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THE SEVEN
FOUNDERS OF
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TOP ROW

ALICE COFFIN
FRANC ROADS ELLIOTT
SUELA PEARSON PENFIELD
ALICE BIRD BABB

BOTTOM ROW

MARY ALLEN STAFFORD
ELLA STEWART
HATTIE BRIGGS BOUSQUET





SARAH PORTER BECKWITH HOME

*I*ntroduction

THE FIRST action relative to the publication of a history of P. E. O. in Iowa was taken in 1951. Helen F. Dryden, president, submitted the question to her board; Luella B. Fatland, first vice president; Hazel F. Bleeker, second vice president; Vesta Ketels, organizer; Florence Myers, recording secretary; Marie Nesler, corresponding secretary; Phyllis Crawford, treasurer.

They gave unanimous approval. The question was then submitted by Mrs. Dryden in her annual letter sent to all Iowa chapters. She enclosed a printed ballot on which the record of the vote taken by the chapter was reported. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the publication.

The president appointed a temporary committee, Mabel Duree, chairman, Maude M. Cooper and Winona E. Reeves with instruction to bring a report to the 1951 convention in Ottumwa.

The report of the findings of the committee and of the possibilities and advantages of such a history, was presented by Mrs. Duree. The vote, when taken, was unanimously in favor of the publication.

The temporary committee was by reappointment made a permanent committee, with permission to add additional names, which was done making a committee of five: Mabel Duree, Maude M. Cooper, Winona E. Reeves, Helen F. Dryden, Laura Storms Knapp.

The book, accordingly, has been written and published in the 1951-52 administration.

1. Whence Came P.E.O.

Historically

P.E.O. historically had its inception long before the founding of the organization itself. What we are pleased to call its historic inception long antedated January 21, 1869.

The organization of women as such, began in 1830 with the admission of girls to classes of high school grade. Previous to that time women were given no educational training except in elementary schools, where reading, writing, and arithmetic were taught.

The whole system of organized women, which in time, put into the vocabulary of the world the phrase "the feminist movement" was in the beginning an education movement.

In earlier days, in the late 1700's, colleges for men had been established in America, in order that the church might have an educated clergy. Not that every college boy became a clergyman, but the higher education rendered him eligible if he so desired.

College training for women came in 1833 when Oberlin offered advanced classes for women and in 1836 Mt. Holyoke seminary was founded. As you know, in those years seminaries were where females went to school.

Five more years passed, when came the founding of Iowa Wesleyan College in 1841, and chartered in 1842, the first co-educational college west of the Mississippi, and among the first institutions in America to recognize the right of women to college training.

The sorority system of which P. E. O. was a part came as a natural result of co-educational association.

There had developed in 1776 among men students at William and Mary College, a group of congenial spirits who met off campus in Raleigh tavern in Williamsburg, to talk, to debate and to discuss matters of mutual interest.

They formed a society to which they gave the name "Phi Beta Kappa"; a secret society it was. The Greek words are translated "Philosophy the Guide of Life."

In this first group began the college fraternity system, which, some ninety years later was followed by college groups among women, the sorority system.

The first such organization was the "I.C. Sorosis" founded in Monmouth College (Illinois) in 1867, with a second chapter organized in Iowa Wesleyan College. In 1888, I.C. became Pi Beta Phi, a national sorority.

The second college group of women was founded in 1869 in Iowa Wesleyan College, the "P. E. O. Society."

It maintains its English letters but, having outgrown campus environment, it became a city organization, supporting greatly increased educational projects for women, through a Loan Fund and in the ownership and support of a college, Cottey College.

2. *Founders of P.E.O. and the Place of Its Founding*

THE INCIDENT of the impulse out of which came the organization of P. E. O. was seemingly a trivial one.

Two girls sitting on a stile at a corner of the campus of a little western college, suggesting the forming of a society, then impulsively running across the campus to their hearts' best friends to share the plan, seemed a simple incident of a day at school.

And yet out of that has come after 83 years a great organization of approximately 110,000 women who have aided in the promotion of the education of thousands of other women. Thus seemingly trivial incidents come to be events of importance.

The two young girls on the stile, Hattie Briggs and Franc Roads, with Mary Allen, Alice Bird, Alice Virginia Coffin, Suela Pearson and Ella Stewart, met on that very morning, January 21, 1869, in the Music Room in Old Main on the college campus, to discuss their plan.

Out of that informal meeting came organization of the "P. E. O. Society." It was a secret society from the beginning with emphasis on that fact, thus the story of early activities came as traditions.

Events or happenings that are only remembered by those who lived through them and are passed by word of mouth from one generation to another are traditions. When the narrator dies the stories die with him, unless some of his hearers remember and pass them on; ultimately, however, they die. If a tradition or an event is written and comes to print it lives and, as has been said, "The written word is immortal."

Fortunately for P. E. O., its history and its earliest traditions have been sought out and recorded while the founders and other early members still lived and could verify those early happenings.

The "Original Seven" set the type of membership and the social and cultural pattern for future membership.

In the beginning they knew not that they were establishing an institution to be handed down to other generations; they but followed the urge of their own personalities, and there developed the P. E. O. Sisterhood. Its growth has been an evolution, as indeed is all life.

Members of that type could not be self-centered, and wherever a chapter was organized, it developed some sort of altruistic work. Finally as it grew numerically and over greater area, a service was sought, a something they might do unitedly. Out of that endeavor, by trial and error, but quite logically, having been born in a college, its educational projects were developed in the establishment and maintenance of an Educational Fund and in the ownership and support of a college, Cottey College.

The biographies of the Founders have been written many times, so the writing of them here is in a more informal way.

When those of us who are here are gone to our reward, whatever that may be, whether a mansion among the blessed or "only a cabin in the sky", we shall be remembered by people, few or many, because of some incident, some characteristic that defines our personality.

It is somewhat like the human interest story, "that part of the morning paper that is remembered."

And so we shall by some characteristic call to memory seven girls grown to womanhood, who gave us P. E. O.

In the beginning may we say that in 1869 in college and out of it, in their family and social relationships, they were all somebody. Only those who speak the American language would understand what we mean when we say they were "somebody". They had position then, and every one of them had personality and position to the end of life.

HATTIE BRIGGS (BOUSQUET)

Fittingly enough, we begin with the one who spoke the first words that caused the formation of P. E. O. — Hattie Briggs (Bousquet). She was the daughter of a Methodist preacher and lived up to the part. She could play the organ, start the hymns, pray in public, lead a prayer meeting. She could in time of a revival talk to other students about their "Souls' salvation." She not only could, but did all of those things.

She lived only eight years in P. E. O. After she had been gone for a half century, Mrs. Stafford was asked what she remembered particularly about Hattie. She thought a moment and then said,

"I think it is her smile that I remember best." In the vernacular of the Methodist class meeting of that time, she would have been called "a radiant Christian."

ELLA STEWART

Ella Stewart was also the daughter of a Methodist minister, the Reverend Mr. I. I. Stewart, who later became a presiding elder. Now to be a Methodist preacher in those days was to lead a rugged life, and so Mr. Stewart "with the burden of his years for a pillow, lay down beside the Pilgrim road to rest."

This tragedy to the family led to the thing by which Ella Stewart shall be remembered, that at the end of her Junior year she left college to help her mother.

In leaving school she failed to receive her Bachelor's degree but, teaching boys in the State Reform School, she became a pioneer in the great social service movement that seeks to make of bad boys, good citizens of our Republic. Her method differed widely from the modern ones, but who shall say they were not better, in that she taught, in addition to arithmetic and history and spelling, lessons in right living and thinking.

She was always busy and Mrs. Babb said of her, "When you saw Ella coming you felt as if you ought get out your tatting and go to work."

She gave eight years of her life to that work in the Boys' Industrial School, as it is now called, and she still is remembered there, its first teacher. On the wall of that school in Eldora, there hangs a lovely picture of her. If you were to make inquiry the boys there could tell you about her.

SUELA PEARSON (PENFIELD)

Someone writing in early days of Suela Pearson (Penfield) said that "she was prominent from childhood in whatever adorned and beautified." Always she was selected as the Goddess of Liberty on patriotic occasions or the Spirit of Christmas at holiday times. No one ever doubted or disputed her place in social functions and yet she was ever gracious and very kind. She was one upon whom the spot light fell. Shall we remember Suela as wholly unspoiled by prosperity, equally unspoiled by sorrow, for tragedy comes also to those upon whom the spotlight falls.

ALICE VIRGINIA COFFIN

Alice Virginia Coffin came from a family that had great pride

in ancestry. That pride still holds in all who trace descent back to Tristram Coffin of Mayflower fame, and on the distaff side to Charles Thompson, secretary of the convention that framed the Declaration of Independence of these United States.

Tristram Coffin, the poet, shared in the same ancestry.

We shall not forget these things but to remember Alice Virginia herself is very pleasant. By profession she was a public school teacher. Of course her pupils received academic training, but they remembered more particularly her friendly gracious attitude, her courtesy to all of them — indeed, that is what her friends too remembered. Do you suppose that there can be a relationship between being well born and the quality of friendly courtesy?

Alice Bird (BABB)

Alice Bird (Babb) once told what she did during the noon hour on January 21, 1869.

The girls had met that morning and decided that they would have a society. They further told Allie Bird that she should write a constitution and bring it back with her to college that afternoon, when they would surely start their society.

Accordingly Allie Bird went home, ate her dinner and, as she said, went into the spare room (guest room to you) and closed the door. She drew a chair up before the window, pushed back the crisp white curtains, took a piece of paper and a pencil from her pocket, looked out of the window and thought for a little while. Then she wrote, not a constitution at all, but wrote the pledge by which you and I and all the others who are P. E. O.'s have come to membership.

She gave it a dramatic touch, a bit of action. She was the first P. E. O. because she took the pledge first.

She was chosen president that day, the first in the long line of presidents who have served in the thousands of chapters since organized.

FRANC ROADS (ELLIOTT)

It is easy to understand why Franc Roads (Elliott) "fell" for the new society; it was a forward step in the feminist movement, although that word was not so used then.

Perhaps more than any other one of the seven, she sensed its import.

There are scores of stories that could be told of the outstanding things she did. She worked for the franchise of women along with Susan B. Anthony and Lucy Stone. She spoke and worked

for the abolishment of war, when the rest of the world glorified it. It was she who wrote and worked to have women seated as delegates in the General Conference of the Methodist Church. She was an artist in every impulse. She studied in the Chicago Art Institute and in the galleries of France and Italy. She was highly intelligent in all her undertakings. Hers was an active mind plus, and her eyes saw beauty everywhere.

MARY ALLEN (STAFFORD)

Mary Allen (Stafford) was in all truth one who could be termed a lady. In any company she would be noted and classified as a gentlewoman. Dr. Stafford himself told of the advice given him in college days by the presiding elder.

He was a country boy studying for the ministry. The presiding elder said "Charley, Mary Allen is not the girl for a poor preacher to marry. She is too fond of parties and fine clothes." But Charley and Mary thought differently and so they were married.

The Methodist Church gave him many honors including a college presidency. Mary Allen gave added honor to every position.

Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes spoke at Dr. Stafford's funeral. His closing words were:

"And now this man of God has gone to join that lovely, lovely lady who has gone before."

We, too, shall remember a great and gallant lady, Mary Allen Stafford.

THE PLACE OF FOUNDING

Fortunate for its future was the place of the founding of P. E. O.

Mt. Pleasant was settled by families from the east, who were interested in education and in the establishment of a Christian community. It was called "The Athens of Iowa", for it had three schools of higher learning when other communities had only district schools.

Located there was Iowa Wesleyan College, one of the oldest colleges in the United States, founded in 1841 and chartered in 1842; Howe's Academy, a pioneer Normal School, and a female seminary, known as "The Young Ladies' Seminary."

Equally fortunate was this P. E. O. Society in the type of institution from which it came, Iowa Wesleyan College. A church school it was, as were all early American Colleges, and it still is

of that pattern. Families of many early members were associated with the college administration in various ways, which gave a certain prestige to the new society.

Iowa Wesleyan has a number of firsts in its history. It was the first college of its rank organized west of the Mississippi River. It was among the first co-educational schools, and perhaps the only one to admit women on its opening day.

Iowa Wesleyan has the distinction of having been the first of any college of Liberal Arts in the world to give the B.A degree to a woman. To Lucy W. Kilpatrick (Byrkit), the first woman graduate of Iowa Wesleyan, 1859, was bestowed the degree by Dr. Charles Elliott, president.

These are some of the things that P. E. O. today owes to its earliest members and to the birthplace of the Sisterhood.

3. *The College Chapter S*

HERE has been confusion concerning Chapter S, Iowa, called also "The College Chapter" or sometimes "The Second College Chapter". This name came into use because it was the second chapter to be organized on the Iowa Wesleyan campus, Chapter A having been the original, organized January 21, 1869. Miss Maisy B. Schreiner, a charter member of Chapter S, lives in Mt. Pleasant and we are indebted to her for part of the information concerning these early days.

In 1911 Chapter A was officially given the name Original A. In the beginning it was a college chapter, but as the members were graduated they continued to hold their active membership and at the same time college girls were being initiated into the chapter. For many reasons this was not too satisfactory so the college girls asked if they might have a chapter of their own. The petition was granted and Chapter AJ was organized February 4, 1889 by Mrs. Alice Bird Babb and Mrs. Effie Hoffman Rogers. There were 17 on the charter list. When the chapters were relettered by authorization of the 1893 Grand Chapter convention held in Waterloo where Mrs. Jessie Mallory Thayer presided, AJ, the college chapter, became Chapter S.

Iowa Wesleyan authorities had decided that the school enrollment could support four secret societies, two for men and two for women; Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi for the men and P. E. O. and I.C., later Pi Beta Phi, for the women.

The P. E. O. law required then as now that a woman should live in a town for a year before she could be invited to membership. The college rules permitted rushing as soon as a young woman arrived on the campus. Under these circumstances it was impossible for the two women's groups to be governed by the same rules. In order to compete with Pi Beta Phi, Chapter AJ needed to issue invitations to membership as soon as the girls entered college. This they did and of course it met with the disapproval of the officers of P. E. O. Mrs. Alice Bird Babb was often called upon to reprimand

mand the "wayward chapter." She replied that "if the old college chapter needed a reprimand somebody besides Alice Bird Babb would have to do the scolding as that chapter was dear to the scenes of my youth."

In 1889 Chapter AJ (later S) brought to the Grand Chapter convention which was held in Mt. Pleasant and presided over by Mrs. Effie Hoffman Rogers a request that they be allowed to "pledge those whom they desired as members until they could be fully initiated." This was approved and the system worked fairly well for a time.

The concessions authorized by the convention were still not sufficient to enable the chapter to compete satisfactorily with other groups on the campus. Later other P. E. O. chapters wished and were granted the same privileges. It became increasingly difficult to administer town and college chapters under the same laws.

In 1902 Chapter S petitioned to disband and the 1903 Iowa Grand Chapter convention meeting in Iowa City, presided over by Mrs. Mary McDonald Knapp, granted the request.

Since Chapter S was preparing to leave the Iowa Wesleyan campus as an active group it left a vacancy in the number of secret societies the college authorized and Alpha Xi Delta, a Greek letter sorority, organized in 1893 at Lombard College, Galesburg, Illinois, established its Beta chapter on the Iowa Wesleyan campus in 1902.

Miss Schreiner tells that "those of us who had been graduated before this date, but were members of Chapter S were made alumnae members of Beta chapter of Alpha Xi Delta if we wished and applied within certain limits of time."

The last enrollment number for Chapter S is One Hundred Nine. Each girl retained her individual membership and affiliated later with the chapter in her home community but the college Chapter S was disbanded.

While all regretted giving up the charter of this, our last college chapter, it seemed the only possible procedure since the laws governing town chapters were not adaptable to a college campus.

To quote *The Story of P. E. O.*, "The truths taught in P. E. O. and the beauty of its ritual must have found lodgment in the hearts of the initiates for some of the most loyal members of P. E. O. belonged to that chapter."

4. *Development of Laws and Ceremonies*

IN THAT first hasty meeting of the seven, on the morning of January 21, 1869, they recognized the need of some sort of document to govern their proposed society. All they did that morning was to decide that they would have a society. As they adjourned to meet again that same afternoon, one said, "Allie Bird, while you are at home, write a constitution and bring it back with you, and we will start the society."

In that noon hour, she wrote as is recorded elsewhere, not a constitution at all, but the pledge by which the seven, and all the other thousands who have followed them, have come to membership. It was the first ceremony.

After a short time, when others beside the seven had joined the society, the girls worked together on a more extended document which they called the P. E. O. Constitution and By-Laws.

Art. 1. Sec. 1. Whereas, recognizing it to be the chief duty of every individual to cultivate her powers, physical, mental, moral, and social to their fullest extent, we organize ourselves into a secret society and adopt for our government the following constitution and by-laws.

Art. 2, Sec. 1. The object of this society shall be general improvement which shall comprehend more especially:

First, Improvement in our charity toward and interest in each other as P. E. O.'s.

Second, Improvement in our charity toward and interest in all with whom we associate.

Third, Improvement in our manners at home and in society.

Fourth, Improvement in our minds by perusing such books and pamphlets as will be proper for P. E. O.'s.

While no constitution nor by-laws could ever develop from this document, however with many changes and revisions there did develop that other set of rules, P. E. O. Objects and Aims.

With the growth of the organization along other lines its ceremonies have grown in dignity and efficiency.

The first formal constitution was written in 1890 to govern the Grand Chapter. The full text of that document is printed in the Story of P. E. O., Volume 1, page 30.

It is sort of breathlessly written with a desire to get it all in. It gives evidence of having been written before Robert's Rules of Order became the parliamentarian's bible.

In later years after State Chapters were formed, the several states wrote every one its own constitution, in which also were incorporated the Grand Chapter laws. One state defined its own terms of eligibility — "This society shall be composed of ladies of good standing." Another provided "That the secretary shall correspond at least once during her term of office with all other chapters." She was required also "to send a copy of the constitution to chapters requesting it." Upon the death of a member all of her chapter were required to drape their pins for 21 days.

In 1892 a complete revision of the constitution was made in parliamentary form, divided as it now is, in three parts. All secret work was removed, and for the first time it was printed and distributed to local and state chapters. Thus laws became uniform throughout the Sisterhood.

The revision was made during the presidency of Mrs. A. R. Dewey with Mrs. Babb as chairman of the committee.

Since then other revisions have been made, notably the one in 1939, P. E. O.'s fiftieth year.

At every convention changes are made as the expansion of P. E. O. and its activities require.

5. Organization of the Iowa State Chapter

IOWA Grand Chapter was the second State Chapter to be organized. In the Mt. Pleasant convention in 1889, Nebraska had sought a separate state organization. They were informed that their request would be granted as soon as they had seven chapters in their state. A seventh chapter was immediately organized at Wahoo and the Nebraska Grand Chapter was organized in Omaha in April, 1890.

There was discussion in the 1891 Grand Chapter convention about separating the Iowa chapters from the governing body but no action was taken at that time.

Chapter G, Ottumwa started the movement for Iowa when the president, Mrs. Alice Spilman, contacted the 22 chapters in Iowa asking them to express their wishes in regard to forming a State Grand Chapter. A large majority favored the plan and the organization was set for Friday, following the close of the 1893 convention of the Grand Chapter in Waterloo. Iowa Grand Chapter was officially created at that time.

According to the minutes of the 1893 convention, the petition which was presented to Supreme Grand Chapter was signed by Mrs. Lulu A. McHenry, Mrs. Ella DeArnold, Mrs. Alice (Bird) Babb, Mrs. C. G. Anderson, Miss Emily McCormick and Mrs. Ollie Gates Pulliam, representing the Iowa chapters which petitioned. The petition was granted and at 9:30 p.m., following the last meeting of Supreme Grand Chapter convention, the organizing convention of Iowa opened. Mrs. Winnie Durland, the first organizer of Supreme Grand Chapter, called the meeting to order and appointed Mrs. Sarah Dewey as secretary. The charter was read by Mrs. McHenry. Mrs. Spilman and Miss McCormick,

appointed as a committee on credentials, found the following members present representing their chapters:

Miss Ada McConahay <i>K, Bonaparte</i>	Mrs. Maude Morris Hammond <i>X, Oskaloosa</i>
Mrs. Lou Bosworth <i>AY, Ames</i>	Miss Helen Carey <i>AO, Keokuk</i>
Mrs. Lulu McHenry <i>AC, Des Moines</i>	Mrs. Madge Beem <i>T, What Cheer</i>
Mrs. Jennie Ballard <i>AC, Des Moines</i>	Miss Bertha Morrison <i>AR, Atlantic</i>
Mrs. Belle Harvey <i>C, Leon</i>	Miss Mame Evans <i>AM, Garden Grove</i>
Mrs. Sarah R. Dewey <i>Q, Washington</i>	Mrs. Josie Smith <i>I, Centerville</i>
Miss Ida Roberts <i>Q, Washington</i>	Mrs. Daisy Green <i>L, East Des Moines</i>
Miss Marie Lyons <i>AG, Winterset</i>	Mrs. J. Carleton <i>L, East Des Moines</i>
Mrs. Ollie G. Pulliam <i>M, Moulton</i>	Mrs. Mary Vawter <i>Y, Knoxville</i>
Miss Frankie Singley <i>M, Moulton</i>	Miss Flora Wilson <i>AY, Ames</i>
Mrs. Alice S. Spilman <i>N, Ottumwa</i>	Mrs. Nettie Hart <i>Y, Knoxville</i>
Mrs. Ella Swartz <i>N, Ottumwa</i>	Miss Mary Osmond <i>S, Osceola</i>
Miss Emily McCormick <i>Z, Chariton</i>	Miss May Beard <i>S, Osceola</i>
Miss Grace Roberts <i>A, Mt. Pleasant</i>	Miss Ollie Rominger <i>F, Bloomfield</i>
Mrs. Alice Bird Babb <i>A, Mt. Pleasant</i>	Miss Emma McAtee <i>F, Bloomfield</i>
Mrs. Josephine Miller <i>P, Keosauqua</i>	Mrs. R. I. Robinson <i>E, Brooklyn</i>

A resolution, presented by Mrs. Lulu McHenry, asking that members be seated in convention, was adopted. Miss Ella Randel was appointed to select two assistants, the three forming a committee to draft by-laws to govern this newly organized Grand Chapter.

The election of officers followed: President, Mrs. Alice S. Spilman, N, Ottumwa; First Vice President, Miss Bertha Morrison, AR, Atlantic; Second Vice President, Miss Emma McCormick, Z, Chariton; Recording Secretary, Miss Flora Wilson, AY,

Ames; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Marie Lyons, AG, Winterset; and Treasurer, Mrs. Lulu McHenry, AC, Des Moines.

The President of Supreme Grand Chapter, Mrs. Alice Briggs of Nebraska, installed the officers. Invitations from Chariton and Ottumwa chapters to hold the next meeting with them were read and the one from the Chariton Chapter was accepted.

The first task confronting this body was the relettering of the Iowa chapters. Mrs. Josie Smith of Centerville and Mrs. Maude Hammond of Oskaloosa were appointed to take over this work.

The time of the next meeting was set for the first Wednesday after the fifteenth of June, 1894.

At the 1893 meeting it was decided to establish annual Grand Chapter dues of fifty cents per member. Iowa Grand Chapter was instructed not to elect an organizer for the 1893-1894 term as no dispensations to organize were to be granted until the new constitution went into effect. Mrs. Walter Campbell of Oskaloosa was the first organizer, elected in 1894.

At subsequent conventions many philanthropies were presented which indicated a desire on the part of members of the Iowa Grand Chapter to be of service to others. Some of these plans did not materialize yet the dreams of the early members were realized in the establishment of the Educational Fund, the erection of the Memorial Library on Iowa Wesleyan College campus, the acquisition and promotion of Cottey College and the many other splendid philanthropies of the Sisterhood. Iowa State Chapter has established two projects of her own—the Welfare and Trust Fund and the Sarah Porter Beckwith Home—and has always worked enthusiastically and unselfishly for the projects of Supreme Chapter.

The following quotation testifies to the motivating force which inspired the P. E. O. program of philanthropy and education. This statement was made by Mary Allen Stafford in a western convention many years ago: “It has not been, and I hope may never be, ambitions for promotion or notoriety or fame that have actuated us in our activities, but the good of others and so far as possible the good of *all* others—inspired by the love of the pure, the true, the good in womanhood and through womanhood—which have bound us in our activities. While such motives and such activities shall characterize our Sisterhood, it cannot help but grow and be great.”

6. *Iowa Chapters*

THE FIRST P. E. O. SOCIETIES

WHILE the surface reason for the formation of the first P. E. O. Society was to bind more closely the bonds of friendship which existed among the seven girls who founded it, perhaps there was a latent dream of something broad and substantial.

If there was any vision of growth and expansion of purpose, that dream has been realized to a great extent in the 15,000 Iowa women who proudly wear the golden star and in their accomplishments for Iowa and for the P. E. O. Sisterhood. Every chapter has had a share in these accomplishments and to them all honor is due.

As this bond of friendship prevailed in the first society, so it was emphasized in the formation of the early societies which followed.

Girl students from other towns were initiated into this first society at Mt. Pleasant and into the one which came into being at The Ladies Seminary in the same town very soon afterwards. Some of these girls were given permission to sponsor groups in their communities and thus P. E. O. began to spread as these societies were formed.

One girl, an initiate of the Mt. Pleasant society, who was given permission to organize a society in her home town, was Maggie Pierson (Young) of Centerville. In relating her experience, which was typical, perhaps, of others in those early days, she says, "In the spring when college closed, I was asked if I thought it possible to have a society in my home town. Of course I was delighted for I knew the fine material there was at home and in the local girls.

"I went home quite proud of the responsibility that had been given me, and felt it would be a very easy affair to accomplish. But I found I had a problem to solve as none of the girls had ever heard of a secret society. Finally after much talking, all obstacles were removed and there was a fine society formed."

In so far as records are available, the first eleven societies were formed in the following towns:

CHAPTER	TOWN	ORGANIZED	DISBANDED
A,	<i>Mt. Pleasant, Iowa</i>	<i>Jan. 21, 1869</i>	—————
B, <i>seminary</i>	<i>Mt. Pleasant, Iowa</i>	<i>1869 or 1870</i>	<i>Several years later</i>
C,	<i>Jacksonville, Illinois</i>	<i>Jan., 1871</i>	<i>Last meeting held Sept. 21, 1877</i>
D,	<i>Oskaloosa, Iowa</i>	<i>1873 Re-or- ganized 1884</i>	<i>Surrendered charter 1894</i>
E,	<i>Muscatine, Iowa</i>	<i>1873</i>	<i>Few years later</i>
F,	<i>Bloomfield, Iowa</i>	<i>Dec. 4, 1874</i>	—————
G,	<i>Troy, Iowa</i>	<i>1875</i>	<i>Few years later</i>
<i>2nd B,</i>	<i>Fairfield, Iowa</i>	<i>Sept. 12, 1881</i>	—————
H,	<i>Burlington, Iowa</i>	<i>Oct., 1881</i>	<i>After 3 years</i>
I,	<i>Centerville, Iowa</i>	<i>Sept. 8, 1882</i>	—————
J,	<i>Iowa City, Iowa</i>	<i>Mar. 8, 1883</i>	—————

Some of these groups existed for only a short while because the personnel dispersed to other localities and their societies no longer existed. Again, others grew in membership and because of their efforts and zeal, and with the guidance of the mother society, they began to build our P. E. O. organization which we have today.

It was from these societies then existing, located in Mt. Pleasant, Jacksonville, Illinois, Bloomfield, Fairfield, Burlington, Centerville and Iowa City, that delegates went to Fairfield in October, 1883, and formed the Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood.

Each group was just another P. E. O. society, but as P. E. O. continued to spread, there was a need for some method of designating one group from the other, and so the plan of using the letters of the alphabet was adopted and the name chapter came into use.

EARLY CHAPTERS

Chapters were first lettered in order of organization without relation to location. Since there were chapters in other states, the chapters of Iowa were not lettered in alphabetical sequence.

As soon as Iowa Grand Chapter was formed, these earlier chapters were re-lettered in chronological order. This accounts for all the chapters organized before that time, with the exception of A, Mt. Pleasant, having had two different designating letters.

CHAPTER ORIGINAL A, MT. PLEASANT

*Originally A changed to Orig. A in convention
of Supreme Chapter, 1911*

Organized January 21, 1869

Charter members: Alice Bird (Babb), Alice Coffin, Franc Roads (Elliott), Mary Allen (Stafford), Hattie Briggs (Bousquet), Suela Pearson (Penfield) and Ella Stewart

Present active membership, 105

Notes: Early records show a great deal of informality in meetings of P. E. O. The last order of business was spoken of as "Experiences". Members were all addressed as Sister. Social events were continually being planned, which included sisters from the Seminary or gentlemen. The first initiation charge was in October 1870 and roll call by the treasurer was instituted in 1874. Meetings sometimes cancelled, evidenced by words, "Rain, disagreeable on streets. No meeting."

CHAPTER B, BLOOMFIELD

Originally Chapter F

Organized Dec. 4, 1874 by Belle Brooks Lynch in the Gen. J. B. Weaver home.

Charter members: Maude Weaver-Sullenberger, Henrietta Trimble-Wray, Nellie Palmer-Edwards, Nannie Leach-Trimble, Ella Hagan-Payne, Clix Cole-Hull and Kate Axline-Ellis

Present active membership, 91

Notes: In 1882 the first assembly of chapter representatives met here to make plans for the general assembly to meet in Fairfield, 1883. Clara Weiny, president Grand Chapter, 1885-86. Effie Law Fortune, corresponding secretary 1902-03, president, 1903-04, Iowa Grand Chapter; also treasurer, Supreme Grand Chapter 1907-08. Other members who held offices: past state presidents, Ella Sax-Herman (first president), Oregon; Martha Clayton-Smythe, North Dakota; Margaret Baker-Rominger (also corresponding secretary, first and second vice president, Supreme Chapter), California. Chapter has had 308 initiates. Mary Allen Stafford was an affiliate from 1904-1908.

CHAPTER C, FAIRFIELD

Originally Chapter 2nd B

Organized Sept. 12, 1881 by Mrs. Belle Lynch and other Chapter A members.

Charter members: Lizzie Hunt, Mary Lamson, Effie Ramsey, Anna M. Cummings, Effie Monfort, Fanny Beck, Cora Phelps, Ella Lamson and Kitty Wilson

Present active membership, 120

Notes: Went to Lynch country home on hayrack for organization. Entertained conventions: Grand Chapter, 1883; Supreme Grand Chapter, 1891; State Grand Chapter, 1917. Flora Chester Herring contributed outstanding service to chapter and Sisterhood: served Iowa Grand Chapter, recording secretary 1894-95—1895-96, president 1896-97; Supreme Grand Chapter, president 1898-99, convention Chicago; honor guest, convention of Supreme Chapter, Chicago 1949.

