymiller	AH	Peoria
First Vice-President	Pauline B. Rinaker	AB	Carlinville
Second Vice-President	Stella R. Leys	AW	Bloomington
Organizer	Alice P. Perrin	BA	Joliet
Recording Secretary	Mary K. Lindsay	AD	Chicago
Corresponding Secretary	Ethel C. Jelliffe	CA	Springfield
Treasurer	Myrtice Anderson	BZ	Canton

▶ **1933-34: PEORIA, APRIL 24, 1933**

President	Pauline B. Rinaker	AB	Carlinville
First Vice-President	Stella R. Leys	AW	Bloomington
Second Vice-President	Alice P. Perrin	BA	Joliet
Organizer	Mary K. Lindsay	AD	Chicago
Recording Secretary	Ethel C. Jelliffe	CA	Springfield
Corresponding Secretary	Grace A. Gorham	AH	Peoria
Treasurer	Myrtice Anderson	BZ	Canton

▶ **1934-35: CHICAGO, APRIL 24, 1934**

President	Stella R. Leys	AW	Bloomington
First Vice-President	Alice P. Perrin	BA	Joliet
Second Vice-President	Mary K. Lindsay	AD	Chicago
Organizer	Ethel C. Jelliffe	CA	Springfield
Recording Secretary	Myrtice Anderson	BZ	Canton
Corresponding Secretary	Grace A. Gorham	AH	Peoria
Treasurer	Ruth M. Cruse	AI	Chicago

▶ **1935-36: SPRINGFIELD, APRIL 22, 1935**

President	Alice P. Perrin	BA	Joliet
First Vice-President	Mary K. Lindsay	AD	Chicago
Second Vice-President	Ethel C. Jelliffe	CA	Springfield
Organizer	Myrtice Anderson	BZ	Canton
Recording Secretary	Ruth M. Cruse	AI	Chicago
Corresponding Secretary	Ella B. Leib	BF	Springfield
Treasurer	Edna Weaver	CD	Pittsfield

▶ **1936-37: CHICAGO, APRIL 23, 1936**

President	Mary K. Lindsay	AD	Chicago
First Vice-President	Ethel C. Jelliffe	CA	Springfield

Second Vice-President	Myrtice Anderson	BZ	Canton
Organizer	Ruth M. Cruse	AI	Chicago
Recording Secretary	Ella B. Leib	BF	Springfield
Corresponding Secretary	Beulah Thornton	A	Chicago
Treasurer	Ethel C. Bennett	DY	Elgin

► **1937-38: BLOOMINGTON, APRIL 22, 1937**

President	Ethel C. Jelliffe	CA	Springfield
First Vice-President	Myrtice Anderson	BZ	Canton
Second Vice-President	Ruth M. Cruse	AI	Chicago
Organizer	Ella B. Leib	BF	Springfield
Recording Secretary	Beulah Thornton	A	Chicago
Corresponding Secretary	Ethel C. Bennett	DY	Elgin
Treasurer	Louise Dicus	CM	Streator

► **1938-39: GALESBURG, APRIL 28, 1938**

President	Myrtice Anderson	BZ	Canton
First Vice-President	Ruth M. Cruse	AI	Chicago
Second Vice-President	Ella B. Leib	BF	Springfield
Organizer	Beulah Thornton	A	Chicago
Recording Secretary	Louise Dicus	CM	Streator
Corresponding Secretary	Mary C. Beatty	AN	Galesburg
Treasurer	Louise R. Waddell	AW	Bloomington

► **1939-40: ROCK ISLAND, APRIL 25, 1939**

President	Ruth M. Cruse	AI	Chicago
First Vice-President	Ella B. Leib	BF	Springfield
Second Vice-President	Beulah Thornton	A	Chicago
Organizer	Louise Dicus	CM	Streator
Recording Secretary	Mary C. Beatty	AN	Galesburg
Corresponding Secretary	Geneva C. Schroder	BK	Rock Island
Treasurer	Ruth B. Kimball	FI	Chicago

► **1940-41: CHICAGO, APRIL 23, 1940**

President	Ella B. Leib	BF	Springfield
First Vice-President	Beulah Thornton	A	Chicago
Second Vice-President	Louise Dicus	CM	Streator
Organizer	Mary C. Beatty	AN	Galesburg
Recording Secretary	Geneva C. Schroder	BK	Rock Island

Corresponding Secretary	Ruth B. Kimball	FI	Chicago
	Mary K. Lindsay (April 21st to 25th)	AD	Chicago
Treasurer	Ruby E. Prince	CI	Chicago

▶ **1941-42: JACKSONVILLE, APRIL 23, 1941**

President	Beulah Thornton	A	Chicago
First Vice-President	Louise Dicus	CM	Streator
Second Vice-President	Mary C. Beatty	AN	Galesburg
Organizer	Geneva C. Schroder	BK	Rock Island
Recording Secretary	Ruby E. Prince	CI	Chicago
Corresponding Secretary	Louise R. Waddell	AW	Bloomington
Treasurer	Bessie S. Ballow	CY	Jacksonville

▶ **1942-43: CHICAGO, APRIL 23, 1942**

President	Louise Dicus	CM	Streator
First Vice-President	Mary C. Beatty	AN	Galesburg
Second Vice-President	Geneva C. Schroder	BK	Rock Island
Organizer	Ruby E. Prince	CI	Chicago
Recording Secretary	Louise R. Waddell	AW	Bloomington
Corresponding Secretary	Bessie S. Ballow	CY	Jacksonville
Treasurer	Hazel V. Ziesel	CW	LaGrange

▶ **1943-44: DECATUR, APRIL 29, 1943**

President	Mary C. Beatty	AN	Galesburg
First Vice-President	Geneva C. Schroder	BK	Rock Island
Second Vice-President	Ruby E. Prince	CI	Chicago
Organizer	Louise R. Waddell	AW	Bloomington
Recording Secretary	Bessie S. Ballow	CY	Jacksonville
Corresponding Secretary	Hazel V. Ziesel	CW	LaGrange
Treasurer	Jennie H. Rugh	BW	Decatur

▶ **1944-45: CHICAGO, APRIL 25, 1944**

President	Geneva C. Schroder	BK	Rock Island
First Vice-President	Ruby E. Prince	CI	Chicago
Second Vice-President	Louise R. Waddell	AW	Bloomington
Organizer	Bessie S. Ballow	CY	Jacksonville
Recording Secretary	Hazel V. Ziesel	CW	LaGrange
Corresponding Secretary	Jennie H. Rugh	BW	Decatur
Treasurer	Blanche A. Lee	BA	Joliet

▶ **1945-46: ROCKFORD, APRIL 24, 1945**

President	Ruby E. Prince	CI	Chicago
First Vice-President	Louise R. Waddell	AW	Bloomington
Second Vice-President	Bessie S. Ballow	CY	Jacksonville
Organizer	Hazel V. Ziesel	CW	LaGrange
Recording Secretary	Jennie H. Rugh	BW	Decatur
Corresponding Secretary	Blanche A. Lee	BA	Joliet
Treasurer	Elizabeth Corbridge	CJ	Rockford

▶ **1946-47: QUINCY, APRIL 23, 1946**

President	Louise R. Waddell	AW	Bloomington
First Vice-President	Bessie S. Ballow	CY	Jacksonville
Second Vice-President	Hazel V. Ziesel	CW	LaGrange
Organizer	Jennie H. Rugh	BW	Decatur
Recording Secretary	Blanche A. Lee	BA	Joliet
Corresponding Secretary	Elizabeth Corbridge	CJ	Rockford
Treasurer	Sara B. Minear	F	Quincy

▶ **1947-48: CHICAGO, APRIL 22, 1947**

President	Bessie S. Ballow	CY	Jacksonville
First Vice-President	Hazel V. Ziesel	CW	LaGrange
Second Vice-President	Jennie H. Rugh	BW	Decatur
Organizer	Blanche A. Lee	BA	Joliet
Recording Secretary	Elizabeth Corbridge	CJ	Rockford
Corresponding Secretary	Sara B. Minear	F	Quincy
Treasurer	Ethel B. Dalton	EX	Evanston

▶ **1948-49: GALESBURG, APRIL 27, 1948**

President	Hazel V. Ziesel	CW	LaGrange
First Vice-President	Jennie H. Rugh	BW	Decatur
Second Vice-President	Blanche A. Lee	BA	Joliet
Organizer	Elizabeth Corbridge	CJ	Rockford
Recording Secretary	Sara B. Minear	F	Quincy
Corresponding Secretary	Ethel B. Dalton	EX	Evanston
Treasurer	Haroldine I. Hazen	W	Galesburg

▶ **1949-50: CHICAGO, APRIL 25, 1949**

President	Jennie H. Rugh	BW	Decatur
First Vice-President	Blanche A. Lee	BA	Joliet
Second Vice-President	Elizabeth Corbridge	CJ	Rockford

Organizer	Sara B. Minear	F	Quincy
Recording Secretary	Ethel B. Dalton	EX	Evanston
Corresponding Secretary	Haroldine I. Hazen	W	Galesburg
Treasurer	Jessie Parks Bonson	I	Chicago

► **1950-51: PEORIA, APRIL 25, 1950**

President	Blanche A. Lee	BA	Joliet
First Vice-President	Elizabeth Corbridge	CJ	Rockford
Second Vice-President	Sara B. Minear	F	Quincy
Organizer	Ethel B. Dalton	EX	Evanston
Recording Secretary	Haroldine I. Hazen	W	Galesburg
Corresponding Secretary	Jessie Parks Bonson	I	Chicago
Treasurer	Ella C. Shimmin	R	Peoria

► **1951-52: CHICAGO, APRIL 26, 1951**

President	Elizabeth Corbridge	CJ	Rockford
First Vice-President	Sara B. Minear	F	Quincy
Second Vice-President	Ethel B. Dalton	EX	Evanston
Organizer	Haroldine I. Hazen	W	Galesburg
Recording Secretary	Jessie Parks Bonson	I	Chicago
Corresponding Secretary	Ella C. Shimmin	R	Peoria
Treasurer	Gladys A. Cross	DG	Chicago

► **1952-53: SPRINGFIELD, APRIL 28, 1952**

President	Sara B. Minear	F	Quincy
First Vice-President	Ethel B. Dalton	EX	Evanston
Second Vice-President	Haroldine I. Hazen	W	Galesburg
Organizer	Jessie Parks Bonson	I	Chicago
Recording Secretary	Ella C. Shimmin	R	Peoria
Corresponding Secretary	Gladys Cross	DG	Chicago
Treasurer	Frances M. Bay	DC	Springfield

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CONVENTIONS OF ILLINOIS STATE CHAPTER, 1903-1953

▶ AS WE LOOK closely at the convention records of Illinois State Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, during a period of fifty years, we may well be prepared for great changes. We shall be studying developments and the growth of a movement made possible by the combined efforts of many people, rather than by paying tribute, as we well might, to striking individual leadership. Through all these skeleton reports, watch the growth in numbers; observe the experimental shifting and changing in the organization's structure, for efficient dealing with a vastly enlarged membership; note the loyal adjustment to actions of the larger national group, and acceptance of responsibility and leadership in it; study and be continually proud of the dual interest of P. E. O. women in the affairs of the world about them (through which we might readily trace the history of these decades), — and in the Projects, conceived, born, developed, and grown powerful in the hands of the P. E. O. Sisterhood. Even while you are recognizing how compressed and fragmentary these words must be, you will be able to find much of challenge, a little rebuke for easy contentment, and real inspiration for future effort.

► FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, B. P. O. E. Hall, Monmouth, Illinois. Hostess Chapter E.

Date, April 3, 4, 1903.

Presiding Officer, Mrs. Dora Hallock, Organizer and Representative from Supreme Grand Chapter.

Mrs. Nellie R. Danks was elected the first President of Illinois Grand Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 9. Number of delegates 15.

This was, of necessity, a convention crammed with organization details. It is to be noted that every delegate was assigned to some special committee at once. Delegates were elected (one for every three chapters) for the "Supreme Chapter", to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, in the coming October. Much attention was given to the state by-laws, in process of formation and adoption. At one point in the very interesting minutes, we read, "Many of the delegates were obliged to leave at this point to take the east bound trains. After the doors were closed, Mrs. Hapeman (the Supreme President) gave us some good advice and explained many points of interest." In attendance from the Supreme organization, in addition to the president and organizer, were the Treasurer, Mrs. Emma Pratt, and Miss Mary Osmond, Editor of the P. E. O. Record, — all of whom helped to make it a very significant gathering for the delegates.

► SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Chicago Beach Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Hostess Chapter A.

Date, April 12, 13, 1904.

Mrs. Nellie R. Danks, President, Illinois Grand Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. M. Lue Weber, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 10. Number of delegates 17.

Charter was granted to Chapter J, Carthage.

At this convention the dues were increased from 50c to \$1.50, after the experiences of one year. Although there was a formal memorial address, a member of each bereaved chapter spoke personally of her departed sister. When the by-laws committee made its report, there were very specific comments on the by-laws of every chapter, with exact references to changes needed. The Sisterhood was growing cautiously, there being only one dispensation granted for a new chapter. It is interesting that the charter fee for a new chapter was \$5.00. It was decided that each chapter should be

entitled to two delegates to the Illinois Grand Chapter convention. The only printed blanks in use were those of the president and the treasurer.

► THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

*Place, Elks Hall, Clinton, Illinois. Hostess Chapter B.
Date, April 24, 25, 26, 1905.*

Presiding, Mrs. Grace R. Parks (Vice-President) in place of Mrs. Maude B. Torry, who resigned because of serious illness. Representative from Supreme, Mrs. M. Lue Weber, President of Supreme Chapter.

*Number of chapters represented 11. Number of delegates 19.
Charter was granted to Chapter K, Macomb.*

Mrs. M. Lue Weber, Supreme Grand Chapter President, was in attendance and answered many questions. One topic of general interest was the number it is desirable to have as charter members in any chapter. The discussion resulted in a decision that there should be at least eight, but not more than ten members. Another point settled was that it was not permissible to invite the officers of a neighboring chapter to do the work of any chapter, but that any individual officer could so officiate. The chapter reports were given by individual members as part of the program and dealt, at some length, with the general work of the chapters, such as program of study, social events, philanthropic work, and business management.

► FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

*Place, Masonic Hall, Vermont, Illinois. Hostess Chapter C.
Date, April 24, 25, 26, 1906.*

Mrs. Grace R. Parks, President, Illinois Grand Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Walter Irish, First Vice-President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 15. Number of delegates 27.

Charters were granted to Chapters L, Woodhull; M, Sherard; N, Roseville; O, McLeansboro; and P, Chicago (organized one month later).

The minutes of this convention attest the remarkable talent that the president, Mrs. Grace R. Parks, had for constitutional work. During her term of office, the constitution and by-laws received the closest study; many new sections were added for clarity, slight errors in grammar or usage were corrected, and the wording was made absolutely specific. Mrs. Parks was a master

of detail and clarity, and much of our present constitution is due to her clear thought during these years.

It is interesting that as early as this, the use of a question box was an accepted part of the convention program. The Memorial Committee made the unique report, "We are able to say we have no deaths to report, and are truly thankful for the Divine care and protection we have had during this year."

A resolution was passed that the first two meetings following an election of officers in a local chapter be devoted to a study of the constitution and by-laws, with the retiring president acting as instructor. The Grand Chapter recording secretary was authorized to have the minutes and by-laws printed and copies sent to each local president, corresponding secretary, and treasurer. Arrangements were made, also, for the printing of credential blanks and other supplies.

According to the report, there were now 286 active members in the state of Illinois.

► FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Lexington Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Hostess Chapter D. Date, April 23, 24, 25, 1907.

Mrs. Grace R. Parks, President, Illinois Grand Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Mary D. Lawrence, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 18. Number of delegates 35.

Charters were granted to Chapters Q, Farmer City; and R, Peoria.

Several of these early conventions were fortunate in having in attendance one or more of the Founders, as well as members from Original A, who could pass on not only factual information, but a little glow of inspiration. Such was the situation in 1907. Mrs. Alice Bird Babb, one of the Original Seven, spoke about the early days of P. E. O., and Mrs. Franc Roads Elliott, another of the Original Seven, gave one of the principal evening addresses. Mrs. Lulu C. Williams, who had also been a member of Original A, was likewise present at this convention, so it was a peculiarly rich time of connection with beginnings. The convention continued the very careful work of the previous one, on the State by-laws, making numerous slight changes to harmonize exactly with laws of Supreme, and to eliminate duplications in areas covered by the constitution. We are inclined to chuckle over two of the resolutions, so indicative of the problems of the small organization. "Whereas the P. E. O. Conventions are our greatest

source of inspiration and help, therefore be it resolved that each chapter is requested to urge and influence its members to visit such conventions whenever possible" and "Whereas there is a great financial benefit to the order in obtaining railroad rates to and from conventions, therefore be it resolved that all members be urged to have friends and relatives visit the convention city and assist us, under the usual certificate plan." How successful the appeal was, we can only surmise.

► **SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

*Place, Elks Parlors, Monmouth, Illinois. Hostess Chapter E.
Date, April 22, 23, 24, 1908.*

Mrs. Lulu Corkhill Williams, President, Illinois Grand Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Sophie McLean, Organizer of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 20. Number of delegates 40.

Charters were granted to Chapters S, Maywood; and T, Kirkwood.

Mrs. McLean, the representative from Supreme, gave a careful explanation of the new Educational Fund, and a contribution of \$50 was voted from Illinois. From this time on, there is a great deal of emphasis on this big P. E. O. project, and it has a place of importance in every convention. Mrs. Franc Roads Elliott, one of the Original Seven, addressed the convention on the subject of Greek Art.

Changes in the world at large are indicated by such additions in the by-laws as that "street addresses, *if any*" be used on various blanks. Two guards were still adequate for the needs of the convention group. It was decided that the State Organizer should be sent to Supreme Convention, and her expenses paid by the state. This became an essential part of the by-laws. It is a recognition of the great importance of the Organizer in interpreting and promoting this growing movement.

► **SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

*Place, Elks Parlors, Quincy, Illinois. Hostess Chapter F.
Date, April 20, 21, 22, 1909.*

Mrs. Lulu Corkhill Williams, President, Illinois Grand Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Carrie M. Peterson, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 23. Number of delegates 43.

Charters were granted to Chapters U, Hamilton; V, Rockford, and W, Galesburg.