CHAPTER D, CENTERVILLE

Originally Chapter I

Organized Sept. 8, 1882 by Lulu Corkhill-Williams. Ella Stewart signed charter.

Charter members: Mary Berry-Price-Johnson, Dr. Jo Disbro, Sadie Lane-Smith, Miss Stella Young, Birdie Young-Palliday, Miss Sallie Wright, Stella Riesman-O'Neal, Jennie Drake-Sawyers, Emma Goss-Vermillion, Miss Lou McLaughlin and Eva Drake-Goss

Present active membership, 91

Notes: Presidents, Grand Chapter: first (initiate) Mary Berry, 1883-84—1884-85; fifth, Orian Pendleton, 1890-91. Initiates as past State presidents: Mabel Duree, Iowa; Mary J. Axtell, Ida Johnson (star ceremony originator), Nebraska; Lottie B. Duckworth, Missouri; Cecelia G. Gobble, Indiana; Winifred W. Baker, South Dakota. Sponsored and organized Chapter A, Missouri. Fund of \$1800 earned for Company D, World War I, returned by depleted company, used for memorial entrance to cemetery.

CHAPTER E, IOWA CITY

Originally Chapter J

Organized March 8, 1883 by Miss Ida Twinting, Chapter A, Mt. Pleasant.

Charter members: Emma Nixon-Moon, Maggie Holmes-Seerley, Fannie Edwards-Guthrie, May Robinson-Crawford and Clara Seymore-Clapp

Present active membership, 98

Notes: Margaret Holmes Seerley, first president Chapter E; member original Constitution committee; corresponding secretary, Grand Chapter 1883-84. Furnished, maintained two rooms Ho-

meopathic and State Hospitals, 1890-1906; donated dining room furniture for Mary O. Coldren Home (elderly ladies). Entertained State conventions, 1903 and 1920; supported Armenian orphan, 1920. Honored Chapter E's Ola B. Miller as president, Supreme Chapter 1929. Sponsored Chapter HI, 1931 and Chapter JF, 1946. Golden anniversary and Founders' day celebrations, January 31, 1934.

CHAPTER F, MOULTON

Originally Chapter M

Organized April 12, 1884 by Clara Weiny and Phoebe Swan, Bloomfield chapter.

Charter members: Ollie Gates Pulliam, Orian Pendleton, Julia Stuckey, Minnie Callen-Beck, Hattie Marshall, Lillian Moore Berry and Belle Murdy Smith

Present active membership, 43

Notes: Supported civic and philanthropic enterprises and contributed noteworthy leadership. Among 228 initiates are: Orian Pendleton, president Grand Chapter 1890-91; past State presidents, Lola R. Guinn, Oklahoma; Inez D. Jayne, Minnesota; Inez C. Bagley, New York. Others serving as state officers: Emma H. Morgan, Missouri; Bertha K. Hoffman, Oklahoma; Hazel D. Davis, Idaho; Eva B. Singley, Iowa. Chapter has sponsored two loan fund girls in recent years.

CHAPTER G, OTTUMWA

Originally Chapter N

Organized May 27, 1884 by Ella Bartlett Simmons, Maude Weaver Robinson, Belle Marlow Topping.

Charter members: Belle Foster Springer, Kittie Springer Simmons, Miss Fannie Burton, Anna Cresswell Ross, Miss Allie Telfer, Miss Emma Fiedler, Alice Sellers Spilman, Anna Israel Graham, Miss Tera Godley, Florence Fulton Lewis, Carrie Cresswell Ross, Lida Barnes Boride and Miss Lettie Porter

Present active membership, 85

Notes: Alice S. Spilman, charter member, first president, Iowa Grand Chapter, 1893-94 and 1894-95; president Supreme Grand Chapter 1896-97; many years was custodian of the chapter's records. In 1885, entertained Grand Chapter convention, visitors as well as delegates. Presented a silk flag and markers to Col. P. G. Ballingal and Co. G in appreciation of having used the armory for their meetings.

CHAPTER H, ALBIA

*Originally Chapter O**Organized Aug. 30, 1884 by Alice S. Spilman and Ella Bartlett of Ottumwa.**Charter members:* Etta Neville, May Porter, Nannie Lockman, Florence Perry, Carrie Duncan, Meta Boals, Minnie Early, Minnie Ritchie and Mabel Ritchie*Present active membership, 74**Notes:* Chapter H has one remaining charter member, Mrs. Florence P. Pennington, one member a Cottey graduate, and ten 50-year members. Mrs. Helen D. Townsend of H was president of Iowa Grand Chapter 1907-08, president Supreme Chapter, 1919-1921; also served as Trustee and treasurer of the Educational Fund. Entertained the fifth Grand Chapter convention, 1887 and Iowa Grand Chapter convention, 1910.

CHAPTER I, KEOSAUQUA

*Originally Chapter P**Organized Dec. 26, 1884 by May Hare, Mt. Pleasant. Assisted by Mary Latham, Belle Marlow and Ida Eno, members Chapter A.**Charter members:* Hattie Williamson Hackett, Maude Miller Manning, Stella Sloan, Mary Brown Jack Norris, Ione Snyder, Estelle Bonney Walker and Kate Manning Parrott*Present active membership, 40**Notes:* The sixth convention of Grand Chapter assembled in Keosauqua, October, 1888, in the Masonic Hall. P. E. O. colors gold and white were proposed by Ida Eno, a member of Chapter I and were adopted by the convention. It was here also that it was voted to publish a monthly paper.

CHAPTER J, WASHINGTON

*Originally Chapter Q**Organized Feb. 6, 1885 by Julia Baldwin McKibbin and P. E. O.'s from Fairfield.**Charter members:* Ida Cunningham Bell, Miss A. E. Buchanan, Helen Sturges Crooks, Miss Eva Denny, Belle Patterson Dougherty, Sara McJunkin Owen and Harriet Wilson*Present active membership, 94**Notes:* Miss Eva Denny, only living charter member. Entertained conventions, Grand Chapter, 1886, and Iowa Grand Chapter,

1905. Celebrated fiftieth anniversary, 1935. Two initiates became president, Supreme Chapter, Mrs. Sarah R. Dewey and Mrs. Ola B. Miller. Sponsored 15 loan fund girls. Placed memorial books in library. Assisted Washington's first kindergarten, 1900. Participated in war time programs, local philanthropies. Sponsored English class, Latvian Displaced Persons, 1951.

CHAPTER K, OSCEOLA

Originally Chapter S

Organized Aug. 1, 1885

Charter members: Mary Emberson-McKinnon, Bertha Dunlap, Minnie Garretson-Callender, Hattie Webster-Dunlap, Ola Brady-Griffith, Kate McAuley-Welch and Fannie Dibble-Trent

Present active membership, 85

Notes: Mary Osmond, long time editor of *The P. E. O. Record*, a prominent newspaper woman and an ardent woman suffragette, was the second initiate into Chapter K. Through her, many state and Supreme officers were in close contact with us. During her term of office, Chapter K entertained State convention, 1898. Nellie Richards, another member, prominent in southern Iowa educational circles, was State recording secretary, 1897-98 and 1898-99.

CHAPTER L, SIGOURNEY

Originally Chapter X

Organized June 26, 1886 by Hattie Wilson, Ida Cunningham, Eva Denny of Chapter J.

Charter members: Jean Abernathy, Bernice Brown, Stella Laffer, Gertrude Merriam, Bird Sampson, Laura Startzman and Kitty Page

Present active membership, 70

Notes: Initiates who have brought honor to Chapter L: president Grand Chapter, Nannie T. Stockman; past State presidents, Patience L. Beatty (first vice president Supreme Chapter), California; Ellen White, Iowa; Nettie M. Miller, North Dakota; Gladys E. Kivell, New York. Maude Wilson was State organizer, 1906; Audrey Eastman Spangler, who helped take P. E. O. into Georgia, presided at model meeting of Supreme Chapter convention at Philadelphia. Said at 50th anniversary celebration, "Here is to Chapter L, once X — May she always X—L in those qualities which go to make a true P. E. O."

CHAPTER M, KNOXVILLE

Originally Chapter Y

Organized Aug. 31, 1886 by Josephine Parsons, Centerville and M. Lou Woodruff, Albia.

Charter members: Henrietta Van Horn Hart, Elizabeth Cathcart Forrest, Nora Miller Elliot, Ennie Lyman, Jennie McMillan, Belle Craddick Ray, Luta Parsons and Della Parsons McDonald

Present active membership, 83

Notes: Dixie C. Gebhardt, Stella W. Wright, Prudence Collins, Mary Steele, Ella B. Robinson and Willa W. Underhill, members more than 60 years. Initiated Geraldine Bousquet Durham, a granddaughter of Hattie Briggs-Bousquet, being the second granddaughter of a founder to be initiated into P. E. O. Hattie Briggs lived in Knoxville when married to Henri Bousquet. Honored by two presidents of Supreme Chapter: (1943-45) Carrie B. Simpson, initiate of M, dimitted to D, North Dakota; (1903-05) M. Lou Weber, dimitted to M from AF, Iowa.

CHAPTER N, CHARITON

Originally Chapter Z

Organized Feb. 19, 1887 by Mrs. Boales and Miss Shields of Albia.

Charter members: Mrs. Lulu S. Copeland, Miss Clara H. Culbertson, Miss Zora S. Harper, Miss Rose F. Muhey, Mrs. Laura P. Couch, Miss Mollie Freel, Mrs. Jessie M. Lipsey, and Mrs. Gertrude A. Stanton

Present active membership, 85

Notes: Entertained Iowa Grand Chapter in their first convention as a state organization, 1893. Mrs. Jessie Mallory Thayer brought honor to the chapter in serving as president of Supreme Grand Chapter, 1892-93. Others who have served are: Miss Emily McCormick, second vice president of Iowa Grand Chapter, 1893-94; Norma Stafford, president, Iowa State chapter, 1940-41.

CHAPTER O, FARMINGTON

Originally Chapter G

Organized Oct. 1, 1887 by P. E. O.'s of Keosauqua

Charter members: Elsie King, Clara Gleckler-Bayles, Maggie Boler-Carr, Clara Bank-Speck, Lotta Perry, Belle Clifford-Goodnight and Nora Early-Dodds

Present active membership, 46

Notes: Chapter O has one living charter member, Lotta Perry;

five members of more than 60 years, Mrs. Minnie Westcott, Mrs. Florence Daley, Mrs. Ida Moore, Mrs. Kate Lapsley and Miss Laura Kessler; four more than 50 years, Mrs. Carrie Painter, Mrs. Estella Knott, Mrs. Carolyn Bennie and Mrs. Grace Boler-Forgraves. Minutes of early meetings tell of entertainments and socials given to raise money which was used for various good deeds.

CHAPTER P, BURLINGTON

Originally Chapter AA

Organized Nov. 29, 1887

Charter members: Minnie Osgood, Nelle Osgood, Mayme Bartlett Zaiser, Minnie Cowles-Phillip, Josephine Young-Heaney, Ella Lamson Clark and Mrs. Wm. T. Burg

Present active membership, 95

Notes: Served Supreme Grand Chapter: Mrs. Ella C. Buttles, treasurer, 1890-91 and 1891-92; Mrs. Effie McBeth Porter, as corresponding secretary, 1888-89. First meeting this fall held at Sarah Porter Beckwith Home. Mrs. May A. Frantz, member of P, a past State president of Iowa, became resident there this fall. Dr. Dow will be our Founders' day speaker. Marie K. Lange, current president, delegate to convention of Supreme Chapter in Philadelphia.

CHAPTER Q, DES MOINES

Originally Chapter AC

Organized April 13, 1888 by Effie Hoffman Rogers

Charter members: Mrs. Franc Mason, Mamie Bowen Brainard, Mrs. Elizabeth Culver, Mrs. Bird Isreal, Mrs. Carrie Ogilvie, Mrs. Neva Russell, Mrs. Ella Godfrey, Mrs. Mabel L. Locke, Mrs. Ava Pickell Reed and Mrs. Ida C. Smith

Present active membership, 188

Notes: Four State presidents: Lulu McHenry (suggested idea of Educational Fund, recommended organization of State Grand chapter and incorporation of Sisterhood, signed Articles with Frances Kurtz, Sarah P. Clark (first vice president Grand Chapter) and Carrie Ogilvie (on first committee for society paper); Mary Irish (member first Record board of trustees, corresponding secretary and first vice president, Supreme Grand Chapter); Lou C. McHenry (member first Board of trustees Welfare and Trust Fund), and Beulah Snyder.

CHAPTER R, CEDAR FALLS

*Originally Chapter AI**Organized Jan. 26, 1889 by seven girl students at Normal**Charter members:* May Bly, Clara Boss, Myrta Hoagland, Sarah M. Riggs, Lura Chase Kingman, Florence Chase Morley, Julia Robinson and Delia Dayton Mornin*Present active membership, 84**Notes:* Entertained State convention in 1899. Three members have held state or Supreme offices, Julia Robinson organizer, Supreme Grand Chapter 1897-99; 1899-1901; of State Grand chapter 1894-95 and 1895-96; Katherine Boehmler, vice president, 1898-99, organizer 1899-1900 of State Grand chapter; Mary Begeman, State president, 1930-31. Chapter R organized Chapter Z of Waterloo and FV, Cedar Falls.

CHAPTER T, GARDEN GROVE

*Originally Chapter AM**Organized May 4, 1889 by Ida Eno, Keosauqua**Charter members:* Ella Parrish, Lucile Neilson, Rose Parnell, Mary Beer, Isabelle Beer, Laura Russell Wood and Louise Flanagan*Present active membership, 63**Notes:* Chapter is 62 years old and we still have one active, resident charter member. We have a number of 50-year members whose names are inscribed in gold on a framed panel hanging on the wall of our chapter room. As a member becomes a 50-year member, we try to do something nice for her as a recognition and honor.

CHAPTER U, KEOKUK

*Originally Chapter AO**Organized Sept. 2, 1889 by Ellie C. Buttles of Burlington, Iowa.**Charter members:* Mrs. Emma Cleaver-Scroggs, Mrs. Lizzie Davidson-Ringland, Miss Lucia Pittman, Miss Nannie Hill, Miss Lucy Cherry, Miss May Cherry and Miss Viola Henderson*Present active membership, 66**Notes:* Mrs. Emma Cleaver-Scroggs, a member from Chapter A, was the first president. Early achievements were the furnishing of a room in the Graham Protestant Hospital in 1901 and a room in the Benevolent Union Home in 1895. We are proud of the fact that as a member of Chapter U, Winona E. Reeves was state presi-

dent, 1903-04 and president of Supreme Chapter, 1909-1911. Mrs. Frances Carrell was State president, 1935-36.

CHAPTER V, DES MOINES

Originally Chapter L

Organized Jan. 3, 1890 by Nannie Torrence Stockman

Charter members: Georgia Warrick, Miss Amanda Morey, Mrs. Angie Kreigh Francisco, Miss Jane Kreigh, Miss Sibyl C. Jeffries, Mrs. Vida Otis Hiatt and Mrs. Ella F. Johnson Denson

Present active membership, 132

Notes: As in the above order, charter members served as president, vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, chaplain and guard. Two members were signers of the original Articles of Incorporation of Supreme Grand Chapter, Hortense R. Reynolds and Daisy A. Green, the only living signer. Two served as State presidents, Jessie S. Hollingsworth and Lucy B. Engelbeck.

CHAPTER W, LEON

Originally Chapter C

Organized Jan. 31, 1890 by Chapter T, Garden Grove

Charter members: Miss Cora Lunbeck, Miss Clair Lunbeck, Miss Helen Young, Mrs. Olive Carter, Mrs. Cora Hull, Mrs. Himena Parrish, Mrs. Sallie Hawkins and Mrs. Martha Layton

Present active membership, 56

Notes: The organization and initiation of the chapter members took place in the Lunbeck home. The Garden Grove ladies came to Leon by train and were snow bound for three days, thus getting Chapter W off to a very good start.

CHAPTER X, OSKALOOSA

Originally Chapter AV

Organized June 9, 1890 by Effie Hoffman Rogers, past president, Grand Chapter.

Charter members: Minnie Trask, Mae Miller-Scruggs, Winifred Jones-Perry, Katherine Gunn-Loveland, Alice Ellenberger-Worth-Robinson and Kate Byers

Present active membership, 84

Notes: During its 62 years of existence, Chapter X has responded to all P. E. O. projects and community interests. A local Educational Loan Fund, established to assist girls in Oskaloosa Colleges, has grown to \$2700. In all \$15,000 has been loaned to 87 girls.

The interest is used by the Friendship committee (past presidents) to provide for gifts and letters to members. Chapter X observed its fiftieth anniversary by granting dimitts for charter members for Chapter IO.

CHAPTER Y, WHAT CHEER

Originally Chapter T

Organized July 12, 1890 by Nannie Torrence Stockman

Charter members: Lizzie Frye Baines, Eva Baines, Mrs. W. J. Dean, Mrs. H. W. Funk, Mrs. J. F. Brogan, Mrs. E. E. Vore and Louise Woodbridge

Present active membership, 47

Notes: Chapter Y was represented by Mrs. Madge Beam at the organization of Iowa State Chapter. Mrs. Hulda Reed served as organizer in 1902. Eva Barnes, 92, is the only living charter member. Chapter Y celebrated its golden anniversary, having as guests neighboring chapters and some outside of the state. It also observed its sixtieth anniversary.

CHAPTER Z, WATERLOO

Originally Chapter AT

Organized Oct. 11, 1890 by delegation from Cedar Falls chapter.

Charter members: Mrs. Edna Robertson, Sarah Beem-Davis, Laura Putman-Couch, Elsie Perry-Rutherford, Belle Saunders-Knowlton, S. Marie Lyons-Joy, Ola Brown-Blockinger and Hariett Simpson-Faries

Present active membership, 138

Notes: The first bill allowed by the new organization was for a hack used to transfer Cedar Falls guests to and from the station. The first year's study was "Italy." Entertained conventions: Supreme Grand Chapter, 1893, when Iowa officially became a state chapter; State Grand Chapter, 1909. In 1894, a room in the Presbyterian hospital was furnished and maintained for several years. Mrs. Carrie Buechele was State president, 1920-21. Mrs. Sadie Richard (Thummel) was Editor of *The P. E. O. Record* for four years.

CHAPTER AA, AMES

Originally Chapter AY

Organized Aug. 3, 1891

Charter members: Laura Smith, Sarah K. Wilson, Ellen Bingham,

Sarah E. Bigelow, Frances Sheldon, Alma L. Beck, Mary West, Harriet Santee and Dora Hamilton

Present active membership, 106

Notes: Hostess for conventions: tenth Iowa Grand Chapter, 1902; Iowa State, 1927 (balance in convention fund used to purchase table and chair for Memorial Room). Maintained and added to a P. E. O. Bookshelf in City Library for a number of years. Furnished room in Mary Greely hospital named for an early member. Three State presidents: Mary McDonald Knapp, Harriet B. Stange and Laura Storms Knapp, also president Supreme Chapter 1949-51.

CHAPTER AB, BONAPARTE

Originally Chapter K

Organized Sept. 1, 1891 by Chapter O, Farmington

Charter members: Annie Chapman, Bernice Cresap, Cora B. Entler, Nettie Isreal, Florida Boyer, Belle De Voue and Ada McConnaughey

Present active membership, 50

Notes: Chapter proud of projects in early history: in 1926, paid for building of concrete bridge in Bonaparte cemetery; presented Memorial stained glass window to Presbyterian Church and one to Baptist Church. Annual contributor to Red Cross and Children's Home. In 1941, celebrated golden anniversary. Making a tradition of taking a lunch to P. E. O. Home annually, also of sending "shower" of jams and jellies to Home each autumn.

CHAPTER AC, HAMPTON

Originally Chapter R

Organized Sept. 28, 1891 by Emily Steele

Charter members: Carrie Hensee Shields, Annabel S. Proctor, Ella Beebe, Anita Funk Wheeler, Athie Patterson, Nellie Harrison, Belle Haecker Mills, Celeste Hutchins, Hettie Cook, Viola Waller, Flora Beed Kenline, Bertha Bangs Wells, Lulu Shabacker Murrell, Emma Funk, May Proctor Smith, Jennie Bell Ferguson and Ida Bryan

Present active membership, 62

Notes: Chapter AC has maintained high standards in P. E. O. throughout its 60 years of growth, number of initiates, 130, number received by dimit 35. Mrs. Wheeler is the only surviving charter member. Mrs. Katherine Robinson, Mrs. Ione Brehmler, Mrs. Isabelle Hobson, and Dr. Jessie Hudson have been P. E. O.'s more than 50 years. Joyce Blum is a fourth generation member.

CHAPTER AD, MILTON

Originally Chapter AP

Organized March 9, 1892 by Mrs. Young, Chapter B Bloomfield
Charter members: Mrs. Lillian Hughes Harrell, Mrs. Deo Bauch Appleton, Mrs. Jennie Bauch Riling, Mrs. Ida George Hamlet, Mrs. Anna George Hartwick, Miss Lavina Smith, Mrs. Minnie Smith Kalhout, Mrs. Hallie Schollenberger, Mrs. Nettie Rowland Miller and Mrs. Esther Gilfillan Gilliland

Present active membership, 40

Notes: Three charter members still active in other chapters. Chapter AD is proud of its 65-year member, Mrs. Ella Stidger Holland, initiated by Chapter I, Keosauqua and dimitted to AD in 1904, and Dr. Rae Blanchard a Professor at Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland. We are celebrating our sixtieth anniversary this year.

CHAPTER AE, CLARINDA

Originally Chapter AQ

Organized May 3, 1892 by Mrs. Katherine Stearns and Miss Belle Baers.

Charter members: Mrs. Margaret Butler-Poley, Mrs. Emma Mae Crabill-Browning, Mrs. Carrie Butler-Collier, Mrs. Zelma Frazier-Crooks, Mrs. Cora Butler-Sullivan, Mrs. Mary Butler-Westcott, Mrs. Etta Van Sandt, Mrs. Mary B. Clark and Mrs. Mary F. Miller

Present active membership, 89

Notes: According to Mary Westcott, only living charter member, in 1892 the group of young initiates of the new Chapter AE were eager to put forth at once their cultural ideals. Through their efforts, the first library in Clarinda was inaugurated. Individually they contributed many hours of service and books; and as P. E. O.'s undertook numerous enterprises to finance continued book purchases.

CHAPTER AF, ATLANTIC

Originally Chapter AR

Organized June 6, 1892

Charter members: Mrs. Dora S. Stanton, Mrs. M. Lou Weber, Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Mrs. E. J. Dickerson, Mrs. J. W. Scott, Miss Ella M. Austin, Miss Loda L. Bellville, Miss Margarite B. Thomas,

Miss Jennie M. Clute, Miss Frances Dickerson, Miss Bertha Morrison and Miss Mattie Bostedo

Present active membership, 60

Notes: Charter member Mrs. M. Lou Weber served State Grand Chapter as, organizer, 1898-99 and as president 1899-1900; Supreme Grand Chapter as first vice president, 1901-03 and as president, 1903-05. Chapter AF entertained State Grand Chapter convention in 1904.

CHAPTER AG, WINTERSET

Originally Chapter AU

Organized Aug. 24, 1892 by Mrs. Jennie Dean and Marie Lyons-Joy.

Charter members: Mrs. Jennie Dean, Mrs. Alice Welch, Mrs. Marie Lyons-Joy, Mrs. Ella Nichols-Malcom, Mrs. Gretchen Krueger-Russell, Mrs. Bertha Wainwright-Guiher, Mrs. Effie Lyons-Strong and Mrs. Harriet Snyder-Leonard

Present active membership, 57

Notes: Chapter AG entertained its two remaining charter members November 1950, Bertha W. Guiher from Glendale, California, and Gretchen K. Russell from Poughkeepsie, New York. Following members became State presidents: Carrie Evans, Minnesota; Helen Snyder Eastman, California. Gretchen K. Russell helped organize Chapter A, Newark, New Jersey. Marie Lyons-Joy was the first corresponding secretary of Iowa Grand Chapter, 1893-94.

CHAPTER AH, WEST LIBERTY

Originally Chapter AX

Organized Sept. 2, 1892 by Mrs. Dewey, president of State Grand chapter.

Charter members: Misses, Debbie Hensilwood, Mollie Shourds, Adell Coyle, Atwood Luse, Hattie Luse, Anna King, Abbie Fenstermaker, and Linn Harris

Present active membership, 58

Notes: Chapter AH has had the privilege of having one of the Seven Founders for a member. Mary Allen Stafford belonged to this chapter, 1915-16. Mrs. Mina Hise, an initiate, became one of the first State presidents of Colorado. Two charter members are living at present, Abbie Fenstermaker, now a member of BO, Colorado and Harriet Luse-Schmaltz of Chapter AH.

CHAPTER AI, ROCK RAPIDS

*Originally Chapter AF**Organized July, 1888**Charter members:* Mrs. Emma Anderson, Mrs. Minnie Breen, Miss Edith Carpenter, Mrs. Alice Fisher, Mrs. Nettie Greenleaf, Miss Candace Loughridge, Miss Carrie Lockwood and Mrs. Erna Coe*Note:* Mrs. Erna Coe dimitted. Mrs. Jennie Edwards initiated.*Disbanded 1889; Re-organized Nov. 27, 1892**Charter members:* Same as above with the exception of Mrs. Erna Coe and the addition of Mrs. Jennie Edwards.*Present active membership, 53**Notes:* Before an Educational Fund was established by Supreme Chapter, AI had its own fund for assisting local young women who desired help for college or business courses. Six loans had been made when AI decided its fund should be discontinued and chapter support given the Supreme Fund.

CHAPTER AK, BROOKLYN

*Originally Chapter E**Organized Aug. 11, 1893 by Miss Magdalene Landes, Chapter I and Mrs. Lottie Patterson, Chapter Y**Charter members:* Miss Magdalene Landes, Mrs. Lottie Patterson, Mrs. Lola Landes, Mrs. Ida Shrader, Miss Clara Spencer, Miss Blanche Tucker, Mrs. Eva Rainsburg and Mrs. R. I. Robinson*Present active membership, 31**Notes:* Louise Miller Henely was initiated into Chapter AK. Three memorial scholarships and one memorial room were established at Cottey College for a charter member, Clara Spencer Grimsley, by her husband. One member, Phyllis Montgomery, attended Cottey College. A pier Glass and \$500 were bequeathed to the Sarah Porter Beckwith Home by Lola Landes.

CHAPTER AL, NEW SHARON

*Originally Chapter BC**Organized Aug. 29, 1893 by Chapter AV (now X), Oskaloosa.**Charter members:* Lida Adams, Ollie Bowale, Sade M. Carson, Josephine Conaway, Sophia Griffey, Lillian Vail and Julia Vickers*Present active membership, 28**Notes:* Chapter AL grew slowly, having only 12 members at the end of four years. Their first year's program was a study of U.S.

History, later studied *The Bay View Magazine*. Their first philanthropy was a membership in the Iowa Orphanage Association.

CHAPTER AM, NEVADA

Organized Sept. 22, 1893

Charter members: Cornelia Briggs, Jessie Payne, Emma Boardman, Nettie Alderman, Orra Grove, Anna Bateman Linna Stone, Lovie Lockridge, Mary Neasham, Edith Ferner, Elva Ferner, Lotta Dale, Alice Lewis, Rose Murphy, Letta Briggs, Ada Ringheim, Kate Thompson and Sylvia Thompson

Present active membership, 80

Notes: In September of 1943, the golden anniversary of the chapter was celebrated. Two charter members, Alice Lewis and Anna Bateman were present as honored guests. Laura Storms Knapp, then organizer of the Supreme Chapter, was the speaker. One of our members, Minnie Mills is a resident of the Sarah Porter Beckwith Home at Mt. Pleasant, and one member, Donna Herwig, is a graduate of Cottey College.

CHAPTER AN, HUMESTON

Originally Chapter BE

Organized Sept. 26, 1893 by Clara Goltry

Charter members: Mesdames, Mary Ella King, Lou Doze, Cora Stoops, Amy Ady, Sophia Chase, Allie Halderman, Mattie Henderson, Anna McCormick, Mary Pratt, Ella Bean and Miss Ola Blakeley

Present active membership, 41

Notes: Chapter AN celebrated its 50th anniversary September 26, 1943. Members of Chapter T, Garden Grove were guests. Miss Phoebe King becomes a 50-year member this year. She has been active in Chapter AN since her initiation December 22, 1902. Officers of the chapter conducted the model meeting at the 1950 state convention.

CHAPTERS WHICH HAVE BEEN GRANTED CHARTERS IN STATE CONVENTIONS

Chapters granted charters in the first State convention held in 1894 were AO, Newton, and AP, Harlan.

From this time on, one of the most interesting features of every convention has been the presentation of charters to the chapters which have been organized during the current year.

The earlier chapters had various philanthropies because there was no generally acknowledged P. E. O. project except *The P. E. O. Record*.

Since 1894, the Educational Fund, Memorial Library, Welfare and Trust Fund, Sarah Porter Beckwith Home and Cottey College have been accepted as P. E. O. Projects.

The chapters in this group have been outstanding in their generous contributions to these projects and have made them their major objects of interest.

CHAPTER AO, NEWTON

Organized April 3rd, 1894

Charter members: Mrs. Flo H. Clark, Mrs. E. Vaughan, Mrs. Gertrude M. Gates, Mrs. Agnes Larimer, Mrs. Mary E. Brunner, Mrs. Dell McLaughlin-Fenton, Mrs. Mae E. Campbell-Eulice, Mrs. Anna Clark, Mrs. Endora McGregor, Mrs. Maggie McKinley, Mrs. Pet Newell, Mrs. Carrie H. McCord, Mrs. Fannie H. Carrier, Mrs. Imogene Wright, Mrs. Marian Sampey-Jasper, Mrs. Myra D. Kennington, Mrs. LeOra T. Ryan, Mrs. Stella T. Ammons, Miss Gulielma Zollinger, Miss Gertrude Stover, Miss Carrie B. Jackson, Miss Kittie M. Jackson, Miss Sarah A. Coggill, Miss Jessie L. Winslow, Miss Armenia Sampey

Number of active members, 77

CHAPTER AP, HARLAN

Organized June 1, 1894

Charter members: Mrs. Josephine R. Sandham, Celina-Graves, Hattie L. Eshelman, Luella Cleveland, Rachel J. Wyland, Clara M. Shondy, Sophia S. Scott

Number of active members, 45

CHAPTER AQ, BRIGHTON

Organized Sept. 14, 1894

Charter members: Mrs. Laura White, Lottie Terry, Nora Parks, Frances Sales, Myrtle Smith-Emery, Linnie Downs Savage, May Pringle Cushman, Martha Emery

Number of active members, 38

CHAPTER AR, GRUNDY CENTER

Organized Sept. 17, 1894

Charter members: Mrs. Louise M. Anderson, Bertha Scoville, Anna L. Crouse, Mrs. Lydia T. Crouse, Alice Scoville Miller, Mrs.

Philia J. Hillyer, Alice A. Bigelow, Maude Wilson Lynn, Lillian Kerr Simms, Hattie Scoville Green
Number of active members, 53

CHAPTER AS, MANCHESTER

Organized Sept 21, 1894

Charter members: Mrs. Nellie E. Day Merriam, Willa H. Seeds, Hattie Peterson, Etta Peterson, Lillian D. McEwen, Martha B. Norris, Jennie P. Le Roy, Ella B. Jewell

Number of active members, 42

CHAPTER AT, SPENCER

Organized April 27, 1895

Charter members: Mrs. Lillian D. Morgan, Flora R. Bemis, Carrie D. Birdsall, Flora A. Constant, Virginia C. Bender, Frances C. Adams, Della Hendershott, Alice Blondell, Myrtila J. Richardson, Jane Nuno Blossom

Number of active members, 89

CHAPTER AU, MARENGO

Organized June 7, 1895

Charter members: Mrs. Eva N. Burgy, Lucy E. Rising-Roche, Ida Baumer-Buffam, Alta M. Allum-Hicks, Mary Clark Scott, Leila A. Goldthwaite, Evelyn M. Schonborn-Huber, Frances A. Henderson Lyons

Number of active members, 44

CHAPTER AV, PRAIRIE CITY

Organized June 30, 1895

Charter members: Mrs. Clara Briggs Kramer, Emma Woodard, Sarah L. Feathers, M. A. Gifford, Jennie A. Springer, Mamie Bryan, Laura Cowman Cozad, Lella Woodard, Ida Cowman Brown, Ellen E. Putman-Butters

Number of active members, 31

CHAPTER AW, OSAGE

Organized March 3, 1896

Charter members: Mrs. Nettie D. Barrett, Lou B. Tomlinson,

Cora L. Ross, Laura Wood, Retta Cutler, Flora E. Tupper, Mamie F. Pettit, Clara B. Tupper Merrell

Number of active members, 54

CHAPTER AX, RED OAK

Organized April 24, 1896

Charter members: Mrs. Gertrude Rogers-Morrell, Kate Coomis Hays, Mary R. Hinchman, Rosa S. Clark, Alma Ashby, Ella Houghton, Maud Hinchman Schadel, Edith Axline Oglie, Georgia Johnson Clark, Addie L. Clark Hays

Disbanded 1901

CHAPTER AY, ESTHERVILLE

Organized Nov. 6, 1896

Charter members: Mrs. Mary E. Whalen, Mary G. Williams, Ada H. Ammon, Eva M. Ladd, Jessie R. Knapp, Helen H. Wells, Mannie D. Binford, Maggie W. Hardis, Emma G. Allen

Number of active members, 64

CHAPTER AZ, CRESTON

Organized Dec. 29, 1896

Charter members: Jessie Robb Hyland, Mary Coyle Allen, Minnie Kramer, Charlotta Perrigo, Mrs. Nora Kingsbury, Eva C. White, Anna Steininger, Luella Stanchfield Sherwood

Number of active members, 92

CHAPTER BA, COLFAX

Organized Dec. 30, 1896

Charter members: Mrs. Hortense B. Vail, Carrie L. Anderson, Mamie Weirick, Jessie Zachery, Anna Kelley, Alice B. G. Turner, Margaret J. Stewart, Mrs. Carrie G. Hutton Porterfield, Anna A. Goodrich

Number of active members, 40

CHAPTER BB, MARSHALLTOWN

Organized May 21, 1897

Charter members: Nettie Simpson, Blanche H. Willard, Lizzie N. Alexander, Christine Benson, Mrs. Josephine Conaway, Cornelia M. Singleton, Dora Hamilton, Mrs. Hattie Harper, Edith H. Kinnan

Number of active members, 78

CHAPTER BC, WAVERLY

Organized Aug. 24, 1897

Charter members: Mrs. Mary B. Whitmore, Matilda G. Levy, Cora Brotherton, May Brotherton, Anne Bowman-McElroy, Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson, Mary Estelle Ruddick, Mary W. Sheakley

Number of active members, 56

CHAPTER BD, INDEPENDENCE

Organized Oct. 7, 1897

Charter members: Mrs. Carrie Buechele, Carrie E. Williams-Riseborough, Isabel H. Currier-Sturm, May Luther, Lilly P. Soener, Sade E. Herrick, Mrs. Florence McConnell-Smith, Nannette Agnew Wallace

Number of active members, 46

CHAPTER BE, SPIRIT LAKE

Organized Nov. 1, 1897

Charter members: Mrs. Carrie B. Hayward, Susie Merryfield, Ella Slattery, Stella Keiser, Bessie Dexheimer, Kate E. Stone, Nellie Fountain, Adda M. Sully

Number of active members, 58

CHAPTER BF, AFTON

Organized Nov. 26, 1897

Charter members: Mrs. Frances Shunk, Elizabeth Morrow, Sarah Hubbell, Elizabeth Lauder, Florence McDaniel-Loomis, Estella Walker, Lulu McLennan, Alice Groves Beall

Number of active members, 48

CHAPTER BG, DEWITT

Organized Dec. 3, 1897

Charter members: Emma F. Merrill, Mrs. Annie M. Dennison, Georgia V. Price, Grace Crouch Nelson, Mrs. Zela T. Large, Lucetta C. Arthur, Clella C. Cotton-Culbertson, Mrs. Ida S. T. McKinney

Number of active members, 39

CHAPTER BH, MONROE

Organized Jan. 8, 1898

Charter Members: Carrie Irwin Scharf, Alice Dix-Snoke, Minta

Townsend-Ingham, Minnie McDonald-Robinson, Myrtle Brownfield-Roberts, Bell Neff-McKenzie, Jessie Davis Pearson, Ora Brownfield-Beitzell, Alice Wilks-Fessler

Number of active members, 35

CHAPTER BI, SAC CITY

Organized Feb. 24, 1898

Charter members: Eu Della Kiser-Wine, Belle Henton, Gertrude Spafford, May Baxter Stouffer, Lou Watson, Eily Hobbs-Wunder, Bessie B. Larabee, Una Conner-Dedham, Ellen Wine-Rowe

Number of active members, 68

CHAPTER BJ, AUDUBON

Organized Feb. 25, 1898

Charter members: Mrs. Almeda H. Clark, Mary Bilharz, Myrtle Wilson-Martin, Beulah Soar-Small, Genevieve Culver, Emma Culver-Dickinson, Ella M. Stearns, Lydia Turner, Harriett Bilharz Bilharz

Number of active members, 53

CHAPTER BK, EMMETSBURG

Organized April 12, 1898

Charter members: Mrs. Elizabeth C. Soper, Cecelia G. Davies, Margaret Alexander, Vina Saunders, Jennie Crose, Nettie Brown, Thyrea Watson, Mrs. Jennie Henry

Number of active members, 43

CHAPTER BL, ROCK VALLEY

Organized April 13, 1898

Charter members: Mrs. Clemmie P. Culver, Eloise Warren-Schaller, Mrs. Maud C. Vitzthum, Elizabeth S. Huigenga, May M. Large, Lottie K. Thomas, Stella E. Roberts, Cora I. Drew

Disbanded May 1916

CHAPTER BM, GRINNELL

Organized July 7, 1898

Charter members: Mrs. Isabel G. Rayburn, Mrs. Lida S. Moyle, Flora Goodfellow-Halsey, Mrs. Lizzie Roby, Alma Christian-Lyon, Mrs. Amanda Kemmerer, Bertha Cowden

Number of active members, 81

CHAPTER BN, ACKLEY

Organized Dec. 9, 1898

Charter members: Annabel Scoles-Overman, Eva Saucer, Mrs. Floretta Francis, Delia McSwigger, Mrs. Mary Geottel, Mary A. Tanner, Carrie Bolser

Number of active members, 34

CHAPTER BO, LAKE CITY

Organized Feb. 3, 1899

Charter members: Martha Campbell, Mrs. Ella Field, Mary Hopkins, Grace Mighell, Josephine Maseley, Mae Strong, Mina Wood

Number of active members, 35

CHAPTER BP, INDIANOLA

Organized Feb. 7, 1899

Charter members: Lotta Richards-Ross, Cora Howell Lee, Elizabeth R. Richards-Forester, Vivian Hinshaw-Bilharz, Ollie Campbell Park, Lillian L. Hurlbut-Pratt, Mrs. Fanchon C. McClure, Jessie Bryson-Watson, Della McClure Alexander, Mrs. Lou Woodruff, Lida C. Adams, Mrs. Allie Haldeman, Wilma C. Haldeman-Morrison, Gertrude Chase Huston

Number of active members, 100

CHAPTER BQ, STUART

Organized June 30, 1899

Charter members: Mrs. Fanny M. Sever, Louise N. Moulton-Griffin, Mrs. Mary O. Crooks, Mrs. Mary R. McCrae, Mrs. Nannie J. Boatright, Mrs. Catherine H. Leighton, Mrs. Ruth A. Leighton-Moulton, Fannie E. Leighton-Goodrich

Number of active members, 45

CHAPTER BR, CORYDON

Organized July 20, 1899

Charter members: Carrie M. Goodell-Zollman, Mrs. Mary L. Miles, Mrs. Blanche Drennan, Lillian Rae-Timmons, Winifred Miles-Carter, Mrs. Carrie Garrett, Emma Rogers-Harris, Fannie Sargent-Harper, Mrs. Lillian Selby

Number of active members, 64

CHAPTER BS, FT. MADISON

Organized Oct. 23, 1899

Charter members: Mrs. Dell P. Glazier, Mrs. Margaret Hazen, Jane H. Mason-Doerr, Mrs. Lottie R. Okell, Mrs. Katherine J. Axt, Anna Jones-Chambers, Mrs. Lora E. Eggleston-Schneider, Anna J. Janse-Hubbard

Number of active members, 58

CHAPTER BT, DAVENPORT

Organized Dec. 7, 1899

Charter members: Mrs. Maud B. Stolley, Mrs. Rilla Morgan, Edna B. Morgan-Ranpke, Stella M. Van Court, Ione Burns, Mrs. Kate Huebotter, Mrs. Belle McGill

Disbanded 1904

CHAPTER BU, PELLA

Organized Dec. 20, 1899

Charter members: Mrs. Ota L. Rietveld, Mrs. Elora B. Warren, Mrs. Rosella Van Moren, Mrs. Helen W. Howell, Mrs. Armilla P. Cole, Mrs. Kate Van Spanckeren, Anna L. Wheeler

Number of active members, 75

CHAPTER BV, HUMBOLDT

Organized Oct. 12, 1900

Charter members: Mrs. Lillian Feneby, Mrs. Emily B. Hubbard, Edith Prouty-Pritchard, Mrs. Lenora Ward, Mrs. Anna B. Osborne, Mrs. Mida F. Doan, Mrs. Kate B. White, Mrs. Emma J. Sterns

Number of active members, 49

CHAPTER BW, ALGONA

Organized Nov. 8, 1900

Charter members: Mrs. Anna Murtagh, Mrs. Lulu Simpson, Mrs. Luella Wilson, Mrs. Gretta Chrischilles, Mrs. Ella Quarton, Mrs. Alice E. Call, Mrs. Nellie Ingham, Mrs. Minnie Drake, Mrs. Stella Peck, Lora Robinson-Hutchins, Mrs. Kate C. Williams

Number of active members, 51

CHAPTER BX, MAQUOKETA

Organized Dec. 12, 1900

Charter members: Mrs. A. J. House, Carrie House Cowan, Mrs. Myrta Keck, Mrs. Sadie Clappe-Ripple, Mrs. Clara Dengler, Jessie M. Snoddy-Trumbull, Carrie Swigart-Lackey, Mrs. Isa Jennie D. Kucheman, Carrie De Pew-Barnes

Number of active members, 46

CHAPTER BY, GUTHRIE CENTER

Organized Jan. 9, 1901

Charter members: Mrs. Jessie E. Lemmon, Mrs. Jennie B. Weeks, Mrs. Marie B. Selby, Mrs. Edith R. Updegraff, Mrs. L. Carrie Rogers, Mrs. Eva A. Lane, Mrs. Luella Applegate, Mrs. Lucy H. Hopkins, Mrs. May Sales, Georgia Milligan

Number of active members, 48

CHAPTER BZ, ELKADER

Organized Jan. 23, 1901

Charter members: Mrs. Mary Baxter, Mrs. Nelly Perry Price, Mrs. Stella V. Corlett, Mrs. May Leigh, Mrs. Emma Gossman, Mrs. Gussie Bayless, Mrs. Anna Paul Wilke, Mrs. Minnie Myer-Becker

Number of active members, 40

CHAPTER CA, GREENFIELD

Organized March 20, 1901

Charter members: Nellie Wallace Wilson, Mrs. Agnes M. Mercer, Mrs. Rhue Lynch, Effa Mae Tuttle-Crawford, Mrs. Katherine Yeager-Bickford, Mrs. Effie M. Bickford, Mrs. Maude Harper, Mrs. Minnie Iltis

Number of active members, 49

CHAPTER CB, IDA GROVE

Organized April 17, 1901

Charter members: Mrs. Anna A. Moorehead, Mrs. Bertha A. Wilcox, Mrs. May F. Johnson, Mrs. Cora V. Loucks, Mrs. Louise J. Williams, Mrs. Katherine R. Clark, Jessie R. Johnston

Number of active members, 42

CHAPTER CC, GREENE

Organized April 22, 1901

Charter members: Mrs. Daisy W. Cave, Mrs. Cora Greene, Mrs. Allie Greene, Mrs. Nellie Lyford, Mrs. Jennie Baker-Stearns, Eugenia Glodery-Morehouse, Myrtle Mabee-Arnott

Number of active members, 47

CHAPTER CD, LE MARS

Organized May 3, 1901

Charter members: Mrs. Katherine Moore, Mrs. Alice Sammis, Anne Evans Canaugh, Jean Elsberry-Ray, Mary Griffin, Ethel Burns-Viche, Gertrude Connor, Olive Shadle

Number of active members, 58

CHAPTER CE, SIBLEY

Organized Aug. 22, 1901

Charter members: Mrs. Mabel Locke, Mrs. Lulu M. Ladage, Mrs. Minnie Lucas, Mrs. Helen Hill, Mrs. Marguerite Ellis, Mrs. Alice Shell, Belle Chambers-Allbright

Number of active members, 44

CHAPTER CF, STATE CENTER

Organized Aug. 30, 1901

Charter members: Mrs. May S. Allison, Mrs. Marie Tummel, Lulu West, Mrs. Myrtle Coe, Mrs. Florence Gilbert, Mrs. Olive Ball, Florence Wyatt Atkinson, Mrs. Mary Dakin, Adella Gibson-Stuckey

Number of active members, 36

CHAPTER CG, ELDON

Organized Nov. 6, 1901

Charter members: Mrs. Addie Hilles, Sallie Davis, Ella Davis, Mrs. Nell Bierce Adams, Mrs. Ella Weygandt, Mrs. Minnie Hilles, Mrs. Carrie Stone, Mrs. Mary McCrary, Julia Hilles-Harris

Number of active members, 39

CHAPTER CH, VILLISCA

Organized March 8, 1902

Charter members: Mrs. Carrie McNaughton, Mrs. Mary F. Jack-

son-Anderson, Mrs. May L. Palmer, Mrs. Minnie Lomas, Mrs. Effie Woodward, Mrs. Anna Ingman, Mrs. Jessie Jackson
Number of active members, 51

CHAPTER CI, CINCINNATI

Organized March 19, 1902

Charter members: Fm Favetti, Emma Thompson-Ellis, Mrs. Minnie Woods, Mrs. Josie Collman, Gertrude Robertson-Trenery, Jennie Gault, Debie Gault, Alice Gault-Harl, L. Orvense Kerr
Number of active members, 25

CHAPTER CJ, WEST DES MOINES

Organized April 16, 1902

Charter members: Mrs. Marie B. English, Mrs. Anna C. English, Mrs. Florence A. Crane, Gertrude Binzley, Evalyn Hayes Londry, Daisy E. Binzley, Nelle M. Bead-Hall, Grace Bead-Arthur, Mame Ten Eyck-Brunn
Number of active members, 51

CHAPTER CK, MT. AYR

Organized April 23, 1902

Charter members: Mrs. Julia Bailey, Mrs. Maggie Miles, Mrs. Anna Davis, Mrs. Ota Todd, Mrs. Fannie Simpson, Mrs. Marie Hunt-Patterson, Mrs. Flora Shepherd, Mrs. Jennie R. Talley
Number of active members, 49

CHAPTER CL, OELWEIN

Organized May 3, 1902

Charter members: Vera M. Williams-Turner, Mrs. Verne E. Gram, Mae G. Dolan, Mrs. Etta Martin, Mrs. Gertrude Moffatt, Mrs. J. H. Seale, Mrs. Jessie V. Millard, Mrs. Lena Odell, Mrs. Grace E. Jamison-Davis, Mrs. Rebecca L. Robinson
Number of active members, 49

CHAPTER CM, KEOTA

Organized Aug. 15, 1902

Charter members: Mrs. Flora Walter, Mrs. Emma Plevka, Kate E. Garver, Frances Adla Richardson, Mrs. Clara Bower, Mrs. Mary E. Ritchey, Mrs. Mollie Currie, Pearl Ritchey
Number of active members, 51

CHAPTER CN, WILLIAMSBURG

Organized Aug. 25, 1902

Charter members: Mrs. Lettie Harrington, Mrs. Jennie Gardner, Effie Murchison, Minnie Wilson, Mary F. McEachran, Eva L. Jones, Mrs. Lulu Blasier, Ellen E. Evans, Cora Dill, Mrs. Anna E. Lenker

Number of active members, 40

CHAPTER CO, DENNISON

Organized Oct. 27, 1902

Charter members: Mrs. Emily Barber, Minnie Balle-Fletcher, Margaret King-Kincaid, Hattie Cornwall-Boynton, Mrs. Anna Naeve, Mrs. Ida Philbrook, Mrs. Jessie Pfarr, Agnes King

Number of active members, 63

CHAPTER CP, CORRECTIONVILLE

Organized Oct. 28, 1902

Charter members: Mrs. Edna Robinson, Orfa J. Shontz, Nellie M. Allen-Woodruff, Mrs. Florence Morris, Mrs. Lillian B. Woodruff, Luella H. Ferguson, Mrs. Mae M. Davis, Grace L. Edmunds-Abbot

Number of active members, 34

CHAPTER CQ, CRESCO

Organized Nov. 20, 1902

Charter members: Florence Marshall Bean, Abbie J. Converse, Mary Louise Hunting, Kate Reed Daly, Gertrude Marshall Shuttleworth, Helen Chapin Hanson, Clara Converse Blackorby

Number of active members, 54

CHAPTER CR, MCGREGOR

Organized Jan. 10, 1903

Charter members: Minnie Kramer, Mabel Bliss, Anna Scott, Iola B. Quigley, Natalie Keiser, Charlotte Koop, Gene Scott, Georgia Quigley, Grace Scott

Disbanded, May 1909

CHAPTER CS, MARION

Organized March 4, 1903

Charter members: Mrs. Louise Kelly, Alice E. Duffy, Mrs. Helen

Straley, Minnie A. Lathrop, Mrs. Ida McHarg, Mrs. Sarah A. Kurtz, Mrs. Lulu Fitzgerald, Gertrude Kaye, Mrs. Norma L. Romes, Mrs. Edith Finney, Mrs. Etta Muirhead

Number of active members, 62

CHAPTER CT, NEW LONDON

Organized March 10, 1903

Charter members: Mrs. Margaret Brown, Mrs. Alma De Lashmutt, Mrs. Ellen Parrott, Mrs. Florence Peterson, Mrs. Jessie Hilleary, Mrs. Emma Blacker, Mrs. Ellen Magers

Disbanded, May 1909

CHAPTER CU, BEDFORD

Organized April 2, 1903

Charter members: Una Lewis Daugherty, Margaret Dinges Willis, Ida Hebener-Baily, Elizabeth Carrigan, Armanella Myers Allen, Kathryn Roberts Cobb, Eva McCloud, Victoria Faith, Clide O. Fisher

Number of active members, 53

CHAPTER CV, CORNING

Organized April 3, 1903

Charter members: Mrs. Ella Turner, Mrs. Ethel Morris, Mrs. Estella Okey Mrs. Alice Turner, Mrs. Lucia M. Jones, Mrs. Cora C. Hill, Mrs. Lucretia Junkin, Mrs. Anna LaRue, Mrs. Lenore Donaldson, Mrs. Harriet Towner, Mrs. Clara Shinn, Mrs. Hala Munns

Number of active members, 56

CHAPTER CW, HARTLEY

Organized May 1, 1903

Charter members: Tibbie Rich Kline, Ginx Rich-Isberg, Mary Mitchell Ebright, Margaret Mitchell, Alta McAndrew-Hemenway, May Westfall Schactzel, Jessie Ebright Killam, Winnie L. Smith Phelps, Ada Miller Knaack, Nellie I. Patch Sanders

Number of active members, 37

CHAPTER CX, COLUMBUS JUNCTION

Organized May 5, 1903

Charter members: Clara Whitmore, Lois Hatfield, Florence Letts

Burston, Lottie Letts, Della Overholt Davies, Nancy M. Huston-Sprague, Elizabeth Owen-Huston, Effie B. Kelly
Number of active members, 44

CHAPTER CY, CHARLES CITY

Organized May 30, 1903

Charter members: L. Viola Waller, Fannie R. Wilson, Clara M. Daley, Mrs. Hattie N. Snyder, Marcia H. Greenlees, I. Alberta Beck, Mrs. Clara M. Gardner, Mrs. Alice Prouty, Mrs. Miranda Merkel, Mrs. Dora Dick, Mary E. Burr, Mary Ethel Waller

Number of active members, 67

CHAPTER CZ, JEFFERSON

Organized July 8, 1903

Charter members: Esther R. Dana, Mrs. Mary Phillips, Mrs. Emily Graham, Mrs. Edith Miller, Mrs. Irene D. Crawford, Grace E. Jones, Ruth Albright-Dewey, Mrs. Alice S. Hall, Mrs. Agnes R. Brown, Frances Moore-Jones, Mrs. Kate O. Newton, Delia A. Carsten, Mrs. Julia Patten, Mrs. Cora B. Engle, Dora Jones

Number active members 58

CHAPTER DA, MONTEZUMA

Organized Aug. 27, 1903

Charter members: Mrs. Gertrude W. Blanchard, Jennie Moler, Helen Clute, Lelia Clare Light, Mary E. Griffin, Jennie Clute, Nina A. Wilson-Dewey, Marion Graham, Estelle Searight-Sharp

Number of active members, 27

CHAPTER DB, WEST UNION

Organized Sept. 21, 1903

Charter members: Mrs. Marian Spaulding, Mrs. Lida Minchin, Mrs. Minnie Lawyer, Mrs. Grace Schneider, Mrs. Jennie Ainsworth, Miss Cora Kent, Mrs. Carrie Blunt, Mrs. Esther Chambers, Mrs. Maud Ainsworth

Number of active members, 37

CHAPTER DC, LANSING

Organized Oct. 21 1903

Charter members: Mrs. Annie M. Thomas, Ann E. Thomas, H.

Genette Rud, Elsie Hufschmidt, Mrs. Fanny K. Thomas, Lottie M. Bockfinger, Mrs. Mary E. Thornton, Jessie B. Hudson
Number of active members, 28

CHAPTER DD, BOONE

Organized Oct. 23, 1903

Charter members: Mrs. Marie Anderson, Louise Bonnard-Crary, Mrs. Gladys Brainard, Mrs. Lucy Colonsky-Houghton, Lulu Feigley, Mrs. Philena Marsh, Eva Newton-McMartin, Miss Edna Pickering, Bertha Pike, Genevieve Stevens-Scott, Eva White

Number of active members, 59

CHAPTER DE, PERRY

Organized Nov. 12, 1903

Charter members: Mrs. Della M. Doidge, Mildred DeLa, Carolyn E. Forgrave, Agnes E. Heightshoe, Sadie C. Moore, Mrs. Jessie D. Oldham, Lillian Parmenter, Mary Walz

Number of active members, 56

CHAPTER DF, TOLEDO

Organized Feb. 16, 1904

Charter members: Adelaide Humbert-Dunn, Mrs. Mary McKinney, Cora Gallagher, Mrs. Alice E. Erwin-Frank, Mrs. Minnie D. Flemming, Mrs. Gertrude L. Cook, Mrs. Nellie S. Harlan, Susan Sweatt-Mason-Earl, Mrs. Flora G. Halsey, Mrs. Mary Godfrey

Number of active members, 39

CHAPTER DG, EDDYVILLE

Organized Feb. 17, 1904

Charter members: Mrs. Eva B. Ott, Mrs. Louise Epperson, Sr., Helen True Inskeep, Mrs. Myrtle Kidd, Ida A. Welch, Mrs. Fannie D. Wing, Babe True Latimer

Number of active members, 52

CHAPTER DH, SIOUX CITY

Organized May, 9, 1904

Charter members: Mrs. Victorine E. Cook, Mrs. Alice E. Call, Mrs. Belle J. Sparks, Clara B. Whitmore, Mrs. Edith V. Corbett, Elizabeth Jones, Charlotte Goff, Mary Coulter, Mrs. Daisy McKee, Mrs. Louise Hibbs, Orfa Shontz

Number of active members, 77

CHAPTER DI, HAMBURG

Organized Nov. 4, 1904

Charter members: Mrs. Nellie Mann Dean, Mrs. Harriet V. Smalley, May A. Ives, Edith O. Bechtel, Mrs. Ivah Blank Clayton, Mrs. Lucie A. Danforth, Mattie Lee A. Lair

Number of active members, 64

CHAPTER DJ, FORT DODGE

Organized Dec. 16, 1904

Charter members: Mrs. Effa Strong, Mrs. Jennie McQuilken, Mrs. Anna Gates, Mrs. Jennie Garlick, Mrs. Emily Coleman, Mrs. Alice Granger, Mrs. Ida Butler, Mrs. Gertrude Sebern, Mrs. Winston Larrabee, Mrs. Kate Williams, Mrs. Ida Gates

Number of active members, 89

CHAPTER DK, CEDAR RAPIDS

Organized April 24, 1905

Charter members: Mrs. Nancy R. Weed, Mrs. Mary E. Sargent, Mrs. Flo Ashby Rall, Mrs. A. M. Welch, Mrs. Ruby S. Cummins, Miss Grace E. Sargent, Miss Joanna Von Boskirk, Mrs. Miranda Scoville Miller, Dr. Clara B. Whitmore, Mrs. Alice S. Miller, Mrs. Sallie M. Collins

Number of active members, 77

CHAPTER DL, NEW HAMPTON

Organized April 25, 1905

Charter members: Mrs. Emma Breeding, Mrs. Bird Bigelow, Nellie B. Harris, Mrs. Nellie Small, Mrs. Ruth Marie Gardner, Mrs. Belle E. Powers, Harriet Kenyon, Mrs. Adele Hallenbeck

Number of active members, 34

CHAPTER DM, SEYMOUR

Organized Nov. 2, 1905

Charter members: Wayne Lowry, Maria Earnest, Marcia Earnest-Widmer, Lulu Lowry, Ada Calhoun, Dedie Beebe, Alice M. Conger, Persis West

Number of active members, 35

CHAPTER DN, SHENANDOAH

Organized Feb. 15, 1906

Charter members: Mrs. Ella Anderson, Anna Bothe Dalin, Mrs. Lucretia L. Dart, Mrs. Kit Finney, Mrs. Maude T. Jackson, Mrs. Mabel M. Gage, Mrs. Eva B. Long

Number of active members, 76

CHAPTER DO, SIDNEY

Organized Jan. 29, 1907

Charter members: Della Simons, Ethel Hill Gidley, Alice E. Burton Booth, Ada Dory Schafer, Elna Grundy, Gertrude Gray, Susanna Thornell Barus

Number of active members, 36

CHAPTER DP, LOGAN

Organized March 4, 1907

Charter members: Mrs. Retta B. Johnston, Mrs. Margaret Van Scoy, Mrs. Dollie Harvey, Fannie M. Ford, Mrs. Mary A. Wood, Mrs. Kate B. Stearns, Mrs. Nellie G. Stern, Mrs. Anne L. Van Scoy, Mrs. Frances B. Harvey, Mrs. Irene O. Blodgett

Number of active members, 49

CHAPTER DQ, REINBECK

Organized June 19, 1907

Charter members: Mrs. Hattie Shear, Mrs. Lillian Terrall, Mrs. May Maholm Whaylen, Mollie Martindale Freet, Mrs. Emily Terrall, Mrs. Lola Erickson, Mrs. Lydia Robinson, Mrs. May McCormick

Number of active members, 65

CHAPTER DR, ADEL

Organized Jan. 6, 1908

Charter members: Leta Brockway, Mrs. Daisy Forrester, Mrs. Madge Frush, Mrs. Sarah Ashton, Mrs. Jennie Leach, Mrs. Laura Cozard, Mrs. Ruth Graham, Mrs. Jessie Leach, Mrs. Bess Forrester

Number of active members, 65

CHAPTER DS, ODEBOLT

Organized April 20, 1908

Charter members: Jessie Helsell Adams, Mrs. Ada Bay, Grace Han-

son, Mrs. Zella Hanson, Lillian Hanson, Mrs. Mabel Umbarger,
Grace Mattes Young, Mrs. Elizabeth Thom Crane
Number of active members, 50

CHAPTER DT, MOUNT VERNON

Organized May 9, 1908

Charter members: Mrs. McCord Hazard, Florella Goudy, Mrs. Margaret Eyestone Bowman, Lillian Smedley Ristine, Mrs. Jean L. Douglas, Ella M. Pacher, Mrs. Mattie Yerger, Mrs. Viola E. Young, Mrs. Eunice Eyestone Brin, Mary L. Grun

Number of active members, 55

CHAPTER DU, SHELDON

Organized Nov. 12, 1908

Charter members: Mrs. May S. Brackney, Mrs. May Wilsey, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Morton, Mrs. Emma Watson, Gertrude Riddell, Mrs. Mame B. Frisby, Belle Webster

Number of active members, 62

CHAPTER DV, IOWA FALLS

Organized Jan. 12, 1909

Charter members: Mrs. Otilie Walker, Mrs. Clara D. Brown, Minnie Whitney, Mrs. Lou M. Jackson, Mrs. Grace Hanna, Mrs. Grace Rinehart, Mary H. Bliss