In this convention as once or twice before, there was futile effort to change the time of convention from April to mid-May; apparently April was popular. Another field in which there was changing opinion, apparently, was that of dues. The per capita dues which had been advanced from 50c to \$1.50, were now moved back to \$1.00. There was an effort to secure permission to use a state jeweler, instead of the Official Jeweler, but the motion was lost. In her president's address, Mrs. Williams urged that every individual member be encouraged to commit to memory every word of the ritual, which officers were required to learn.

► EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Masonic Hall, Alexis, Illinois. Hostess Chapter G.

Date, April 26, 27, 28, 1910.

Mrs. Harriet M. Amsden, President, Illinois Grand Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Grace R. Parks, First Vice-President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 24. Number of delegates 44.

Charters were granted to Chapters X, Bushnell; and Y, Havana.

You will observe that although there were 23 chapters in the previous convention and two new ones organized during the year, the number is given as only 24. That is because Chapter M of Sherrard, after a long and hopeless struggle, asked permission to disband. Such permission was granted, and the president reported that all of Chapter M's supplies had been returned. This is the first loss in the state.

From the president's report we read, "One of the puzzling problems of the year, which confronts us and which will grow more and more serious in time to come, is now, and will be, the aiding of the overburdened chapters in entertaining Grand Chapter. If all were present today who are entitled to a seat, this convention would number sixty-two delegates, which proves conclusively that we are growing beyond the entertainment of small chapters." Accordingly, there were placed in the by-laws the provision that every delegate pay the sum of one dollar to assist in paying expenses of entertainment.

The Educational Fund has become of sufficient importance

that a separate bank book and receipt book were authorized for the treasurer in handling this fund.

The president said it would be of great help to her if the local presidents would write a letter during January, concerning the condition of the chapter and ways in which the state organization could be of help. The suggestion was so valuable that it is now a matter of accepted procedure.

With the numerical growth of P. E. O. in Illinois had accumulated a considerable bulk of correspondence, and a committee was appointed to examine the materials of the corresponding secretary, and eliminate that which no longer was needed.

► NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Masonic Hall, Aledo, Illinois. Hostess Chapter H.

Date, April 26, 27, 28, 1911.

Presiding, Mrs. Elizabeth D. Simmons, Vice-President, acting for Mrs. Darby.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Winona E. Reeves, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 26. Number of delegates 46.

Charters were granted to Chapters Z, Harrisburg; AA, Christopher; AB, Carlinville; and AC, Dixon.

It was the convention's privilege to be addressed by Mrs. Mary E. Price, the first President of Supreme, who spoke on "The Earlier Days of P. E. O." The program included such controversial subjects as "Political Equality for Women" (a debate), "Public Sanitation Measures", "The High School System". The convention suggested a form of voucher to be used in proposing a name for membership and recommended it for consideration at the next meeting of Supreme Grand Chapter. The delegates to Supreme were also instructed to bring before the convention the question of making our stars smaller.

At this time, if an inactive member wished to be reinstated, the fee was \$2.00. Again, there was an unsuccessful attempt to change the convention time to May. The treasurers' books, having been found to be completely lacking in uniformity, were brought to convention, where definite suggestions were outlined. Evidently the officers were feeling the problems of growth, for the president was authorized to buy an additional trunk or box for the keeping of records and supplies.

Of the four new chapters, three were in southern Illinois, a new development.

► TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Auditorium Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Hostess Chapter I.

Date, April 16, 17, 18, 1912.

Mrs. Elizabeth D. Simmons, President, Illinois Grand Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Grace Runyan Parks, President of Supreme Chapter.

*Number of chapters represented 29. (Number absent 1).
Number of delegates 56.*

Charters were granted to Chapters AD, Chicago; and AE, Farmington.

In an effort to keep the program within bounds, without loss of interest, the president had asked that all local chapter reports be sent by March 15th, so that a person appointed by the president might have time to incorporate them all in one report for the convention. This was a great improvement. The By-Laws were changed, striking out the word "Grand" wherever it appeared in the state constitution, in connection with Supreme Chapter. An ardent appeal was made for local support of the Educational Fund, now well-established and growing. At this convention six guards were used in each session.

► ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

*Place, Baptist Church, Carthage, Illinois. Hostess Chapter J.
Date, April 22, 23, 24, 1913.*

Mrs. Elizabeth D. Simmons, President, Illinois Grand Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Grace Runyan Parks, President of Supreme Chapter.

*Number of chapters represented 27. (Number absent 4).
Number of delegates 52.*

Charter was granted to Chapter AF, Chicago.

As at various other times, amendments which were to be proposed at Supreme Convention by other states, such as Iowa, or California, or Missouri, were fully discussed, so that the delegates would know the wish of their own state. We observe that the term used on the program at this point is "exemplification of the initiation ceremony", rather than the familiar "Model Meeting".

Mrs. Simmons in her president's address said, "In my acquaintance with chapters, I find one universal and deplorable condition. Almost without exception the President only is able to give the secret work, and in few cases is this letter-perfect." She insisted with conviction that it should be possible for every

first delegate at convention to know the secret work before returning home, and then she should practice teaching it to the other members of the chapter, thus not only fixing it in her own mind, but "Obviating the danger of the chapter being left without it." This had become a matter of general concern, and so a provision was incorporated in the Standing Rules that all officers should know the secret work within two months after election. The matter of a president's letter on the state of the chapter, in January, also became one of the Standing Rules.

Eight guards assisted in each session of this convention.

Contributions to the Educational Fund had now grown, in Illinois, to \$451.75, and there were 726 active members.

► TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Knights of Pythias Hall, Macomb, Illinois. Hostess Chapter K.

Date, April 28, 29, 30, 1914.

Miss Ethelyn Griffith, President, Illinois Grand Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Dell Glazier, Corresponding Secretary of Supreme Chapter.

*Number of chapters represented 33. (Number absent 3).
Number of delegates 62.*

Charters were granted to Chapters AG, Keithsburg; AH, Peoria; AI, Chicago; AJ, Bridgeport; and AK, Gillespie.

Inasmuch as nine members of Chapter Q in Farmer City were listed as inactive, as of March 1st, leaving only one active member, it was recommended that the Charter of Chapter Q be surrendered. The first alphabet now lacked M and Q. The president reported that the distance to Supreme Convention the previous fall was greater than had ever before been covered by delegates from Illinois, (Hutchinson, Kansas) the expenses thus exceeding the funds in the treasury and necessitating a levy of 30c per capita on all active members in Illinois. The minimum of changes in constitution and by-laws indicates the careful work done a few years earlier. However, that familiar section of Article II dealing with dues, was amended to read "one dollar and fifty cents per capita," instead of one dollar.

► THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Presbyterian Church, Woodhull, Illinois. Hostess Chapter L.

Date, April 27, 28, 29, 1915.

Miss Ethlyn Griffith, President, Illinois Grand Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Miss Edith Prouty, President of Supreme Chapter.

*Number of chapters represented 35. (Number absent 1).
Number of delegates 66.*

Charter was granted to Chapter AL, Rushville.

Corresponding Secretaries' books are mentioned as highly desirable, and obtainable from the state chapter. The Vice-President recommended the establishing of a Reciprocity Bureau, with the Second Vice-President as chairman.

A plea was made for a greater interest in the movements of the day, and the convention went on record as favoring universal peace, and state wide prohibition. Frequently there was a debate on early convention programs, and this time the question was "resolved that in practical experience it is better to give charity through organized civic and philanthropic channels than it is through personal investigation and contact with cases in need."

► FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

*Place, Masonic Hall, Roseville, Illinois. Hostess Chapter N.
Date, April 25, 26, 27, 1916.*

Mrs. Eleanor E. Bailey, President, Illinois Grand Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Helen M. Drake, President of Supreme Chapter.

*Number of chapters represented 34. (Number absent 4).
Number of delegates 65.*

Charters were granted to Chapters AM, Knorville; AN, Galesburg; and AO, Elmwood.

The convention was especially fortunate in having four of the nine members of Supreme Chapter Board in attendance, together with the first Supreme President, one other Past Supreme President, the Editor of the Record, and five Past State Presidents. Indeed, with increased years the number of honored guests at each convention increased, their attendance furnishing guidance and stability. The contributions to the Educational Fund now totaled \$740.75. The convention voted to change the dues from \$1.50 per member to \$1.00. This fluctuation of dues, amusing at a distance, probably reflects real difference of conviction over a long period of years.

► FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Methodist Church, McLeansboro, Illinois. Hostess Chapter O.

Date, April 17, 18, 19, 1917.

*Mrs. Eleanor E. Bailey, President, Illinois Grand Chapter.
Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Helen M. Drake, Presi-
dent of Supreme Chapter.*

*Number of chapters represented 32. (Number absent 9).
Number of delegates 51.*

*Charters were granted to Chapters AP, Waukegan; and AQ,
Augusta.*

It was decided in this convention that the recording secretary of each local chapter was to read the state by-laws at the first meeting in February. The convention urged that effort be made to have \$1 per member for three years subscribed for the Educational Fund, to make it \$100,000 in 1919.

The active membership was reported to be 1,078.

► SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

*Place, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Hostess
Chapter P.*

Date, April 23, 24, 25, 1918.

*Mrs. Luella B. Stafford, President, Illinois Grand Chapter.
Representative of Supreme, Miss Margaret Durward, Presi-
dent of Supreme Chapter.*

*Number of chapters represented 44. (Number absent 5).
Number of delegates 85.*

*Charters were granted to Chapters AR, Urbana; AS, Pekin;
AT, Lawrenceville; AU, Glen Ellyn; AV, Berwyn; AW, Bloom-
ington; AX, Chicago; and AY, Chicago.*

It will be noted at once that this was an exceptionally large convention, and that it had the largest number of new chapters thus far presented at any convention. There was a chairman for the guards, and a group of seven guards at each session. Perhaps it had been discovered what a colorful addition they made to the picture. The Proceedings contain a great deal of reference to Red Cross, the problem of compulsory military training, the sale of Liberty Bonds, responsibility to soldiers at home and overseas. The content of the program itself would indicate that it was a war year, even if there were no date.

The convention donated fifty dollars to Chapter V at Rockford, to help defray the expenses of entertaining P. E. O. boys (husbands, sons, brothers) at Camp Grant. Individual chapters reported a great deal of war relief work, and a quickening of interest in all charitable endeavors. A one hundred dollar Liberty Bond was purchased by the convention, and donated to the Educational Fund.

The convention was saddened by the death of Mrs. Effie

Hoffman Rogers, long the editor of the Record, and for many years an attendant at and reporter of Illinois state conventions.

The formal report of the Organizer contains many references to changed schedules because of illness in chapters to be inspected, and is a forcible reminder of situations prevailing during the terrible influenza epidemic.

► SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Jefferson Hotel, Peoria, Illinois. Hostess Chapter R. Date, April 21, 22, 23, 1919.

Mrs. Luella B. Stafford, President, Illinois Grand Chapter. Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Winona Evans Reeves, Editor of the P. E. O. Record.

Number of chapters represented 52. Number of delegates 99.

Charters were granted to Chapter BA, Joliet; and BB, Abingdon.

Such a big convention as this brought with it new problems and methods of expediting work and program. Both pages and guards were used. After much discussion it was decided that each delegate should pay \$2.50 to assist with the expenses. The state dues were increased from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per capita. It was recommended that every chapter contribute one paper annually to the Reciprocity Bureau, and have one Reciprocity program annually.

The Educational Fund was really BIG BUSINESS in the organization now, and much effort was expended to meet quotas, and make the fund grow as planned. The president, Mrs. Stafford, realizing that war work had channeled considerable money in other directions, and disliking to leave office with a deficit of about \$500 as compared with the amount pledged, spoke of her distress at a meeting in the P. E. O. Red Cross rooms (Chicago). The Chicago chapters suggested that they find a way to make good the promise to the Educational Fund. Accordingly all the Chicago chapters and their close neighbors, Maywood, Berwyn, and Evanston, held a bazaar at the La Salle Hotel, April 12, 1919, netting the splendid sum of \$800, and thus putting Illinois over the top before convention time.

A long roll of men in service, and a long account of war work reminds us that the country was in the throes of war.

► EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Masonic Temple, Maywood, Illinois. Hostess Chapter S. Date April 27, 28, 29, 1920.

Mrs. May Brokaw, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Helen D. Townsend, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 52. (Number absent 9). Number of delegates 91.

Charters were granted to Chapters BC, Decatur; BD, Aurora; BE, Freeport; BF, Springfield; BG, Genoa; BH, Sterling; BI, Oak Park; BJ, WhiteHall; and BK, Rock Island.

This convention, which reported a membership of 1234 active members, voted to make the annual dues \$2 per capita, and to eliminate the word Grand, changing to State, to conform to the new constitution. Convention sessions had become so crowded with detail that it became necessary to hire an assistant for the recording secretary during convention.

Mrs. Franc Roads Elliott gave an inspirational address on the progress of women in the years since the founding of P. E. O. and made a fervent appeal for the achieving of peace in the world through the influence, study, and work, of women.

The report on the Supreme Convention at Denver spoke of Illinois having had 24 delegates, and of the principal business being the revision of the Constitution. The problem of entertaining a large convention received much discussion, there being consideration of the possibility of having but one delegate from each chapter, — of having groups of chapters entertain, — of having a special committee to help small chapters with the problem. There was no resolution, but the neighboring chapters offered to assist Chapter T, Kirkwood, the next hostess chapter.

▶ NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, First Methodist Episcopal Church, Kirkwood, Illinois. Hostess Chapter T.

Date, April 26, 27, 28, 1921.

Mrs. May Hartley De Money, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Bertha Clark Hughes, First Vice-President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 52. (Number absent 9) Number of delegates 96.

Charter was granted to Chapter BL, Moline.

This paragraph from the Organizer's report is of particular interest, in connection with the formation of the new chapter: "Eleven years ago Chapter M of Sherrard was forced to give up their charter. When so many of their members moved away, it was impossible to hold their meetings for lack of a quorum. Many kept up their dues and have been active P. E. O.'s; others were

reinstated. Living in Moline and surrounding towns, they were taken into this Chapter (BL), making a delightful group of seventeen women to help carry on our good work." This made the organization of Chapter BL particularly gratifying. The change from Grand to State in constitution and by-laws necessitated the purchase of a new Seal with the correct wording.

The Educational fund was the absorbing topic, and the great verbal enthusiasm was backed up in tangible form by numerous pledges from the floor.

The Second Vice-President commented that only eight papers had been received for the Reciprocity Bureau, instead of one from each of the 61 chapters, and that only 11 chapters had asked for papers. She urged the use of the good material available so easily. The new idea took root slowly.

This was the last convention that Mrs. Franc Roads Elliott was able to attend. With her intense interest in civic affairs, she spoke urgently for the Smith Towner Bill, and for the work of the League of Women Voters. She believed in an informed and active citizenship.

► TWENTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

*Place, Bethel Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Illinois.
Hostess, Chapter U.*

Date, April 25, 26, 27, 1922.

Mrs. Margaret McAfee, President, Illinois State Chapter.

*Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Bertha Clark Hughes,
President of Supreme Chapter.*

*Number of chapters represented 56. (Number absent, 6)
Number of delegates 102.*

*Charters were granted to Chapter BM, Lincoln; and BN,
Princeton.*

The hostess chapter U, of Hamilton gave the exemplification of the new ritual, with but three weeks in which to prepare. It had been the custom for the hostess chapter to have this part on the program, except at such times as the state officers took it.

A group of about 50 visitors attended in a body from Keokuk, across the river in Iowa. For the first time, there was a regular Educational Fund Hour, so named, as one of the evening programs. More than a thousand dollars was raised at this convention. Reading the Proceedings, and observing the great increase in printed reports for each major office and committee, one becomes conscious of the greatly increased responsibility that the state officers were carrying, with an active membership of 1775.

► TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Elks Club, Rockford, Illinois. Hostess, Chapter V.

Dates, April 24, 25, 26, 1923.

Mrs. Etta Walker Blythe, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Bertha Clark Hughes,

President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 62. (Number absent, 3).

Number of delegates 113.

Charter was granted to Chapter BO, La Harpe.

This was the year in which Mrs. Reeves' new "History of P. E. O." made its appearance at convention and was sold to all.

The president spoke of her disappointment in not being able to present to Illinois five chapters that had been under way all year. Her complaint was that the women simply did not have time to give to the preparations. "Towns are too thoroughly organized", she said. "When I tell you that one town of less than 2,000 inhabitants boasted of 32 clubs, not counting fraternal orders, you may readily see how time is at a premium." One might comment that times have not changed much in the direction of simplification!

The report of the Educational Fund showed that Illinois chapters in the year 1922-1923 contributed a total of \$3823.33.

► TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Presbyterian Church, Galesburg, Illinois. Hostess, Chapters: W, Galesburg; AM, Knoxville; and AN, Galesburg.

Date, April 22, 23, 24, 1924.

Mrs. Flora Isabel Kemp, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Eleanor E. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 63. (Number absent 5)

Number of delegates 120.

Charters were granted to Chapter BP, Minonk; BQ, Peoria; BR, Galva; BS, Winnetka; and BT, Aurora.

In reading the Proceedings, one becomes aware of a much more careful organization, year by year, of greater accuracy at various points, more printed reports. The five Honor Guests were presented with little notes, in lieu of flowers, reading "This is your Corsage Bouquet. We are crediting you with \$3 for the Endowment Fund". Gifts of flowers, and corsages had become so numerous that one of the questions in the Question Box was, "Would it not be a good idea to cut out corsage bouquets and flowers, and put the money into the Educational Fund?" And the

answer was, "Many have thought so." Instead of recognizing each gift and courtesy in the program, all were gathered together on a courtesy page. We find memorandum books (these with views of Knox and Lombard College). The Convention selected Mrs. Eleanor E. Bailey as chairman of a committee to cooperate with Mrs. Dell Glazier of the Memorial Library Committee; this was the beginning of several years of strenuous work on the Memorial Library project.

► TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Presbyterian Church, Bushnell, Illinois. Hostess, Chapter X.

Date, April 28, 29, 30, 1925.

Miss Mabel B. Doud, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Supreme President, Mrs. Vina Ives Bowden, President of Supreme Chapter.

*Number of chapters represented 67. (Number absent 6)
Number of delegates 126.*

Charters were granted to Chapters BU, Roodhouse; BV, Mendota; BW, Decatur; BX, Peoria; and BY, Toulon.