Number of active members, 51

CHAPTER DW, COON RAPIDS

Organized March 30, 1909

Charter members: Mrs. Anna Steele, Mrs. Jessie M. Mitchell, Mrs. Ida M. Updike, Georgiana Jenks, Mrs. Gertrude Hoffman, Mrs. Pauline V. Jewell, Lena Fritchke-Lukens

Number of active members, 38

CHAPTER DX, SIOUX CITY

Organized April 1, 1909

Charter members: Mrs. Mame Moore, Mrs. Lillian Hays, Mrs. Mabel Maynard, Mrs. Alice Thomas, Mrs. Lorain McDowell, Mrs. Clara Finch, Mrs. Sarah Ott, Mrs. Adda Van Horne, Mrs. Lillie Ellerd, Mrs. Opal Hornbeck Pierce

Number of active members, 56

CHAPTER DY, TIPTON

Organized April 26, 1910

Charter members: Mrs. Edith Bartley, Emma Chappell, Mrs. Clara Britcher, Mrs. Ella Brotherlin, Mrs. Nettie Ockiltree, Mrs. Louise Hender, Mrs. Olla Thiel

Number of active members, 53

CHAPTER DZ, MASON CITY

Organized April 28, 1910

Charter members: Gertrude Albert, Mabel Barclay, Mable Blaise, Minnie W. Drake, Flora G. Halsey, Cora Lumbeck, Vera E. Miles, Edith Morton, Stella Seevers, Florence Van Dyke, Alma T. Starr, Clara Orr

Number of active members, 80

CHAPTER EA, CLEAR LAKE

Organized April 30, 1910

Charter members: Bertha M. Jones, Hattie A. Halverson, Clara J. Carbyon, Mrs. Mary Frost Lovell, Mrs. Maud Choate, Mrs. Eunice McIntosh Merrill, Mrs. Jessie M. Eitzel, Pearl McDowell, Kate Davis, Mrs. Louise Brady Huntting

Number of active members, 51

CHAPTER EB, CARROLL

Organized Nov. 16, 1910

Charter members: Mrs. May Pascoe, Mrs. Cora A. P. Spurr, Mrs. Estelle M. Humphrey, Florence Seyller Zinser, Mrs. Sarah J. Powers, Mrs. Luella M. Shoemaker, Mrs. Jennie B. Sturges, Caroline M. Rogers

Number of active members, 54

CHAPTER EC, TRAER

Organized April 29, 1911

Charter members: Mrs. Ester Weaver Cohrt, Mrs. Effie Soper, Mrs. Ellen B. O'Harrow, Mrs. Fannie H. Porterfield, Mrs. Elizabeth Shortess, Miss Emma Sherrett, Mrs. Florence Cohrt Taylor, Mrs. Jessie Crabbe, Mrs. May Collins Tuttle, Mrs. Myrta Dennis

Number of active members, 53

CHAPTER ED, ROCKFORD

Organized Dec. 6, 1911

Charter members: Mrs. Emma G. Smyth, Mrs. Blanche E. Mitchell, Mrs. Gertrude A. Johnson, Miss Elsie L. Trigg, Mrs. Carrie Burton, Mrs. Ella A. Brown, Mrs. Ella D. Phelps, Mrs. Genevieve R. McNinch, Miss Anna D. Brittan

Number of active members, 39

CHAPTER EE, CHEROKEE

Organized April 25, 1912

Charter members: Mrs. Bess W. Webber, Mrs. Agnes J. Robertson-Kenyon, Miss Irnie E. Allison, Mrs. Rosina A. Schuster, Mrs. Hazel Joy Ferrin-Wilson, Mrs. Carrie L. Wilson, Mrs. Winifred Elliot, Mrs. P. Jane Webber, Mrs. Louise Crawford

Number of active members, 76

CHAPTER EF, ONAWA

Organized April 26, 1912

Charter members: Mrs. Carrie F. Mann, Mrs. Isabel B. Post, Mrs. Mabel E. Douglas, Mrs. June R. Prewitt, Mrs. Katherine M. Sears, Mrs. Elizabeth T. Patterson, Mrs. Pearle W. Caldwell, Mrs. Carrie H. Corr, Mrs. Althea Bearce Chapman, Mrs. Edith K. Vandervert

Number of active members, 45

CHAPTER EG, ROCKWELL CITY

Organized Dec. 10, 1912

Charter members: Nelle M. Roberts, Mrs. Sara S. Cooper, Mrs. Edith Dixon, Leila Gregg, Lois Bradt Johnson, Jenet E. Hews, Jane Scott Stanfield, Charlotte Stevenson, Margaret Baker

Number of active members, 35

CHAPTER EH, DES MOINES

Organized May 2, 1913

Charter members: Mrs. Frances Blackman Chesley, Mrs. Ruby Tilmont, Mrs. Marie B. English, Mrs. Libbie M. Travers, Ione Travers Hoyt, Mrs. Lucile Neely, Iva Scott, Mrs. Grace Lyon, Mrs. Ida Wilson Sackett, Ella Randel

Number of active members, 78

CHAPTER EI, BELLE PLAINE

Organized May 7, 1913

Charter members: Mrs. Minnie K. Henry, Mrs. Louise H. Van Scoy, Mrs. Mabel Fedderson, Mrs. Ada D. Nichols, Mrs. Edith D. Smith Hupfer, Mrs. Ella B. Miller, Mrs. Florence W. Montgomery, Mrs. Alice Blue Peterson, Clara R. Blossom

Number of active members, 30

CHAPTER EJ, EAGLE GROVE

Organized May 10, 1913

Charter members: Mrs. Mary A. MacGregor, Helen V. MacGregor, Mrs. Letta M. Boughton, Helen Boughton, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Innes, Mrs. Della Pye, Mrs. Lela Thompson

Number of active members, 49

CHAPTER EK, WAUKON

Organized April 7, 1914

Charter members: Mrs. Keo Anderson Minert, Mrs. Joy Gibbs Howe, Mrs. Ella Howard, Mrs. Mary Francis Beeman, Mrs. Gretchen McGorden, Mrs. Blanche H. Howe, Mrs. Gertrude R. Beeman, Hazel Alice Stillman, Jessimine Purdy Ney, Alice Grimm

Number of active members, 27

CHAPTER EL, WEBSTER CITY

Organized April 16, 1914

Charter members: Mrs. Anna Kelly, Mrs. Daisy Crandall, Mrs. Josie Colburn, Miss Grace Bidlack, Anna L. Peterson, Katherine Kelly, Georgia M. Lane, Clara Lane Buckley, Mrs. Claire Pyle, Bessie Lyon

Number of active members, 60

CHAPTER EM, HAWARDEN

Organized May 15, 1914

Charter members: Eva R. Akers, Myrtle C. Davies, Laura M. Metcalf, Sue F. Meyer, Carrie W. French, Henrietta S. Randall, Martha K. McAllister

Number of active members, 33

CHAPTER EN, NASHUA

Organized May 28, 1914

Charter members: Mrs. Grace W. Burleigh, Mrs. Mamie B. Schen,

Mrs. Helen E. Wells, Mrs. Linna N. Baumbach, Mrs. May P. Bellamy, Mrs. Grace B. Stuart, Miss Mary Notten, Mrs. Minnie B. Jay

Number of active members, 35

CHAPTER EO, SANBORN

Organized Dec. 4, 1914

Charter members: Mrs. Vada Selle, Mrs. Lydia McKinley, Mrs. Jane Farnsworth, Mrs. Gladys Mayne, Eva M. Brady, Mrs. Marguerite Brady, Mrs. Gertrude Solon

Disbanded, May, 1918

CHAPTER EP, STORM LAKE

Organized April 14, 1915

Charter members: Mrs. Katherine C. Hughes, Mrs. Minnie G. Neeley, Nell B. Drake, Mrs. Florence S. Mack, Mrs. Eva Akers, Mrs. Della L. Triplett, Mrs. Gertrude McArthur, Mrs. Eloise W. Schallar

Number of active members, 77

CHAPTER EQ, OAKLAND

Organized April 16, 1915

Charter members: Mrs. Gertrude Spalte, Mrs. Mima Criswell, Mrs. Blanche Lee, Mrs. Emma White, Mrs. Grace Prichard, Mrs. Maude Seeman, Mrs. Jessie Davis

Number of active members, 38

CHAPTER ER, STRAWBERRY POINT

Organized April 28, 1915

Charter members: Mrs. Gertrude Gilchrist Rawson, Mrs. Caroline Roberts Wherry, Mrs. Gertrude Platte Coykendall, Mrs. Belle Smith Davis, Mrs. Alwilda Wood Howard, Mrs. Jessie Chamberlain Riddell, Mrs. Myrtle Gilchrist Eaton

Number of active members, 29

CHAPTER ES, NORTHWOOD

Organized April 30, 1915

Charter members: Mrs. Fannie Pitman, Mrs. Fannie Douglas Pangburn, Katherine Scammon, Mrs. Minnie Kepler, Mrs. Nellie L. Develle, Floy L. Akin, Ruth R. Hunter

Number of active members, 36

CHAPTER ET, WAPELLO

Organized May 7, 1915

Charter members: Mrs. Mildred C. Reiley, Mrs. Lola W. Vickers, Mrs. Alma N. Weaver, Mrs. Pearl W. Fry, Mrs. Isabelle P. Bettler, Mrs. Talma B. Deihl, Mrs. Edith S. McCullough, Mrs. Marie E. Drivein Brown Asher

Number of active members, 46

CHAPTER EU, ALLERTON

Organized May 10, 1915

Charter members: Elsie Bracewell, Anna E. Bullis, Eva Burnett, Bertha Condit, Cora Grimes, Charlotte Huffman, Nettie Page, Sadie Solenbarger, Margaret Stearns, Vinnie Williams, Roxy Trotter, Lena Caldwell, Esther Cox, Estella Lyon

Number of active members, 28

CHAPTER EV, NEW LONDON

Organized June 8, 1915

Charter members: Mrs. Frances Codman Walter, Mrs. Linnie Lyman Crabb, Mrs. Wilmemina L. Wilson, Mrs. Bessie M. Cook, Mrs. Nellie A. Gilbert, Mrs. Florence Peterson, Mrs. Margaret Browne, Mrs. Sue C. Shipley, Mrs. Minnie L. Shields, Mrs. Nina Crawford, Mrs. Alma De Lashmutt

Number of active members, 32

CHAPTER EW, TAMA

Organized Sept. 21, 1915

Charter members: Mrs. Amelia F. Walz, Mrs. Amanda Lufkin, Mrs. Antoinette Newcomer, Mrs. Rose Ramsdell, Mrs. Cora A. Huber, Mrs. Susie E. Hanna, Mrs. Ella M. Penrose, Mrs. Rebecca F. Randolph, Gail Randolph

Number of active members, 32

CHAPTER EX, LAKE MILLS

Organized April 20, 1916

Charter members: Itasca Tremain, Maude T. Helgesen, Millie Wadsworth, Hattie Thomas, Marie Jessen, Adeline M. Leslie, Miss Mae Thomas

Number of active members, 22

CHAPTER EY, SIOUX CITY

Organized May 3, 1916

Charter members: Mrs. Mabel Tackaberry, Helen A. McDonald-Harper, Mrs. Lucile Rorem, Florence Eleanor Anthony-Griffin, Mrs. Lola Ewer, Mrs. Hazel Mahood, Lottie Louise Sanders, Rachel Mae Cook, Eleanor Louise McDonald-Weatherby

Number of active members, 66

CHAPTER EZ, ANITA

Organized Feb. 20, 1917

Charter members: Mrs. Leila Hutton Adair, Mrs. Ethel Glass Budd, Mrs. Esta Simpson Carey, Mrs. Zoe Hamilton Carter, Mrs. Margaret Reimers Faulkner, Mrs. Belle Hutton Forshay, Mrs. Nellie Woodward Holmes, Mrs. Johanna C. Lineham, Mrs. Marguerite M. Trumbull, Mrs. Grace Calkins Wagner, Mrs. Emma Callaway-Wilkins

Number of active members, 50

CHAPTER FA, ELDORA

Organized Feb. 24, 1917

Charter members: Ida Eleanor Moffett, Mrs. Bertha K. Reed, Mrs. Della Pye, Mrs. Marguerite C. Hamilton, Mrs. Dorothea Dunn, Mrs. Edith L. Reaver, Miss Blanche Stoddard

Number of active members, 58

CHAPTER FB, WOODBINE

Organized April 6, 1917

Charter members: Mrs. Jessie Decou, Mrs. Mayme Mitchell Howe, Miss Maude Van Scoy, Mrs. Blanche K. Coe, Miss Ruth E. Lotshiech, Mrs. Arline Thurman-Coe, Mrs. Olive Harroff Reed, Miss Jennie A. Stiles, Mrs. Ola Bowles-Havens, Mrs. Susan Hoppes Dale

Number of active members, 40

CHAPTER FC, MUSCATINE

Organized April 23, 1917

Charter members: Mrs. Eva Smith, Mrs. Clara S. Stein, Mrs. Mary Fitzsimmons, Mrs. Henrietta Henley, Miss Mary Robertson, Mrs. Olive E. Reuling, Mrs. Grace Palmer Cook, Miss Emma Howe, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Jackson, Mrs. Ethel E. Votaw

Number of active members, 50

CHAPTER FD, SHEFFIELD

Organized Jan. 26, 1918

Charter members: Della Johnston, Elizabeth Hamilton, Madeliene Carhart, Eliza K. Wunn, Maud A. Carhart, Olive S. Bigg, Frances Dukes Carhart, Ida M. Sullivan, E. Kate Aborn, Della M. Moss, Ethyl K. Carhart

Number of active members, 29

CHAPTER FE, WATERLOO

Organized May 6, 1918

Charter members: Mrs. Alethea Randall-Wells, Mrs. Lulu M. Ladage, Mrs. Ellen Bouldin O'Harrow, Mrs. June Buechele Gordon, Mrs. Carrie Cottrell Lovejoy, Mrs. Bess Richardson Forrester, Mrs. Mary Bartlett Burt, M. Alda Tate

Number of active members, 147

CHAPTER FF, GLENWOOD

Organized July 2, 1918

Charter members: Mrs. Isabelle Hester, Mrs. Kyle Wright Hill, Mrs. Ethel Rhoads, Mrs. Lulu Dean, Mrs. Jessie Stone, Miss Faye Chamberlain, Mrs. Emma Warren, Mrs. Mary Records, Miss Helen Hester, Mrs. Blanche Herrick

Number of active members, 34

CHAPTER FG, FAYETTE

Organized April 16, 1919

Charter members: Mrs. Imogene C. Stevenson, Mrs. Aurilla C. Dorman, Mrs... Gertrude W. Carpenter, Mrs. Nora Graf, Mrs. Jennie G. Denniston, Mrs. Zella G. Scobey, Mrs. Lulu P. Sweet, Mrs. Nellie K. Parker

Number of active members, 36

CHAPTER FH, SUMNER

Organized May 12, 1919

Charter members: Mrs. Florence Stafford, Mrs. Lydia Bonnell, Mrs. Cora Overton, Mrs. Mame Hamilton, Mrs. Alta Carpenter, Mrs. Ella Carpenter, Mrs. Hatie Heyer

Number of active members, 25

CHAPTER FI, CLINTON

Organized May 14, 1919

Charter members: Ann Brown, Fannie Bryant, Ernestine Coe, Elsie Hicks, May P. Kinnan, Estelle Knott, Helen Swain Smith, Helen Whitley, Nettie Yourd

Number of active members, 76

CHAPTER FJ, DAVENPORT

Organized May 15, 1919

Charter members: Mrs. Carrie S. Bliss, Mrs. Eunice Broders, Mrs. Lucy L. Jones, Mrs. Katherine Huebotter, Mrs. Nellie Henderson, Mrs. Bessie Broders, Mrs. Adelyn W. Williams, Mrs. Laura Rice, Mrs. Mary Porter Eckerman, Mrs. Stella Mason, Mrs. Louise Hender, Mrs. Louise Kelly, Mrs. Marie Kimberly Meyer, Mrs. Winifred Shafer

Number of active members, 74

CHAPTER FK, COUNCIL BLUFFS

Organized March 11, 1920

Charter members: Mrs. Margaret Bryan, Mrs. Bertha R. Murdoch, Mrs. Catherine Kunath, Mrs. May A. Scott, Mrs. Irene J. Williams, Mrs. Ethel Van Druff, Mrs. Mary Porterfield Smith

Number of active members, 62

CHAPTER FL, BELLEVUE

Organized April 28, 1920

Charter members: Grace M. Young, Florence Hughey, Anna Fairchild, Anna Moulton, Madge Ragatz, Louise Altfillisch, Mathilda Seaward, Stella A. Weck, Mable Kucheman

Number of active members, 35

CHAPTER FM, MARCUS

Organized May 8, 1920

Charter members: Mrs. Louise Brink, Mrs. Neva Barnes, Mrs. Mabelle G. Edmonds, Mrs. Ethel L. Gund, Miss Mae W. Hamilton, Mrs. Mabel Heline, Miss Myrtie Imhoff, Mrs. Grace Knox, Mrs. Anna Knox, Mrs. Florence Londergan, Mrs. Madge Loomis, Mrs. Helen Miller, Mrs. Anna Mossman, Mrs. Lelia Woods

Number of active members, 35

CHAPTER FN, GARNER

Organized Jan. 4, 1921

Charter members: Mrs. Mayme C. Clark, Mrs. Katherine H. Baldwin, Jennie E. Elder, Mrs. Adah A. Hanson, Mrs. Pearl B. Smith, Mrs. Luella C. Frisbie, Mrs. Emma K. Hastings, Mrs. Vergie V. Sweigard, Mrs. Cora H. Zeigel, Mrs. Bessie A. Roe

Number of active members, 29

CHAPTER FO, CEDAR RAPIDS

Organized Feb. 15, 1921

Charter members: Mrs. Evalyn Y. Wardle, Mrs. Lolo H. Dinwiddie, Mrs. Katherine Wardle Greene, Mrs. Cora E. Vawter, Mrs. Grace N. Weikal, Mrs. Carrie K. Graham, Mrs. Mable N. Hughes, Mrs. Jessie B. Culver, Mrs. Jennie Harris Sailor, Mrs. Luella B. Gelvin, Mrs. Margaret E. Dawley, Katherine Dawley, Mrs. Anna B. Miller, Mrs. Mary M. Fiske, Mrs. Pearl N. Eby

Number of active members, 93

CHAPTER FP, MONTICELLO

Organized Feb. 16, 1921

Charter members: Mrs. Anna Campbell Ames, Mrs. Ruth C. Coon, Mrs. Pearl Heisey Cross, Mary E. Doxsee-Bonwell, Mrs. Dora J. Hefner, Mrs. Mae B. Huyek, Mrs. Rena H. Kettlitz, Mrs. Laura H. Koop, Frances F. Koop-Johnson, Mrs. Leta C. Matthiesen, Mrs. Louise O. Ricklefs, Mrs. Winnie A. Ricklefs, Mrs. Florence H. Roberts, Mrs. Olive D. Skelley, Mrs. Jennie T. Stimson

Number of active members, 45

CHAPTER FQ, MAPLETON

Organized Feb. 25, 1921

Charter members: Mrs. Grace Seevers Heath, Mrs. Mae J. Hunter, Mrs. Florence Bridges, Mrs. Mabel Welch, Mrs. Bessie Simmons, Mrs. Glen Wilson Crow, Mrs. Agnes Whiting, Mrs. Mabel Thompson, Mrs. Sylvia H. Morrison, Elizabeth Lutz, Doris Weaver, Mrs. Emma F. Scott, Mrs. Helen K. Bennett

Number of active members, 41

CHAPTER FR, ROLFE

Organized Feb. 26, 1921

Charter members: Mrs. Hortense Siefkin, Mrs. Grace Brinkman,

Miss Nelle Ratcliff, Mrs. Carrie Brinkman, Mrs. Jennie Ferguson, Mrs. Carol Bruce, Mrs. Mary McIntire, Miss Agnes Ferguson, Mrs. Genevieve Brinkman, Mrs. Margaret Campbell, Mrs. Beth Grant, Mrs. Alice Hayne, Mrs. Lena Hollis, Mrs. Mary Jones, Miss Margaret Ferguson

Number of active members, 46

CHAPTER FS, CLARION

Organized Feb. 28, 1921

Charter members: Leta Belle Milnes, Elizabeth Milnes, Lucy Scott, Bernice Bernard, Nance Richards, Grace E. Moore, Neva Hansen, Ethel Fairbanks, Margaret Mosley, Edith Nagle, Elma Young, Norine Crowe, Mary E. Crowe, Fay Swartzendrover

Number of active members, 36

CHAPTER FT, POSTVILLE

Organized April 23, 1921

Charter members: Mrs. Julia Allen, Harriett Bailey, Mrs. Maude Bailey, Mrs. Nelle C. Bailey, Mrs. Edna Burling, Mrs. Ruth B. Douglass, Virginia Williams, Mrs. May H. Douglas, Mrs. Etta Hecker, Mrs. Margaret Hunt, Florence Marston, Mrs. Ednah Peterson, Mrs. Mary S. Spangy, Anna C. Williams, Mrs. Dora P. Williams

Number of active members, 39

CHAPTER FU, ANAMOSA

Organized April 30, 1921

Charter members: Mrs. Lena H. Chamberlain, Mrs. Florence G. Henke, Rena Hubbell, Nellie V. Morey, Ida Louise Osborne, Mrs. Cora B. Ramsey, Agnes Remley, Mrs. Lena O. Remley, Mrs. Lucy Remley, Mrs. Ruth Remley, Mrs. Minnie L. Trevasthan, Mrs. Beulah V. Walton, Mrs. Edna K. Walters, Mrs. Mabel L. Gee

Number of active members, 44

CHAPTER FV, CEDAR FALLS

Organized May 7, 1921

Charter members: Eva May Luce, E. Grace Rait, Emma F. Lambert, Mrs. Elizabeth Burney Schmidt, Mrs. Edith Riland Cross, Anna R. Wild, Mary B. Hunter, Alison E. Aitchison, Mrs. Olive W. Fuller, Grace E. Lambert, Mrs. Winifred Brammer Leavitt,

Mrs. Laura Van Horn Cable, Mrs. Clara Bedford VanderVeer,
 Florence Magowan, Laura A. Benedict
Number of active members, 83

CHAPTER FW, LENOX

Organized Dec. 29, 1921

Charter members: Mrs. Mary Moyle, Mrs. Frances Killun, Thelma
 Cheese, Lela McKenzie, Katherine Meogker, Winifred Rogers,
 Slena Walter, Berta Bennison, Goldie Barnes, M. Floy Overmire,
 M. Bessie McCain, Anna Turner, Mrs. Helen Frehse, Helen Cheese
Number of active members, 44

CHAPTER FX, PAULLINA

Organized Feb. 27, 1922

Charter members: Loretta B. Browning, Jean Scott Cowan, Susan
 Bachman, Allecta Raw, Ida W. Oldag, Letta Classen, Evalene
 Blaesser, Jane B. Metcalf, Byrde R. Harris, Ethel Draper, Grace
 Cannon, Jennie Biddle Scott, Hilma Thatcher, Zula Dudley, Vera
 Camery
Number of active members, 37

CHAPTER FY, DES MOINES

Organized April 28, 1922

Charter members: Mrs. Maude Weaver Sullenberger, Mrs. Lucy
 Davis Weir, Helen May Weir, Clara Smith Linn, Mrs. Lillie S.
 Moore, Mrs. Minnie Garretson-Callander, Mrs. Minnie Callen Beck,
 Mrs. Grace E. Stevens, Mrs. Mattie E. Tone, Mrs. Winnetka Hight,
 Mrs. Betty K. Reed, Mrs. Olive Cutler
Number of active members, 39

CHAPTER FZ, STORY CITY

Organized May 3, 1922

Charter members: Mrs. Tillie Donhowe, Mrs. Olive Donhowe, Mrs.
 Mabel Henderson, Mrs. Helen B. Olson, Mrs. Edna M. Green,
 Mrs. Charlotte Donhowe, Mrs. Anna Jacobson, Mrs. May H. Charl-
 son, Martina Anthony, Mrs. Blanche Jacobson, Mrs. Anna Nelson,
 Mrs. Sylvia Cornelinssen, Mrs. Marie Ambund, Mrs. Catherine
 Jessen
Number of active members, 44

CHAPTER GA, DES MOINES

Organized May 6, 1922

Charter members: Marguerite Brady, Belle Brinton, Elizabeth R. Meredith, Nettie Nyle Donovan, Jean Wilson Goodsell, Alice Williams Harper, Margaret McExiry, Edith McGill, Mary McGill (Irgils), Mabel McKarahan-Barnard, Mabel F. McKee, Helen McGill Merrill, Vera Snyder, Bertha Watkins (Fellows), Hazel Erickson Watt

Number of active members, 37

CHAPTER GB, ALTA

Organized May 10, 1922

Charter members: Mrs. Rose F. Rawn, Mrs. Grace Clemons, Mrs. Emma Hadden, Mrs. Hanora Pader, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Cameron, Mrs. Minnie Morrison, Mrs. Frieda Cornelinssen, Mrs. Carrie S. Denis, Mrs. Dora Browne, Mrs. Florence Wilkinson Bell, Mrs. Florence J. Wilkinson, Mrs. Geneve J. Wilkinson, Mrs. Gail A. Batten, Mrs. Anna Wilkinson, Mrs. Mae Wegersten

Number of active members, 36

CHAPTER GC, AVOCA

Organized May 11, 1922

Charter members: Mrs. Minnie Taylor, Mrs. Elizabeth Emmert, Mrs. Bertha Keeney, Mrs. Alice Beymer, Laura Smith, Meta Wiese, Rilla S. Preston, Grace H. Preston, Mrs. Laura Sanders, Mrs. Lulu Maxwell, Mrs. Kathy Ferguson-Crouse, Mrs. Ethel Pomeroy, Mrs. Emma Taylor, Mrs. Mariette Oxley

Number of active members, 37

CHAPTER GD, MISSOURI VALLEY

Organized Jan. 3, 1923

Charter members: Mrs. Utie Coulthard, Mrs. Emma Dewell, Mrs. Emma Hansen, Mrs. Jennie Harvey, Mrs. Vera Harvey, Florence Joy Dewell Stevenson, Katherine Edgcomb, Elleta Everett Letts, Mrs. Nettie Fensler, Bessie Fensler, Mrs. Gertrude Gamble, Mrs. Mable Spaford, Mrs. June Tracy, Mrs. Nellie Bell McGavren

Number of active members, 42

CHAPTER GE, DUBUQUE

Organized Feb. 26, 1923

Charter members: Ida M. Pond, Dorothy M. Pond, Berthania

Flick, Marguerite Flick, Janet M. Fritz, Ruth K. Altfillisch, Julia Kretschmer, Phyllis S. Davenport, Nora Adele Northrop, Olive E. Lytle, Margaret N. Burrell, Linna H. Flower
Number of active members, 124

CHAPTER GF, BRITT

Organized March 2, 1923

Charter members: Mrs. Fannie B. Hammill, Miss Myrtle E. Pullen, Mrs. Nora B. Schew, Miss Amy L. Dana, Mrs. Marjory Roberts, Mrs. Eva A. Bengler, Mrs. Ada McGoon, Mrs. Jessie E. Vincent, Mrs. Nellie Brewster, Mrs. Mabel L. Armstrong, Mrs. Mattie B. Heacox, Mrs. Flora M. Anderson, Mrs. Phoebe S. Pierce
Number of active members, 28

CHAPTER GG, TABOR

Organized April 28, 1923

Charter members: Mrs. Ella Mowhor, Mrs. Bessie Kline, Mrs. Hulda Ireland, Mrs. Etta Laird, Mrs. Effie Aistrope, Mrs. Belva Miller, Mrs. Lois Crawford, Mrs. Bess Adamson, Mrs. Mollie Mann, Mrs. Edna Rhode, Mrs. Anna Gregory, Mrs. Ruby Monk, Fern Williams, Mrs. Helen Redenbaugh, Mrs. Florence Adamson
Number of active members, 45

CHAPTER GH, DES MOINES

Organized May 1, 1923

Charter members: Mae C. Anders, Bessie B. Buchanan, Lucile Clifton, Ann Hyland, Helen Moser, Agnes Murray, Florence Myers, Bess Penniwell, Mary Sands, Audrey Spangler, Helen Wharton, Nellie E. Wilson, Jacqueline Wright
Number of active members, 68

CHAPTER GI, DES MOINES

Organized Feb. 27, 1924

Charter members: Mrs. Marie English, Mrs. Esther Weaver Cohrt, Mrs. Mary J. Bondurant, Mrs. Grace Irwin, Mrs. Fannie Martin, Mrs. Anna English, Mrs. Grace K. Goodwin, Mrs. Mary L. Lee, Mrs. Mildred B. Alline, Mrs. Ray Becker, Mrs. Charlotte McPherrin, Mrs. Cora Van Meter, Mrs. Katherine Howland, Mrs. Susan Bender Eddy
Number of active members, 34

CHAPTER GJ, SIOUX RAPIDS

Organized March 28, 1924

Charter members: Margaret A. Campbell, Emma Hoon, Eunice Winter, Harriett Green, Mildred Mills, Stella H. Burns, Helen Wright, Eunice Swallum, Agnes Lundvall, Aura S. White, Laura Sherman, Katherine Davidson, Elsie Sipe, Emily Eade

Number of active members, 36

CHAPTER GK, MANSON

Organized April 1, 1924

Charter members: Mary K. Hobbs, Mrs. Constance E. B. Moyer, Mrs. Florence Mack, Mrs. Irene F. Davis, Mrs. Edna E. Hakes, Mrs. Edna Howell-Bloker, Mrs. Marie S. Kolp, Bessie Livingston, Mrs. Mary McManus, Mrs. Nellie Prettyman, Mrs. Elizabeth Springer, Mrs. Pearl Young, Mrs. Anna Braginton

Number of active members, 34

CHAPTER GL, GRISWOLD

Organized April 9, 1924

Charter members: Mrs. Lucile Baughman, Mrs. Belle Chisholm, Mrs. Stella DeWitt, Mrs. Ida Grennell, Mrs. May Harris, Mrs. Nettie Kriger, Mrs. Lelia Knop, Mrs. Elsie Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Vera Meredith, Mrs. Maude Rousseau, Mrs. Tude Shrock, Mrs. Florence Shrock, Mrs. Etta Tye, Mrs. Ina Thompkins

Number of active members, 38

CHAPTER GM, CEDAR RAPIDS

Organized May 16, 1924

Charter members: Mrs. Carolyn H. Shanks, Mrs. Evelyn J. Thomas, Mrs. Jennie Rodgers, Mrs. Doris L. Starr, Mrs. Marie B. Martin, Mrs. Florence S. Fitch, Mrs. Myrtle Spicer, Mrs. Mae H. Hessler, Mrs. Elsie Argaw, Mrs. Estelle H. Trasky, Mrs. Mary R. Browning, Miss Hattie L. Cook, Mrs. Bess Lehman

Number of active members, 71

CHAPTER GN, MASON CITY

Organized March 3, 1925

Charter members: Mrs. Jennie M. Girton, Mrs. Jennie M. Thompson, Mrs. Alice D. Van Ness, Mrs. Marie G. Farrell, Mrs. Claire

G. Wilcox, Mrs. Laura Brisbane, Mrs. Nanna M. Walker, Mrs. E. Binnabel Necomer, Mrs. Mabel Marston, Mrs. Agnes M. McNeil, Mrs. Hattie Westfall, Mrs. Irene Webster Hardy, Mrs. Clara May Pauley

Number of active members, 82

CHAPTER GO, DECORAH

Organized April 15, 1925

Charter members: Mrs. Effie M. Fisher, Mrs. Merle Knight, Mrs. Hettie Dack, Mrs. Alta Parman, Clara I. Rollins, Mrs. Marie C. Adams, Mrs. Terese Temple Burling, Mrs. Violet Knowlton, Gladys Jewell, Mrs. Lillian E. Winter, Effie Jewell, Mrs. Helen Carlson, Ida Oxley

Number of active members, 52

CHAPTER GP, JEWELL

Organized April 25, 1925

Charter members: Mrs. Sini Anderson, Mrs. Minnie Anderson, Mrs. Myrtle Bonner, Mrs. Gertrude Bonner, Marian Bonner, Mrs. Julia Gath, Mrs. Florence E. King, Mrs. Louise Millett, Esther M. Millett, Libbie Montgomery, Mrs. Myrtle O'Connor, Mrs. Sarah Smith, Mrs. Flora Severson, Naomi Severson

Number of active members, 36

CHAPTER GQ, COUNCIL BLUFFS

Organized May 2, 1925

Charter members: Maude Thomas Schwartz, Gladys Crum, Doris Killins, Grace Bonesteel, Lucy Kimball, Harriett Ball, Bernice Sealock, Bess Balley Goudy, Myra Bishop, Florence Inghram, Lois Hayes, Elleta Letts, Etta Kiser, Nelle V. Rogers

Number of active members, 51

CHAPTER GR, SIOUX CITY

Organized April 16, 1926

Charter members: Mrs. Anna S. Rich, Mrs. Mary F. Burgess, Mrs. Edith F. Orr, Mrs. Vera A. Cody, Mrs. Helen G. Saxton, Mrs. Mildred T. Koch, Mrs. Beulah B. Kennedy, Mrs. Anna Sanborn, Mrs. Evelyn N. Hayward, Mrs. Harriet L. White, Alda Shimer, Mrs. Laura T. Scott, Bina Mae Traxler, Mrs. Eloise C. Gettys, Mrs. Gladys L. S. Andrews

Number of active members, 85

CHAPTER GS, KINGSLEY

Organized March 9, 1927

Charter members: Mrs. Jessie Gates, Mrs. Clara Hess, Mrs. Edith Kleibenstein, Mrs. Virginia V. M. Lund, Mrs. Alberta B. Mason, Mrs. Anna Phelps, Mrs. Florence Phelps, Mrs. Ida Rathbun, Mrs. Ione Sibley, Mrs. Isabelle Tripp, Mrs. Laura Wendel, Mrs. Vera A. Wormley

Number of active members, 29

CHAPTER GT, WINFIELD

Organized March 15, 1927

Charter members: Mrs. Leona Karsten, Mrs. Genevieve Bailey, Miss Mable Day, Mrs. Grace Price, Mrs. Evamae Arthard, Mrs. Vesper Haight, Mrs. Glee Whitford, Mrs. Marjorie Duncan, Mrs. Helen Barton, Miss Cora Smiley, Mrs. Mozelle Russell, Mrs. Fannie Carden

Number of active members, 65

CHAPTER GU, DES MOINES

Organized Oct. 1, 1927

Charter members: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Dorn, Mrs. Grace M. Lyon, Mrs. Mabel A. Needham, Mrs. Florence S. Kulp, Mrs. Lena H. Marshall, Mrs. Helen Southwell, Mrs. Mary C. Dillinger, Mrs. Olive Pye, Mrs. Alice L. Olmsted, Mrs. Mary E. Aldrich, Mrs. Zella G. Wallace, Mrs. Alice E. Albert

Number of active members, 52

CHAPTER GV, FORT DODGE

Organized Feb. 9, 1929

Charter members: Mrs. Grace Pearl Joselyn, Mrs. Lenna M. Greene, Mrs. Florence P. Laffer, Mrs. Dorothy D. Hill, Mrs. Helen S. Potter, Mrs. Florence A. Meyers, Mrs. Eugenia Harless, Mrs. Catherine Cook, Mrs. Ethel M. Heater, Mrs. Mina L. Hurst, Mrs. Florence L. Isaacson, Mrs. Esther L. Wasem, Mrs. Mabel S. Findlay, Mrs. Edna V. W. Larson, Mrs. Harriet Noel Likens

Number of active members, 61

CHAPTER GW, DAVENPORT

Organized March 11, 1929

Charter members: Mrs. Emma L. Salter, Mrs. Norma H. Allen,

Mrs. Dorothy Glassgow, Mrs. Margaret Block, Mrs. Mary Eckerman, Mrs. Claribel Howe, Mrs. Eva W. Taylor, Mrs. Lucile W. Kirk, Mrs. Phoebe R. Dawson, Mrs. Gertrude O. Lord, Mrs. Edna Zerwekh, Mrs. Pearl Van Houten, Mrs. Louise Kelly, Mrs. Winifred Shafer, Mrs. Minnie Englehart

Number of active members, 63

CHAPTER GX, DES MOINES

Organized April 26, 1929

Charter members: Mrs. Vera A. Armstrong, Mrs. Tusse H. Blackburn, Mrs. Ruth Doolittle, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Durkee, Mrs. Mary B. Fiege, Miss Margeret Bell Ferguson, Mrs. Alice Wells-Ford, Mrs. Eva Young Hatch, Mrs. Mabel H. Jencks, Mrs. Carolyn Keams Lawson, Mrs. Margaret J. Leachman, Mrs. Philena B. Marsh, Mrs. Margaret S. Purmort, Mrs. Dorothy B. Schaaf, Mrs. Addie J. Seeley, Mrs. Olive Upton

Number of active members, 67

CHAPTER GY, DES MOINES

Organized April 27, 1929

Charter members: Mrs. Helen Van Scoy, Anna Laura Palmer, Nina Pauline Kolberg, Mrs. Faith O. Rundberg, Dorthy McCune, Jessie Shriver, Dorthy E. Wilson, Susan E. Mason-Textrum, Frances E. Day, May E. Barr, Mrs. Delia B. Meredith, Cornelia C. Work-Fulton

Number of active members, 40

CHAPTER GZ, SIOUX CITY

Organized May 11, 1929

Charter members: Mrs. Dora Berger, Mrs. Harriet D. Eales, Mrs. Laura Ennenga, Mrs. Dora Gleysteen, Mrs. Marjory A. Haley, Louise Hatch, Mrs. Janet Hays, Mrs. Stella W. Latchem, Mrs. Edith McDonald, Mrs. Joanna Norris, Mrs. Ruth Olson, Mrs. Lena M. Tripp, Mrs. Hazel P. Waitt, Mrs. Mina Watkin, Mrs. Madeline B. Winston

Number of charter members, 56

CHAPTER HA, FAIRFIELD

Organized Sept. 24, 1929

Charter members: Frances Mary Wilson French, Margaret Hoerner, Mildred Keesey, Hattie Harris Schall, Geneva McCord Simmons,

Lucretia M. Junkin, Laura Mason, Antoinette Louden, Sue B. Smith, Mary W. Junkin, Ada L. Montgomery, Nell Van Nostrand, Nellie Wilson

Number of active members, 81

CHAPTER HB, RED OAK

Organized Jan. 28, 1930

Charter members: Helen A. Anderson, Le Moine Foster, Emma S. Gillmer, Lillian Lamb, Gladys S. Latimer, Helen E. Newquist, Dorothy G. Mahannah, Alice S. Overholser, Lucile W. Peterson, Margaret G. Schonck, Leila G. Thomas, Alberta Young

Number of active members, 61

CHAPTER HC, OTTUMWA

Organized April 8, 1930

Charter members: Mrs. Genevieve L. Haw, Mrs. Wilda C. Neasham, Mrs. Lucile McElroy, Mrs. Stella W. Gibson, Mrs. Clarissa P. Upp, Mrs. Nora C. Haw, Mrs. Bessie McElroy Foster, Mrs. Jessie D. Waterman, Mrs. Ethel Lawrence, Mrs. Myrtle D. Hunter, Mrs. Bertha Madden, Mrs. Mary B. Cooper, Mrs. Alma L. Boone, Mrs. Florence Hale, Mrs. Marie Stevens

Number of active members, 51

CHAPTER HD, DES MOINES

Organized April 11, 1930

Charter members: Mrs. Julia Taylor, Mrs. Rose Hood, Mrs. Beth Ingels, Mrs. Ethel Woodard, Mrs. Dora Custer, Mrs. Margaret Bentley Swansen, Mrs. Anna Coe, Mrs. Rose L. Phillips, Mrs. Pearl Clark, Mrs. Lutie Pollock, Mrs. Mertie Jones, Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. Grace Graber, Mrs. Waunita Shaw, Mrs. Gail Carris

Number of active members, 43

CHAPTER HE, DES MOINES

Organized April 12, 1930

Charter members: Mrs. Clara H. Luscombe, Mrs. Edna C. Lewis, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Miller, Mrs. Margaret M. Broad, Dorothy M. Viggers-Hagler, Mrs. Marian Hendrix, Mrs. Tressa J. Spayde-Tallman, Mrs. Gladys I. Rhyne, Helen Schilling-Hinrichs, Mrs. Lillian E. Bridges, Elizabeth Butler-Burmahln, Mrs. Nettie G.

Owens, Callis Louise Shipley-Draper, Isabelle Carpenter, Mrs. Bernice B. Cutler

Number of active members, 39

CHAPTER HF, DES MOINES

Organized April 25, 1930

Charter members: Mrs. Lillian Gildner, Mrs. Gracia Chapman, Mrs. Elizabeth Booth, Miss Mae Mason, Dr. Lillian A. Purkhiser, Mrs. Adele Hollenbeck, Mrs. Catherine Arbogast, Mrs. Genevieve Clampitt, Mrs. Teresa Dalglish, Mrs. Frances Stixsell, Mrs. Gail Harold, Mrs. Edith C. Mears

Number of active members, 37

CHAPTER HG, VINTON

Organized Jan. 3, 1931

Charter members: May L. Palmer, Harley M. Young, Emma Hite, Hattie Green, Mrs. Miranda S. Miller, Mrs. Jennie K. Whipple, Mrs. Helen Tobin, Bess Eleanor Arthand, Mrs. Lucy M. Tobin, Helen M. Green, Mrs. Emma Williams, Mrs. Vera Kray, Mrs. Cecil Tracy

Number of active members, 53

CHAPTER HH, DES MOINES

Organized Feb. 20, 1931

Charter members: Ruth Bixby, Pearl DeWitt, Bertha Dinges, Ophelia Gallup, Florence Handy, Ida Mae Hazell, Janet Hoak, Verda Hoschar, Lillis Jordan, Margaret Kremers, Mae Merritt, Cyrilla Preston, Alice Scott, Ethel H. Scott

Number of active members, 43

CHAPTER HI, IOWA CITY

Organized April 23, 1931

Charter members: Mary Louise Lawyer, Jessie Bywater, Beatrice Scanlon, Beulah Crawford Dill, Ruth F. Dysinger, Harriet W. Higley, Etta Updegraff, Dora E. Mason, Helen L. Gay, Mary G. Easton, Vera L. Mott, Adda K. Ingram, Gertrude Bryan, Florence Kurtz, Bertha H. Kay, Martha L. Manville, Alma D. Hise, Agnes B. Royce,

Number of active members, 73

CHAPTER HJ, CEDAR RAPIDS

Organized April 24, 1931

Charter members: Mrs. Sue E. Damour, Mrs. Frances R. Shuttleworth, Mrs. Helen A. Graham, Mrs. Kathryn C. Lynch, Mrs. Adella Von Lockum, Mrs. Stella M. Bye, Mrs. Lucille S. Haldeman, Mrs. Winifred M. Carrithers, Mrs. Ella T. Hesser, Mrs. Florence De Yarman, Mrs. Katherine R. Clements, Mrs. Marion S. Orr, Mrs. Annie Franken, Katherine Franken, Mrs. Beatrice L. Thomas, Mrs. Anna E. Lamey, Mrs. Kate Deamer, Florence Morse-Scholz, Mrs. Myra J. McGregor, Mrs. May W. Doolittle, Mrs. Mary E. Isreal, Mrs. Clara H. Morse, Mrs. Antoinette Newcomer, Mrs. Ida D. Johnson, Mrs. Jennie C. Lawrence

Number of active members, 54

CHAPTER HK, DES MOINES

Organized Feb. 18, 1932

Charter members: Mrs. Henrietta Fox, Mrs. Gertrude A. Stanton, Mrs. Helen Sauser, Blanche Hazlet, Helen H. Parker, Carol Snyder, Mrs. Ruby Livermore, Mrs. Vere M. Coddington, Mrs. Rowena Boreman, Mrs. Abra Patterson, Fannie Ford, Mrs. Ann Larson, Mrs. Margaret Frost, Mrs. Bessie Pugh, Mrs. Miriam Frush, Mrs. Calla Camp

Number of active members, 42

CHAPTER HL, DUBUQUE

Organized April 7, 1932

Charter members: Annie B. Hackett, Blanche Bock, Edith N. Dennis, Mrs. Gwendolyn Flockhart, Mrs. Bertha L. Henstis, Mrs. Abby L. Kleine, Mrs. Elsie H. McLaughlin, Mrs. Ella J. Ehlers, Mrs. Theodora R. Ellsworth, Mrs. Millie C. Gill, Marian Gray, Clara Hetherington

Number of active members, 49

CHAPTER HM, DES MOINES

Organized April 27, 1932

Charter members: Iola Armstrong, Hortense Andrews Hickman, Edith Brown, Helen Burgess, Lucile Clifton, Julia Hise, Mabel Nichols, Blanche Pyle, Adah Parsons, Helen Rex Chase, Irene Warner, Jean Dayton West, Lucile Wickersham, Mary McHenry Williams

Number of active members, 42

CHAPTER HN, AMES

Organized April 28, 1932

Charter members: Mrs. Ellen Sampson White, Mrs. Grace A. Munn, Mrs. Lillian Clark, Mrs. Josephine Beardshear, Mrs. Louise A. Gilman, Mrs. Mattie M. Graves, Mrs. Jessie M. Kerekes, Mrs. Lucy M. King, Mrs. Elizabeth Melhus, Mrs. Grace D. Needham, Mrs. Susan K. Norman, Mrs. Elsie Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Mary C. Shedd, Mrs. Hazel Rood, Mrs. Virgie Sweigard, Mrs. Blanche Temple, Mrs. Blythe C. Vance, Mrs. Lillian Templeton, Mrs. Mary T. Bates, Mrs. Daisy B. Theis, Mrs. Mabel Henderson, Mrs. Mary D. Budge, Mrs. Lena H. Welch

Number of active members, 90

CHAPTER HO, AMES

Organized April 28, 1932

Charter members: Mrs. Rosaetha S. Stevenson, Mrs. Effie R. Coover, Fredrica Shattuck, Mrs. Edna G. Hammer, Mrs. Ruth B. Armstrong, Mrs. E. Dorothy Wilkinson, Mrs. Anna C. Fish, Mrs. Martha L. Forman, Mrs. Alice L. Peasley, Mrs. Madge D. Mc Glade, Mrs. Jessie M. Pratt, Mrs. Katherine A. Iverson, Mrs. Mary T. Brown, Mrs. Lydia T. Hake, Mrs. Jessie A. Lynch, Mrs. Dorothy M. Tilden, Winifred R. Tilden, Mrs. Agnes Martin, Mrs. Etha Hewitt, Mrs. Miriam E. Biester, Mrs. Margaret D. Aikman, Mrs. Mary E. Mc Fadden, Mrs. Mary T. Erwin, Mrs. Ruth D. Tilden, Mrs. Margaret Ross, Frances L. Fish-Hussong, Mrs. Mildred Breckenridge, Maria M. Roberts, Esther L. Cooper, Mrs. Sarah Ellen Barlow, Elizabeth Fish-Banks

Number of active members, 80

CHAPTER HP, DES MOINES

Organized Jan. 21, 1933

Charter members: Miss Ada Barker, Miss Lucile Chesley, Miss Francis Dolliver, Miss Helen Dunkelberg, Mrs. Margaret Friess, Mrs. Elinor Chapler, Mrs. Lyle Chapler, Mrs. Louise Hamilton, Mrs. Elna Hartle, Miss Bess Johnson, Miss Mary Mitchell, Miss Glenn Ogden, Miss Mary Parmelee, Miss Louise Thompson, Miss Margaret Thomlinson, Mrs. Harriet Wetrick

Number of active members, 50

CHAPTER HQ, OTTUMWA

Organized April 7, 1933

Charter members: Mrs. Gail Page, Mrs. Irene Baker, Mrs. Grayce

Bastron, Mrs. Hazel Beck, Mrs. Mabel Cawley, Mrs. Ruth Douma, L. May Grube, Mrs. Nellie Hughes, Mrs. Hazel Jennings, Mrs. Margaret Miller, Mrs. Hazel Moore, Mrs. Elizabeth Sharp, Mrs. Stella Sharp, Mrs. Mamie Shea, Mrs. Zora Swenson, Mrs. Anna Taylor, Mrs. Gwendolyn Verhille, Mrs. Mary Weldon, Mrs. Alice Williams, Mrs. Frances Wormhoudt

Number of active members, 51

CHAPTER HR, OTTUMWA

Organized April 7, 1933

Charter members: Miss Lela Boulton, Mrs. Barbara Field, Mrs. June Harding, Mrs. Myrtle Kidd, Mrs. Elizabeth Kitterman, Mrs. Frances McIntire, Mrs. Virginia Throne, Mrs. Edna Trautmein, Mrs. May Keyhoe, Mrs. Ada Kitterman, Mrs. Mabel Majors, Mrs. Margaret Reed, Mrs. Mabel Taylor, Mrs. Eleanor Todd, Mrs. Minnie Bannister, Mrs. Mary Beech, Mrs. Nettie Cook, Mrs. Caroline Emerson, Clara Enoch

Number of active members, 64

CHAPTER HS, NEWTON

Organized April 18, 1933

Charter members: Mrs. Madge Bergman, Mrs. Flora Billingsbey, Mrs. Edna Bestor, Mrs. Mabel Billingsbey, Eva Clark, Mrs. Laura Clarkson, Ella Eberhart, Mrs. Pearl Fellows, Florence Finch, Mrs. Miriam Fleming, Mrs. Elsie Hammer, Mrs. Myra Handke, Mrs. Edith Hough, Mrs. Una Hough, Mrs. Lillie Joy, June K. Tennant, Mrs. Leona Karsten, Mrs. Lorna K. Kobelin, Genevieve Logan, Mrs. Edna Moore, Mrs. Mayme Miller, Mrs. Bess M. Morgan, Mrs. Nell Morrison, Mrs. Lura Russell, Mrs. Carolyn Schulz, Mrs. Elizabeth Warburton, Mrs. Anne Wood, Mrs. Florence Woodrow, Mrs. Susan Young

Number of active members, 77

CHAPTER HT, DES MOINES

Organized April 25, 1933

Charter members: Mrs. Anna Mae Beymer, Mrs. Rebekah Hufstader, Mrs. Elizabeth Bond, Mrs. Dorothy Faville, Mrs. Beth Garten, Mrs. Madeline Harnegel, Mrs. Alice W. Harper, Mrs. Enid Huebner, Mrs. Helen Merrill, Mrs. Luella Sampson, Mrs. Nell Smith, Mrs. Ella Studebaker, Mrs. Martha Whitely, Mrs. Vida Winter, Mrs. Elizabeth Woolman

Number of active members, 46

CHAPTER HU, BURLINGTON

Organized April 27, 1933

Charter members: Zillah Haskell, Mrs. Jane Mercer Jackson, Mrs. Ida U. Jordan, Mrs. Ouida C. Herwig, Mrs. Tina E. Hornbaker, Mrs. Grace Nelson, Mrs. Etha Brooks, Mrs. Emma Greene, Mrs. Elizabeth Rankin, Mrs. Nellie George, Louise Hunt, Mrs. Helen Hunt Hanna, Mrs. Sara L. Koontz, Mrs. Faye J. Esden, Clara Graesser, Emma Graesser, Mrs. Lou Mellinger, Maud Meyer
Number of active members, 42

CHAPTER HV, CLINTON

Organized Nov. 24, 1933

Charter members: Mrs. Demmie Snyder, Mrs. Gladys Jewett, Mrs. Gladys Corson, Ninna Palmer, Mrs. Margaret Slater, Mrs. Evelyn Sipes, Mrs. Marguerite Hensinkveld, Mrs. Harriet White, Mrs. Bertha Mansfield, Mrs. Carrie P. Brandt, Mrs. Elsie P. Clizbe, Mrs. Lois Fenton, Mrs. Margaret Foster, Elsie A. Sehnell, Mrs. Amy Osborne, Mrs. Beatrice B. Iten
Number of active members, 63

CHAPTER HW, FOREST CITY

Organized April 11, 1934

Charter members: Mrs. Georgia Throckmorton Eaton, Mrs. Lela W. Prewitt, Mrs. Marguerite Ruble, Mrs. Louise Thompson, Mrs. Helen Marr Thompson Gould, Mrs. Elsie Grayson, Agnes Jacobs, Mrs. Alta Gjellefeld, Mrs. Lillian Osmundson, Mrs. Hazel Perry, Mrs. Margaret Sharp Erickson, Mrs. Helen L. Jacobs, Mrs. Eleanor Peterson, Miss Charlotte Bridge
Number of active members, 19

CHAPTER HX, DES MOINES

Organized April 27, 1934

Charter members: Mrs. Code Bishard, Mrs. Theo E. Carter, Mrs. Bernice Clearman, Mrs. Hallie Colladay, Mrs. Lyda Collins, Mrs. Edna Connell, Mrs. Mary Critchett, Mrs. Beth Houlette, Mrs. Nell McKay, Mrs. Ethel Prusia, Mrs. Clarice Ray, Mrs. Edith Reed, Mrs. Helen Marr Van Tuyl, Mrs. Elizabeth Carter Weitz, Mrs. Lucile Neely
Number of active members, 38

CHAPTER HY, DES MOINES

Organized March 23, 1935

Charter members: Mrs. Ina Grossman, Mrs. Maretta Blanchard, Mrs. Ruth Goodman, Mrs. Jane Mordy, Mrs. Nelle Mugge, Mrs. June Paschal, Mrs. Marjorie Smith, Mrs. Katherine Twomey, Mrs. Myrtle Davis, Mrs. Dorothy Armington, Mrs. Louise Beam, Mrs. Ella Gates, Mrs. Harriette Knapp

Number of active members, 47

CHAPTER HZ, SIOUX CITY

Organized May 13, 1935

Charter members: Mrs. Eloise K. Dodsley, Mrs. Lydia W. Orcutt, Mrs. Elizabeth O. Orcutt, Mrs. Dora S. Patrick, Mrs. Vernie Benttler, Mrs. Hallie Arnold, Mrs. Winifred McAhren, Mrs. Agnes W. Colvin, Mrs. Dora Fahey, Mrs. Nellie S. Cooper, Mrs. Alberta M. Small, Mrs. Florence C. Jordon, Mrs. Maude I. Getman, Mrs. Mabel A. McFadden, Mrs. Catherine G. Dier, Mrs. Pauline H. Halloran, Mrs. Katherine E. Dodsley Hedeem, Mrs. Jeanette Cooper-Barnes

Number of active members, 53

CHAPTER IA, SIOUX CITY

Organized May 13, 1935

Charter members: Mrs. Mary R. Berry, Mrs. Etta W. Brackney, Mrs. Bernice Briggs, Mrs. Bess Beyers, Mrs. Grace J. Coomer, Mrs. Emma M. Craven, Mrs. Margaret S. Doyle, Mrs. Frances C. Hampe, Mrs. Ruth Iseminger, Mrs. Grace M. Kellogg, Mrs. Mary M. Lewis, Mrs. June R. McAhren, Mrs. Evelyn T. Miller, Mrs. Cornelia S. Paxton, Mrs. Laura Prall, Mrs. Gladys Scobell, Mrs. Martha Sibley, Mrs. Elizabeth Straight, Mrs. Charlotte Vandeburgh

Number of active members, 52

CHAPTER IB, DAVENPORT

Organized May 15, 1935

Charter members: Mrs. Isal Heflen, Mrs. Margaret Crane, Mrs. Eva J. Brush, Mrs. Agnes M. Crockett, Mrs. Mabel E. McIntosh, Mrs. Estelle S. Cunnick, Mrs. Adeline Goodland, Mrs. Lillian J. Hopkins, Mrs. Caroline M. Heesch, Mrs. Winifred Miller Senty, Mrs. Naomi Earhart Porter, Mrs. Norma O. Greene, Mrs. Jeanette S. Zoekler, Mrs. Louise A. Plack, Mrs. Meda Steele

Number of active members, 61

CHAPTER IC, DAVENPORT

Organized May 15, 1935

Charter members: Harriet Adams Miebach, Jane Kirk, Ruth Camp, Mrs. Esther G. King, Mrs. Anne E. Kroppach, Mrs. Mabel N. Lathrop, Mrs. Bernice L. Ballard, F. Margaret Gleason, Edna Giesler, Mrs. Doris Rosing, Mrs. Mabel Le Bahn, Elizabeth Martin, Mrs. Kathryn N. Bickford

Number of active members, 39

CHAPTER ID, MADRID

Organized Feb. 20, 1936

Charter members: Mrs. Rebecca Neff, Mrs. Maude Neff, Mrs. Rebecca Neff-Dyer, Mrs. Elsie Dyer, Mrs. Jeannette York, Mrs. B. Florence Evans, Mrs. Elsie S. Anderson, Evilyn M. Carlsson, Mrs. Grayce E. Larson, Mrs. Grace Lucas, Mrs. Millie Bukseen, Mrs. Florence English, Mrs. Katherine Kassin, Susan Scurr, Mrs. Gladys Brainard

Number of active members, 27

CHAPTER IE, DES MOINES

Organized April 29, 1937

Charter members: Mrs. Mabel R. Becker, Mrs. Johanna Hoxie Logen, Mrs. Esther B. Zerworky, Mrs. Edna Sayre, Mrs. Grace Haddock Robinson, Mrs. Harriet E. Dick, Mrs. Isabel Miles, Mrs. Ethel D. Kindig, Mrs. Betty V. Jenks, Mrs. Nancy Ann Gardine, Mrs. Maude M. Seeman, Mrs. Alice Beck, Mrs. Verla Miller, Mrs. Clara L. Sutherland, Mrs. Gertrude B. Spaulding, Mrs. Margaret Harris

Number of active members, 40

CHAPTER IF, CEDAR RAPIDS

Organized May 1, 1937

Charter members: Mrs. Louise Altfillisch, Mrs. Martha Tarpey, Mrs. Mercedes Stewart, Mrs. Gladys Steverson, Mrs. Marian W. Pass, Mrs. Helena Cann, Mrs. Josephine Helscher, Mrs. Leonora VonDellen, Mrs. Carolyn Turner, Mrs. Mary Gail Davis Mack, Mrs. Margaret Marse, Mrs. Mary Lou Martland, Mrs. Helen G. Saxton, Mrs. Louise Gardener, Miss Ella Mc Laughlin

Number of active members, 64

CHAPTER IG, KEOKUK

Organized May 5, 1937

Charter members: Mrs. Florence Fulton, Charlotte Schwiete-Brownlee, Mrs. Virginia Linquist, Mamie E. Slack, Hannah Van Nostrand-Bowling, Mrs. Mabel C. Veith, Truth Lamont, Elizabeth Maxwell, Dorothy Aldrich, Eida Blaisdell-Bonansinga, Mrs. Audrey Giegerich, Marscine Schouten, Mrs. Leona Keesey, Vivian W. Brawley, Mrs. Mynn Davidson, Mrs. Doris Ayer, Mrs. Florence Fulton-Behnke, Emily Cole

Number of active members, 40

CHAPTER IH, CEDAR RAPIDS

Organized Feb. 19, 1938

Charter members: Mrs. Flora A. Rall, Mrs. Lenna L. Carter, Mrs. Maude M. Meyers, Mrs. Alice V. Gray, Mrs. Pauline Williamson, Mrs. Joanna Gerhart, Mrs. Pearle Taylor Henry, Mrs. Irene Bird, Mrs. Dorothy Hedberg, Mrs. Della Reynolda, Mrs. Harriet C. Downing, Mrs. Hermina D. Foster, Mrs. Velma Geiger, Grace Brownell, Mrs. Nelle Henderson, Mrs. Mary Louise Barnhizer, Mrs. Louise C. Yuill, Mrs. Carmelite M. Kennedy, Mrs. Jessie Harrison, Mrs. Gertrude Rinderknect, Mrs. Ione Miller, Mrs. Luella North, Mrs. Elizabeth Liddle, Mrs. Florence Johnson, Mrs. Gail Yessler, Mrs. Bess Boyson, Mrs. Maude D. Walker, Mrs. Ida N. Helm, Mrs. Josephine Cutler, Mrs. Bernice Coquette, Mrs. Eunice M. Carter

Number of active members, 62

CHAPTER II, CEDAR RAPIDS

Organized Feb. 19, 1938

Charter members: Mrs. Bess Lehman, Mrs. Maurine M. Augustine, Mrs. Mildred R. McIntyre, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Meyer, Mrs. Rachel H. Kester, Mrs. Mary M. Pratt, Mrs. Geraldine Stenner, Clara Robinson, Mrs. Ruth Curray, Mrs. Janet Thurman, Mrs. Grace C. Toms, Mrs. Helen W. Horan, Mrs. Iva D. Waples, Mrs. Florice L. Bailey, Mrs. Katherine P. Manatt, Mrs. Edna Mae West, Mrs. Mary B. Young, Mrs. Margaret W. Hearn, Mrs. Louise Knapp, Mrs. Doris L. Starr, Mrs. Ruth E. Watson, Mrs. Alice C. Burleson, Mrs. Esther M. Krabbenhoft, Mrs. Edna B. Roberts, Mrs. Mary C. Spence, Mrs. Norinne V. Lawrence, Mrs. Clare K. Bixter, Mrs. Grace B. Delzell, Mrs. Mona K. Wodtke, Mrs. Pearl M. Taylor, Mrs. Holcie Fair Hallman, Mrs. Evelyn N. Staves, Mrs. Leo S. Patterson, Betty Lehman Lawson