We note in passing that the hostess chapter still gives the exemplification. The first proposal for a state budget appears, a project in which Miss Doud as a business woman was deeply interested. There was much discussion of the Memorial Library proposal, and finally the convention set aside the sum of \$500 as a memorial "to our beloved Mrs. Franc Roads Elliott, when, as, and if, the Library at Mount Pleasant is an established fact." Flowers with "hearts of gold" were popular again as corsages for the officers, and the Bushnell B. I. L.'s presented a bouquet of ten marguerites, in the center of each of which was a five dollar gold piece for the Educational Fund. The Sisterhood has had steadily increasing cause for gratitude to the B. I. L.'s for very tangible help through the passing years.

► TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, First Methodist Episcopal Church, Havana, Illinois. Hostess Chapter Y.

Date, April 27, 28, 29, 1926.

Mrs. Maude B. McDonald, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Alice H. Scott, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 71. (Number absent 9). Number of delegates 126.

Charters were granted to Chapters BZ, Canton; CA, Springfield; CB, Cuba; CC, Rock Falls; and CD, Pittsfield.

The Sisterhood had grown at this time to a total of 2331 active members in Illinois, so it is not surprising that matters of organization consumed considerable time. Although it seems to have been customary for someone from the hostess group to be honored with a state office, there was no uniformity as to which office it was, and officers frequently served for more than a year. This was particularly true in the case of the treasurer who in several instances held office for a considerably longer period. The convention decided that the memorial for Mrs. Franc Roads Elliott, provided for in the previous convention should be a fireplace, its location in the Memorial Library to be determined by the Building Committee. There was suggestion that our organization use the term International instead of Supreme. Much time was given to preparations for entertaining the Supreme Convention in Chicago in 1929. — a truly tremendous task to care for some 800 delegates in Chicago for four days. However, the convention considered the claims of good citizenship and endorsed the 18th Amendment, authorizing notice to go to the President of the United States, the Governor of Illinois, and the United States Senators from Illinois.

► TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Masonic Temple, Harrisburg, Illinois. Hostess Chapter Z.

Date, April 26, 27, 28, 1927.

Mrs. Jessie M. Miller, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Alice H. Scott, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters 67 (Number absent 17). Number of delegates 116.

Charters were granted to Chapters CE, Savanna; CF, Charleston; CG, Oak Park and, CH, Riverside.

The state convention voted the sum of \$500 as a memorial for Mrs. Alice Bird Babb whose death had occurred in November. The suggestion was made that seating in convention be rotated so that the newer chapters might have the benefit of the front seats; this plan has prevailed from that time on. Through the efforts of Mrs. Eleanor Bailey, there was a very considerable revision of our constitution, by-laws, and standing rules, in the interest of uni-

formity, simplicity, and clarity. Responsibility was given to the Reciprocity Grouping Committee to work out some plan of grouping for the entertaining of conventions, such plan to be presented at the next State Convention.

During the convention sessions, delegates arrived, who had just attended the laying of the corner stone of the Memorial Library in Mount Pleasant. Local chapters had done a superior job of raising their money for the Library Fund, in addition to which there were many individual gifts.

Mrs. Lettie Mudge, as chairman of arrangements for the Supreme Convention in Chicago in 1929, made inquiries about funds raised; the Chicago chapters were to pay \$20 per member, out-of-Chicago chapters, \$10, — and newly organized ones a smaller amount. Miss Mabel Doud was treasurer of the fund.

▶ TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Christian Church, Christopher, Illinois. Hostess Chapter AA.

Date, April 24, 25, 26, 1928.

Mrs. Katherine E. Church, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Ola B. Miller, President of Supreme Chapter.

*Number of chapters represented 78 (Number absent 12).
Number of delegates represented 136.*

Charters were granted to Chapters CI, Chicago; CJ, Rockford; CK, Hinsdale; CL, Bloomington; CM, Streator; and CN, Winnetka.

In July, 1927, Mrs. Mary Allen Stafford, the last of the Founders, died, just two months before the dedication at Mount Pleasant of the Library, in recognition of the Seven Founders. At that dedication, in rain and mud, there were 47 representatives from Illinois. A large number of substantial memorial gifts honoring earlier presidents and heads of committees, were reported in this convention. The glow of success attended the completion of that project, just as the first faint whisperings of work to be done in connection with Cottey College were heard. Up to this date, the entertaining of conventions had been strictly alphabetical, the hostess this time being the first one in the second alphabet. A suggested grouping had been worked out, in which the first named would serve as chairman and have the privilege of entertaining, — but the most advantageous and convenient place in the group of towns involved, would ultimately be chosen. It was felt that this would greatly relieve the burden for small chapters,

without depriving them of the benefits of entertaining. This was a very significant change.

▶ TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Methodist Episcopal Church, Carlinville, Illinois. Hostess Chapter AB.

Date, April 23, 24, 25, 1929.

Mrs. Bessie R. Raney, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Ola B. Miller, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 90 (Number absent 5). Number of delegates 169.

Charters were granted to Chapters CO, Oak Park; CP, Lake Forest; CQ, Chicago; CR, Evanston; CS, Kewanee; and CT, East St. Louis.

The total attendance at this convention, including all the previous officers, honored guests and visitors, was 273, and the active membership was reported as being 2785. Permission was given to Chapter BD of Aurora to disband, this being the third since 1903. Mrs. Virginia Cottey Stockard, Founder and President of Cottey College was present, and talked about the school, to which gifts totaling \$1195 were given. It was recommended that a new Standing Rule should require each local chapter to have a Cottey College committee. Additional gifts, in connection with the Memorial Library, were announced, and the steady growth of both the Educational and the Endowment Fund was reported. The chapters newly organized were welcomed with a sense of added gratitude because they provided homes for so many unaffiliated members.

▶ TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Masonic Temple, Dixon, Illinois. Hostess Chapter AC.

Date, April 21, 22, 23, 1930.

Mrs. Mabel Y. Frisbee, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Edith Markham Wallace, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 96. Number of delegates 186.

Charters were granted to Chapters CU, Mt. Morris; CV, Evanston; CW, La Grange; CX, Decatur; CY, Jacksonville; and CZ, Peoria.

For years the problem of the large number of unaffiliated

P. E. O.'s in the Chicago area had burdened the state officers. Individual chapters and the Chicago Presidents' Round Table had worked on the problem, but needed further help; accordingly a committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Bessie Raney and Mrs. Katherine Church, both Past State Presidents, and Mrs. Maud Baldwin, President of the Chicago Presidents' Round Table. They found a total of 460 unaffiliated members, and proceeded to prepare for the organization of twelve chapters, in addition to the work of the Organizer.

This convention provided gifts of \$2,000, to the Educational Fund, \$2,000 to Cottey College, honoring Miss Mabel Devenport Doud, and \$7500 for steel stacks for the Memorial Library, honoring Mrs. Harriet M. Amsden. The Supreme Board wished the Illinois gift to Cottey to be used to redecorate the parlors and entrance of the main building, and it was necessary to extend the fund to about \$5,000 to provide a suitable entrance hall and reception rooms.

► TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: AD, Chicago; AF, Chicago.

Date, April 27, 28, 29, 1931.

Mrs. Myrtle C. Combe, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Edith Markham Wallace, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 114 (Number absent 4). Number of delegates 221.

Charters were granted to Chapters DA, Park Ridge; DB, Chicago; DC, Springfield; DD, Aurora; DE, Chicago; DF, Western Springs; DG, Chicago; DH, Chicago; DI, Downers Grove; DJ, Chicago; DK, Carrollton; DL, Rochelle; DM, Oak Park; DN, Geneseo; DO, Evanston; DP, Oak Park; and DQ, Evanston.

In this year of the deep depression with all organization work a struggle, there was the interesting phenomenon of great growth, with seventeen new chapters and an increase of over three hundred members. Someone commented that it was the first time the Organizer had used a Ford for transportation. It served her well in an extremely busy year. With the help of the Proxy Organizer and her faithful committee, appointed at the previous convention, she completed her task. It was reported that 43 unaffiliated members had joined old chapters, and 67 had become charter members of new chapters, together with the 88 initiates. Because

the work of inspecting chapters had now become such a big undertaking, it was recommended that the work of inspecting be divided between the Organizer and such other State Officers, as the President and Organizer should deem wise.

The President reported attendance in December at the chapel service at Iowa Wesleyan College, when recognition was given to the Illinois' gift of stacks for Memorial Library, to honor Mrs. Harriet M. Amsden.

This convention inaugurated — and most successfully — the group plan of entertaining convention.

A gift of \$500 to Cottey College Endowment Fund, honoring the memory of Mrs. Grace Runyan Parks was voted by the convention. Dr. Virginia Cottey Stockard was in attendance and one of the convention speakers.

► THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Elk's Memorial, Canton, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: AE, Farmington; BZ, Canton; AO, Elmwood; and CB, Cuba. Date, April 25, 26, 27, 1932.

Mrs. Lettie S. Mudge, President, Illinois State Chapter. Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Zora Y. Knight, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 112 (Number absent 11). Number of delegates 227.

Charters were granted to Chapters: DR, Chicago; DT, Salem; DS, Joliet; DU, Chicago, and DV, Evanston.

At this convention plans were completed for maintaining headquarters at the Chicago Century of Progress Exposition. The committee had been organized by Grace R. Parks three years before.

► THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Pere Marquette Hotel, Peoria, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: AS, Pekin; AH, Peoria; BP, Minonk; BQ, Peoria; R, Peoria; BX, Peoria; and CZ, Peoria.

Date, April 24, 25, 26, 1933.

Mrs. Opal B. Baymiller, President, Illinois State Chapter. Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Zora Y. Knight, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 127 (Number absent 3). Number of delegates 270.

Charters were granted to Chapters: DW, Polo; DX, DeKalb; DY, Elgin; DZ, Chicago; EA, Batavia; EB, Joliet; and EC, Quincy.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of this convention was the very thorough study of Cottey College by a committee appointed by the President and headed by Stella Leys.

▶ THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois. Hostess Chapter AI, Chicago.

Date, April 24, 25, 26, 1934.

Mrs. Pauline B. Rinaker, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Miss Mabel D. Doud, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 135 (Number absent 0). Number of delegates 279.

Charters were granted to Chapters: ED, Edwardsville; EG, Chicago; EE, Morton; EH, Ottawa; and EF, Peoria.

It was reported at this convention that P. E. O. was the only sorority which maintained headquarters and catered to the needs of all P. E. O.'s, who called, at the Chicago Century of Progress Exposition. The state had appropriated \$500 for running expenses and the committee remitted \$138.53 to the State Treasurer. This sum was set aside as a nucleus for an Illinois State P. E. O. Welfare Fund.

▶ THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: AJ, Bridgeport; DT, Salem; AK, Gillespie; BF, Springfield; AT, Lawrenceville; CA, Springfield; and DC, Springfield.

Date, April 22, 23, 24, 1935.

Mrs. Stella R. Leys, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Miss Mabel D. Doud, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 145 (Number absent 2). Number of delegates 309.

Charters were granted to Chapters: EI, Jacksonville; EJ, Virden; EK, Winchester; EL, Wilmette; EM, Griggsville; EN, Wheaton; EO, Springfield; EP, Palatine; EQ, Springfield; ER, Arlington Heights; ES, Springfield; and ET, Rockford.

It was at this convention that the Welfare and Trust Fund was officially established, the nucleus being the \$138.53 which had been set aside by the State Convention of 1934, to which was added \$1500 from the Illinois Supreme Convention Surplus. This amount was to be increased each year by setting aside 5% of the State dues.

▶ THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois. Hostess: Chapter A, Chicago.

Date, April 23, 24, 25, 1936.

Mrs. Alice P. Perrin, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Hallie A. Newell, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 147 (Number absent 1). Number of delegates 315.

Charters were granted to Chapters: EU, Chicago and EV, Center.

It was at this convention that the name of the Welfare and Trust Fund was officially adopted as the Lulu Corkhill Williams Welfare and Trust Fund of Illinois. Myrtice M. Anderson should be given credit for this change.

This convention gave the President power to name a History Committee.

▶ THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, First Christian Church, Bloomington, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: B, Clinton; AR, Urbana; AW, Bloomington; BM, Lincoln; CL, Bloomington; and CM, Streator.

Date, April 22, 23, 24, 1937.

Mrs. Mary K. Lindsay, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Winona Reeves, Editor of the Record.

Number of chapters represented 150 (Number absent 2). Number of delegates 319.

Charters were granted to Chapters: EW, LaGrange; EX, Evanston; EY, East St. Louis; and EZ, Brookfield.

It was at this convention that a history committee consisting of Mrs. Myrtle C. Combe, chairman, Mrs. May H. DeMoney, and Miss Eugenia Allin was appointed for the purpose of collecting data relative to P. E. O. in Illinois.

The state dues were raised to two dollars and thirty cents, the fifteen cents increase to be given to the group entertaining convention.

▶ THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Central Congregational Church, Galesburg, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: AN, Galesburg; AM, Knoxville; AG, Keithsburg; AI, Augusta; BB, Abington; and BO, LaHarpe.

Date, April 28, 29, 30, 1938.

Mrs. Ethel C. Jelliffe, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Bessie R. Raney, Corresponding Secretary of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 157 (Number absent 3). Number of delegates 335.

Charters were granted to Chapters: FA, Effingham; FB, Peoria; FC, Woodrifer; FD, Amboy; FE, Geneva; FF, Urbana; FG, Taylorville; and FH, Quincy.

It was at this convention that the President recommended the appointment of a committee to look into the matter of a P. E. O. home.

Mrs. Jelliffe was the first State President to have served in every office on the State Board.

▶ THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, First Methodist Church, Rock Island, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: BK, Rock Island; BL, Moline; BR, Galva; BY, Toulon; CS, Kewanee; and DN, Geneseo.

Date, April 25, 26, 27, 1939.

Mrs. Myrtice M. Anderson, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Chellie Stevens Wright, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 159 (Number absent 2). Number of delegates 331.

A charter was granted to Chapter FI, Chicago.

It was at this convention that the recommendation was made that each local chapter be entitled to one delegate only. A Committee was appointed, with Miss Mabel Doud, Chairman, to investigate the possibilities of a P. E. O. Home for Illinois. A collection of copies of the "Record" for the State begun by Mrs. Lettie Mudge in 1932 was completed and bound.

► THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: AP, Waukegan; BS, Winnetka; CI, Chicago; CN, Winnetka; CP, Lake Forest; DA, Park Ridge; EP, Palatine; ER, Arlington Heights; and EV, Niles Center (now Skokie).

Date, April 23, 24, 25, 1940.

Mrs. Ruth Monroe Cruse, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Veda M. Jones, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 165 (Number absent 0). Number of delegates 348.

Charters were granted to Chapters: FJ, Chicago; FK, Mount Carmel; FL, Morrison; and FM, Bloomington.

At this time the Lulu Corkhill Williams Welfare and Trust Fund had grown to almost \$5000. During this year the Illinois Suite at Cottey College was furnished and dedicated to Winona Evans Reeves, who had, at this time, spent 50 years in P. E. O. The recommendation was adopted to establish a Fund for a P. E. O. home in Illinois.

► THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Central Christian Church, Jacksonville, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: BJ, White Hall; BU, Roodhouse; CD, Pittsfield; CT, East St. Louis; CY, Jacksonville; DK, Carrolltown; EI, Jacksonville; and EY, East St. Louis.

Mrs. Ella B. Leib, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Bessie R. Raney, Recording Secretary of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 167 (Number absent 1). Number of delegates 350.

Charters were granted to Chapters: FN, Newton; FO, Sandwich; and FP, Park Ridge.

Illinois' support of the Educational Loan Fund and of Cottey College makes us all very proud.

► FORTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: AU, Glen Ellyn; AV, Berwyn; CH, Riverside; CK, Hinsdale; CW, LaGrange; DF, Western Springs; DI, Downers Grove; EW, LaGrange; and EZ, Brookfield.

Date, April 23, 24, 25, 1942.

Mrs. Beulah M. Thornton, President, Illinois State Chapter. Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Blanche D. Walker, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 172 (Number absent 0). Number of delegates 360.

Charters were granted to Chapters: FQ, Peoria; FR, Olney; FS, Oak Park; and FT, Chicago.

During this year, a chairman of defense efforts was appointed and questionnaires sent to all chapters.

► FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Masonic Temple, Decatur, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: BC, Decatur; BW, Decatur; CF, Charleston; and CX, Decatur. Date, April 29, 30, and May 1, 1943.

Miss Louise Dicus, President, Illinois State Chapter. Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Hazel Hine, Executive Secretary of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 172 (Number absent 5). Number of delegates 190.

Charters were granted to Chapters: FU, Springfield; FV, Rockford; FW, Arlington Heights; FX, Chicago; and FY, Chicago.

It was at this time that the State By-Laws were changed to read, "The Illinois State Chapter Convention shall convene on the fourth Tuesday in April." This was the first convention to have but one delegate from each chapter.

► FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: BA, Joliet; BT, Aurora; BV, Mendota; DD, Aurora; DS, Joliet; DY, Elgin; DX, DeKalb; EA, Batavia; EB, Joliet; EH, Ottawa; EN, Wheaton; FE, Geneva; FO, Sandwich.

Date, April 25, 26, 1944.

Mrs. Mary C. Beatty, President, Illinois State Chapter. Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Carrie B. Simpson, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 176 (Number absent 4). Number of delegates 196.

Charters were granted to Chapters: FZ, Elmhurst; GA, Mt. Carroll and GB, Jerseyville.

Because of the war situation, the convention time was cut to

two days. A recommendation was adopted at this convention that an appeal be made to composers who are members of P. E. O., that they submit to a committee, original music for the opening Ode and for the initiation service. Activities of P. E. O. were much curtailed because of the second world war; however war work among the members was outstanding and showed many hours of service in all departments. P. E. O. raised money for four mobile canteens and their maintenance.

► FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Faust Hotel, Rockford, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: V, Rockford; AC, Dixon; BE, Freeport; BG, Genoa; BH, Sterling; CC, Rock Falls; CE, Savanna; CJ, Rockford; CU, Mount Morris; DL, Rochelle; DW, Polo; ET, Rockford; FD, Amboy; FL, Morrison; and FV, Rockford.

Date, April 24, 25, 1945.

Mrs. Geneva C. Schroder, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Bessie R. Raney, Second Vice-President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 36 (Number absent 0). Number of delegates 49 — only 50 delegates were allowed by O. D. T. regulations.