Number of active members, 71

CHAPTER IJ, DES MOINES

Organized Feb. 18, 1939

Charter members: Edna Gibbs, Vivian Richardson, Marianne Pruess, Catherine Barnum, Jan Ryan-Squire, Betty Albright Pringle, Elizabeth McMullen, Louise Bush, Lucile Hookum, Nelle Rogers, Rowena Damon, Frances French, Dorothy Blandin Fonda, Gertrude Lane, Mary Jane Nicholson, Gertrude Hawkinson, Margaret Boyd

Number of active members, 45

CHAPTER IK, DUBUQUE

Organized March 27, 1939

Charter members: Mrs. Mabel Fordyce, Mrs. Minnie Wight, Mrs. Sadie Mehlhop, Mrs. Alice Smith, Mrs. Jeanette McDonald, Mrs. Edna Zuker, Mrs. Elizabeth Landschultz, Mrs. Ruth Winter, Mrs. Blanche Gronen, Mrs. William McIlree, Mrs. Florence Kerrigan, Mrs. Adeline Harmison, Mrs. Lucile Cooley, Mrs. Cornelia Higley

Number of active members, 50

CHAPTER IL, SIOUX CITY

Organized March 30, 1940

Charter members: Mrs. Dorothy A. Johnson, Mrs. Elsie W. Gray, Mrs. Dorothy E. Hoskinson, Mrs. LaVerle Kellogg, Belle Finlayson, Mrs. Janet Thatcher, Mrs. Clara M. Strain, Mrs. Orra Magill, Zella White, Helen L. Robertson, Mrs. Marguerite Ruble, Magda Markert, Clariet Adaline Ridgeway

Number of active members, 45

CHAPTER IM, FORT DODGE

Organized April 3, 1940

Charter members: Mrs. Sara S. Smythe, Mrs. Laurine B. Whittemore, Mrs. Helen Offices, Mrs. Margaret Penick Lisher, Mrs. Mabel Grace Sunderlin, Mrs. Margaret Powell Larson, Mrs. Florence Moss, Mrs. Ellen O'Harrow, Mrs. Lillian S. Arrasmith, Mary P. Parmelee, Mrs. Olive D. Swanson, Elizabeth Wyss, Mrs. Georgia Bloxom, Mrs. Rachel M. Dolliver, Mrs. Byrde Carter

Number of active members, 44

CHAPTER IN, OTTUMWA

Organized Jan. 29, 1941

Charter members: Moss Anthony, Alice Baer, Ethel Dayton, Opal

Fauber, Helen Jay, Frances Johnson, Wilma Miller, Helen Nelson, Edith Newell, Jennie Osborne, Prewitt R. Marion, Nellie Rambo, Mary J. Steinmeyer, Annette Thompson, Velma Work

Number of active members, 41

CHAPTER IO, OSKALOOSA

Organized March 21, 1941

Charter members: Mrs. Florence Butler, Mrs. Lena Redmon, Mrs. Dorothy S. Lee, Mrs. Dorothy Kilpatrick, Mrs. Myrtle Morton, Mrs. Sara G. Kalback, Mrs. Marjorie G. Walton, Mrs. Louise Morgan, Mrs. Mildred S. Shannon, Mrs. Mary B. Noel, Mrs. Allena J. Rodgers, Mrs. Marian Knight, Mrs. Helen W. Rowe, Mrs. Prudence Smith, Mrs. Anna G. Hoffman, Mrs. Ruth G. Campbell, Mrs. Alice J. Bradbury, Miss Elizabeth Michener, Mrs. Jennie Corlett

Number of active members, 70

CHAPTER IP, DUBUQUE

Organized March 31, 1941

Charter members: Miss Annie J. Hackett, Miss Edith W. Dennis, Miss Ella Dennis, Miss Clara Hetherington, Salena A. Hall, Ada Herrman, Abby L. Kleine, Lois Lyon Lawrence, Miss Marian Gray, Miss Marjorie W. Wilson, Gwendolyn Flockhart, Jane Schmidt, Julia Herr, Marjorie Damson, Dorothy McDonald, Theodora Ellsworth

Number of active members, 43

CHAPTER IQ, COUNCIL BLUFFS

Organized April 16, 1941

Charter members: Mrs. Irene Storrs, Mrs. Ada M. Hills, Mrs. Ruth Jenkins, Mrs. Linda B. O'Brien, Mrs. Gertrude Northup, Mrs. Vera S. Parks, Mrs. Florence Stoufer, Mrs. Gretchen Evans, Mrs. Frances N. Jessup, Mrs. Winifred M. Paulson, Mrs. Edna O. Hughes, Mrs. Nelle Piper, Mrs. Lucile Davis, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Margaret Wright, Mrs. Frances S. Crookham

Number of active members, 50

CHAPTER IR, DAVENPORT

Organized April 18, 1941

Charter members: Mrs. Bernice Ballard, Mrs. Mary Taylor, Mrs. Julia Ewen, Mrs. Mildred Sheeler, Mrs. Margaret Steinhauer, Mrs.

Ann Levsen, Mrs. Sara Bahr, Mrs. Anne Kroppach, Mrs. Mildred Allen, Mrs. Kathryn Bickford, Mrs. Laura Daugherty, Mrs. Erma Wolfin

Number of active members, 39

CHAPTER IS, MANNING

Organized Feb. 19, 1942

Charter members: Mrs. Helen Wiese, Mrs. Elva Gotch, Mrs. Flora Sutherland, Mrs. Blanche Wiese, Mrs. Ethel Lee, Mrs. Clara Lewis, Mrs. Bertha L. Sutherland, Mrs. Dorothy Sutherland-Arp, Mrs. Helen Wyatt, Mrs. Mary Wilhite, Mrs. Edna Wyatt, Mrs. Mary Lou Hansen, Mrs. Mildred Waltz, Mrs. Letha Johnson

Number of active members, 22

CHAPTER IT, CLARKSVILLE

Organized April 15, 1942

Charter members: Mrs. Emma T. Apple, Mrs. Dorothy L. Mark, Mrs. Helen M. Evans, Mrs. Lillie Lister Mather, Mrs. Lucile W. Roberts, Mrs. Indie R. Seitz, Mrs. Harriett H. Martin, Mrs. Frances B. Schellenger, Ludia B. Heery, Mrs. Nelle Sylvester, Mae H. McCrery, Mrs. Marie S. Asher, Mrs. Lucile Williams, Mrs. Jennie Huber, Nora Wehrhan

Number of active members, 24

CHAPTER IU, WATERLOO

Organized April 17, 1942

Charter members: Mrs. Edith M. Stevenson, Mrs. Grace L. Cascaden, Mrs. Helen Entz, Mrs. Hazel K. Hallowell, Mrs. Kathryn Thompson, Mrs. Margaret Hutchison, Mrs. Alice Bastan, Mrs. Dorothy B. Ferguson, Mrs. Helen F. Swisher, Mrs. Dorothea B. Birdsall, Mrs. Elaine M. Wagner, Mrs. Ethel R. McCreedy, Mrs. Mary Cray Warr, Mrs. Adella F. Scott, Mrs. Carrie A. Sedgwick, Mrs. Grace C. Busby, Mrs. Helen S. Reid, Miss Mary E. Danis, Mrs. Ruth H. Kennedy, Mrs. Jennie J. Peterson, Mrs. Vera M. Gardner, Mrs. Caroline C. Shepherd

Number of active members, 69

CHAPTER IV, AMES

Organized April 14, 1943

Charter members: Mrs. Ruth E. Carver, Mrs. Eleanor F. Baker, Evelyn M. Carlson, Marjorie C. Donaldson, Mrs. Ethel R. Fas-

mark, Hannah Kellogg Dowell, Jean Beyer Stange, Elizabeth Jane Stange Peters, Mrs. Harriet B. Stange, Mrs. Rubetta J. Wright, Mrs. Virginia Amidon Bratton, Mrs. Maud M. Sharf, Jean Deville, Ruth Dyer, Mrs. Nell Shelton Beaver, Mary Ann Miller, Gertrude A. Herr

Number of active members, 45

CHAPTER IW, MASON CITY

Organized March 22, 1944

Charter members: Mrs. Helen Strahan, Mrs. Mabel Barclay, Mrs. Sally Ann Stephenson, Mrs. Kathryn McConnell, Mrs. Jessie Stanbery, Mrs. Ella M. Hathaway, Mrs. Mattie Bracken, Mrs. Ellis Laird, Mrs. Irene Wolter, Mrs. Evelyn Patton, Mrs. Irene Smiley, Miss Ethel Ehlers, Mrs. Ruth Hall, Mrs. Luella B. Potter, Mrs. Mabel Findlay, Miss Grace Barnard, Mrs. Naida Clark, Mrs. Esther Nyquist, Mrs. Gertrude Peterson, Mrs. Grace Ehlers, Mrs. Jessie Knudson, Miss Hattie Lymenstahl

Number of active members, 47

CHAPTER IX, WATERLOO

Organized April 18, 1944

Charter members: Mrs. Martha Bryant, Mrs. Ruth McClaran, Mrs. Dorothy Asher, Mrs. Mabel Spaford, Mrs. Gertrude Smith, Mrs. Adeline Oren, Mrs. Eleanor Miller, Mrs. Grace Boysen, Mrs. Dorothy O'Connor, Mrs. Gladys Lasser, Mrs. Charlotte Hinson, Mrs. May Logan, Mrs. Geniece Hoffman, Mrs. Velma Butler, Mrs. Maxine Batcher, Mrs. Olive Hacker, Mrs. Olive Butler, Mrs. Jessie Waterbury, Mrs. Jeanne Hoxie, Mrs. Flora Lacey, Mrs. Marion Gunderson, Mrs. Mary Waterbury, Mrs. Marion Lamison, Mrs. Ella Beem, Mrs. Faye Shirey, Mrs. Bernice McKinstry

Number of active members, 55

CHAPTER IY, MASON CITY

Organized April 18, 1945

Charter members: Mrs. Eula Leffler, Mrs. Josephine Sanders, Mrs. Beulah Houlahan, Mrs. Mattie A. Hart, Mrs. Mary R. Roberts, Mrs. Floy Page Lovell, Mrs. Harriet Gould, Mrs. Mabel Youngdale, Mrs. June Saunders, Mrs. Hester Beck, Mrs. Blanche Judd, Mrs. Jean Messer, Mrs. Pauline Kober, Mrs. Lena Keithan, Mrs. Mary Jo Olmsted

Number of active members, 32

CHAPTER IZ, DES MOINES

Organized April 19, 1945

Charter members: Mrs. Alice E. Howard, Mrs. Lillian E. Winter, Mrs. Helen O. Sargent, Jean Brady Summers, Catherine A. Mick, Mrs. Grace E. Middleton, Margaret Middleton, Mrs. Elma L. Curry, Mrs. Ruth E. Bybee, Mrs. Ethel D. Moran, Mrs. Iva M. Weik, Mrs. Pauline M. Moore, Mrs. Vera M. Girard, Mrs. Helene McDowell, Mrs. Mary E. Findley, Mrs. Ruth Jean MacKenzie, Mrs. Lenora K. Movle

Number of active members, 33

CHAPTER JA, SHENANDOAH

Organized Oct. 23, 1945

Charter members: Mrs. Allie M. Johnson, Mrs. Mildred M. Clovis, Mrs. Lucile Longman, Mrs. Irene E. Fishbaugh, Mrs. Leanna Driftmier, Mrs. Helen Fischer, Mrs. LeOna Nicholdson, Mrs. Addie E. Keenan, Mrs. Kathleen Teget, Mrs. Zoanna Fishbaugh, Mrs. Esther E. Fishbaugh, Mrs. Luella A. Miller, Mrs. Elsie Nordstrom, Mrs. Eltora K. Alexander.

Number of active members, 42

CHAPTER JB, GRINNELL

Organized Dec. 18, 1945

Charter members: Mrs. Ruth Preston, Mrs. Grace Peck, Mrs. Maude James, Mrs. Ethel Tomasek, Mrs. Anna Ramsey, Mrs. Adelaide Keeney, Mrs. Miriam Smith, Mrs. Jewell Hawk, Mrs. Grace Haag, Miss Sarah MacDonald, Miss Bethena McCandless, Mrs. Helen Ransom, Mrs. Lucy Bridgham, Mrs. Esther Marten, Mrs. Harriet Gale, Mrs. Erika McClenon, Mrs. Mary Klausner, Mrs. Margaret Arnold, Mrs. Dorothy Fonda

Number of active members, 38

CHAPTER JC, AKRON

Organized March 22, 1946

Charter members: Mrs. Ada C. Kinser, Mrs. Dott Leone Cross, Mrs. Carolyn M. Kerr, Mrs. Hilda Brady, Mrs. Elva Youngstrom, Mrs. Lillias M. Davidson, Mrs. Catherine Mellen, Mrs. Ethel Thorson, Miss Hattie Sayles, Mrs. Eunice Burket, Miss Helen Hicks, Mrs. Ruth H. Mitchell, Mrs. Leila H. Howe

Number of active members, 30

CHAPTER JD, STORM LAKE

Organized April 6, 1946

Charter members: Mrs. Jean Jarnagin, Mrs. Vera McCorkindale, Mrs. Blanche S. Pyles, Mrs. Helen Hill, Mrs. Clara Whelan, Mrs. Lydia Olson, Mrs. Phoebe LaFoy, Mrs. Sally Snyder, Mrs. Jennette Jarnagin, Mrs. Blanche Evans, Mrs. Catherine Yon, Mrs. Nancy V. G. Nash, Mrs. Janet Schaller, Mrs. Blanche R. Toay, Mrs. Marjorie Higgins, Mrs. Jane Reid, Mrs. Wilma Johnson, Mrs. Ellinor Hughes, Mrs. Eloise Schaller

Number of active members, 47

CHAPTER JE, WEBSTER CITY

Organized May 14, 1946

Charter members: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Little, Mrs. Mary M. Hanna, Mrs. Gertrude B. Nendeck, Mrs. Mora T. Aden, Mrs. Alice Snow, Miss Ruth Merrill, Mrs. Freda Weldon, Mrs. Mabel F. Snyder, Mrs. Frances Hanna, Mrs. Martha Y. Lehnhard, Mrs. Ruth Baird, Miss Julia Beach, Mrs. Tressa F. Stearns, Dr. Effie McCollom Jones, Jeanne Throckmorton, Mrs. Frances Lear, Miss Charlotte Crosley, Miss Myra E. Call, Mrs. Ella Burleson, Mrs. Mary R. Buell, Mrs. Mary B. Isensee, Mrs. Martha E. Larrabee, Mrs. Hattie Zitterall

Number of active members, 48

CHAPTER JF, IOWA CITY

Organized May 20, 1946

Charter members: Mrs. Miriam Ellis McNown, Mrs. Meda Ella Steele, Mrs. Lillian Goff Taylor, Mrs. Martha G. Burney, Mrs. Mollie G. Bradshaw, Mrs. Grace H. Linder, Mrs. Laura H. Mapes, Mrs. Gladys G. Covert-Schaller, Martha Elizabeth Burney-Robinson, Mrs. Erma E. Duncan, Mrs. Dorothy T. Boeye, Mrs. Ora B. Beitzell, Mrs. Mary Ellen Comley, Mrs. Ethel Blythe-Penningroth, Mrs. Golda L. Jenkinson, Mrs. Elizabeth Penningroth Cupp, Mrs. Mae E. Sones, Mrs. Edythe N. Opstal

Number of active members, 44

CHAPTER JG, SIOUX CITY

Organized June 1, 1946

Charter members: Mrs. Vera C. Vickers, Mrs. Mary F. Lomas, Mrs. Bessie Hvistendahl, Lucile F. Vickers, Mrs. Lola E. Avers,

Mrs. Ruth Vickerstaff, Mrs. Cora Coss, Helen E. Wedgwood, Mrs. Stella Hoffer Burns, Ruth Wedgwood, Leone Barngrover, Mrs. Marie C. Hartman, Marcia Mc Nee, Mrs. Edith Morton, Mrs. Cora Lory, Mrs. Mae C. Smith, Mrs. Metta Huff, Alva Tolf, Mrs. Lulu Hall, Mrs. Alice H. Dawson

Number of active members, 36

CHAPTER JH, SIOUX CITY

Organized June 6, 1946

Charter members: Mrs. Vivian D. Wolle, Mrs. Alice B. Down, Mrs. Lois S. Bean, Mrs. Mona M. Holland, Mrs. Darlene Howe, Virginia Howe, Mrs. Leotha Hayworth, Mrs. Naomi Potter, Mrs. Miriam Larson, Mrs. Jessie Buchnell, Mrs. Carrie Gordon, Mrs. Daise B. Saunderson, Miss Rae Wetmore, Mrs. Florence Kingsbury, Mrs. Erma Schiebe, Carolyn Wolle-Cox, Mrs. Nancy Stover, Mrs. Betty Lou Brown, Ethel R. Murray, Kay Fullwood, Mrs. Lillian Walker

Number of active members, 42

CHAPTER JI, CEDAR RAPIDS

Organized Dec. 11, 1946

Charter members: Mrs. Marian Beurle, Mrs. Keitha Ferguson, Mrs. Beulah G. Calloway, Mrs. Marian Griffin, Mrs. Mandeline Hagan, Mrs. Dorothy M. Hubbard, Mrs. Marian L. Judd, Mrs. Ethel M. Kindig, Mrs. Dorothy Lynch, Mrs. Alice J. McConkie, Mrs. Eldora Munneks, Mrs. Ruth Ribble, Mrs. Mary Ellen Singer, Mrs. Daisy M. Tague, Mrs. Deborah B. Whelpley, Mrs. Rachel Wodtke, Mrs. Lucile McLaughlin, Mrs. Edith Buresh, Mrs. Ione Paxson, Mrs. Maxine Pope

Number of active members, 43

CHAPTER JJ, DES MOINES

Organized Dec. 17, 1946

Charter members: Mrs. Grace D. Needham, Mrs. Hallie Arnold, Mrs. Margaret D. Morrow, Mrs. Helen Edison, Mrs. Ruth C. Kaser, Mrs. Margaret A. Bruce, Mrs. Florence S. Young, Mrs. Mary Louise Brockway, Mrs. Mary Cherry Cook, Mrs. Myrtle Call Dickinson, Mrs. Ruth D. Daugherty, Mrs. Lucile S. Newell, Mrs. Nina L. Foote, Mrs. Aosta Swift, Mrs. Eleanor S. Ramsey, Mrs. Jessie R. Bickett, Mrs. Josephine Preeyn, Mrs. Martha Ellen Keith, Mrs. Grace J. Robinson, Mrs. Lucy C. Dysart

Number of active members, 28

CHAPTER JK, DES MOINES

Organized Dec. 18, 1946

Charter members: Carol Whittington, Gertrude T. Whitted, Mary-alyce Smith, Eleanor L. Orth, Mary Jane Kindschy, Jane Collins, Helen Brodie, Joyce Miles, Mary Ellen Lovett, Dorothy Harris, Helen Acheson, Jean T. Lorenz, Marjorie H. Oggel, Ruth J. Wilson

Number of active members, 26

CHAPTER JL, BOONE

Organized Jan. 14, 1947

Charter members: Mrs. Mary Whitehill, Mrs. Lucy Chapin, Mrs. Ella Woolburn, Mrs. Naomii Allender, Mrs. Frances Gallup, Miss Lucile Johnson, Mrs. Josie Canaday, Mrs. Maude Cooper, Mrs. Helen Munn, Mrs. Effie Irwin, Mrs. Hazel Johnson, Mrs. Kate Mirick, Mrs. Helen Longworth, Mrs. Mary Herman, Mrs. Elizabeth Irwin, Mrs. Blanche White, Mrs. Pauline Thorngren, Mrs. Helen Halverson, Mrs. Blanche Sandell, Mrs. Elvera Grimes, Mrs. Myrtle Anderson

Number of active members, 46

CHAPTER JM, DES MOINES

Organized Jan. 28, 1947

Charter members: Mrs. Genevieve Dalgliesh Montgomery, Isabella D. Dalgliesh, Elsie Hewitt, Ruth L. Putman, Mrs. Grace E. Anderson, Mildred Louise Cole-Johnson, Mrs. Eleanor Smith Wade, Mrs. Marian Brown Krohnke, Mrs. Rachel Emerson Knock, Mrs. Dorothy Newell Welch, Mrs. Ellen Newell Myers, Mrs. Marilyn Derham Mack, Mona Jackson, Mrs. Jean Kalseim Reames, Laura Henderson

Number of active members, 30

CHAPTER JN, CLINTON

Organized March 20, 1947

Charter members: Mrs. Dorothy M. Klopp, Mrs. Helen F. Ogden, Mrs. Mary Jane Case, Mrs. Carolyn B. Ogden, Mrs. Opal G. Oyaas, Mrs. Patricia D. Tolson, Mrs. Letha H. DeMoss, Mrs. Mary L. McMullen, Mrs. Grace Evans Weih, Mrs. Frances H. Lynn, Mrs. Lorraine W. Root, Mrs. Gertrude R. Weinert, Mrs. Alice A. Knudsen, Mrs. Elizabeth K. Ray, Mrs. Jean F. Shaw, Mrs. Carlota Van

Allen, Mrs. Ann Brown, Mrs. Helen L. Whitley, Mrs. Leana W. Ingwerzen, Miss Georgia O. Ward, Mrs. Loretta H. Jones.

Number of active members, 42

CHAPTER JO, FORT MADISON

Organized March 22, 1947

Charter members: Mrs. Polly Tucker, Mrs. Imo Abraham, Mrs. Nancy Biklin, Mrs. Elizabeth Bomar, Mrs. Bess Brown, Mrs. Maude Ekstrand, Mrs. Jean Everingham, Mrs. Virginia Fish, Mrs. Alice Hedderick, Mrs. Lottie Hermes, Mrs. Frances Noble, Mrs. Lucy Bell Napier, Mrs. Daisy Scovel, Mrs. Martha Paschall, Mrs. Claire Tiss, Mrs. Eva Turney, Mrs. Helen Chambers, Mrs. Lorraine Lowenberg, Mrs. Mildred Moore, Mrs. Mabel Albright

Number of active members, 34

CHAPTER JP, WATERLOO

Organized March 25, 1947

Charter members: Mrs. Nellie Y. Rogers, Mrs. Dorothy Robinson, Mrs. Ida N. Bird, Margaret Meewes, Mrs. Helen M. Beers, Helen M. Button, Elizabeth Morning, Mrs. Mildred Kemmerer, Mrs. Fern B. Kister, Mrs. Bettijane Obermann, Beulah Plager Robinson, Mrs. Mary Ruth Ely, Mrs. Maylon R. Armstrong

Number of active members, 26

CHAPTER JQ, CHARLES CITY

Organized March 27, 1947

Charter members: Mary Ethel Waller, Nelle R. Schroeter, Mrs. Ethel Burnham, Mrs. Florence W. Murphy, Mrs. Minnie Kellogg, Mrs. Calla Smith, Mrs. Norma Banton, Mrs. Altha D. Lapham, Mrs. Dorothea Koenig, Mrs. Martha Eggert, Mrs. Mildred Miner, Mrs. Lanchen Sands, Mrs. Maree Frudden, Mrs. Edith Sanders, Mrs. Jean Willson, Mrs. Lorene S. Smith, Mrs. Louise Miner, Mrs. Anne Bos, Mrs. Myrtle Fox, Mrs. Elvern Kraesean, Mrs. Geraldine King, Mrs. Barbara Selim, Mrs. Lillie Dunn

Number of active members, 48

CHAPTER JR, MUSCATINE

Organized April 9, 1947

Charter members: Mrs. Mary Ella Kantz, Mrs. Gail Gibson, Louisa R. Jericko, Mrs. Helen McIlrath, Mrs. Carolyn Beveridge, Mrs. Katherine G. Palmer, Mrs. Wilma N. Muller, Mrs.

Winifred Garland, Mrs. Leila T. Tipton, Mrs. Jessie Stein, Mrs. Maude Henderson, Mrs. Martha Newton, Mrs. Barbara Hakes, Ann Stein-Banks, Mrs. Florence Stevens

Number of active members, 40

CHAPTER JS, DAVENPORT

Organized Jan. 23, 1948

Charter members: Mrs. Mabel Le Buhn, Mrs. Mary A. Foltz, Mrs. Nina Williams, Mrs. Hazel Norman, Mrs. Maxine Evans, Mrs. Louise Hall Clark, Mrs. Mary B. Wick, Mrs. Lois Johnson, Mrs. Jennie Louise McPhail, Mrs. Emma Willits Fix, Mrs. Iva Souder, Mrs. Isabelle Kimberly, Mrs. Dorothy G. Rasmussen, Mrs. Helen Van Houten, Mrs. Marian Cannon, Mrs. Frances M. Shumate, Mrs. Joan H. Smith, Mrs. Marjorie D. Erwin, Mrs. Florence McDonald, Mrs. Josephine M. Miller, Mrs. Katherine Schlacks

Number of active members, 26

CHAPTER JT, CEDAR RAPIDS

Organized March 16, 1948

Charter members: Mrs. Beatrice Lee Thomas, Mrs. Sylvia Pugh, Mrs. Doris A. Bickel, Mrs. Margaret E. Krumboltz, Mrs. Ruth H. Hess, Mrs. Anna M. Hendricks, Mrs. Mildred Voggenthaler, Mrs. Frances R. Shuttleworth, Mrs. Helen Moulton, Mrs. Stella M. Bye, Mrs. Mildred Lamey Barlow, Mrs. Pauline H. Phillips, Mrs. Bertha Lilley, Mrs. Margaret B. Vetter, Mrs. Elizabeth Dennison, Mrs. Lillian Fussell, Mrs. Cecil Tracy, Mrs. Bess Barry

Number of active members, 32

CHAPTER JU, MARSHALLTOWN

Organized April 19, 1948

Charter members: Mrs. Clara L. Clark, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Young, Mrs. Virginia C. Cooper, Mrs. Julia R. Brennan, Mrs. Sara Lee Paddock, Mrs. Alta B. Parman, Mrs. Marian E. Miller, Mrs. Eva H. Wolfe, Mrs. Nell S. Hauptert, Mrs. Carol Kindred, Mrs. Verla Dean, Mrs. Iva S. Patterson, Mrs. Florence Trey, Mrs. Wanda A. Gravatt, Mrs. Nancy McKay Hull

Number of active members, 28

CHAPTER JV, INDIANOLA

Organized April 23, 1948

Charter members: Mrs. Ethel Trueblood, Mrs. Frances Vander-

velde, Mrs. Mary L. Tute, Mrs. Florence McCoy, Mrs. Madge Harlan, Mrs. Florence H. Willits, Miss Esther Jean Harlan, Mrs. Mildred Lekberg, Mrs. Enid Burkey, Mrs. Mary J. Criswell, Mrs. Margery Louise Gunn, Miss Martha A. Watson, Mrs. Winifred Montgomery, Mrs. Kathryn Sorrden

Number of active members, 33

CHAPTER JW, CLINTON

Organized June 7, 1948

Charter members: Ehrma B. Mc Roberts, Ruby Wallace, Vincy Carnes, Frances C. Munson, Elizabeth Munson Lawrence, Margaret Rushton, Portia C. Potter, Mildred Wagner, Ruth C. Depue, Mary L. Amesbury, Bernice L. De Wurdt, Gertrude B. King, Mayme P. Howes

Number of active members, 23

CHAPTER JX, FORT DODGE

Organized April 21, 1949

Charter members: Mrs. Zenaide Beier, Mrs. Lyla Couch, Mrs. Jean Krause, Mrs. Kathryn Anderson, Mrs. Minnie E. Wall, Mrs. Grace Schill, Mrs. Marguerite Morrison, Mrs. Eloise Welch, Mrs. Helen Wicker, Mrs. Lucile Gibb, Mrs. Edna Brokaw, Mrs. Margaret Erbe, Mrs. Jeone Lestie Larson, Mrs. Margaret D. Henderson, Mrs. Dorothea Bocke

Number of active members, 24

CHAPTER JY, DES MOINES

Organized Jan. 13, 1950

Charter members: Mrs. Vera Lou Biggerstaff, Mrs. Vera W. Mayer, Mrs. Marjory Morris Anderson, Mrs. Catherine Brooke Fisher, Mrs. Mildred Woodford, Miss Bertha Miller, Mrs. Mildred Sheeler, Mrs. Effie Einers, Mrs. Grace Phillips, Mrs. Marjory Steuart Ulfers, Mrs. Helen Wilkinson, Mrs. Lucile Doherty, Mrs. Miriam Kock, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Cox Campbell, Mrs. Delores K. McDonald, Mrs. Marguerite Russell Gregory, Mrs. Floy Cope, Miss Ingrid Kelley, Mrs. Jean Hedberg Selden, Mrs. Eileen Galloway

Number of active members, 28

CHAPTER JZ, DES MOINES

Organized Jan. 16, 1950

Charter members: Mrs. Nancy S. Mauck, Mrs. Ellazanna Harris,

Mrs. Frances G. Slaninger, Mrs. Leola H. Strawn, Mrs. Edith V. Brownlie, Mrs. Louise Prehm, Mrs. Elsie Dinning, Mrs. Lucile Huck, Mrs. Georgia Del Dosso, Mrs. Jeanne S. Plato, Mrs. Bessie T. Sprague, Mrs. Louise S. Wadsworth, Mrs. Jean W. Toon, Mrs. Jean D. Stiffler, Mrs. Ruth Hackett-Webber, Mrs. Muriel K. Risser, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Atwater

Number of active members, 28

CHAPTER KA, CENTERVILLE

Organized June 1, 1950

Charter members: Mrs. Edna Wygant, Mrs. Joyce Anderson, Mrs. Joanne Brown Elgin, Mrs. Ruth B. Fuller, Mrs. Geneva A. Dukes, Mrs. Nora Johnson, Mrs. Maxyne Miller Wehrle, Mrs. Charlotte Allen Beck, Mrs. Anna Linden, Mrs. Anna Veitch, Mrs. Eva Minor, Mrs. Mae K. West, Mrs. Etta Powers, Mrs. Marjorie Bradley McConville, Mrs. Dorothy Vredenburg, Mrs. Edna Dukes, Mrs. Mabel Warren, Mrs. Rachel Donahue, Mrs. Cecyl Klepfer, Mrs. Edna Needham Beck, Mrs. Essie Gardner Adamson, Mrs. Ethel Edwards

Number of active members, 26

CHAPTER KB, BURLINGTON

Organized June 2, 1950

Charter members: Helen McConnell, Dorothy Hale, Mildred Davis, Dorajean C. Anderson, Marjorie E. Campbell, Gretchen Schumacher, Virginia Stewart, Rhea L. West, Ruth Calhoun, Dorothy De Wolf Camp, Emma Kresge, Miriam Larson, Ann Ratcliff Gray, Nellie Stillman

Number of active members, 15

CHAPTER KC, AMES

Organized June 5, 1950

Charter members: Mrs. Gwendolyn Miller, Mrs. Carolyn Hyde Cook, Mrs. Mary Elora Van Fleet, Mrs. Florence P. Mathews, Mrs. Maxine Grant Hildebrand, Mrs. Catherine Wodrich, Mrs. Josephine Mobley Ferguson, Mrs. Margaret Thompson Thomas, Mrs. Adah E. Schafroth, Mrs. Mary Janet Dunlap, Mrs. Hazel Hobbs, Mrs. Shirley Woodford Olcott, Mrs. Rebecca Neff Dyer

Number of active members, 19

CHAPTER KD, DES MOINES

Organized Feb. 20, 1951

Charter members: Vera Ewing, Jean Hill Currie, Helen M.