Charters were granted to Chapters: GC, Wilmette; GD, Elgin; and GE, Peoria.

As a war measure, this convention was re-sized by the President working in co-operation with the President of Supreme Chapter. This compact version reflected credit, not only on the Executive Board, but also on the hostess chapters, who spared neither time nor effort in making the convention an interesting one.

► FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, First Presbyterian Church, Quincy, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: C, Vermont; F, Quincy; J, Carthage; K, Macomb; U, Hamilton; Y, Havana; EC, Quincy; EM, Griggsville; and FH, Quincy.

Date, April 23, 24, 25, 1946.

Mrs. Ruby E. Prince, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Bessie R. Raney, First Vice-President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 184 (Number absent 5). Number of delegates 202.

Charters were granted to Chapters: GF, Evanston; GG, Alton; GH, Downers Grove; GI, Chicago; GJ, Skokie; and GK, Wilmington.

Illinois conformed to the decision of the Supreme Chapter in continuing to carry on the work of rehabilitation and contributing to the P. E. O. Victory Fund, part of which was used for the purchase of bedside radios for service men in hospitals. Hospitals have benefitted materially from gifts of Bibles, records, afghans, sweaters, socks, books, and magazines. In addition, Illinois P. E. O.'s have given generously of their time, talent, and service for the men in our armed forces.

► FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: AZ, Evanston; CR, Evanston; CV, Evanston; DB, Chicago; DO, Evanston; DQ, Evanston; DR, Chicago; DV, Evanston; DZ, Chicago; EG, Chicago; EL, Wilmette; EX, Evanston; GC, Wilmette; and CF, Evanston.

Date, April 22, 23, 24, 1947.

Mrs. Louise Waddell, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Dorothy L. Weller, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 197. (Number absent 1). Number of delegates 220.

Charters were granted to Chapters: GL, Centralia; GM, East St. Louis; GN, Maywood; GO, Mount Vernon; GP, Oak Park; GQ, Rock Island; GR, Decatur; GS, Peoria; and GT, Western Springs.

It was at this convention that the P. E. O. Home committee of Illinois State Chapter, Mrs. Jessie Parks Bonson, Chairman, proposed to amend the By-Laws by changing Article XI to include an "establishing act," and setting up plans for financing of a home.

"The Lulu Corkhill Williams Welfare and Trust Fund, established in 1934 has grown steadily until it now exceeds \$6,000 and is available to any member in the state who is in distress."

► FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, First Methodist Church, Galesburg, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: E, Monmouth; G, Alexis; N, Roseville; T, Kirkwood; W, Galesburg; X, Bushnell; AM, Knoxville; AN, Galesburg; and BB, Abington.

Date, April 27, 28, 29, 1948.

Mrs. Bessie S. Ballow, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Bessie R. Raney, President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 202. (Number absent 2). Number of delegates 227.

Charters were granted to Chapters: GU, Beardstown; GV, River Forest; GW, Pekin; GX, Carbondale; GY, Highland Park; and GZ, Park Ridge.

At this convention, Mr. R. E. McLaughlin and Judge Gale Mathers appeared before the convention to explain the details of the offer of a Home, by the Trustees of the Knoxville Old Ladies Home, to the Illinois State Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood. This convention voted to accept the offer with regard to the Knoxville Home, that acceptance to be conditioned on the final approval by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of all chapters.

► FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: I, Chicago; P, Chicago; S, Maywood; BI, Oak Park; CG, Oak Park; CO, Oak Park; DE, Chicago; DJ, Chicago; DM, Oak Park; DP, Oak Park; FS, Oak Park; FZ, Elmhurst; GN, Maywood; GP, Oak Park; GV, River Forest.

Date, April 25, 26, 27, 1949.

Mrs. Hazel V. Ziesel, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Laura Storms Knapp, First Vice-President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 207. (Number absent 0). Number of delegates 235.

Charters were granted to HA, Rantoul; HB, Moline; and HC, Aurora.

At this convention, Mr. W. B. Schroder of Rock Island, an attorney, representing Illinois State Chapter, P. E. O., urged and recommended that the Illinois State Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, incorporate as a corporation, not for profit, so that the project of the Home at Knoxville could legally be taken over. This recommendation was acted upon and carried. The Board of Trustees of the Illinois P. E. O. Home fund reported a balance of approximately \$10,000.00.

Also at this convention, Illinois State Chapter members became well aware of their obligations for the entertainment of the Convention of Supreme Chapter, September 6, 7, 8, 1949, to be held in Chicago, with our own Bessie Raney serving as President of Supreme Chapter. Plans were outlined by the General Chairman, Mrs. Beulah Thornton, Past-President of Illinois State Chapter.

► FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Pere Marquette Hotel, Peoria, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: R, Peoria; AE, Farmington; AH, Peoria; AO, Elmwood; AS, Pekin; BI, Peoria; BX, Peoria; CZ, Peoria; EE, Morton; EF, Peoria; FB, Peoria; FQ, Peoria; GE, Peoria; GS, Peoria; and GW, Pekin.

Date, April 25, 26, 27, 1950.

Mrs. Jennie H. Rugh, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Gertrude P. Tomhave, Second Vice-President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 212. (Number absent 2). Number of delegates 236.

Charters were granted to HD, Pana; HE, Homewood; HF, Hinsdale; HG, Washington; HH, Park Forest; HI, Urbana; HJ, Greenfield.

At this convention it was voted to tax each local chapter \$1.00 per capita for both resident and non-resident members for the maintenance of the Illinois P. E. O. Home. This to take effect when legal title to the Home has been granted.

The State President, Mrs. Jennie Rugh, appointed a special finance committee for the purpose of the reorganization of finances for State Conventions, Mrs. Blanche A. Lee, Chairman. This special finance committee served for two years and was dismissed in 1952. It was upon their recommendation that the dues were raised .50c in order to meet the ever increasing cost of state administration.

► FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: A, Chicago; D, Chicago; AD, Chicago; AY, Chicago; CQ, Chicago; DG, Chicago; DH, Chicago; DU, Chicago; FI, Chicago; HE, Homewood; and HH, Park Forest.

Date, April 26, 27, 28, 1951.

Mrs. Blanche Allen Lee, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Mabel Scurrah, First Vice-President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 221. (Number absent 0). Number of delegates 240.

Charters were granted to HK, Litchfield; HL, Des Plaines; HM, Palos Heights; HN, Arlington Heights; HO, Galesburg; HP, Bloomington; and HQ, Glen Ellyn.

The legal complications pertaining to the transfer of the 'Knoxville Old Ladies Home' to the Illinois State Chapter,

P. E. O., are gradually being adjusted and next year promises to see the consummation of the hopes of all Illinois P. E. O.'s. "The wheels of the courts grind slowly".

Mrs. Myrtle C. Combe, chairman of the history committee, made the announcement that the written vote from chapters (163 pros and 32 cons) received April 20, 1951, favored printing 'Fifty Years of P. E. O. in Illinois' — thus authorizing this publication.

► FIFTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place, Hotel Abraham Lincoln, Springfield, Illinois. Hostess Chapters: Y, Havana; BF, Springfield; CA, Springfield; CB, Cuba; CY, Jacksonville; DC, Springfield; EI, Jacksonville; EJ, Virden; EK, Winchester; EO, Springfield; EQ, Springfield; ES, Springfield; FG, Taylorville; FU, Springfield; HD, Pana; and HU, Springfield.

Date, April 28, 29, 30, 1952.

Mrs. Elizabeth Corbridge, President, Illinois State Chapter.

Representative from Supreme, Mrs. Nell F. Stevenson, Second Vice-President of Supreme Chapter.

Number of chapters represented 228. (Number absent 1). Number of delegates 262.

Charters were granted to HR, Belleville; HS, Waukegan; HT, Granite City; HU, Springfield; HV, Highland Park; HW, Evanston; HX, Danville; HY, Elmhurst.

Following this convention, fifteen of the hostess chapters gave \$1500.00 to the United Victory Fund for International Scholarships. This amount was left over from the convention hostess fund.

Illinois P. E. O.'s have been able to assist materially with our International Scholarship Project, which is an important factor in the world peace program.

The members of this convention voted to accept the terms of a decree transferring the 'Knoxville Old Ladies' Home' to the Illinois State Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood.

And so we come to the end of conventions of Illinois State Chapter reports for fifty years. Such growth! From 9 chapters in Illinois in 1903 to 237 chapters in 1953! From 213 members in 1903 to 8,561 members in 1953! From the first throes of birth to the present well developed organization with functioning boards and committees carrying on a great amount of work. With every extension in numbers, there has come a deepening and enriching of program and of assumed responsibility. It is a proud record!

This brings us to the preparation for our 1953 convention,

which will be held in June rather than in April. — and on a great university campus rather than in a big city hotel. We are following the pattern of various others in making use of the facilities of colleges and universities. With increasing numbers of delegates and visitors, the only satisfactory solution for those chapters located away from our larger cities has seemed to lie in availing themselves of the privilege of a return to college for these convention days. It is for us a great change, — an untried experience, but the records of our forbears certainly do not indicate fear of change, or shrinking from what is new and untried.

Forward, then, together, — to our newest convention experience!

The University of Illinois at Urbana, June 15, 16, 17, 1953.



OFFICERS OF SUPREME

CHAPTER FROM OUR ILLINOIS MEMBERSHIP

✓ FIVE OF OUR Illinois members have served
Supreme Chapter as President:

- ✓ MARY BERRY PRICE, Chapter W, Galesburg
President, 1883-1885
- ✓ WINONA EVANS REEVES, Chapter A, Chicago
Organizer, 1905-1907; First Vice-President, 1907-1909
President, 1909-1911
- ✓ GRACE RUNYAN PARKS, Chapter I, Chicago
First Vice-President, 1909-1911
President, 1911-1913
- ✓ MABEL DAVENPORT DOUD, Chapter P, Chicago
Treasurer, 1925-1929
Second Vice-President, 1929-1931; First Vice-President;
1931-1933
President, 1933-1935
- ✓ BESSIE R. RANEY, Chapter A, Chicago
Corresponding Secretary, 1937-1939; Recording Secretary,
1939-1941; Organizer, 1941-1943; Second Vice-President,
1943-1945; First Vice-President, 1945-1947
President, 1947-1949

Four of our Illinois members have served Supreme Chapter in offices other than President:

- ✓ SALLIE I. HATFIELD, Chapter "C" (old lettering), Jacksonville
Second Vice-President, 1883-1884
- ✓ MINNIE OSGOOD, Chapter A, Chicago
Treasurer, 1893-1901
- ✓ NELLIE R. DANKS, Chapter B, Clinton
Treasurer, 1905-1907
- ✓ ELEANOR EADS BAILEY, Chapter K, Macomb
Corresponding Secretary, 1921-1925

▶ MARY BERRY PRICE

Mrs. Mary Berry Price (later Mary Berry Price Johnson), the first president of Supreme Chapter, was originally a charter member of Chapter D, Centerville, Iowa, who moved to Illinois in 1885.

She served as Supreme Chapter president for two terms. During her administrations a charter for chapters was set up; an installation ceremony was prepared and used, and an official pin was adopted, since the ones previously used were not uniform. The first Constitution was adopted and the name Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood was given to the body created by this Constitution.

In her second administration, 1884-1885, having married Mr. A. R. Price, who lived on a farm near London Mills, Illinois, she became a resident of Illinois, although her chapter membership was held in Iowa until 1909, when she dimitted to Chapter W, Galesburg. As a tribute to her long devotion and loving service in P. E. O., of which she was a devoted member for sixty years, Chapter W considered her its most distinguished member and in August, 1933, placed a beautiful Chinese vase in the P. E. O. Memorial Library, at Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

▶ WINONA EVANS REEVES

Illinois is very happy to share with Iowa in giving a place of honor to Mrs. Winona Evans Reeves, in the History of Illinois P. E. O., for she has been an important part of P. E. O. in our State for many, many years.

She began her P. E. O. life in 1889 as an initiate in Chapter Original A, Mount Pleasant, Iowa; she belonged to the College Chapter during the time she attended Iowa Wesleyan; for many

years was a member of Chapter U, Keokuk, Iowa; and during a brief residence in Minnesota held membership in Chapter D. It was in 1921 that the family moved to Chicago and Mrs. Reeves accepted the invitation to dimit to Chapter A, Chicago.

She had served Iowa State Chapter as president in 1904 and was president of Supreme Chapter, 1909-1911. She was Editor of the P. E. O. Record, 1918-1949; and it was undoubtedly in this superior service to P. E. O. that her star shone most brilliantly. During these busy years she also found time to write two volumes, "The Story of P. E. O. — 1869-1923" and "The Story of P. E. O. — 1924-1936." In response to popular demand in 1944, Chapter A, Chicago, compiled and published "As we were Saying", a collection of talks Mrs. Reeves had given in Conventions.

Widely traveled both in the United States and abroad, having contacted many nationalities and types of people, Mrs. Reeves meets, in a preferred manner, any and all tasks and situations. She is a member of the League of American Pen Women, Illinois Women's Press Association, Iowa Authors' Club, American Association of University Women. She also served as District Foreign Correspondent of the Board of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church.

One might aptly describe Mrs. Reeves in the words of that popular song as "Lovely To Look At, Delightful To Know." For of course, it is her own personality and her varied contributions to P. E. O. which insure the enviable position she occupies in our organization. She has been an active and motivating force in each and every P. E. O. Project. She was directly responsible for naming the Educational Fund. In 1927 when the Memorial Library, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, was dedicated, she took an active part in arranging the program. Her untiring efforts in behalf of Cottey College are well known throughout the Sisterhood.

Recognition of her unselfish and never-failing devotion to P. E. O. and to Iowa Wesleyan college found expression in the degree, L.H.D. which the college, in 1942, conferred upon Mrs. Reeves on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of her graduation from Iowa Wesleyan.

The portrait of Mrs. Reeves painted by Edmund Giesbert which was on display during Supreme Chapter Convention, in Chicago, in 1949, was a gift of Chapter A, Chicago, to Cottey College. It hangs in Winona Evans Reeves Hall.

It was at this 1949 Convention of Supreme Chapter that Mrs. Reeves tendered her resignation as Editor of the P. E. O. Record. At the close of her service she gave "Grateful acknowledgment to the Wayside Press, Mendota, Illinois and in particular to Mr.

Kenneth B. Butler, its president, and his staff of assistants, who for more than twenty-five years have co-operated in every particular in an effort to put out an acceptable publication."

This tribute to the publisher is typical of her attitude toward her co-workers. All who have worked with Mrs. Reeves in any capacity are agreed on the high privilege it provides. Executive without being dictatorial, decisive without being biased, quick to give and take, she is at once a pleasure and inspiration in close contact. And all the honors that have come to her have been well earned.

► GRACE RUNYAN PARKS

Mrs. Parks, as President of Supreme Chapter, 1911-1913, brought to the office a wide experience in that she had been active in the interests of P. E. O. from the day of her initiation in Chapter A, Chicago, in 1896.

She was a charter member of Chapter I, Chicago, in 1903 and was its first president.

She was president of Illinois State Chapter, 1903-1907, and four years later was elected president of Supreme Chapter. She presided over the convention of Supreme Chapter held in Hutchinson, Kansas. Minnesota State Chapter received its charter at this convention. The Educational Fund was given a prominent place on the program and the amount of the fund was reported to be over \$22,000.

An event of her administration was her appointment of the first custodian of supplies, which was the initial step toward greatly improving the handling of P. E. O. supplies. In 1913 the supplies were kept on a shelf in a closet in the home of Mrs. Addie M. Janes of Chicago; but they now fill a large room in the Executive Offices in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

While arrangements had been completed in the previous administration for the organization of Chapter A, Vancouver, the first chapter in British Columbia, the actual organization took place in August, 1911, in Mrs. Parks' administration.

Mrs. Parks was famous for her hospitality and is said to have entertained every president of Illinois State Chapter and all except two presidents of Supreme Chapter, including even Mary Berry Price, the first of them all.

She belonged to a family in which the ideals of P. E. O. were held high and in which outstanding service was rendered. Her sister, Emma Runyan Pratt, served as Treasurer of Supreme Chapter at the time the Educational Fund was started; her sister, Julia Runyan Pratt, served as President of Washington State

Chapter; her daughter, Dora Parks Hemenway, served as President of Michigan State Chapter; and at the time this History is printed, her daughter, Jessie Parks Bonson, is serving as Organizer of Illinois State Chapter.

To all of Mrs. Parks' relationships she brought a quality that tended to call forth the best in all with whom she worked.

The gleam of the star blinded her eyes to all save the beauty of the light it radiated. One closely associated with her said, "Grace always knew that the motive of a P. E. O. was right and only fair action could follow right motive".

► MABEL DAVENPORT DOUD

Miss Mabel Davenport Doud was initiated into Chapter P, P. E. O., Chicago, in 1906. She was born in Iowa and received her education in that state and in Illinois. In addition to her academic and business training in schools, she has had over twenty years experience in banking and in Investment Life Insurance in Chicago.

In religious faith she is an Episcopalian, a member of St. Peter's Church, Chicago, where she has at different times been treasurer of the Woman's Guild and president of the Woman's club of that church. She has been associated with St. Katherines, an Episcopal school for girls in Davenport, Iowa.

She has served Illinois State Chapter, P. E. O., as treasurer, first vice-president and president; and served Supreme Chapter as treasurer, first and second vice-president, and president.

Although her home for many years has been in Chicago, her present address is 979 Summit Avenue, New York, N. Y.

With all her mental ability and business acumen, we must not forget that her feminine attributes of graciousness, sincerity, and willingness to serve, have been vital factors in her success.

► BESSIE R. RANEY

Mrs. Bessie R. Raney, 39th President of Supreme Chapter, presided over the convention held in the Grand Ball Room of the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, September 6, 7, 8, 1949.

During her two years as president Mrs. Raney was extremely loyal to the activities in all the departments of Supreme Chapter.

To the various chairmen in their increasingly heavy responsibilities she was helpful and understanding. To Cottey College, the Educational Fund, Peace Participation, Post War Work, In-

ternational Scholarships, and the P. E. O. Museum Project she gave her best effort.

She participated in the laying of the corner stone of Reeves Hall, June 7, 1948, and presided at the dedicatory ceremony in 1949. At the dedication of the Franc Roads Elliott memorial stone at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, in September 1952, Mrs. Raney gave a "Preliminary History of the Project."

A dispensation was granted to Virginia State Chapter and she was present at its convocation in June 1949. During the biennial she attended 17 state chapter conventions.

During the years Mrs. Raney served in State and Supreme Chapter offices, she organized 32 Local Chapters and 1 State Chapter. It is characteristic of her that she has kept in contact with all those chapters through the years. Ruby Prince was her first initiate in the first chapter she organized, which was Chapter CI, Chicago. At the convention, over which Mrs. Prince presided as President of Illinois State Chapter, Mrs. Raney was an honor guest.

In addition to offices held in State and Supreme Chapters, Mrs. Raney served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Educational Fund and was chairman of the Memorial Library furnishing committee.

At the inauguration of Dr. Raymond Chadwick as president of Iowa Wesleyan College, Mrs. Raney had the honor of bringing greetings from the P. E. O. Sisterhood as a feature of the program.

If honor be given as a reward of service rendered, Bessie R. Raney deserves many and great honors. Her service to the P. E. O. Sisterhood continues to be truly great.

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P. E. O. PROJECTS:

ILLINOIS' CONTRIBUTIONS

► THE EDUCATIONAL FUND

The Educational Fund, our first and oldest project has been a distinguishing feature of the work and influence of our Sisterhood for forty-six years. Little did Chapter O, Missouri, realize to what proportions their contribution of \$658.88 would grow. This amount remained, after all expenses were paid, from a P. E. O. day that was held at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition on June 18, 1903. It was given to the convention of Supreme Chapter held at Thorntown, Indiana in 1905 and \$146.87 was added from the supreme treasury, making the fund \$800. A request was made that local and state chapters make contributions to the fund, knowing that in time it would be put to some wise and helpful use. In 1907 there was \$1,071.88 in the fund and Mrs. Winona E. Reeves moved that the fund hereafter be called the Educational Fund.

✓ Purpose

The first loan was granted in 1908 and was for \$300.00. At the Convention of Supreme Chapter in 1909, the present plan of

a Board of Trustees was established and the fund, which was then only about \$5,000.00 was placed in the hands of the Supreme Chapter Treasurer. The first Board of Trustees of the Educational Fund was appointed by Mrs. Winona E. Reeves, who was then President of Supreme Chapter. The purpose of the fund, which was adopted at the 1909 Convention is as follows: "This fund is, and shall be created, preserved, and used for loans in assisting worthy young women, coming to us properly recommended, who desire to complete their higher education, with a view to becoming self-supporting."

✓ Administration

Illinois women have been prominent in the administration of the Fund throughout the years. When the first Board of Trustees was appointed, lots were to be cast to determine the length of term of office of each trustee and Mrs. Grace R. Parks, first vice-president of Supreme Chapter, was asked to draw the lots in the presence of her chapter, I, Chicago.

✓ Results

When the Fund was established it was with the hope that in the future the fund might, by the interest on it and repayment of loans, become self supporting. When Mrs. Bessie R. Raney was chairman of the board of trustees in 1935, she announced in her report that this goal had been achieved.

Mrs. Eleanor Eads Bailey of Macomb was a member of an early board, as was Miss Mabel Doud of Chicago. Mrs. Aura G. Tobey, during her chairmanship of the board, did much to spread interest in the fund by suggesting a slogan: "Every chapter sponsor a girl." Mrs. Lettie S. Mudge and Mrs. Bessie R. Raney have also served on the board.

A slogan, "Double the Fund in 1923", suggested by Chapter A, Chicago, was adopted at the convention of Illinois State Chapter at Kirkwood in 1921. In the same year a similar slogan, "20,000 in the fund in 1923", was adopted by Supreme Convention.

Illinois has contributed to the Loan Fund, including bequests and special gifts, \$73,514.32. Bequests and gifts to the Endowment Fund from Illinois, amount to \$15,798.71. (March 1, 1952)

Through this Fund, opportunity has been given for thousands of young women to acquire a higher education. We are proud that through its revolving nature, on August 12, 1952, the 10,000th loan was granted. As of March 1, 1952, (1953 figures not complete at the time of this publication), 944 girls from Illinois have

been granted loans totaling \$403,858.30. On July 31, 1952 the total assets were \$858,956.65 with an Endowment Fund of \$26,310.79.

THE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

At the Supreme Chapter Convention held in Kansas City in 1921, Dell Phillips Glazier, of Chapter BD, Fort Madison, Iowa, presented the plan for a memorial library to be erected on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, to commemorate the founding of P. E. O. A promotion committee of three was named, to submit the plan to all local chapters for consideration. Appointed to this committee were Mrs. Glazier of Iowa, Ellen Ball of Washington, and Clara R. Waterhouse of Nebraska. At the next convention, 1923, there was much discussion, but no action beyond the continuing of the committee. In the convention in Minneapolis in October, 1925, however, Vina Ives Bowden presiding, the motion to erect a Memorial Library was unanimously carried.

At the Illinois State Convention the following spring it was recommended to set aside \$500 for the Memorial Library project, this to be a memorial to Franc Roads Elliott. At that convention the president, Maude B. McDonald, reported having appointed a State Finance committee for this project, with Margaret McAfee, Past President of Illinois State Chapter, as chairman. Illinois worked steadily on its assigned quota and proudly paid it at the specified times, in addition to the many personal contributions. The memorial to Franc Roads Elliott was followed by a similar one to the memory of Alice Bird Babb, another Founder especially dear to Illinois. Somewhat later there was the heavy investment of \$7500 in the steel stacks for the library, these to honor Harriet M. Amsden, Chapter BC, Decatur, Past President of Illinois State Chapter.

There was great enthusiasm for the Memorial Library project. Mrs. Amsden had been a member of the building committee and given generously of her time to that cause. Upon completion of the library in 1928, she was appointed by the President of Supreme Chapter, Ola B. Miller, to serve as a committee of one for the management, control, and furnishings of the Memorial Library. This duty she discharged with skill and efficiency as long as she was physically able. By tireless personal work she raised the funds for carrying out her cherished project — the painting of the portraits of the Seven Founders.

At the close of the convention of Supreme Chapter in Chicago

in 1929, a special train, arrangements for which were the work of Margaret McAfee, carried a very large delegation to Mt. Pleasant for the unveiling of the portraits, at which Mrs. Amsden presided. She expressed her joy in a task completed.

When Mrs. Amsden became too ill to continue to supervise the P. E. O. rooms in the Memorial Library, Mabel Y. Frisbee, Chapter X, Bushnell, Past President of Illinois State Chapter, was appointed by Mabel Doud to be the committee of one in charge of furnishings.

The great appeal of this Memorial Library to Illinois P. E. O.'s is indicated by the long list of their memorial gifts, bringing together in one place, priceless memories and tangible reminders of the past. *These gifts are Illinois' tribute to the Founders of P. E. O.*

Torches and andirons — Illinois State Chapter, in memory of Alice Bird Babb; book stacks, honoring Harriet Magill Amsden; brass bowl and candle sticks, Chapter BW, Decatur, honoring Gertrude Magill Moore; pair of lamps, Illinois State Chapter, in memory of Mabel Y. Frisbee; Camel's bell, Chapter BA, Joliet, honoring Hattie Adams Keith; Lincoln book ends, Chapter BF, Springfield; Florentine desk set, Chapter BY, Toulon; P. E. O. Records, 1919-1936, clothbound, Chapter F, Quincy, and Lenora Clinkenbeard; fireside bench, Chapter BI, Oak Park, in memory of Mary Allen Stafford; walnut bench, Chapters R, AH, BQ, BX, CZ, EF, Peoria; Aubusson tapestry chair, Chapter P, Chicago, honoring Mabel Davenport Doud; carved walnut chair, Eleanor Eads Bailey in memory of her mother, Mary C. Eads, and her aunt, Eleanor Eads Mann; winged Empire chair, Chapter AA, Christopher, in honor of Winona Evans Reeves and Katherine E. Church; Japanese chair, Chapters AZ, CR, CV, DO, DQ, DV, Evanston, honoring Anna F. Betts; Walnut settee, Chapter B, Clinton, and other P. E. O. friends honoring Nellie R. Danks, first State President of Illinois.

Walnut cabinet, Chapter I, Chicago, honoring Grace Runyan Parks; tapestry, antique French, Chapter A, Chicago, honoring Winona Evans Reeves; grill doors, wrought iron, Chapter AZ, Evanston, honoring Lulu Corkhill Williams; stairway lamps, Chapter BC, Decatur, honoring Harriet M. Amsden; crystal chandelier, Illinois State Chapter, honoring Bessie R. Raney; alabaster lamp, Chapter N, Roseville; log-roller, Mabel Davenport Doud; walnut mantel, Illinois State Chapter, in memory of Franc Roads Elliott; gold convex mirror, J. W. Bailey and family, in honor of Eleanor Eads Bailey, Chapter K, Macomb; grand piano, gift of Mr.

H. B. Williams, honoring his wife, Lulu Corkhill Williams; photograph of Myra McCoy Andrews, Aura G. Tobey, Chicago; photographs of Harriet M. Amsden, gifts of Chapter BC, Decatur, and Jessie M. Miller; fire screen, Mildred W. Warner, in memory of her sister, Helene Westervelt Thielens, Chapter BC, Decatur; statue, "Winter", gift of Bessie R. Raney in honor of her mother, Lenora V. Rodrick; statue, "Justice," gift of Chapter AV, Berwyn, in honor of Katherine E. Church.

Shawl, Paisley antique, gift of Chapter BW, Decatur; wall-hanging, Crewel embroidered, gift of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Pierce, honoring Mabel D. Doud and Mabel Y. Frisbee; vase, brass, Chapter CM, Streator; vase, Cinnabar, Chapter W, Galesburg, honoring Mary Berry Price Johnson, first Supreme Chapter President; vase, Chinese, Jessie M. Miller, Past President, Illinois State Chapter; end table, Chapter CA, Springfield; boot-broom, Mabel Davenport Doud; art port-folios, Nellie Magill Pond; walnut table, honoring Elizabeth Goodsmith, Chapter P, Chicago, given by her four daughters; mirror, antique, Chapter X, Bushnell, in memory of Mabel Y. Frisbee.

COTTEY COLLEGE

Cottery College at Nevada, Missouri, is distinctive in several ways. It is the only college in the United States owned and supported by a woman's organization and it is a self-built college.

Cottery College was established in 1884 by Alice Virginia Cottery, a young school teacher, who received her inspiration from reading the story of "The Life of Mary Lyon" and her establishment of Mount Holyoke seminary.

Miss Cottery had but \$3000 in cash which she had saved laboriously from ten years of teaching; but she convinced the mayor and town council of Nevada of her sincerity and ability and they gave her seven acres of land just outside the town upon which to build her school.

The school started in one brick building, two stories high and with 28 pupils. By the end of the first year the capacity of the building was doubled and again filled with students. Thus year by year buildings and additions were erected and filled with students, only to require further expansion.

In 1887 the school was chartered by the State of Missouri and its status as a Junior college was definitely fixed. Early in her years at Cottery, Alice Virginia was married to Mr. Stockard, a widower with three children. He lived only six years but Mrs.

Stockard reared and educated the three children. The daughter Katherine, married Lieut. Col. Milam, but died while her three children were small. Mrs. Stockard reared and educated those children also. It is a significant commentary upon her strength of character to say that while she was building and administering a college, she reared and educated two generations of children.

As the years passed, the realization that she was becoming too old to administer the college came to her and, being anxious for the safety of her school, Mrs. Stockard, in 1927 gave Cottey College to the P. E. O. Sisterhood. With the college, which was free from debt, was given \$20,000 endowment. At that time the school had 265 pupils and was fully accredited by the University of Missouri. Mrs. Stockard remained as President of Cottey until 1929. In 1930 she was given an honorary Doctor's degree by Iowa Wesleyan College in recognition of her great contribution to education. She had administered her college for forty-five years. The citation given with the degree is a memorable note on her character and spirit. It reads: "Virginia Alice Cottey Stockard, President Emeritus of Cottey College, lover of young womanhood, possessing the spiritual insight to see the undeveloped resources of youth, building a college first in dreams and then making it real in brick and mortar, causing it to live with students and instructors, a leader of women in higher education."

Mrs. Stockard was succeeded by Dr. Mary Rose Prosser who served until 1933. In July 1933, Florence E. Boehmer, Ph.D., began her work as President of Cottey College. In 1934, the fiftieth anniversary of Cottey was celebrated in the presence of the founder, Dr. Alice Virginia Cottey Stockard, which lent color and interest and made the celebration a notable one.

Dr. Marjorie Mitchell was president from 1938 to 1949. During this eleven year period the P. E. O. Sisterhood sponsored an expansion program of sizable proportions, the first fruits of which were the construction of P. E. O. and Reeves residence halls. Faculty House, Stockard House, and B.I.L. Hill were purchased and a heating plant was erected.

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On November 28, 1949, Cottey College took still another step toward a brighter future when Dr. Blanche Hinman Dow was inaugurated as president. Dr. Dow has had wide experience, a deep cultural and educational background, and came to Cottey fully equipped to carry the weight of the administration of a growing College.

In 1950, for the first time in her history, Cottey opened her doors to girls from outside the United States. In 1951-52 in ad-

dition to girls from thirty states, ten foreign countries were represented. Much of this foreign influx was due to the Peace Participation program of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, which furnished scholarships for foreign students.

Cotley College offers a scholarship grant of \$100 to the valedictorian of her high school class and a scholarship grant of \$50 to the salutatorian. Cotley has also established a number of service grants to deserving students who may earn \$120 a year. Four scholarship grants of \$125 each are offered in the field of Fine Arts and two \$150 scholarships to students who have achieved distinction in music. Since 1931 when the first P. E. O. scholarships were established, forty Illinois girls have attended Cotley on the strength of these Illinois grants. Application for an Illinois P. E. O. State Scholarship to Cotley is made through a local chapter to the State Scholarship chairman, First Vice-President of Illinois State Chapter. Since 1884, one hundred sixteen girls have attended Cotley College from Illinois.

Through the years Cotley has gained full recognition and accreditation from the University of Missouri and by the State Department of Education. It is also a member of the American Association of Junior Colleges and is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary schools. In Mrs. Stockard's words: "Cotley has long since doffed her baby clothes, outgrown her childish prattle and donned the garb of womanhood as a mature and full fledged Junior College."

The Cotley College faculty includes men and women who have studied in all sections of the world. The minimum requirement for faculty members is the Master's degree. One-fourth of the faculty have the Doctor's degree and several others are but a few weeks from obtaining theirs.



Another point in which Cotley College is unique is its suite plan of arrangement in its dormitories. This was originated by Mrs. Stockard who supervised the erection of Rosemary Hall in 1903; a suite plan which lends much to gracious living and for which Cotley is noted. In this plan the living quarters are divided into suites, which include a living room, bath, kitchenette and bedrooms for ten girls. In this way the girls may have privacy and yet always be a part of a group. P. E. O. Hall (1939) and Winona Evans Reeves Hall (1949) were built on the same plan. Reeves' Hall has been acclaimed as the most beautiful and livable college girls' dormitory in the United States.

The P. E. O. Sisterhood has created an endowment fund for

Cottey of approximately \$65,000 as well as giving yearly, financial support and a living endowment of 123,000 P. E. O. members.

Katherine E. Church, Past President, Illinois State Chapter, and a former member of the Board of Trustees of Cottey College, was an ardent and loyal supporter of the college library. She established and contributed annually to the Harry V. Church Memorial Fund. Her assistance did much to build the history and reference collections. Her gifts, with those of a daughter and of other friends have brought the donations to the Church Fund to more than \$1600.

The Romance Language collection has been in especial need of attention. A gift of \$1096, from Mr. PenDell and Chapter AF, Chicago, to the Olga PenDell Memorial Collection offers the main reference tools in the field of French and a few works of the major authors.

Blanche Ross, Chapter BI, Oak Park, in addition to sending part of her library to Cottey College, sent \$500 with which the library purchased a much desired microfilm reader and storage cabinet.

In addition to the one dollar per capita annual assessment paid to Cottey, Illinois State Chapter has expressed great interest with their generous voluntary contributions through the State Chapter, Local Chapters, individual members and B. I. L.'s.

Memorial gifts to Mabel D. Doud, former member of the Board of Trustees of Cottey College, Grace Runyan Parks, Winona Evans Reeves and Muriel Betts are indicated with the furnishing of the parlor in Old Main, Illinois Parks, Illinois Reeves, and the Office and Dean of Residence Suite in P. E. O. Hall. As is noted elsewhere in this History, the B. I. L.'s paid gracious tribute to Bessie R. Raney with the furnishing of Raney Suite in Reeves Hall. Besides these material investments Illinois bestows rich blessings on the students through scholarships.

B. I. L. Hill was purchased in 1949 by the husbands of P. E. O.'s as a gift to Cottey. It provides an ideal recreation center, with lodge, fireplace, outdoor swimming pool, picnic and overnight camping out facilities. Many happy carefree moments are spent at "The Hill".

The generous B. I. L.'s, ever alert to the values of Cottey College, are bending their efforts toward the erection of a Chapel on the campus. The present dream will become a future reality. Cottey has truly had a glorious and colorful past and looks forward to an even brighter future under the sponsorship of the P. E. O. Sisterhood.

THE P. E. O. RECORD

Note: for much of the early data about The Record, we are indebted to the research done for the "History of P. E. O. in Iowa."

The decision to establish a "Society paper" came in the sixth annual convention of the Grand Chapter of P. E. O. held in Keosauqua, Iowa, in 1888, fifteen years before there was an Illinois State Chapter. The necessary amount for publishing a monthly paper was to be taken from the Grand Chapter treasury. Local chapter corresponding secretaries were to send material suitable for printing, and Mrs. Effie Hoffman Rogers was to be the first editor, at a salary of \$40 a month. The subscription price, payable in advance, was to be 75 cents a year, and the paper was to be called *The P. E. O. Record*.

Mrs. Rogers was not only the editor and publisher, but was the president of the Grand Chapter, with the entire responsibility for organizing new chapters, as well as all of the correspondence and routine work of the office. She was also County Superintendent of Schools!

In 1889 Mrs. Rogers reported to convention that there were 451 subscriptions; the cost of publishing each magazine was 6¾ cents, so that the actual cost exceeded the 75 cent subscription price, and there was not a cent left for the editor's salary. She personally folded, stitched, covered, and mailed the Records. It was a losing battle.