Smith, Verna Bird, Patricia C. Larsen, Carol Bossett Donovan, Elizabeth DeCan Tillsan, Patricia Irish Freelnd, Peggy S. Jones, Betty Bamie, Jean Ann Jarnagin Seagrew, Nia Doherty, Margaret Johnson, Charlotte Ziegler Traup, Leah Foglesong, Bessie R. Saxton, Martha Jean Davidson Bordner, Jane Marquis

Number of active members, 18

CHAPTER KE, SIOUX CITY

Organized April 18, 1951

Charter members: Mrs. Mabel Sunderlin, Mrs. Olice Mumford Runions, Mrs. Jeanne Linstrum Bendinger, Mrs. Velma Shearer, Mrs. Fanchion Michaelson, Mrs. Marie Hansen, Mrs. Dorothy Newell Welch, Mrs. Bernice B. Cutler, Mrs. Louise Hawthorn McGrail, Mrs. Maxine McCormick Bohac, Mrs. Edith Brewer Johnson, Mrs. Esther M. Cluff, Mrs. Susan Smith, Mrs. Elaine J. Benten, Mrs. Josephine W. Brown, Mrs. Minnie L. Kind

Number of active members, 25

CHAPTER KF, SPENCER

Organized April 19, 1951

Charter members: Mrs. Helen H. Tuttle, Miss Barbara Avery, Mrs. Grace Avery, Mrs. Katherine Avery, Mrs. Billy Jean Campbell, Mrs. Edna Cornwall, Mrs. Ruth Cornwall, Mrs. Arlene Cory, Mrs. Audree Doudna, Mrs. Mildred Ducharme, Mrs. Sara B. Kenderdine, Mrs. Joyce Redmond, Mrs. Mary Warner Redmond, Mrs. Jeanette Thomas, Mrs. Ethel Warner, Mrs. Ruth E. Tuttle

Number of active members, 26

CHAPTER KG, CEDAR RAPIDS

Organized Dec. 18, 1951

Charter members: Mrs. Betty M. Suchomel, Mrs. Mabel M. Tschirgi, Mrs. Lucille D. Watson, Mrs. Dorris M. Long, Mrs. Carolyn Barta, Mrs. Alice Petranek, Mrs. Madge E. Fisher, Mrs. Amelia Mae Whilock, Mrs. Mae H. Kessler, Mrs. Eleanor C. Tisdale, Mrs. Alta Lundquist, Mrs. Eda S. Peterson, Mrs. Lenore E. Kruckenberg, Mrs. Martha A. Rieniets, Mrs. Estelle H. Trosky, Mrs. Kathryn R. Cooper

Number of active members, 18

CHAPTER KH, CLARINDA

Organized January 10, 1952

Charter members: Mrs. Hazel Gates Caswell, Mrs. Isa Johansen,

Mrs. Helen F. Dryden, Mrs. Helen Strong Boman, Mrs. Frances Spry Peterson, Mrs. Mary Douthit, Mrs. Clarice R. Douthit, Mrs. Harriett Richey Davidson, Miss Ruth Clark, Mrs. Ferne Rowland, Mrs. Marie Peetoom Gray, Miss Anne Douthit, Mrs. Ruth Boman Shumate, Mrs. Joan Korab Carr, Mrs. Marilyn Kennedy Kuehn, Mrs. Norma Walker Caswell, Mrs. Mary Barlow Spunaugle
Number of active members, 18

7. *Past Presidents of Iowa State Chapter*

FOR THE first 13 years of P. E. O. existence the Mt. Pleasant chapter was in a large sense the governing authority. Chapter A was the court of last appeal on all questions. Not that Chapter A had ruled with an iron hand, but it had started P. E. O. and the seven founders belonged to that chapter. Therefore it was natural that authority should be vested there.

Mrs. Nellie Ambler Campbell, a member of Chapter A, who was "preceptress and professor of literature" in Iowa Wesleyan College, sensing the need for a more democratic form of government, suggested that a meeting of representatives from the five existing chapters, Mt. Pleasant, Bloomfield, Fairfield, Jacksonville, Illinois, and Centerville, be called to consider the matter.

Chapter A was willing to relinquish its so-called authority and a meeting was held at Bloomfield on November 1 and 2, 1882. There were two delegates present from each of the five chapters. The meeting was held in the parlor of the Methodist parsonage, the home of Lulu Corkill (Williams). Chapter A brought a proposed "constitution" which was only terms by which a convention could be called. Accordingly, the first convention was called in Fairfield October 10-12, 1883 at which seven chapters were represented. A constitution was adopted, under which "The Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood" was established and judiciary powers passed from Chapter A to the Grand Chapter.

The women who presided over the P. E. O. conventions, prior to the organization of the individual state chapters, were Iowa women and strongly influenced P. E. O. growth and development in Iowa as well as in other states. It seems fitting that these women should be mentioned here since officially during those early years from 1869 to 1893 P. E. O. history was Iowa history.

*MRS. MARY BERRY PRICE (JOHNSON)

As Mary Berry, she was a charter member of Chapter D (formerly I), Centerville. She served her chapter as its first president and was also the first president of Grand Chapter, 1883-1884. Re-elected to serve as president in 1884-1885, she presided over the conventions held in Centerville and Ottumwa.

Of the pioneer type, retiring but forceful, she gave generously of her time in the first organization days. Under her leadership, P. E. O. grew both in numbers and in anticipated service. Her interest in P. E. O. was constant throughout the years of her life.

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 used previously 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. Organization of new chapters was discussed at the 1883 assembly. This 1883 general assembly, at which Mary Berry-Price was elected president, was the first convention and was known as the organizing convention.

*MISS CLARA WEINY

Miss Clara Weiny, a member of Chapter B (formerly F), Bloomfield, served as president from 1885 to 1886.

During her administration the question of changing the meaning of P. E. O. was discussed and it was voted to retain the original meaning. At the 1886 convention which was held in Washington, the initiation ceremony was presented by Effie Hoffman Rogers. It was adopted and used without change for twenty-one years.

This convention also ordered a seal, and from that time all records of conventions, copies of constitutions of Grand Chapter and local chapters, and all P. E. O. documents sent out to the chapters were sealed with the seal of the body, which read on the upper half of the circle: "Issued by Grand Chapter of," with "P. E. O." in star in center, and in the lower half of the circle the words: "Organized January 21st, 1869."

*MRS. EFFIE HOFFMAN ROGERS

Mrs. Effie Hoffman Rogers, initiated into the Seminary Chapter in 1871, was president of the Grand Chapter from 1886-1889. The conventions over which she presided were held in Albia, Keo-

*deceased

sauqua, and Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Rogers exerted a lasting influence on the future of P. E. O. in that several notable accomplishments were achieved during her three years of administration.

Twenty-three chapters were organized during this time. The first state charters were discussed and permission was given to Nebraska to form a state chapter. A burial ritual was adopted. The seal was used for the first time on official papers. Uniform by-laws for local chapters were agreed upon and prepared for distribution to each chapter. The desire for a project whereby they could unite their efforts led up to the resolution to publish a magazine.

*MRS. NANNIE TORRENCE STOCKMAN

Mrs. Nannie Torrence Stockman was a member of Chapter L (old X) Sigourney and was elected president of the Grand Chapter for the term 1889-1890. She presided over the convention held in Burlington, was a member of the committee that established the Record and had the honor of organizing the first state chapter, Nebraska Grand Chapter.

*MISS ORIAN PENDLETON

Miss Pendleton, fifth President of Grand Chapter, served for the term 1890-1891. She was a member of Chapter D (old I), Centerville, at the time of her election but was a charter member of F (old M), Moulton.

She had served six terms as treasurer, being the first president of Grand Chapter who served in another office before she was elected president.

At the close of her convention, she was presented a jewelled star in recognition of her seven years of faithful service as an officer of Grand Chapter.

In the convention at Fairfield, over which she presided, there was some discussion about forming the Iowa Chapters into a State Chapter, setting them apart from the Grand Chapter but no action was taken.

*MRS. A. R. DEWEY

Mrs. Dewey was the last President of the Grand Chapter, which held its convention in Des Moines in 1892. She was a member of Chapter J (old Q), Washington.

In her convention, which was one of difficult situations, the name of the highest body of government was changed to Supreme

Grand Chapter. Many social affairs, sponsored by the P. E. O.'s of Des Moines, gave variety to the busy days of convention.

The question of incorporation and forms for charters for state and local chapters were discussed. Committees were appointed to report on these matters at the next convention.

*MRS. ALICE SELLERS SPILMAN

Mrs. Spilman was initiated into Chapter G, Ottumwa, as a charter member and became the first president of Iowa Grand Chapter. She served from 1893 to 1895 and presided over the conventions held in Chariton and Ottumwa.

Charters were granted to AO, Newton, and AP, Harlan, in 1894 and to Chapters AQ, Brighton; AR, Grundy Center; AS, Manchester; AT, Spencer, and AU, Marengo, during the convention of 1895.

During her terms of administration; dues of the Iowa Grand Chapter were raised from 50c to 75c per member annually; the ritual was exemplified and a Memorial Hour was held at the conventions honoring the memory of sisters who had died during the current period of time.

Reports of chapter activities were read in convention by delegates from each chapter. Action was taken whereby new charters were granted to chapters organized before the State organization and each chapter was allowed to retain its original charter if it so desired.

*MRS. LULU MCHENRY, Q, DES MOINES

Initiated Chapter Q, Iowa

Organizer 1893-1894

Treasurer 1894-1895

President 1895-1896, Convention held in Winterset.

Charters were granted to Chapters AV, Prairie City; AW, Osage; and AX, Red Oak. There were 82 delegates representing 49 chapters present at this convention. Oral reports of chapter activities were given by delegates.

The proposition that a Home for Aged P. E. O.'s which was presented at the previous convention was "postponed until some future time." Chapter S submitted a plan for P. E. O. to present a music hall to Iowa Wesleyan College to be known as the Iowa Wesleyan University Conservatory of Music and P. E. O. Memorial Hall. The plan received considerable favor but was not adopted. The parliamentary authority was changed in 1896 from Harriett Shattuck to Robert's Rules of Order.

***MRS. FLORA CHESTER HERRING, C, FAIRFIELD**

Initiated Chapter C, Iowa

Recording Secretary 1894-1895 and 1895-1896

President 1896-1897, Convention held in Knoxville

Charters were granted to Chapters AY, Esterville; AZ, Creston; BA, Colfax, and BB, Marshalltown. The notable achievements of the 1897 convention were: Establishment of a Reciprocity Bureau among Iowa chapters called State Literary Exchange Bureau; convention minutes of each convention and all officers' supplies were to be printed; the ritual was exemplified in convention by officers of Iowa Grand Chapter; many new by-laws and changes in those already in use were recommended and adopted.

***MRS WALTER CAMPBELL, X, OSKALOOSA**

Initiated Chapter X, Iowa

Organizer 1894-1895

First Vice President 1896-1897

President 1897-1898 and 1898-1899, Conventions held in Osceola and Cedar Falls.

Charters were granted to Chapters BC, Waverly; BD, Independence; BE, Spirit Lake; BF, Afton; BG, DeWitt; BH, Monroe; BI, Sac City; BJ, Audubon; BK, Emmetsburg; BL, Rock Valley; BM, Grinnell; BN, Ackley; BO, Lake City; BP, Indianola.

By-laws enacted at these conventions were: constitutions to be provided each local chapter officer; Grand Chapter to pay the expense of one delegate to the convention from each chapter organized between March 1st and the time the convention meets; entertaining chapter to receive \$100 from the State treasury. It was decided that the Memorial Hour should be given by the entertaining chapter and the Grand Chapter president instead of tributes from local chapters of deceased members.

***MRS. MAY BROOKS SNIDER
ORIGINAL A, MT. PLEASANT**

Initiated Chapter Original A, Iowa

Second Vice President 1897-1898 and 1898-1899

President 1899-1900, Convention held in Oskaloosa

Charters were granted to Chapter BQ, Stuart; BR, Corydon; BS, Ft. Madison; BT, Davenport, and BU, Pella.

In this convention a new plan was adopted for the election of chapter delegates to Supreme Grand Chapter convention. The chapters of the state were to be divided in alphabetical groups of three each,

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STATE
CHAPTER



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MRS. CARRIE S. BUECHELE

CENTER,
MRS. MARY McDONALD KNAPP

LOWER LEFT,
MRS. MARY K. CALL



MRS. DELL P. GLAZIER



MRS. ALICE S. MILLER



MRS. MARY IRISH



MRS. DE ELDA W. LEE



MRS. STELLA PORTER-KELLY



MRS. LILLIAN LONG GRIFFITH



MRS. LOUISE M. HENELY



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MRS. LULU A. McHENRY



MRS. ADA J. KLINGER



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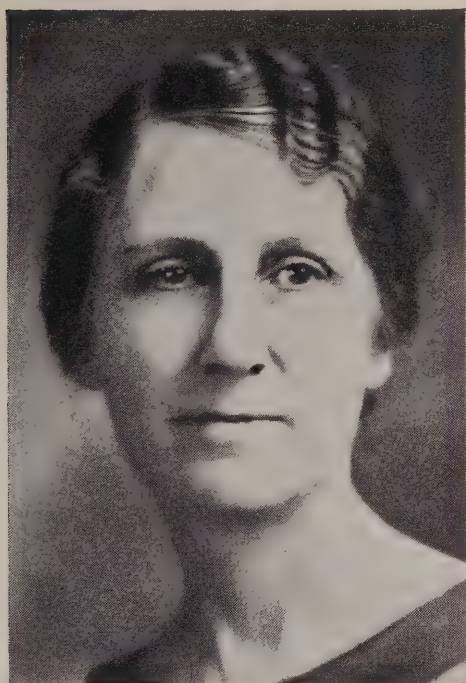
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MRS. MARY W.
BEGEMAN



MRS. JESSIE
HOLLINGSWORTH



MRS. EFFIE L. FORTUNE



MRS. KATHERINE
YEAGER-BICKFORD



MRS. MAY BROOKS SNIDER



MRS. LILLIAN J. BERKLEY



MRS. LUCY B. ENGELBECK



MRS. LOU C. McHENRY



MRS. BEULAH G. SNYDER



MRS. SARA S. SMYTHE



MRS. NELL ROMEY



MRS. HELEN F. DRYDEN



MRS. LOIS G. PETERS



MRS. ELLEN SAMPSON WHITE



MRS. HELVE E. EHLING



MRS. GAIL PAGE



MISS DILLIE DAGAN



MRS. MAY A. FRANZ



MRS. UELLA
B. FARLAND
PRESIDENT OF
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CHAPTER
1911-12



LOWER ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Cornelia J. Sawyer, Florence M. Bennett, Louise M. Henely, Gertrude G. Sebern, Laura S. Knapp, Mary W. Begeman, De Ela W. Lee.
 CENTER ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Lucy B. Engelbeck, Miss Mann, Charlotte T. Moffatt, Louise Myers, Betty Reed, Frances C. Carrell.
 TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Nell Romey, Mabel H. Durree, Harriet B. Stange, Lou C. McHenry, Adda L. Van Horne, May A. Frantz, Mary K. Call, Belle Besser.

representation to be by rotation in each group, the first named chapter in each group to send the delegate to the first convention of Supreme Grand Chapter after the adoption of the plan.

*MRS. M. LUE WEBER, AF, ATLANTIC

Initiated Chapter AF, Iowa

Organizer 1898-1899 and 1899-1900

President 1900-1901, Convention held in Centerville

Charters were granted to Chapters BV, Humboldt; BW, Algona; BX, Maquoketa; BY, Guthrie Center; BZ, Elkader; CA, Greenfield; CB, Ida Grove; CC, Greene; CD, Le Mars.

Mrs. Weber urged chapters to contact their inactive members and through her efforts many members were returned to the list of active members. A new by-law was adopted which provided that the minutes of each convention should be completed and sent to the chapters the first week in June. This was the first time the proceedings of convention had been made available for the chapters. There were 2,704 active members in Iowa in 1901.

MRS. WALTER IRISH, Q, DES MOINES

Initiated Chapter Q, Iowa

Present membership Chapter Q, Iowa

Corresponding Secretary 1898-1899, 1899-1900 and 1900-1901

President 1901-1902, Convention held in Ames

Charters were granted to Chapters CE, Sibley; CF, State Center; CG, Eldon; CH, Villisca; CI, Cincinnati; CJ, Valley Junction (now CJ, West Des Moines); CK, Mt. Ayr; and CL, Oelwein.

The local corresponding secretaries' supplies and books were improved and made more uniform during this administration, thus making the work of the local corresponding secretary easier and more efficient.

Home address: 2424 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, California

*MRS. MARY McDONALD KNAPP, AA, AMES

Initiated AA, Iowa

Second Vice President 1899-1900

First Vice President 1900-1901

President 1902-1903, Convention held in Iowa City

Charters were granted to Chapters CM, Keota; CN, Williamsburg; CO, Denison; CP, Correctionville; CQ, Cresco; CR, McGregor;

CS, Marion; CT, New London; CU, Bedford; CV, Corning; CW, Hartley; and CX, Columbus Junction.

In this convention \$35 was voted to the state corresponding secretary and treasurer to defray expense of additional help in their offices. College Chapter S was given permission to disband, their request having been made in the previous convention.

MRS. WINONA EVANS REEVES, U, KEOKUK

Initiated Original A, Iowa

Present membership A, Illinois

Recording Secretary 1900-1901

First Vice President 1901-1902 and 1902-1903

President 1903-1904, Convention held in Atlantic

Charters were granted to Chapters CY, Charles City; CZ, Jefferson;

DA, Montezuma; DB, West Union; DC, Lansing; DD, Boone;

DE, Perry; DF, Eddyville; DG, Toledo; and DH, Sioux City.

There were 109 chapters with 3,473 active members in Iowa in 1903-1904. An effort was made during this administration which resulted in the records of several disbanded chapters being properly recorded with the State Chapter. At the suggestion of the president much time and correspondence went into the project of renumbering the entire enrollment in many of the larger local chapters so it would agree with the records of the state corresponding secretary. This work was done by Mrs. Dell P. Glazier.

Home address: 2842 Sheridan Road, Chicago (14), Illinois.

*MRS. EFFIE L. FORTUNE, B, BLOOMFIELD

Initiated B, Iowa

Corresponding Secretary 1902-1903 and 1903-1904

President 1904-1905, Convention held in Washington

Charters were granted to Chapters DI, Hamburg; DJ, Ft. Dodge;

DK, Cedar Rapids; DL, Hampton. A custom which had been

practised previously was made into a by-law, "For the purpose of

chapter inspection, Iowa shall be divided into three districts to

be known as Northern, Central and Southern, each district to be

three counties wide with the exception of the Central which shall

be two counties wide through the section where are located the

counties of Linn, Johnson, Iowa, Benton, and Poweshiek."

*EDITH PROUTY (PRITCHARD), BV, HUMBOLDT

Initiated BV, Iowa

Recording Secretary 1902-1903 and 1903-1904

First Vice President 1904-1905

President 1905-1906, Convention held in Keokuk

Charters were granted to Chapters DM, Seymour, and DN, Shenandoah. By-laws governing charter lists for new chapters and signers of petitions for new chapters were amended. A new by-law was adopted which provided that the Federal or State census should determine the population of a town seeking organization. It was also recommended with favor that local chapter year books should be presented annually for inspection.

***MRS. JESSIE HOLLINGSWORTH, V, DES MOINES**

Initiated V, Iowa

Organizer 1904-1905

First Vice President 1905-1906

President 1906-1907, Convention held in Des Moines

Charters were granted to Chapters DO, Sidney, and DP, Logan. A new by-law was enacted "A copy of the local by-laws of every chapter shall be sent by March 10th to the President of the Iowa Grand Chapter, who shall appoint a committee to correct them before the following convention."

***MRS. HELEN D. TOWNSEND, H, ALBIA**

Initiated H, Iowa

Corresponding Secretary 1905-1906

First Vice President 1906-1907

President 1907-1908, Convention held in Cedar Rapids

Charters were granted to Chapters DQ, Reinbeck; DR, Adel; DS, Odebolt, and DT, Mt. Vernon. Membership in 1907-1908 in Iowa totaled 4,421 with 120 chapters.

Until this time inactive members had been allowed all the privileges of active members. Mrs. Townsend felt this was unfair and presented an amendment to the Constitution which, after going through the regular channels, could be presented to Supreme Chapter for action, "No office shall be given to those indebted to local, State Grand Chapter or Supreme Grand Chapter." Two recommendations were adopted: "Each new chapter shall be inspected during the year following its organization and thereafter in its proper district" and a special committee was appointed to give an exemplification of the special work in this convention.

*MRS. OLA BABCOCK MILLER, J, WASHINGTON

Initiated J, Iowa

Second Vice President 1905-1906

Recording Secretary 1906-1907

First Vice President 1907-1908

President 1908-1909, Convention held in Waterloo

Charters were granted to Chapters DU, Sheldon; DV, Iowa Falls; DW, Coon Rapids, and DX, Sioux City.

A report of the altruistic work of the chapters was given by a state officer in convention for the first time.

The Special Work committee was made a permanent committee for each convention.

A new by-law was enacted whereby every local chapter should present to each new member at the time of initiation a copy of the constitution.

*MISS DILLIE DUGAN, CJ, VALLEY JUNCTION

Initiated CJ, Iowa

Corresponding Secretary 1906-1907 and 1907-1908

First Vice President 1908-1909

President 1909-1910, Convention held in Albia

Charters were granted to Chapters DY, Tipton; DZ, Mason City, and EA, Clear Lake.

Recommendations adopted: That the local chapter president should, in a brief letter to the state president, give the condition of her chapter; the amount of money given to the state corresponding secretary and state treasurer for extra help was raised from \$35 to \$40; the president of Iowa Grand Chapter shall keep a record of all rulings affecting Iowa made during her term of office.

*MRS. DELL GLAZIER, FS, FT. MADISON

Initiated FS, Iowa

Recording Secretary 1907-1908 and 1908-1909

First Vice President 1909-1910

President 1910-1911, Convention held at Sioux City

Charters were granted to Chapters EB, Carroll, EC, Traer.

Mrs. Glazier presented seven standing rules which were to be printed with the by-laws; arranged to have the framed pictures of the "Original Seven", owned by the Iowa Grand Chapter, placed in the Historical building in Des Moines; presented the recommendation which was adopted that the organizer be included with the treasurer and corresponding secretary to receive \$50 for additional help in her work.

*MRS. KATHERINE YEAGER (BICKFORD),
CA, GREENFIELD

Initiated CA, Iowa

Organizer 1907-1908

Treasurer 1908-1909 and 1909-1910

First Vice President 1910-1911

President 1911-1912, Convention held in Ottumwa

Charters were granted to Chapters ED, Rockford; EE, Cherokee, and EF, Onawa.

Active membership in 1911-1912 was 4,983 with 126 chapters.

Mrs. Yeager recommended a new standing rule which, as adopted, stated: "The last meeting before Thanksgiving shall be known as Educational Fund Day." Many chapters still observe this ruling and reserve the meeting before Thanksgiving for their Projects Day program.

*MRS. ALICE SCOVILLE MILLER, DK, CEDAR RAPIDS

Initiated AR, Iowa

Second Vice President 1908-1909

Recording Secretary 1909-1910 and 1910-1911

First Vice President 1911-1912

President 1912-1913, Convention held in Burlington

Charters were granted to Chapters EG, Rockwell City; EH, Des Moines; EI, Belle Plaine, and EJ, Eagle Grove.

Mrs. Miller recommended to her convention that an amendment to Part III, Article VIII, Section 2 of the constitution regarding qualification for membership be made as follows: "A resident of a city or town where a chapter exists may become eligible to membership in that chapter only after one year of residence, and when favorably known by at least five members of the chapter."

*MRS. LOU C. McHENRY, Q, DES MOINES

Initiated Q, Iowa

Recording Secretary by appointment 1910

Corresponding Secretary 1910-1911 and 1911-1912

First Vice President 1912-1913

President 1913-1914, Convention held in Des Moines

Charters were granted to Chapters EK, Waukon; EL, Webster City, and EM, Hawarden.

Through the recommendation of Mrs. McHenry, the number of delegates was reduced from two to one from each chapter to state convention; the president who acts as chairman of state delegation

to Supreme Chapter convention was exempted from making a report at the next regular Iowa Grand Chapter convention; Iowa Grand Chapter dues were raised from 75c to \$1; minutes of each Iowa Grand Chapter convention were to be sent to local chapters during the month following date of meeting and the delegate's enrollment fee was raised from \$2 to \$3.

***MRS. LILLIAN LONG GRIFFITH, AP, HARLAN**

Initiated AP, Iowa

Organizer 1910-1911, 1911-1912 and 1912-1913

First Vice President 1913-1914

President 1914-1915, Convention held in Clarinda

Charters were granted to Chapters EN, Nashua; EO, Sanborn; EP, Storm Lake; EQ, Oakland; ER, Strawberry Point; ES, Northwood; ET, Wapello, and EU, Anamosa.

Upon recommendation an assistant was allowed the organizer in the work of inspection; railroad fare of the organizer to Supreme Chapter convention was to be paid by Iowa Grand Chapter, and, "any member asked to recommend a woman for membership in a new chapter shall gain the consent of her chapter at a regular meeting before writing recommendation."

MRS. STELLA M. PORTER (KELLY), G, OTTUMWA

Initiated G, Iowa

Present membership IY, California

Corresponding Secretary 1912-1913 and 1913-1914

First Vice President 1914-1915

President 1915-1916, Convention held in Newton

Charters were granted to Chapters EV, New London; EW, Tama; EX, Lake Mills, and EY, Sioux City.

A recommendation was adopted whereby one half of the railroad fare of Past Presidents of Iowa to convention should be paid by Iowa Grand Chapter. A constitutional amendment was recommended as follows, "No woman can present a name for membership until she herself has been a P. E. O. for one year." The further recommendation was made and adopted, "that this provision be added to the Standing Rules to govern Iowa until next Supreme Chapter convention."

Home address: 700 North Stoneman, Alhambra, California

MRS. CORNELIA J. SAWYER, DH, SIOUX CITYInitiated DH, Iowa*

Second Vice President 1911-1912

Treasurer 1912-1913, 1913-1914 and 1914-1915

First Vice President 1915-1916

President 1916-1917, Convention held in Fairfield.

Charters were granted to Chapters EZ, Lake Mills; FA, Eldora; FB, Woodbine, and FC, Muscatine. It was voted in this convention to erect a tablet in commemoration of the organization of P. E. O., with the names of the "Original Seven", in the room where P. E. O. was organized. Changes were made in the by-laws governing the recommendation of those desiring petitions to form new chapters.

Miss Ione Ambler, first woman to be initiated into P. E. O. by the "Original Seven", was introduced to convention.

MRS. LOUISE M. HENELY, BM, GRINNELLInitiated AK, Iowa*

Organizer 1913-1914

Corresponding Secretary 1914-1915 and 1915-16

First Vice President 1916-1917

President 1917-1918, Convention held in Centerville.

Charters were granted to Chapters FD, Sheffield, and FE, Waterloo. A ruling was made whereby chapter officers should be elected at the first meeting in March and by-laws should be sent by March 15th to the president of Iowa Grand Chapter in order that a committee might inspect them before the following convention.

One hundred dollars was voted for War Service work in Des Moines and the chapters were asked to make contributions.

MRS. MAY A. FRANTZ, P, BURLINGTON*Initiated S, Mt. Pleasant*

Present Membership P, Iowa

Second Vice President 1913-1914

Organizer 1914-1915

Recording Secretary 1915-1916 and 1916-1917

First Vice President 1917-1918

President 1918-1919, Convention held in Sioux City

Charters were granted to Chapters FF, Glenwood; FG, Fayette; FH, Sumner; FI, Clinton, and FJ, Davenport.

As State President during this war year Mrs. Frantz became a member of the Advisory Board of the War Savings Stamp Campaign Committee and a member of the State Advisory Board of the Woman's Division of the Council of National Defense.

The amount given to the chapter entertaining convention was raised from \$100 to \$150. Chapters were urged to give \$3 per member for three years to the Educational Fund.

A message was read from Mrs. Franc Roads which said in part, "If humanity is to be humanized, war must be abolished."

Home address: Sarah Porter Beckwith Home, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

MRS. LUCY B. ENGELBECK, V, DES MOINES

Initiated V, Iowa

Present Membership V, Iowa

Second Vice President 1914-1915

Organizer 1915-1916

Corresponding Secretary 1916-1917 and 1917-1918

First Vice President 1918-1919

President 1919-1920, Convention held in Iowa City

Charters were granted to Chapters FK, Council Bluffs; FL, Bellevue, and FM, Marcus.

One notable change was made in the by-laws in this convention. The name of the state governing body was changed from "Iowa Grand Chapter" to "Iowa State Chapter." State dues were raised from \$1 to \$1.50 per active member.

Mrs. Stafford addressed the convention on the subject, "The Pin That Was Loaned to Me", saying in part, "The two words more than any others that express the real spirit and purpose of our Sisterhood are FELLOWSHIP and SERVICE."

Home address: Commodore Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa

MRS. CARRIE BUECHELE, Z, WATERLOO

Initiated BD, Iowa

Present membership Z, Iowa

Treasurer 1915-1916 and 1916-1917

Organizer 1917-1918 and 1918-1919

First Vice President 1919-1920

President 1920-1921, Convention held in Cedar Rapids.