Each successive convention struggled with the problem of financing the magazine. The readers were delighted with the publication, but did not seem to be much concerned over the financial difficulties involved. *The Record* was not self-supporting, yet every convention decided to continue it and annually re-elected the editor, also annually made up a financial deficit. Mrs. Rogers was succeeded by Miss Mary Osmond as editor, and she was succeeded in 1893 by Mrs. Siddie Richards. In 1895 a per capita tax of 25 cents was voted, as a means of making the magazine self-supporting. In 1897 Miss Osmond resumed her position as editor, continuing until 1913, when Mrs. Rogers was reelected. She served until her death in March 1918.

In 1911, Mrs. Winona Evans Reeves, as president of Supreme Chapter, recommended, "That the P. E. O. Record be placed under the special charge of a board of trustees composed of three P. E. O.'s appointed by the president, no two of whom shall be from the same state. That one of the trustees shall serve for six years, one for four years and one for two years. That the Supreme Chapter president shall select the chairman of the board whose expenses shall be paid to the Supreme Chapter convention where

she shall make the report. We further recommend that to this board shall be entrusted the awarding of the contract with the printers of the magazine, instead of having the matter handled by a committee in the convention as has heretofore been done." This recommendation was adopted, and the system of management which largely prevails now was adopted.

In 1918 Mrs. Winona Evans Reeves was appointed as editor, and she served continuously until her resignation in 1949, when the present editor, Mrs. Edith Markham Wallace, Washington, and associate editor, Miss Elsie Irene Shoemaker, Oklahoma, were appointed.

During a period of somewhat more than sixty years there have been but five editors; the form and size of the magazine have changed; it has been put on a business basis, with a subscription price that has risen with the increase in costs, to a present total of 85 cents per capita; there is now a circulation of over 113,000, the magazine going into every state, all the provinces of Canada, Hawaii and Alaska, and many far-away countries. The P. E. O. Sisterhood has been exceedingly fortunate during this period of years in having the incomparable editorial service of Mrs. Reeves, and in producing a magazine which has served not only as a means of inter-chapter communication, but as a great unifying force and inspiration. The P. E. O. Sisterhood has been fortunate, too — and Illinois is rightfully proud of its service — in the publishing of *The P. E. O. Record*, for it has been the work of The Wayside Press, at Mendota, Illinois since 1931. Mr. Kenneth B. Butler and his associates have been consistently interested in producing a superior magazine.

PEACE PARTICIPATION

Since the war work era of 1942-'45 and the post war work years of 1946, 47 and 48, the united efforts of P. E. O.'s have been continued in Peace Participation. This project is of uppermost importance in the hearts and minds of P. E. O.'s, though rather new in development.

The Second Vice-President of Illinois State Chapter is in charge of the Peace promotional work, which is managed under the three divisions of the United Victory Fund: (a) Aid to Veterans; (b) International Peace Scholarships; (c) Overseas Relief.

Records show that Illinois continues to make generous contributions in dollars and cents through Red Cross and to veterans hospitals; in addition to giving personally of time and talent to veterans in hospitals and U.S.O. Centers. Generous donations

have been given toward overseas relief and with CARE packages.

For the year, 1952-53, the surplus fund, \$1500, from the Hostess Committee of the 1952 convention of Illinois State Chapter was awarded, through the International Scholarship Fund, to Ruchira Chinnapongse, Bangkok, Thailand, for study of her Doctorate at the University of Illinois and to Young Hi Kwun, Seoul, Korea, a sophomore at Shimer College, Mount Carroll, Illinois. Local Chapters in the neighborhoods of these girls have shared the gracious hospitality of their homes, making a real American "Home-Coming" for the girls, when on vacation.

The program reports from the Peace Participation committee chairmen of local chapters disclose an ever greater knowledge of 'World Affairs', with 'World Peace' as their ultimate goal.

OFFICIAL SEAL

Illinois State Chapter, P. E. O.

April 4, 1903



CORPORATE SEAL

Illinois State Chapter, P. E. O.

May 27, 1949

The Illinois State Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood was incorporated as provided by the "General Not for Profit Corporation Act" of Illinois



P. E. O. MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The entrance to P. E. O. Memorial Library and business home of the P. E. O. Sisterhood on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Built in 1927 by the P. E. O. Sisterhood in honor of its seven founders.



“OLD MAIN”

(The tower is built on the oldest part of the Hall, the section erected in 1884)

COTTEY COLLEGE, Nevada, Missouri

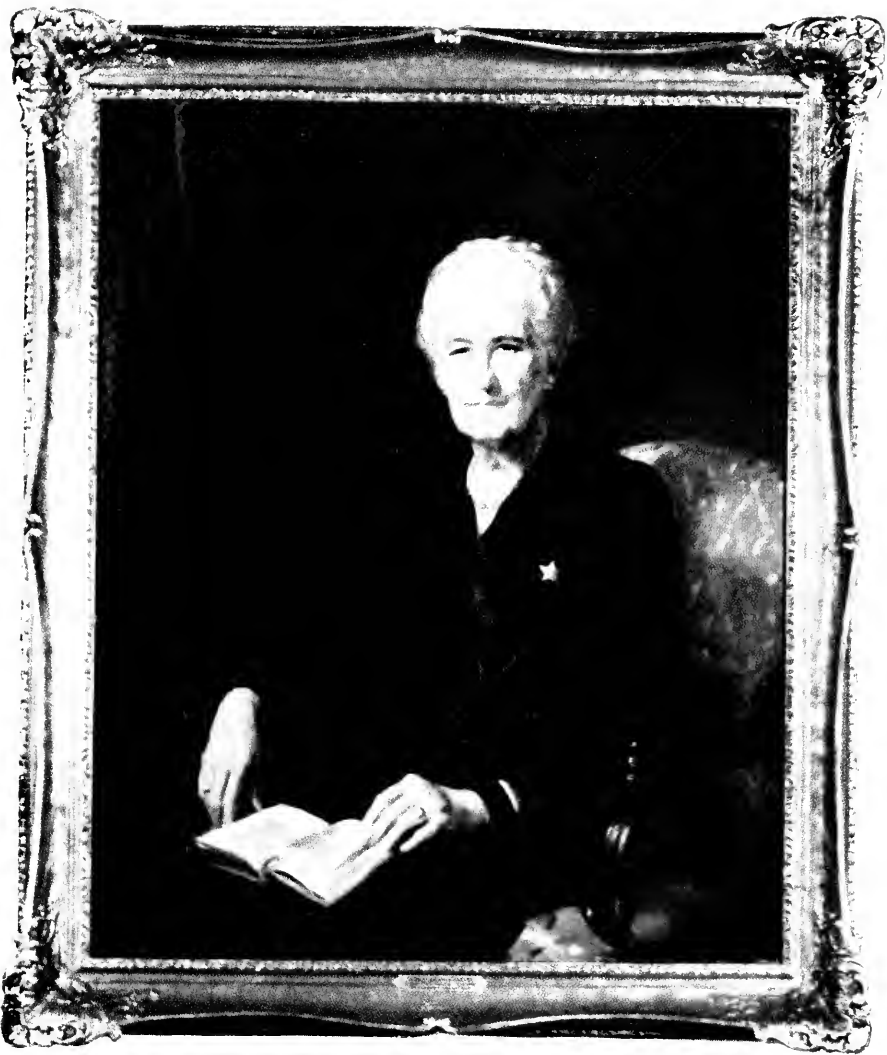
Gift of its Founder, Mrs. Virginia Cottey Stockard, to
the P. E. O. Sisterhood

Copy of a portrait of Winona Evans Reeves, painted by Edmund Giesbert, the gift of Chapter A, Chicago. The portrait now hangs in Winona Evans Reeves Hall at Cottey College, Nevada, Missouri. Mrs. Reeves is a member of Chapter A, Chicago. ▶

WINONA EVANS REEVES HALL
erected in 1949

COTTEY COLLEGE
Nevada, Missouri





WINONA EVANS REEVES

"The heart to conceive, the understanding to direct, the hand to execute."
— Junius' letters.

Members serving during the establishment of the Illinois P. E. O. Home. Photo taken in the Directors' Room, first floor.

At left is Orpha Hebard, AM, Knoxville, Chairman of the House Furnishings Committee. Following, from left to right, are members of the Board of Trustees: Eva Swenson, CJ, Rockford, Treasurer; Isyl Walton, HO, Galesburg, Acting Chairman, 1952-53; Ann Driver, DK, Carrollton, Chairman of Applications, and Louise R. Waddell, AW, Bloomington, Secretary.

A fifth member of the Board of Trustees, Viola Mathers, AM, Knoxville, serving in an advisory capacity, was unable to be present when this picture was taken.





ILLINOIS P. E. O. HOME

"The joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you."



The Executive Board, Illinois State Chapter, 1952-1953, who served during the establishment of the Illinois P. E. O. Home and who are its Board of Directors. Reading from the left: Frances M. Bay, DC, Springfield, Treasurer; Ethel B. Dalton, E.N. Evanston, First Vice-President; Jessie Parks Bonson, I, Chicago, Organizer; Sara B. Minear, F, Quincy, President; Ella C. Shimmin, R, Peoria, Recording Secretary; Gladys A. Cross, DC, Chicago, Corresponding Secretary; Harroldine I. Hazen, W, Galena, Second Vice-President. This picture was taken the day the announcement was received that the Home officially belonged to Illinois State Chapter.

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P. E. O. PHILANTHROPIES

► LULU CORKHILL WILLIAMS WELFARE AND TRUST FUND

The Lulu Corkhill Williams Welfare and Trust Fund was originated to give financial aid to Illinois P. E. O.'s in time of need.

It was established in 1934 when Lulu Corkhill Williams, a past president of Illinois State Chapter, suggested that the balance of \$138.53 in the treasury at the close of the State Convention, be used as a nucleus for such a fund. That same year \$1,500 with accrued interest, Supreme Convention surplus, was added to the fund. At the State Convention in 1935 a resolution was adopted to set aside five cents per capita from the annual dues to perpetuate this "Welfare Fund". With the addition of personal and chapter gifts the fund has grown to approximately \$8,000.

Since 1935, a total of \$4,240 has been expended from the fund, in loans or gifts, to twenty five of our sisters who have found relief from financial strain in a time of need. All information concerning a recipient is held in strict confidence.

✓ Trustees

The treasurer of Illinois State Chapter is custodian of the Fund, but it is administered by a revolving committee of three members. Both in the establishing and in administering of the Fund the following have served on the Board of Trustees: Lettie

S. Mudge, A, Chicago; Caroline Stotts, W, Galesburg; Opal B. Baymiller, AH, Peoria; Jessie M. Miller, BC, Decatur; Anna F. Betts, AZ, Evanston; Anna Secley, AR, Urbana; Stella R. Leys, AW, Bloomington; Katherine E. Church, A, Chicago; Eloise Wortley, CN, Winnetka; Alice Bruner, E, Monmouth; Pauline B. Rinaker, AB, Carlinville; Martha C. Neifert, W, Galesburg; Mabel Heberling, DG, Chicago; Margaret McAfee, AM, Knoxville; Margaret Boynton, C, Vermont; Alice Bort, AC, Dixon; Mary K. Lindsay, AD, Chicago; Lucile Lugg, AZ, Evanston; Alice P. Pence, BA, Joliet; Edna Kinzer, ED, Edwardsville; Margaret Best, EN, Winnetka; Geneva C. Schroder, BK, Rock Island.

✓ **A Memorial**

After the death of Mrs. Williams in 1935, the name of the fund was changed to the Lulu Corkhill Williams Welfare and Trust Fund, in memory of the woman who first proposed the idea and whose life exemplified love and service for others.

Mrs. Williams was the daughter of a Methodist minister, so had a heritage of fine ideals. She attended Iowa Wesleyan College at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where she graduated in 1874. She was initiated into Original A, P. E. O. in 1869 when only fourteen years of age. She held membership in several other chapters, — D, Iowa, as a charter member, Illinois Chapters A, D, P, and AZ. At the time of her death she was a member of Chapter AZ, Evanston, Illinois. She served as president of Illinois State Chapter for two years, 1907-1909.

A devout Christian, she lived a life of faith and understanding. Surely this Fund is a living memorial to a beloved P. E. O.

THE ILLINOIS P. E. O. HOME

One of Illinois' own P. E. O. Projects is its Home for elderly members, the establishment of which is less than one year old at the time of this publication. On October 1, 1952, the hopes and dreams of the Illinois P. E. O. members were fulfilled when our State Chapter became the proud owner of the Mary H. Jones property in Knoxville. The Mary H. Jones room on the first floor commemorates this wonderful gift.

✓ **Description**

The property constitutes an entire town block and is situated two blocks east of the Knoxville City square on route 150, five

miles southeast of Galesburg. The main building, erected in 1912, is a beautiful memorial of which we can all be justly proud. It is well designed, well constructed, in excellent condition, and fire-proof throughout. An elevator serves its basement and three floors. There are ample accommodations for thirty seven permanent residents plus a five room infirmary, office, chapter room, directors' room, reading rooms, large dining hall, kitchen, and quarters for the staff of employees. In addition to the main building, the property includes a nine room frame dwelling. The grounds are spacious enough for future expansion and the erection of individual cottage units. The interior and exterior of the main building have been redecorated.

Included with the property transfer was a sum of money which was used in modernizing the building to meet present day demands in appearance and convenience. And, in return, for all this — as per the intent of the Mary H. Jones' will — space will be provided to accommodate five non-members, who are residents of Knox County, and who may be admitted under the same Rules and Regulations which govern our own members. A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR ILLINOIS P. E. O.'s TO PRACTICE THE GOLDEN RULE.

✓ Red Tape

Since its erection in 1912, this Home had been managed under the terms of the Mary H. Jones will, by a Board of Trustees, who in 1948 sensed the necessity for a change in ownership if operation and maintenance of the Home were to continue. One of our good B. I. L.'s, Mr. Charles Boydston, and his wife, Helen, of Chapter W, Galesburg, recognized the possibility of future stability for the Home under the support and management of Illinois P. E. O.'s and urged the consideration of a transfer to them. So at the convention in Galesburg, on April 29, 1948, an offer of the "Knoxville Old Ladies' Home" was made by the Trustees of the Home to the Illinois State Chapter, P. E. O. Then the red tape ticker sounded off days and months until October when a written ballot from chapters ratifying the vote of convention tabulated a vote of acceptance. By then the courts were in the red tape business with legal technicalities which enter into the consideration of transferring willed property, and the anxious time of waiting went on for four whole years while the transfer was being legally processed.

Then on the second day of the convention in Springfield, April 29, 1952, the Knox County court issued a decree with a

new offer which was accepted by the delegates there assembled. On May 21, a new decree was entered in the court of Knox County further clarifying several items. It was not until October 1, 1952, that all legal transactions were cleared, and the Illinois State Chapter started operating the Home as its own.

✧ **Incorporation**

But while this Home was being considered by us and legally considered for us, our Illinois P. E. O.'s did not wait for their big moment without serious advance preparation, nor did their enthusiasm wane. In 1947, when Louise R. Waddell was president, our By-Laws were revised to include an 'Establishing Act' allowing us to finance, maintain and operate a Home. Our officers visited and studied the operation procedure of other similar homes. Plans went ahead for our Home's management and in 1949 when Hazel Ziesel was president, upon the legal advice from our attorney, Mr. Wm. B. Schroder, Rock Island, the Illinois State Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois as a not for profit corporation. The corporation Board of Directors are the Officers of Illinois State Chapter, P. E. O.

A name was considered for the Home, and in 1950 when Jennie H. Rugh was president, by a vote of the local chapters, the name of "ILLINOIS P. E. O. HOME" was chosen. At this same convention provision was made in the By-Laws for a dollar per capita contribution to be paid with Illinois State Chapter dues when legal title to the Home should be granted. This contribution of \$9,000 annually, payable for the first time, March 1, 1953, will contribute toward the maintenance of the Home.

✧ **Committees and Trustees**

In 1938, when that first committee, Mabel D. Doud, P, Chicago; Dora Yost, R, Peoria; and Anna Fitzgerald, AK, Gillespie; started research on a Home, the suggestion was made that ours be called the "Reeves' Club", their idea being to have it managed as a club rather than a home. At that time 21 members expressed the desire for entrance.

In the 1939 convention the committee reported that the Home should be an object of State pride and love, — that each resident should have the privilege of buying a room or possibly erecting a cottage upon the grounds — these to be their homes so long as they held residence but with the deed running into the Home Corporation. There was also to be provision for the needy from the Welfare Fund.

Other committee appointees who served during that dream period and in those days of research are: Myrtice M. Anderson, BZ, Canton; Mabel A. Hanke, DF, Western Springs; Frances Burg, BO, LaHarpe; Ruth Cruse, EU, Chicago; Jessie Parks Bonson, I, Chicago; Mary Bailey Ewing, K, Macomb; Mary C. Beatty, AN, Galesburg; Ann Driver, DK, Carrollton; and Dorothea Gray, FE, Geneva.

At the 1950 Convention a five member Board of Trustees was appointed, each member to serve, in rotation, as chairman and be retired with a new member to be added by appointment of the outgoing President of Illinois State Chapter. The members of the first Board of Trustees were: Mary C. Beatty, AN, Galesburg; Mabel Hanke, DF, Western Springs; Viola Mathers, AM, Knoxville; Ann Driver, DK, Carrollton; and Louise R. Waddell, AW, Bloomington; Isyl Walton, HO, Galesburg; and Eva Swenson, CJ, Rockford, were appointed in 1951 and 1952 respectively.

For the year 1952-1953 the work of the Trustees was greatly aided by the committee, appointed in May, 1952, on furnishings: Orpha Hebard, AM, Knoxville; Mary Bailey Ewing, K, Macomb; Mabel Hanke, DF, Western Springs; Mary C. Beatty, AN, Galesburg; and Martha G. Meyer, F, Quincy. A professional decorator, Mr. A. L. Thompson, Galesburg, was obtained to supervise the decorating and furnishings. An advisory Building Committee, Mr. E. A. Jensen and Mr. Kenneth Cecil, Knoxville, and Mr. C. S. Boydston, Galesburg, together with Mr. John A. Scribbins, the architect, supervised the building improvements.

Mrs. Gertrude L. Carney, W, Galesburg; and Miss Fenimore Schwartz, AM, Knoxville, served on the landscaping committee. From the neighboring local chapters, the following members were appointed to serve on 'Home Affairs and Courtesies': Cora Elizabeth Bennison and Mary Goff, AM, Knoxville; Irene Mariner, AN, and Eleanor Robson, HO, Galesburg; Malcolm Huff and Mabel Stockdale, BB, Abingdon.

✓ Giving Credit

As presidents, during the period when the details of transferring the property were pending, Elizabeth Corbridge, CJ, Rockford, and Sara B. Minear, F, Quincy, worked long and effectively. The latter, with the loyal assistance of her entire Board had to cope with the complicated details of the final transfer and establishment — made easy because Isyl Walton, acting chairman of the Trustees, gave every waking moment to thinking, planning and supervising all the modernization. Isyl Walton deserves full

credit for the beautiful results. No one could have done a better job.

Bessie Douglas, AM, Knoxville, continues in the Home as director of Residence. Florence Neil Doyle, W, Galesburg, is serving as the first Home Secretary. Since the 1952 Convention, legal advice has been freely given by Attorney Lillian E. Schlagenhauf, EC, Quincy.

► Final Achievement

The Rules and Regulations, revised November 1, 1952, are applicable and workable. By-law recommendations for establishment of Funds and the designation of the Illinois P. E. O. Home as the Executive Office for Illinois State Chapter, will be considered at the 1953 convention.

It is the sincere desire of the officers and committee members who are serving during this early development that the Home be established as those early planners envisioned it, and as those who seek to live there, wish it; and that the applicant list continue to outnumber the available rooms. For members — the Chapter Room makes a delightful meeting place. For residents — Television brings the outside world in. For visitors — the guest rooms offer comfort and Welcome. Donations and furnishings from Chapters and individuals are outward evidence of the enthusiasm with which the Illinois P. E. O.'s have received their new Home.

As this Book goes to press, plans are well underway for the Official Dedication of the Home, Sunday May 3, 1953.

11 PERTINENT ENDS AND ODDS

▶ IT HAS BEEN a high privilege for your various committees to assemble and organize the material that recalls the changes and progress of an entire half century. An intimate sharing of the pages of the eight big volumes of local chapter histories is a rich experience. Those history notebooks are not to be lost. They are invaluable — the careful work of hosts of local historians — and are to be preserved in the library of the Illinois P. E. O. Home, where they can be enjoyed. No factual history tells the whole story. There are always certain *pertinent ends and odds*, if you please, which are needed to complete the picture — a smile, a tear, an unrecognized service — just bits of color that brighten the whole tapestry. A few of these we are recording for you, to suggest that richness of color which characterized the moving pageantry of P. E. O. life from 1903 to 1953.

▶ STYLE HINTS

In April of 1906, the brand new chapter at McLeansboro appointed delegates to the state convention. They immediately went to a neighboring town to consult someone who was an au-

thority on fashion, as to what gowns were needed. She suggested that each person have at least two new ones, "One, an eton suit for general wear, and the other a more elaborate silk for receptions and other social events". Gage hats completed the ensembles. The delegates had planned to wear beautiful, soft kid gloves, but discovered that the proper thing was suede, — something quite different, of which they had not heard. When they saw their first suede gloves, they found it difficult to believe them worth the four dollars required.

Numerous chapters which were organized in late March or early April were confronted by the same situation, — the privilege of attendance at a state convention without the slightest idea of what was involved. Chapter DL, Rochelle, writes humorously about its experience as a two-weeks old infant, at the convention at the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago. "We sat in the front row, the only two in the entire convention hall with our new spring bonnets on. Can you picture the two of us, probably taller than any other two there, towering above everyone else — and then blushing furiously when we were asked to remove our hats. Another bit of embarrassment occurred when I was asked to give the special work. I didn't know that I would be asked for it, and all I could remember was the pass word, and I was feeling mighty proud to think that my mind had not failed me on that." This incident would doubtless not be so amusing, if we could not recall similar perplexities and embarrassments of our own, as we slowly became aware of accepted procedures.

When Chapter Z was installed, the members wore new dresses with trains, and high bone collars. Everyone was very nervous, even including Miss Tubbs, the organizer, who, however, put everyone at ease when she stopped to unhook her tall collar, which she said was choking her.

Recalling the twenties — "following the initiation, the initiates, dressed in *white middy suits*, lunched at the Lincoln Tavern in Sterling."

In one chapter, when the death of the president occurred, the members pinned their stars over black gauze ribbon and wore them that way every day for a month.

Many chapters record with a note of understandable pride their making of beautiful robes for the officers and initiates to wear. At the State Convention in Peoria in 1933, the guards and pages for the first time wore uniform attire, — white crepe dresses with short capes lined with yellow. Since that time, the beauty and effectiveness of their costumes have added much to the pageantry of our conventions.

▶ A PENNY HERE, A PENNY THERE!

We doubt if anywhere in similar space there is assembled a more diverse collection of money-making ideas than are contained between the covers of the eight scrapbooks of chapter history which our patient State History Committee has compiled from the reports of local history chairmen. It is really amazing!

Bazaars, bake sales, rummage sales, benefit card parties, magazine subscriptions, the sponsorship of various movies, lectures, musicals, and art exhibits — all these were accepted practices. But what vast unexplored realms beyond these. One woman made \$150 for the Educational Fund by raising and selling canaries. Chapter groups sewed rugs for rag carpets, made, quilted, and auctioned Beauty Chene or monogrammed quilts, managed circulating rental libraries, dressed and raffled lovely dolls, and served meals innumerable!

Following are a few of the items which various groups have sold: paper napkins, pastry brushes, Chinese tea, extracts, yarn holders, polishing cloths, speedo can openers, soap flakes (bought by the barrel), whippets, skimits, hosiery, corsets, silk lingerie, skidoo cleanser, jam and jello, metal sponges, iron rust remover, water softener, hand lotion, gummed address labels, pecans from Louisiana, personalized stationery, wearever aluminum, shampoo, slip toe rubbers, scissor grinders, miscellaneous paper products, raincoats, coat hangers, calendars, — these, and many more.

Then there were the familiar little devices by which we encourage ourselves to move a coin painlessly from our own pocket, such as fines for failure to attend a meeting or failure to wear one's pin, the sale of recipes to each other, various methods of auctioning our own possessions within the group, sample breakfasts (one of which turned out to be only grape fruit, cottage cheese, popcorn, soup, and more grapefruit, — an interesting dietary combination), and sample luncheons, the collection and sale of old paper, all these and many more in unending succession.

And then there were the chapters in which the struggle for funds is summarized in the one terse statement, "We decided to assess each member —". With such zeal and ingenuity, little wonder that our various funds and projects have prospered. And who can measure the fun afforded along the way?

▶ THE FUN OF GIVING

In the early days before there were accepted P. E. O. projects to claim our support, practically every group sought ways to express its generosity and philanthropic interest in its own community. Many of these continued, in addition to the loyal support

of our various funds. They indicate that great confidence was felt in the spirit of service of P. E. O. members on the one hand, and on the other, that no task was too humble, too difficult, or too unusual for those members to attempt.

► LOCAL PROJECTS

In almost every college community, the chapters were very eager to help with scholarships, loan funds and improvements. In half a dozen localities, the beginning of the public library must be credited to the P. E. O.'s. In a large number of places, the hospital was the focal point for early efforts, and the furnishing of hospital rooms continued to require year-after-year service.

In a score of towns the Camp Fire girls, the Scouts, groups of the Y.M.C.A., and the Y.W.C.A. owed much, both in leadership and financial support to their P. E. O. friends. Kindergartens were started and underwritten; a crippled children's clinic was organized and directed; sewing classes were organized and maintained until the public schools could take the project over; a wading pool was provided for the city park; an employment bureau and day nursery were begun. Surely all of these demonstrate the real civic interest of hundreds of loyal women.

But what of these efforts, in addition? One chapter provided waste paper containers for the public square, beginning the clean-up movement; one was asked to undertake the cleaning up of the old, neglected city cemetery site; one was responsible for caring for flower-beds in the park near the depot; one bought a paper baler for the library, to aid in economical operation. One provided financial assistance to help buy a fire truck. Humble tasks, perhaps, but significant.

► BETTER LIVING

The personal charities of these 237 chapters would be quite impossible of enumeration; the beauty of it is that they have not even been catalogued by the givers. Usually they have brought great satisfaction; sometimes, they turned out unexpectedly. For instance, there was the woman to whom a chapter gave money for much-needed false teeth, and also to get a divorce from a worthless husband. There was the gift of curtain stretchers for a woman, to enable her to support herself and a crippled child. There was the \$25 collected with considerable effort, to relieve a food shortage for a needy family, followed by the amazing discovery that it

had been spent on a musical instrument! "Man shall not live by bread alone."

Oh, Yes, and there was the rummage sale at which the profits were considerably reduced by the fact that a customer appropriated the good coat of one of the members!

There was that little extra, so many times, to a loan fund girl, or someone who was struggling for an education — like the watch and fountain pen for the nursing student, or the new clothes for the girl whose suitcase of clothing was burned while she was at home for Christmas vacation, or the shower of personal gifts for "our first loan fund girl."

▶ "OUR" GIRLS

The sense of personal attachment and PRIDE, and the projection of the giver into the experiences of the loan fund girls, is repeated so many times that it makes one wonder who benefited most — the giver or the receiver. Evidently those chapters who say with pride, "We have had eleven loan fund girls, and all have been such a credit to us," have enriched their experience incalculably. One chapter so identified itself with the unfortunate experience of a loan fund girl whom sickness had overtaken, that it assumed her whole \$800 loan, and with apparent good will. Another rejoiced as if it were an own daughter who had won a \$2500 award for a successful play. The few failures are in no comparison to the total good to the world of these hosts of trained women; their records in dozens of specialized fields are a revelation.

▶ WORLD SERVICE

The history scrapbooks record the passing of years, and the periods of two terrible world wars, with their aftermath of relief work. No one could estimate the number of French, Armenian or Serbian orphans who were aided in an earlier day, or the little Korean children ministered to later. No one could count the millions of hours of Red Cross work, (one member of Chapter E is reported to have knitted a total of 300 sweaters and 1325 beanie caps for soldiers and service men in Veterans' Hospitals, during the first World War) or the great contributions to European Relief. All these have simply become a part of the whole pattern of growth and the development of character in women, who believe that as you give, so shall you receive. With our heritage we could not have done otherwise.

► ORGANIZATION NOTES

Early in its studies of records, your committee became aware of confusion in the lettering of the second Jacksonville, Illinois chapter, sometimes referred to as "L" and sometimes as "K". The records in our executive office in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, disclose the following entry: Chapter "L", Old lettering, Jacksonville, Illinois. Organized November 21, 1883 by Chapter "C", old lettering, Jacksonville. (The following sentences were placed in the files on April 12, 1916 by Mrs. Dell Glazier.) "This chapter only existed about one year and members say was merged in "C" although names do not appear on "C's" list, so they are considered as members of "Old L". At first "K" was recorded as the chapter letter, but when Mrs. Grace S. Jones asked for reinstatement and a dimit, the question arose about letter of chapter. Mrs. Jones' pin was marked "L" and I consulted Mrs. McKinney in Los Angeles about the case and she felt sure "L" was the correct letter so we changed letter of chapter from "K" to "L". There is no record of the old Chapter "K". It may have been assigned to a chapter that did not organize. Chapter "L" disbanded and the letter was given as Second "L" to Bethany, Missouri, on October 1, 1887". However, a record of the list of members of Chapter "K" appears in the first Corresponding Secretary's ledger of Illinois Grand Chapter. This ledger is among the early supplies of Illinois State Chapter.

All of this of course, was long before the organization of the Illinois State Chapter; greater accuracy of records has eliminated any such possibility of confusion in our fifty years of history. However, there has been a surprising number of changes in the spelling of names (actually found in printed material in two, or even three varying forms) and there has been, in many cases, lack of complete agreement between the pages of the local chapter histories and the records of "Convention Proceedings." These will be quickly apparent to the people involved. Accurate records are very important.

When Chapter AH of Peoria was organized on March 18, 1914, it was known as Chapter AI, but by April 8, the president had received word that it was really AH, there having been confusion about AJ, AH, and AI. And little wonder, when we note that AG, Keithsburg, was organized March 16, 1914; AH, Peoria on March 18; AI, Chicago, April 17; AJ, Bridgeport, April 14; and AK, Gillespie, April 25. The Organizer that year must have felt that she had quintuplets!

But the Organizer was not the only one who had her troubles. More than once we read of a situation such as is made graphic in

the following quotation from one chapter's notes, "Oh, what troubles we have been having over inspection. Right now, they are baby troubles — our chaplain expecting her baby at any time, but not knowing what date we can safely set. Oh, the letters we have written, and the plans we have made!" (It should be added that that unaccommodating baby did not arrive on schedule, and there had to be a substitute for the chaplain after all.)

We are awed by the Organizer's complete familiarity with all of our ritual. Not many of us, however, have shared in a situation such as is described from Chapter DH's record, "Mrs. Raney called the meeting to order and then initiated the six new members and gave from memory the entire initiation ceremony, just as given by our seven officers at a regular initiation. She was all seven officers rolled into one. Needless to say, it was beautifully given, and very impressive." Numerous organizers have afforded this same inspiration to their amazed listeners, but for most of us it would be a revelation. In the early years it was customary for the officers of the chapter entertaining the State Chapter Convention to give the exemplification of the ritual, which was felt to be no small responsibility, when combined with the various hostess duties. Life has been simplified for the generation of 1953.

► ORGANIZERS ARE HUMAN

One Organizer in making her report to convention, summarized one inspection visit thus: "The initiation was given in a very impressive manner, one or two having to resort to notes, but these were such dear little elderly ladies one felt it quite out of place to admonish them." And speaking of inspections — one early chapter historian with a sense of humor writes that in Chicago "for years it was the custom to invite state officers and neighboring presidents to visit us on Inspection Day. That is not the popular sport today!"

The origin of a new P. E. O. group is a most interesting thing. It would be illuminating to catalogue the ones which were an outgrowth of the zeal of some one individual who had been a member of a chapter in a different town or state, or who had been briefly exposed through a visit in the home of P. E. O. relatives or friends. Illinois is certainly heavily indebted to Iowa in this way, as good Iowa P. E. O.'s have moved across the border. Sometimes a chapter developed from an Episcopal Altar Society, or an embroidery club, or four college companions; but in many, many instances it brought together a hitherto unacquainted group of women, unified by their belief in the ideals for which it stood,

rather than by common experience or earlier social congeniality. Just as we received from many other states, so Illinois has done its share in passing on the spirit of P. E. O. when its members have moved to far away places and organized "first" chapters in Virginia or Kentucky or Hawaii. It is the germ of life continuing, but merely transplanted.

▶ JUST A STORY

One summer day Mrs. Zoll of Elmwood was sitting on her porch, when she saw a woman and three small children coming up the street. It was hot, and one little child said, "Mother, maybe the lady would give us a cold drink." The lady would — and cookies, too. They were waiting for a train, their home being in Farmington. The mother was Mrs. Margaret McAfee. Years later, when Mrs. Zoll, herself the mother of two P. E. O. daughters, sought to organize a chapter in Elmwood, Mrs. McAfee immediately recognized the name, and said, "A woman who would offer such hospitality to a stranger would make good P. E. O. timber."

▶ JUST ANOTHER STORY

In September, 1884, Mrs. Carrie McCarty Hazlett went from Bloomington, Illinois to Bloomfield, Iowa, to visit relatives. Her charming manner and lovely appearance attracted a group of young ladies, who invited her to join the P. E. O. Society. After consultation with her aunt, she accepted and was initiated on October 24, into Chapter B of Iowa. At Christmas she returned to Bloomington wearing a huge star, and creating among many a desire to know what this huge "policeman's star" meant. Many years passed and there were no P. E. O. contacts in Bloomington, but she wore the star and was mindful of her vows. It was in 1918 that she became one of the charter members of Chapter AW, Bloomington. She had waited a long time for the years of chapter service that were then to be hers.

▶ TIDBITS

We have baseball fans, and theater fans, and television fans, but it is fun to read that *Mrs. Maud McDonald*, AI, Chicago, (State Chapter President in 1925-1926) was considered a great convention fan, having attended practically all Illinois State Conventions from the time of her initiation in 1914, and three of

Supreme. A large number of such fans would be wholesome!

When Mrs. Nellie R. Danks (Chapter B, Clinton) held office as the first President of Illinois State Chapter, she was also elected Treasurer of Supreme. "Perhaps the only P. E. O. who ever held an office on the Supreme Board, and the office of President of her state at the same time."

When Miss Ethlyn Griffith (J, Carthage) became a member of the State Board, and her chapter was hostess to convention, it was possible for her mother to entertain in her own big home all of the State Board, and Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Danks, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Amsden, making 15 P. E. O. house guests. Mrs. Griffith was very proud of her large P. E. O. family, whom she cared for so graciously.

Mrs. Eleanor Eads Bailey (Chapter K, Macomb) was another officer who was capable of expanding the limits of her home almost indefinitely. She was a charter member of Chapter K. Eight years later she began her period of state service and between 1913 and 1917 was, successively, Second Vice-President, First Vice-President, and President of Illinois State Chapter. During part of this time she was also president of her local chapter. From 1919 to 1923 she was Corresponding Secretary for the Supreme Chapter. In 1923 she was asked by Mrs. Vina I. Bowden, President of Supreme Chapter, to serve as chairman of a committee of three for the "Revision of Instructions". This was not only an important piece of work, but highly technical and difficult. The committee lived in the home with Mrs. Bailey for one whole month, while completing this task. This was only one of the many occasions when her hospitality was enjoyed. As a memorial to her, her family and Chapter K are furnishing the lovely third floor parlor at the Illinois P. E. O. Home.

Macomb can also be very proud of the fact that one of its members, Miss Ruth Brockway, served as the one and only Membership Secretary of Supreme Chapter during the time that Mrs. Bailey was Corresponding Secretary of Supreme Chapter. The office of Membership Secretary was appointive, and came to her from Mrs. Bertha Clarke Hughes at Seattle in 1921. She served for the full two year period. Now the Executive Secretary in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, has charge of the entire membership.

These officers, in addition to Mrs. Winfry Darby, Illinois State President, do indeed give Chapter K just claim for distinction in service.

A paragraph from the history of Chapter DG, Chicago, is worth quoting. "It is in itself a tribute to P. E. O. that a group of a baker's dozen of strange women, having in most cases nothing

in common but their P. E. O. vows, could thereupon speedily and firmly build a thriving organization of loyal friends. Geographically, we had come from points bounded by Colorado in the west, Kentucky in the south, and Nova Scotia, both east and north, with but one native Chicagoan in the group." There were dimits from Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, and Illinois, together with eight initiates. The record speaks for itself.

In contrast, there are chapters that are closely knit mother-daughter relationships. There are all varieties.

Three of Bloomington's chapters have the same birthday, March 29th. AW was born in 1918; CL, in 1928; FM, in 1940; and the fourth little sister, HP, on March 31, 1951. They can all celebrate together with one big party. Chapter AW, Bloomington is to be congratulated on having had three Past Presidents of Illinois State Chapter, — Flora Isabel Kemp, Stella R. Leys, and Louise R. Waddell.

This record is second only to that of our distinguished Chapter A, Chicago, which has provided as Presidents of Illinois State Chapter, Mrs. Maude B. Torry, Mrs. Bessie R. Raney, Mrs. Lettie S. Mudge, and Mrs. Beulah Thornton.

Chapter EP, Palatine, sent delegates to convention just ten days after its organization, frantically prepared for its first inspection after three regular meetings, and after only two and a half months of life launched its first loan fund girl. That is, indeed, a brisk beginning!

At the organization of Chapter BI, Oak Park, there was an unusual situation. The first president, Mary D. Stafford, was the daughter-in-law of Mary Allen Stafford, one of the Seven Founders; with Mary Allen Stafford as vouchers were two other Founders, Franc Roads Elliott, and Alice Bird Babb. This was in 1920.

One chapter mentions as a source of real pride the fact that the only time the black cube was *ever* used was during an inspection when a local officer's hands were so icy cold that she fumbled. As the record said, it was an "error of handling, rather than an error of judgment". It is indicative of the high trust that the members have, one for the other, and is mentioned in their history as evidence of the priceless unity of spirit which they so value.

Reminiscent of a long gone economic era, Chapter I in Chicago tells of sponsoring an excursion boat trip to Milwaukee with a two hour stop-over there. Tickets for the entire day's outing were secured by the chapter for 50 cents and sold for \$1.00, thus enabling the chapter to realize a great profit!

Money did not always come easily. Havana speaks of its first food sale, the total returns from which were \$2.50, which *restored* the depleted treasury.

▶ **TUT TUT!**

In the very early days one chapter found it difficult to interest women in becoming members. At one meeting, shortly after its organization, three names were proposed for membership. A motion was made and carried to lay aside the by-laws and constitution, and take the ballot that very afternoon. All were elected, but only one was able to accept. This must have been the impetuosity of youth! The program of one chapter consisted of an original serial story of six chapters! Can you imagine that! In numerous towns, the P. E. O. Chapter sponsored and made possible lecture courses, concert series, travel talks and art exhibits; before the day of C. M. A.'s and Town Hall Forums, they were helping provide culture and entertainment for the whole community.

At least once, a state convention hostess group planted bulbs in the fall, in order to have spring flowers for convention.

The historian of Chapter D writes spicily about the Pioneer Days, the War Years, the Dizzy Twenties, and the Depression Years when the cost of maintenance went up and the personal income went down! A few words say a lot: "At our October meeting we learned that the bank which held our permanent fund and checking account had closed. We start anew, financially speaking." (*CQ, Chicago-Avalon Park*)

Chapter AR of Urbana, must have really felt the pinch! They lost \$100 in one of the bank failures; their check for Supreme and State dues failed to clear before the Bank Moratorium. But nothing daunted them and they went right on. Situations similar to this are cited in probably two dozen chapters.

Mentioning courage and persistence — what do you think of the women of BG, Genoa, who were confronted with the necessity for heavy funds for the maintenance of the library. They bought raw jumbo peanuts in huge bags; then all the members helped to blanch and skin them, but one particularly skilled person did all the frying. The peanuts were sold at all basketball games, card parties, home talent plays, church affairs, and at the library itself.

Roll call in the early days must have been quite something! We find early roll calls answered with quotations from the Bible, best recipes, jokes and conundrums, things to be thankful for, names of presidents and names of governors of Illinois. And 'tis recorded there was a fine for being late!

We read of one local treasurer who served continuously for more than seventeen years — and lived to tell the story.

At Clinton's convention, May 1, 1905, "rain poured during the convention. There was a carriage bill of \$54.20."

The sense of history — past and future — is strong in some chapters. Several anticipated or followed the example of the New

York World's Fair, and placed in the president's box a capsule of valuable tokens, for opening at some remote future date.

Two early and devoted members of our Sisterhood, who left generous bequests to their local chapter, would surely be gratified to know that the interest from those funds is providing the very adequate infirmary in our Illinois P. E. O. Home, so that their P. E. O. sisters of a later period will continue to be blessed by their generosity.

Mrs. Ethel C. Jelliffe, Chapter CA, Springfield, President of Illinois State Chapter 1937, was the 29th president, serving in the thirty-sixth convention, and the first to serve in every office on the Board and to serve seven years.

In Chapter A, Chicago, membership being so large and distance so great, the problem of sociability was of importance. At the suggestion of Mrs. Raney in 1925, the Chapter was divided into four geographical groups. Each group has a Chairman who plans the social meetings in the homes of the members once a month, allowing them a much closer association and greater acquaintance than their combined monthly meetings would provide.

This history would not be complete without creditable reference to the Past Presidents of Illinois State Chapter. With their rich experience received from the State Board service, they give invaluable support on State Standing committees and Boards of Trustees, as evidenced in reports at each convention.

Reciprocity groups come in for recognition of past importance, too. Not only have they been instrumental in effecting a "Good Neighbor Policy" among chapters but much of our Peace Participation work has been accomplished through group management. They are currently active on special projects connected with the establishment of our Illinois P. E. O. Home.

► OUR B. I. L.'s

No reading of the eight volumes of our history-notes could fail to impress one with the very great importance of our B. I. L.'s. Self-sacrificing *and* dictatorial; ridiculous *and* inspiring; full of great service *and* of small tricks; slaving, dreaming, ridiculing, supporting, they are an institution whose importance has grown, with the passing years, to unmeasured proportions.

Many chapters will share the pleasure of Chapter AZ, Evans-ton, in the words we quote: "No history of Chapter AZ would be complete without a paragraph about Mr. H. W. Williams, the greatest B. I. L. of them all. For over fifty years Mr. Williams took the greatest interest in his "Pansy's" (Mrs. Lulu Corkhill

Williams) Sisterhood, and great were his facetious comments and conjectures on the P. E. O. secret. For the fourteen beautiful years of Mrs. Williams' membership in Chapter AZ, Mr. Williams was ever the Chapter's staunchest friend, most generous giver, and most ardent B. I. L." His loyalty to the P. E. O. Sisterhood was marked throughout his life, and he is credited in the Presidents' Book as being the Original "B. I. L." and its Founder. His numerous gifts to Cottey College in memory of his wife mark his belief in the great P. E. O. projects. Many other chapters will be reminded immediately of their own precious experiences, and be saying, "And do you remember *our* B. I. L.'s' Blessings on them, all.

Almost every individual chapter history is tinged with glee over harrowing and costly (to them) initiation ceremonies devised for the B. I. L.'s, or lavishly conceived banquets planned as atonement. And almost every record tells of the good humored chuckles of the women over some of the retaliatory measures and punitive experiences. They are cherished memories. These B. I. L.'s have played with us, and paid for us — and dearly!

Just one story of B. I. L. fortitude. When Chapter AG was organized in Keithsburg, in 1914, the meeting lasted so long past the hour at which the husband of the hostess had been coached to return, that he, finding the affair still flourishing, secured a ladder from the barn, climbed through his bedroom window and went to bed. Patience and fortitude!

✓ **Services, Recognized or Not**

Year after year, the story of the State Convention contains references to the tireless work of these B. I. L.'s, to their undergirding of committees, their stepping into difficult tasks, and their whole-hearted eagerness to make the hostess-efforts of their groups thoroughly successful. It was the B. I. L.'s that "starred" the windows of their places of business; it was the B. I. L.'s that provided conveyances and arranged tours of the city; it was the B. I. L.'s, always, that became stage hands and interior decorators; it was the B. I. L.'s that aided heavily (and still do, in every enterprise) with their wholesale-house connections. Chapter F's B. I. L. Wesley Minear of Quincy, with his combination of great artistic ability and real interest, provided all of the delegates' badges at one Illinois State Convention, and for the last three conventions of Supreme Chapter, has made all of the Illinois badges.

The conventions would have lacked many a rehearsed speech, many a calm presiding officer, many a souvenir token for its delegates, had it not been for the listening ear, the steadying hand, and

the generous spirit of our B. I. L.'s. Long before the days of money contributions, their esteem and faith were made very evident. Each convention group must have waited impatiently for the moment when the president declared a recess and introduced a B. I. L., who may have brought special greetings or welcome, along with a gorgeous arrangement of roses, or a huge basket of flowers. The B. I. L.'s were very lavish with their *love* gifts. At one convention, the B. I. L.'s provided individual corsages for every member of convention. What a thrill!

For several years — 1926, 1927 and 1928 — they gave actual cash gifts of considerable size, for the Educational Fund. Beginning in 1940 we have records of substantial gifts for the various funds. Sometimes the funds were given directly to the recipient, and so are not listed by the treasurer, but those which do appear indicate the great under-girding of effort. In 1940, \$100 was given to Cottey College by the B. I. L.'s; in 1941, \$60 went to Cottey, \$25 to the Home Fund, and \$22.50 to the Educational Fund; in 1942, Cottey received \$174, the Lulu Corkhill Williams Welfare and Trust Fund, \$25, and the Home Fund \$75; in 1943, we find \$50 given to the United Victory Fund; in 1946, \$411.50 was contributed to Cottey, by our loyal B. I. L.'s; in 1947 the sum for Cottey was \$883.50. The climax was the gift of \$2175 from Illinois B. I. L.'s at the 1949 convention of Supreme Chapter, designated for a Bessie Raney Suite in Reeves Hall at Cottey College.

Then beginning in 1949, the B. I. L.'s have turned their attention to the Home Fund with gifts of \$500 in 1949, \$550 in 1950, and \$500 in 1951. In 1952, \$640 was contributed to the fast growing Chapel Fund for Cottey College. Mr. O. D. Corbridge, Chapter C.J's B. I. L. of Rockford, Illinois, is the contact man in Illinois for the Cottey Chapel project.

B. I. L. Hill at Cottey College, an achieved fact, stands as proof of the love and loyalty of B. I. L.'s all over the country. Our Illinois B. I. L.'s have had a proud part in that enterprise with their liberal contribution of \$550.

✓ **Cottey Library**

Beginning in 1945, Mrs. Katherine E. Church and her family have given generously every year to a memorial fund honoring Mr. H. V. Church, the gift to be used for the purchase of books for our college faculty. So a B. I. L. is actually named in one of our Cottey College memorials.

Probably no woman could dare the responsibilities and sacrifices entailed in membership on our State Board and far-reaching

Standing Committees, were it not for the support and belief of her husband. No term of office could possibly be a success without a mutual and joint acceptance of the heavy burden. There have to be, all down the line, the B. I. L.'s who say, "You can do it." So, hats off to the husbands — one and all.

Yes, and we even have a B. I. L., Mr. Kenneth B. Butler, husband of Wilma, BV, Mendota, as the publisher of our Record, and of our Illinois History. Being a B. I. L. must add to his natural understanding, patience and cooperation, and make him ever zealous for our good. We have been fortunate in having his personal interest and generous counsel.

► CONVENTIONS

Probably no less than a hundred times in the local chapter histories, one reads words to this effect: "Perhaps the most important event in our history was when we entertained the annual Convention of Illinois State Chapter." Sometimes that was the startled testimony of a chapter with only a few months of organized life and experience, appalled at the thought of the money required; sometimes it was the word of a very experienced group. It would almost seem to point to the fact that where we work hardest, we find the most permanent satisfaction. The hard work entailed in earning sufficient funds for a convention — and the great effort involved in committee organization — always with the thought of the comfort of the guests, seem to have produced a new spirit of unity within chapters, and to have given chapters in larger entertaining groups the privilege of the kind of fellowship that comes only from sharing a big job. The efforts were not wasted. With all their efficiency and businesslike procedure, the conventions have been gala occasions and immeasurable inspirations to hundreds of representatives.

And incidentally, speaking of conventions, all honor to the patient and thorough work of those women who aided in making the somewhat awkward shift from the alphabetical plan to the group plan for entertaining State Convention. The Grouping Committees have had a vast amount of work behind the scenes, and the task of smoothing out many difficulties to create an effective functioning organization with the least possible inconvenience, and with perfect fairness to all, has been difficult and complex. We appreciate and honor their service.

At the 1938 State Convention, the idea of appointing a Home Committee was suggested; at the same convention, in 1938, the History Committee, which worked for fifteen years, was appointed,

with Myrtle C. Combe, Z, Harrisburg; Eugenia Allin, CX, Decatur; and May Hartley De Money, I, Chicago, as members. By some rare coincidence, both of these 1938 dreams are becoming realities in this year of 1953, with the publication of our History and the establishment of the Illinois P. E. O. Home. From dreams to fulfilment!

► SUPREME CHAPTER CONVENTIONS

Illinois has been proud and happy to be hostess to the Supreme Chapter Convention at three different times; the first, even before there was a state organization, in 1899, when Chapter A, Chicago, was host to the 68 delegates and numerous guests, in a delightful convention at the Palmer House, "the first East of the Mississippi, and the first ever held in a state not having a 'State Grand Chapter'." The total expense was \$482.55.

In 1929, when Bessie R. Raney was president of Illinois State Chapter, the convention of Supreme Chapter was held in Chicago, with Lettie S. Mudge as General Chairman. Beulah Thornton was Chairman of Registration. Mrs. Mudge felt that a total of \$25,000 was needed for the entertainment of the delegates, and the chapters raised the required amount. A big surplus enabled them to make heavy contribution to the various P. E. O. projects in the following year.

In 1949, Illinois again entertained the Supreme Chapter Convention in Chicago. Bessie R. Raney, Past President of Illinois State Chapter, and member of Chapter A, Chicago, was president of Supreme Chapter. The general chairman of convention was Beulah M. Thornton, past president of Illinois State Chapter, now serving as a Trustee of the Supply Department. The President of Illinois State Chapter, Jennie H. Rugh was the Hostess President.

► ADORNMENTS

It is tragic to have to omit all the beauty spots in our conventions, in the interest of cold historical accomplishment. It would take a whole train, we are sure, to carry all the floral tributes; the sound waves must be vibrating hurriedly with all the music that inspired and delighted. And think of the words of wisdom! Yet all these became a part of the whole, from which we, in 1953, emerge. They are background for present action.

In 1929 when Mabel Frisbee, as president of Illinois State Chapter was official hostess to the Supreme Chapter Convention in Chicago her friends of Chapter X, Bushnell, were proud to make and present a beautiful silk P. E. O. flag. It has been on display at each State and Supreme Convention since that time.

At the State Convention at the Palmer House in 1940, there was, for the banquet, a lighted replica of Cottey College "Old Main", made of ice, brought in by the waiters, with all the house lights off. Chapter BS, Winnetka, was responsible for the unique banquet plans.

► INQUISITIVE? PERHAPS YOU CAN GUESS

How many P. E. O. teaspoons have been bestowed on Illinois babies. How many priceless possessions, like silver candelabra, beautiful table-covers, embroidered P. E. O. pillows, figurines or paintings of the Founders, and officer's robes are treasured in individual chapters.

How many enduring, life-long friendships have emerged from being on a Reciprocity committee with a strange woman, rooming with an unknown delegate at convention, associating closely with an inspecting officer. Well — how far does a little candle throw its beam? Who can know?

12 **TIME**LY INTEREST

- 1830 — Jacksonville Female Academy established
- 1833 — College training for women begun at Oberlin, Ohio
- 1841 — Iowa Wesleyan College founded at Mount Pleasant, Iowa
- 1867 — First Sorority, "I.C. Sorosis", founded at Monmouth College, Illinois
- 1869 — January 21, P. E. O. Society founded at Mount Pleasant, Iowa
- 1871 — First P. E. O. chapter in Illinois ("C", old lettering, Jacksonville)
- 1882 — First Assembly of P. E. O. chapter representatives
- 1883 — Grand Chapter organized
- 1885 — First Official Seal; first written initiation ceremony
- 1888 — *The P. E. O. Record* established
- 1890 — First written Constitution of P. E. O.
- 1892 — Grand Chapter renamed, 'Supreme Grand Chapter'
- 1893 — New lettering for chapters begun
- 1903 — Illinois State Grand Chapter organized
- 1907 — Educational Fund established
- 1909 — Supreme Grand Chapter renamed 'Supreme Chapter'
- 1916 — Emblem redesigned to present size
- 1920 — Illinois Grand Chapter renamed 'Illinois State Chapter'
- 1927 — Memorial Library built at Mount Pleasant, Iowa
- 1927 — Cottey College, Nevada, Missouri, was accepted by Supreme Chapter.
- 1931 — First Illinois Scholarships were established for Cottey Students
- 1931 — Beginning of Publication of the P. E. O. Record at Mendota, Illinois
- 1934 — Lulu Corkhill Williams Welfare & Trust Fund started
- 1938 — Home committee recommended
- 1938 — State Standing History Committee appointed
- 1949 — Illinois State Chapter Incorporated
- 1952-53 — Illinois P. E. O. Home accepted and established
- 1953 — History of Illinois P. E. O. published.



THE BOOK ENDS

▶ THIS BOOK records officially the dreams, hopes and realizations of the members of P. E. O. in Illinois. It has been, both spiritually and materially, a period of remarkable achievement.

The value of a candle is in the light which it produces. Seven girls lighted their candles and in turn helped others to light theirs. Thus have spread the white flames of Faith, Love, Purity, Justice and Truth.

At the match lighting ceremony in the Chicagoland Music Festival each person is asked to light a match at a given time. When the 90,000 people do this, the brilliant glow of those 90,000 small flames is an inspiring sight.

Each of us who loves P. E. O. should petition that ours may be a bright light, gleaming in unison with the other 113,000, so that the result may be an inspiring sight to all the world. May every P. E. O. throughout the world join us in saying:

*"O light my candle, Lord!
Perchance some other, struggling in the dark,
May see my light, though but a gleam,
And, taking heart, push on.
Light thou my candle!"*



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