Charters were granted to Chapters FN, Garner; FO, Cedar Rapids; FP, Monticello; FQ, Mapleton; FR, Rolfe; FS, Clarion; FT, Postville; FU, Anamosa, and FV, Cedar Falls.

Franc Roads and Mary Allen Stafford were present at this convention. The Memorial Hour paid tribute to Suela Pearson Penfield, one of the Founders, and to Mary Osmond past editor of *The P. E. O. Record*.

Home address: 726 W, 11th St., Waterloo, Iowa.

MRS. MARY K. CALL, BW, ALGONA

Initiated BW, Iowa

Present membership, FY, Iowa

Recording Secretary 1918-1919 and 1919-1920

First Vice President 1920-1921

President 1921-1922, Convention held in Marshalltown.

Charters were granted to Chapters FW, Lenox; FX, Paullina; FY, Des Moines; FZ, Story City; GA, Des Moines; GB, Alta, and GC, Avoca.

Report was made in altruistic work that Original A had used the Memory Room as their object of interest, fitting up the room in which P. E. O. was founded in the period of 1869.

Mrs. Glazier presented informally the plan suggested by Miss Martha McClure of a Memorial Library for Iowa Wesleyan College with the provision for P. E. O. offices in it, the matter to be referred to the chapters for consideration.

Home address: 745 N. Taylor, Kirkwood, Mo.

MRS. MABEL DUREE, D, CENTERVILLE

Initiated D, Iowa

Present membership D, Iowa

Second Vice President 1918-1919

Treasurer 1919-1920 and 1920-1921

First Vice President 1921-1922

President 1922-1923, Convention held in Muscatine

Charters were granted to Chapters GD, Missouri Valley; GE, Dubuque; GF, Britt; GG, Tabor; and GH, Des Moines.

During her administration Mrs. Duree stressed the need to bring to active membership the many non-resident members of chapters who were residing in towns where there were P. E. O. chapters. The proposed Memorial Library plan was endorsed during her convention.

Members of this convention were welcomed by Mrs. Mary Allen Stafford, one of the "Original Seven", who wished not to be con-

sidered an honored guest but rather as a member of Chapter FC, the hostess chapter.

Home address: 110 S. 12th St., Centerville, Iowa.

MRS. ADDA L. VAN HORNE, DX, SIOUX CITY

Initiated Chapter DX, Iowa

Present membership, DX, Iowa

Second Vice President 1919-1920

Recording Secretary 1920-1921 and 1921-1922

First Vice President 1922-1923

President 1923-1924, Convention held in Mason City

Charters were granted to Chapters GI, Des Moines; GJ, Sioux Rapids; GK, Manson; GL, Griswold, and GM, Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. Van Horne inaugurated new forms for use in organizing chapters which greatly facilitated the work of the Organizer.

Home address: RR # 2, Payette, Idaho

*MRS. CHARLOTTE T. MOFFATT, BB, MARSHALL-TOWN

Initiated Chapter BB, Marshalltown

Corresponding Secretary 1923-1924

President Iowa State Chapter 1924-1925, Convention held in Des Moines

President Minnesota State Chapter 1914

Charters were granted to Chapters GN, Mason City; GO, Decorah; GP, Jewell, and GQ, Council Bluffs.

Mrs. Moffatt recommended that the work of inspection be divided between the organizer and the first vice president.

At the 1925 convention it was voted that the Iowa delegation to Supreme convention be instructed to vote for the building of a Memorial Library.

Iowa State Chapter ratified a gift of \$25,000 to the Memorial Library Fund and many chapters gave \$1 per capita or more to this fund.

Tribute was paid to Mrs. Franc Roads Elliott, one of the Founders of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, who had died during the previous summer.

A portrait of Miss Ella Stewart was presented to Chapter FA, Eldora, to be hung in the library of the Boy's Industrial School.

This was done in recognition of Miss Stewart's eight years of service to the boys of this school.

Mrs. Moffatt was the only woman who had ever been president of two state chapters.

***MRS. OLIVE EWING REULING, FC, MUSCATINE**

Initiated Chapter FC, Muscatine

Second Vice President 1923

First Vice President January, 1924 on resignation of Mrs. Elizabeth Mattes

First Vice President 1924-1925

President 1925-1926, Convention held in Fort Dodge

Charter was granted to Chapter GR, Sioux City.

Notable accomplishments during her administration: Iowa's finance committee for raising its gift for the Memorial Library was appointed: Mrs. Cornelia J. Sawyer, Mrs. Alice S. Miller, Mrs. Lillian L. Griffith, Mrs. Mary K. Call and Mrs. Mabel Duree: the amount given from the Iowa State Chapter treasury to the hostess group for convention was raised from \$150 to \$300; registration fee of delegates was raised from \$3 to \$6.

A paper, entitled "Increasing and Guarding Our Membership", was presented by Mrs. Adda Van Horne at the 1926 Convention. This paper, on file in the Iowa Reciprocity Bureau, is greatly in demand not only in Iowa but throughout the Sisterhood.

MRS. HARRIET BEYER STANGE, AA, AMES

Initiated AA, Iowa

Present Membership AA, Iowa

Appointed Recording Secretary April 1924

Recording Secretary 1924-1925

First Vice President 1925-1926

President 1926-1927, Convention held in Ames

Charters were granted to Chapters GS, Kingsley, and GT, Winfield

Ground was broken for the Memorial Library during her administration and she represented Iowa State Chapter at this ceremony on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan College at Mt. Pleasant. At her convention the recompense to the corresponding secretary, treasurer and organizer was raised to \$150 per year. The requirements for the *Year Book* were voted as a new standing rule through her recommendation.

Home address: 129 Ash Ave., Ames, Iowa.

*MRS. FLORENCE M. BENNETT, EE, CHEROKEE

Initiated Chapter EE, Iowa

Appointed Second Vice President January 1924

Corresponding Secretary 1924-1925 and 1925-1926

First Vice President 1926-1927

President 1927-1928, Convention held in Davenport

Charter was granted to Chapter GU, Des Moines.

The Memorial Library was completed during her term as president of Iowa State Chapter. She recommended that each delegate to convention give the Special Work to the Organizer or her assistants. The Memorial Library Committee, Mrs. Cornelia Sawyer, DH; Mrs. Alice Miller, DK; Mrs. Lillian Griffith; AP; Mrs. Mabel Duree, D; and Mrs. Mary Call, BW, recommended that from the surplus (\$933.75) left over when the \$25,000 had been paid, a portrait be purchased of Mrs. Mary Allen Stafford to be hung in the library and the balance from the surplus be set aside as a nucleus for a Welfare and Trust Fund for needy P. E. O.'s in Iowa. The motion was carried and thus the Welfare and Trust Fund was established.

*MRS. ELLEN SAMPSON WHITE, X, OSKALOOSA

Initiated L, Iowa

Treasurer 1923-1924 and 1924-1925

Organizer 1925-1926 and 1926-1927

First Vice President 1927-1928

President 1928-1929, Convention held in Newton

Charters were granted to Chapters GV, Fort Dodge; GW, Davenport; GX and GY, Des Moines, and GZ, Sioux City.

Mrs. White appointed the first Board of Trustees to draft rules for the Welfare and Trust Fund. This Board consisted of Mrs. Lou C. McHenry, Mrs. Cornelia J. Sawyer and Miss Lillian Kilburn. Mrs. White's convention voted a gift of \$1,000 to the Welfare and Trust Fund from the treasury of Iowa State Chapter.

Mrs. Lucy Englebeck was later appointed to serve on the Welfare and Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

*MRS. NELL ROMNEY, DZ, MASON CITY

Initiated Chapter CE, Iowa

Second Vice President 1924-1925

Treasurer 1925-1926 and 1926-1927

Recording Secretary 1927-1928

First Vice President 1928-1929

President 1929-1930, Convention held in Keokuk
 Charters were granted to Chapters HA, Fairfield; HB, Red Oak;
 HC, Ottumwa; HD, HE, and HF, Des Moines.

The gift of the home of Mrs. Sarah Porter Beckwith at Mt. Pleasant was accepted in Mrs. Romey's administration.

Representing Iowa State Chapter as its President, Mrs. Romey presented to the Memorial Library a portrait of Mary Allen Stafford.

MRS. MARY WHITWORTH BEGEMAN, R, CEDAR FALLS

Initiated Chapter R, Iowa

Present membership Chapter R, Iowa

Appointed Recording Secretary June, 1925

Recording Secretary 1926-1927

Organizer 1927-1928 and 1928-1929

First Vice President 1929-1930

President 1930-1931, Convention was held in Grinnell

Charters were granted to Chapters HG, Vinton; HH, Des Moines; HI, Iowa City; and HJ, Cedar Rapids.

During this administration the Sarah Porter Beckwith Home was incorporated so that gifts could be accepted.

Dues of Iowa State Chapter were raised from \$1.50 to \$2, the added fifty cents to be used for the maintenance of the Sarah Porter Beckwith Home.

Home address: 2315 Iowa St., Cedar Falls, Iowa.

MRS. GERTRUDE SEBERN, DJ, FORT DODGE

Initiated DJ, Iowa

Present membership Chapter DJ, Iowa

Second Vice President 1926-1927

Treasurer 1927-1928 and 1928-1929

Organizer 1929-1930

First Vice President 1930-1931

President 1931-1932, Convention held in Council Bluffs

Charters were granted to Chapters HK, Des Moines; HL, Dubuque; HM, Des Moines; HN, Ames; and HO, Ames.

In her convention a new by-law was added to Iowa State Chapter by-laws to read, "The Iowa State Chapter Convention shall be entertained by local chapters in rotation, grouped geographically, for convenience of work and economy of entertainment. These 15

groups and dates shall be printed each year in the minutes of Iowa State Chapter convention."

Also in this convention the geographic group system of sending one delegate for each three chapters to the convention of Supreme Chapter was inaugurated. The expense of the pullman and meals was to be divided equally among the three chapters.

Home address: 1274 — 7th Ave. Ave., Fort Dodge, Iowa.

MRS. LAURA STORMS KNAPP, AA, AMES

Initiated Chapter AA, Iowa

Present membership Chapter AA, Iowa

Second Vice President 1917-1918

Recording Secretary 1918-1919

Corresponding Secretary 1919-1920 and 1930-1931

First Vice President 1931-1932

President 1932-1933, Convention held in Sioux City

Charters were granted Chapters HP, Des Moines; HQ and HR, Ottumwa; HS, Newton; HT, Des Moines, and HU, Burlington.

Grouping of chapters in geographical groups for representation to Supreme Chapter Convention made it possible for the first time for reports to be given orally.

Heretofore they had been made in writing as chapters had been grouped alphabetically.

A perplexing situation was created when all banks were closed March 1, 1933. This involved local chapters in temporary financial difficulties. There was also the question as to whether or not the state convention could be held in May as planned.

State Convention was entertained for the first time by a geographical group instead of by an individual chapter. This method has been continued and used successfully to the present time (1953).

Home address: 422 Brookridge, Ames, Iowa.

MRS. DeELDA LEE, FJ, DAVENPORT

Initiated Chapter FJ, Iowa

Present membership Chapter FJ, Iowa

Second Vice President 1928-1929

Treasurer 1929-1930, 1930-1931 and 1931-1932

First Vice President 1932-1933

President 1933-1934, Convention held in Clinton

Charters were granted to Chapters HV, Clinton; HW, Forest City, and HX, Des Moines. Mrs. Lee encouraged reciprocity between chapters and stressed the advantages of group meetings with speakers and round table discussions.

Home address 2123 Brady, Davenport, Iowa

MRS. BELLE BESSER, AO, NEWTON

Initiated Chapter AO, Iowa

Present membership Chapter AO, Iowa

Second Vice President 1929-1930

Recording Secretary 1930-1931

Corresponding Secretary 1931-1933 and 1933-1935

First Vice President 1933-1934

President 1934-1935, Convention held in Des Moines

Charters were granted to Chapters HY, Des Moines; HZ, Sioux City; IA, Sioux City, IB and IC, Davenport.

The recommendation was made during her administration that a miniature of Winona Evans Reeves be painted and presented to the Memorial Library. She appointed Laura Storms Knapp, AA, Chairman, with De Elda Lee, FJ and Frances Carrell, U as other members of the committee.

Home address: Ketch Apts., Newton, Iowa.

*MRS. FRANCES CARRELL, U, KEOKUK

Initiated Chapter DE, Iowa

Second Vice President 1930-1931

Recording Secretary 1931-1933

Treasurer 1932-1933 and 1933-1934

First Vice President 1934-1935

President 1935-1936, Convention held in Ottumwa

Charter granted to Chapter ID, Madrid. There were 330 chapters in Iowa in 1936. The miniature of Mrs. Reeves was finished and presented to the Committee of One for the Memorial Library at the 1936 convention.

*MRS. LOIS CANTY PETERS, AE, CLARINDA

Initiated Chapter AE, Iowa

Appointed Recording Secretary July 1932

Recording Secretary 1933-1934

Organiser 1934-1935

First Vice President 1935-1936

President 1936-1937, Convention held in Waterloo

Charters were granted to Chapters IE, Des Moines; IF, Cedar Rapids, and IG, Keokuk.

Mrs. Peters stressed the need for chapters to contact inactive members to bring them back to active membership.

The first four Cottey Scholarships which were voted in the 1936 convention were awarded to: Marion Nissen, Eldora; Margaret Herron, Alta; Jane Houston, Osceola, and Helen Dale Russell, Burlington, for the year 1936-1937. This was the beginning of the annual scholarships voted from Iowa to Cottey College.

*MRS. ADA J. KLINGER, EY, SIOUX CITY

Initiated Chapter EY, Iowa

Second Vice President 1933-1934

Corresponding Secretary 1934-1935

Organizer 1935-1936

First Vice President 1936-1937

President 1937-1938, Convention held in Sioux City

The active membership in Iowa was 11,083 members in 1937-1938.

Charters were granted to Chapters IH and II, Cedar Rapids.

It was during this administration that a new duty of correcting local by-laws was added to the work of the organizer. This ruling was to promote uniform and correct by-laws, and to relieve the president of that duty.

The endowment fund for the Sarah Porter Beckwith Home was established during this administration.

New by-laws and standing rules were put into the state by-laws for clarification and more specific instructions as to the duties of officers.

It was recommended in this convention that a committee be appointed to revise and codify the Iowa State Chapter by-laws and standing rules.

MRS. MAUDE M. COOPER, DD, BOONE

Initiated DD, Iowa

Present membership JL, Iowa

Appointed Organizer March 1933

Elected Organizer 1933-1934

Treasurer 1934-1935, 1935-1936 and 1936-1937

First Vice President 1937-1938

President 1938-1939, Convention held in Cedar Rapids

Charters were granted to Chapters IJ, Des Moines, and IK, Du-buque.

There was a total of 237 chapters in Iowa in 1939 with 11,295 active members. Chapters were regrouped for representation to Supreme Chapter Convention and the revision and codifying of the state by-laws, as approved in the preceding convention, were worked out during her administration.

She represented Iowa State Chapter at the dedication of P. E. O. Hall at Cottey College and stressed our obligation to Cottey College in the 1939 convention. Three scholarships were voted for the following year and one for \$150 in memory of Mrs. Frances Carrell was voted for the current year.

A display of items of historical interest was on exhibit during this convention.

Home address: 108 Marshall, Boone, Iowa.

MRS. PEARL N. EBY, FO, CEDAR RAPIDS

Initiated FO, Iowa

Present membership Chapter FO, Iowa

Appointed Second Vice President Nov. 1933

Recording Secretary 1934-1935

Corresponding Secretary 1935-1936

Organizer 1936-1937 and 1937-1938

First Vice President 1938-1939

President 1939-1940, Convention held in Fort Dodge

Charters were granted to Chapters IL, Sioux City, and IM, Fort Dodge.

Notable achievement of her convention was the adoption of the recommendation that the funds of Iowa State Chapter be put on a budget basis and a committee of three be appointed by the president to supervise the allocation of the funds in this anticipated budget. The Historical Display Committee was continued from the previous convention and they brought articles of historical interest to the convention.

Three scholarships were awarded to girls for use at Cottey College for the year 1939-1940.

Home address: 1400 — 2nd Ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa

MRS. LORETTA JONES, FI, CLINTON

Initiated Chapter AA, Iowa

Present membership Chapter JN, Iowa

Second Vice President 1934-1935

Recording Secretary 1935-1936

Corresponding Secretary 1936-1937 and 1937-1938

Organizer 1938-1939

First Vice President 1939-1940

President 1940-1941, Convention held in Mason City

Charters were granted to Chapters IN, Ottumwa; IO, Oskaloosa; IP, Dubuque; IQ, Council Bluffs, and IR, Davenport.

Important legislation in her convention: Three scholarships were voted to Cottey College and the work of promoting interest in the projects was put under the duties of the second vice president of Iowa State Chapter. Dues, because of rising costs, were increased to \$1.25 from \$1.15 per active member, changes were made in reallocation of amounts to various projects and items in the budget, and the expense of administering the Welfare and Trust Fund and Sarah Porter Beckwith Home was to be taken from these funds.

Home address: 910 Fifth Ave. S., Clinton, Iowa.

MRS. NORMA B. STAFFORD, N, CHARITON

Initiated Chapter N, Iowa

Present membership Chapter N, Iowa

Second Vice President 1935-1936

Recording Secretary 1936-1937 and 1937-1938

Corresponding Secretary 1938-1939

Organizer 1939-1940

First Vice President 1940-1941

President 1941-1942, Convention held in Des Moines

Charters were granted to Chapters IS, Manning; IT, Clarksville, and IU, Waterloo.

This was a war year and the Treasury Department requested the appointment of a Bond chairman from every important organization. Mrs. Maude M. Cooper was appointed for Iowa State Chapter. Local chapters reported their war work to the War Effort Committee and the report showed 238 chapters of the 247 chapters in Iowa doing war work and buying bonds and stamps. Hours of work reported 87,760 and War Bonds and Stamps purchased totaled \$1,679,749.45. Gifts to Red Cross, U.S.O., Navy Relief and China Relief were also reported.

Home address: 323 N. 8th St., Chariton, Iowa.

MRS. GAIL PAGE, G, OTTUMWA

Initiated Chapter G, Iowa

Present Membership Chapter HQ, Iowa

Second Vice President 1936-1937

Treasurer 1937-1938, 1938-1939 and 1939-1940

Organizer 1940-1941

First Vice President 1941-1942

President 1942-1943, Convention held in Davenport

Charter was granted to Chapter IV, Ames.

The War Effort Committee and work was continued during this administration and many hours of work were reported for Red Cross and allied agencies, United Service organization and Civilian Defense. \$3,817,343.12 in Bonds and Stamps were purchased. This was a year of Supreme Chapter convention and because of restricted numbers in group meetings, the Iowa delegation was cut to eight presidents of local chapters, one past president, one president, one organizer of Iowa State Chapter.

The War Effort work was put under a new heading—United Victory Fund—and Iowa State Chapter voted \$250 to this fund. There were 11,974 active members and 248 chapters in Iowa in 1942-1943.

Home address: 443 East 4th St., Ottumwa, Iowa.

MRS. ELIZABETH YOUNG, FE, WATERLOO

Initiated Chapter FE, Iowa

Present membership Chapter FE, Iowa

Second Vice President 1937-1938

Recording Secretary 1938-1939 and 1939-1940

Treasurer 1940-1941 and 1941-1942

First Vice President 1942-1943

President 1943-1944, Convention held in Marshalltown

Charters were granted to Chapters IW, Mason City, and IX, Waterloo.

The United Victory Fund was continued for the third year with a splendid report of hours of time given to all phases of war work. A short Recognition Service honoring men and women of P. E. O. families in armed services was given in her convention.

Three Cottey College scholarships were voted.

A love gift of twenty-five cents per capita for five years to the Sarah Porter Beckwith Home was voted, as a suggestion for Iowa P. E. O.'s, in the 1944 convention.

Home address: 218 Alta Vista, Waterloo, Iowa.

MRS. KATHERINE C. HUGHES, EP, STORM LAKE

Initiated Chapter AB, Iowa

Present Membership Chapter EP, Iowa

Second Vice President 1938-1939

Corresponding Secretary 1939-1940 and 1940-1941

Organizer 1941-1942 and 1942-1943

First Vice President 1943-1944

President 1944-1945, Convention held in Burlington

Charters were granted to Chapters IY, Mason City, and IZ, Des Moines.

The war work continued with deeds of kindness to service men, veterans hospitals and greater gifts to service organizations and larger purchases of U.S. Bonds recorded. There were 3,528 men and women from Iowa P. E. O. families in the armed services. Because of wartime restriction on group meetings, the delegation to Iowa State Chapter convention was cut to include 32 local chapter presidents, eight past presidents of Iowa State Chapter and six state officers.

There were 12,771 active members and 252 chapters in Iowa in 1944-1945.

Home address: 114 E. 3rd St., Storm Lake, Iowa.

MRS. BEATRICE LEE THOMAS, HJ, CEDAR RAPIDS

Initiated Chapter AE, Iowa

Present Membership Chapter JT, Iowa

Second Vice President 1939-1940

Recording Secretary 1940-1941

Corresponding Secretary 1941-1942 and 1942-1943

Organizer 1943-1944

First Vice President 1944-1945

President 1945-1946, Convention held in Council Bluffs

Charters were granted to Chapters JA, Shenandoah; JB, Grinnell; JC, Akron; JD, Storm Lake; JE, Webster City; JF, Iowa City; JG, Sioux City, and JH, Sioux City.

This was a peace time convention with full attendance. The name of the United Victory Fund was changed to Post War Work and new services were undertaken and reported under this heading. Scholarships were awarded to two first year students and to one second year student to Cottey College.

Special emphasis was directed toward our educational projects, the Educational Fund and Cottey College, during this administra-

tion and convention, and the request was made that each chapter give \$1 per capita to Cottey College each year for the next two years. Gifts were doubled during the year 1945-46 over previous giving with 65 per cent of the chapters of Iowa giving \$1 per capita or more to Cottey College.

\$1000 was voted as a gift to Cottey College from Iowa State Chapter at the 1946 convention.

Home address: Cottage Grove Avenue, S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

MRS. SARA S. SMYTHE, IM, FORT DODGE

Initiated Chapter CP, Iowa

Present Membership Chapter IM, Iowa

Second Vice President 1940-1941

Recording Secretary 1941-1942

Treasurer 1942-1943 and 1943-1944

Organizer 1944-1945

First Vice President 1945-1946

President 1946-1947, Convention held in Des Moines

Charters were granted to Chapters JI, Cedar Rapids; JJ, Des Moines; JK, Des Moines; JL, Boone; JM, Des Moines; JN, Clinton; JO, Fort Madison; JP, Waterloo; JQ, Charles City and JR, Muscatine.

Important legislation of the 1947 convention: A gift of \$2,500 honoring Mrs. Winona Evans Reeves was voted to Cottey College; a new by-law was added stating, "There shall be at least five P. E. O.'s on a petition list in a town where a chapter already exists"; aid from the Welfare and Trust Fund was restricted to active, resident members of Iowa; the per capita amount from dues for the use of the Welfare and Trust Fund was raised from six cents to 11 cents and the amount to Supreme Chapter Fund was changed from 25 cents to 20 cents per capita of the dues; a recompense of \$75 annually was voted to the two vice presidents since a new duty of assisting with inspection was added. One hundred and fifty chapters gave \$1 per capita to Cottey during the year 1946-1947. This convention was streamlined and condensed into a day and a half instead of the usual two days' sessions.

Home address: 421 N. 18th St., Fort Dodge, Iowa

MRS. JANE E. STINSON, GN, MASON CITY

Initiated Chapter GN, Iowa

Present Membership Chapter GN, Iowa

Second Vice President 1941-1942

Recording Secretary 1942-1943

Corresponding Secretary 1943-1944 and 1944-1945

Organizer 1945-1946

First Vice President 1946-1947

President 1947-1948, Convention held in Sioux City

Charters were granted to Chapters JS, Davenport; JT, Cedar Rapids; JU, Marshalltown, and JV, Indianola.

At the 1948 convention the committee, Maude Cooper, JL, and Beulah G. Snyder, Q, for the \$2,500 gift to Cottey College honoring Mrs. Reeves, reported that since the new dormitory was to bear her name, the committee recommended the money be used to furnish the main lounge of the dormitory.

Mrs. Beatrice Thomas, chairman of the committee on portraits of the original board of the Sarah Porter Beckwith Home, showed slides of these portraits which hang in the parlors of the Home, and told of the presentation.

Miss Barbara Petgen, Field Representative, was present to show slides of Cottey College and talk about our college.

Registration fee for delegates to Iowa State Chapter convention was raised from \$6 to \$8 and because of increased costs the convention voted that Iowa State Chapter pay \$700 instead of \$300 to the hostess chapters for entertaining conventions of Iowa State Chapter.

The committee investigating the need for an Iowa Executive Office did not recommend such an office and the proposed amendment failed for lack of a motion.

Iowa State Chapter complied with the provision adopted by the 1947 convention of Supreme Chapter that each P. E. O. pay \$1 per capita to Cottey College annually and incorporated this requirement into the state by-laws.

Home address: 722 First N.W., Mason City, Iowa.

MRS. BEULAH G. SNYDER, Q, DES MOINES

Initiated Chapter Q, Iowa

Present membership Chapter Q, Iowa

Second Vice President 1942-1943

Recording Secretary 1943-1944

Treasurer 1944-1945 and 1945-1946

Second Vice President 1946-1947

Organizer 1947-1948

President 1948-1949, Convention held in Dubuque

Charters were granted to Chapters JW, Clinton, and JX, Fort Dodge.

During this administration many chapters adopted needy families abroad, through the Placed Persons program carried on by Supreme Chapter, sending aid directly and thru CARE.

Special consideration was asked for unaffiliated P. E. O.'s who had come from other states so that they might find a P. E. O. home in Iowa chapters. Supreme Chapter asked Iowa State Chapter to submit two proposed amendments to the Constitution—raising the charter fees for both local and state chapters from \$15 to \$25. This was carried in the State convention and later passed in Supreme Chapter convention.

A new Standing Rule was put into effect which established four annual scholarships of \$150 each for Cottey College, two to be used for first year students and two for second year students. Prior to this time scholarships had been awarded annually.

A motion was made in this convention that a committee be appointed to revise the State Chapter by-laws for clarification. Mrs. Tressa Tallman, DE; Mrs. Helen Dryden, AE; and Mrs. Luella Fatland, BA, were appointed. In order to separate the administration of the Welfare and Trust Fund and the Sarah Porter Beckwith Home, the following was deleted from Article IX, Sec. 3, of the by-laws of the Sarah Porter Beckwith Home, "This Board also acts as Trustees of the Welfare and Trust Fund."

Home address: 1010 36th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

MRS. LILLIAN J. BERKLEY, BB, MARSHALLTOWN

Initiated Chapter BB, Iowa

Present Membership Chapter BB, Iowa

Appointed Second Vice President May 1947

Second Vice President 1947-1948

First Vice President 1948-1949

President 1949-1950, Convention held in Des Moines

Charters were granted to Chapters JY and JZ, Des Moines.

To comply with constitutional changes made at Supreme Chapter convention the State by-law governing the representation of chapters to Supreme convention was changed to read: "Delegates to the convention of Supreme Chapter shall be chosen in rotation in groups of five chapters each." Until this time representation had been on the basis of one delegate to every three chapters.

Past presidents from the various states who would be eligible for entertainment by Supreme Chapter were also to be chosen one to every six.

Chapters in the State were regrouped for representation during this administration.

It was recommended by Mrs. Berkley and her executive board that an invitation be extended to Supreme Chapter to hold its 1953 convention in Iowa. This recommendation, in the form of a motion, was approved by the State Chapter convention.

Home address: 504 N. 4th St., Marshalltown, Iowa

MRS. HELEN F. DRYDEN, AE, CLARINDA

Initiated Chapter AE, Iowa

Present membership Chapter KH, Iowa

Recording Secretary 1946-1947

First Vice President 1947-1948 and 1949-1950

Organizer 1948-1949

President 1950-1951, Convention held in Ottumwa

There were 284 chapters in Iowa in 1950-1951 with 14,842 active members. Charters were granted to Chapters KA, Centerville; KB, Burlington; KC, Ames; KD, Des Moines; KE, Sioux City, and KF, Spencer.

Because of inadequate housing facilities, Supreme Chapter did not accept the invitation voted in the 1950 convention of Iowa State Chapter to hold its 1953 convention in Iowa. Mrs. Dryden appointed Mabel Duree, chairman, Maude Cooper and Winona E. Reeves, as a temporary committee to bring a report to the 1951 convention on the advisability of publishing a History of P. E. O. in Iowa. The convention gave approval and the temporary committee was made a permanent one with the privilege of adding members as needed. Helen Dryden and Laura Knapp were added to the committee. Mr. Merrill Dryden, husband of Mrs. Dryden, presented Iowa State Chapter with a "Question Box" skillfully executed of walnut with silver fittings, his own workmanship—an heirloom for P. E. O. posterity. Iowa State Chapter voted to grant 10 \$200 scholarships, one for each year for 10 consecutive years, to be known as the Laura Storms Knapp scholarships. This gift was presented in her honor at the 1951 convention held in Philadelphia. All standing committees were made rotating committees with one new member to be appointed each year.

Home address: 609 West Main St., Clarinda

1951-1952

President:—Mrs. Luella B. Fatland, BA, Colfax

First Vice President:—Mrs. Hazel F. Bleeker, DV, Iowa Falls

Second Vice President:—Mrs. Vesta Ketels, DH, Sioux City

Organizer:—Mrs. Marie Nesler, IK, Dubuque

Recording Secretary:—Mrs. Betty Lowenberg, HC, Ottumwa

Corresponding Secretary:—Mrs. Florence Myers, HP, Des Moines

Treasurer:—Mrs. Phyllis Crawford, HI, Iowa City

The History of P. E. O. in Iowa was compiled and published during this administration, 1951-1952.

8. *Iowa Women in Supreme Chapter Offices*

SINCE Iowa was the birthplace of P. E. O., it was natural that Iowa women should play a great part in the early development of the Sisterhood.

With few exceptions, all of the offices of the Grand Chapter were filled by Iowa women from 1884-1892.

There were two meetings held relative to the organization of the Grand Chapter. A preliminary meeting was held in Bloomfield, Iowa, November 1-2, 1882, presided over by Miss Ione Ambler.

The second meeting, October 10-12, 1883, when the organization was effected, was held in Fairfield, Iowa, with Miss Lillian Bartlett, as the presiding officer, and Miss Ella Albright, as secretary. All of these women were members of Chapter Original A, Mt. Pleasant.

PRESIDENTS OF SUPREME CHAPTER

Sixteen Iowa women have been president of Grand or Supreme Chapter. Fifteen of these held the office during the first twenty-seven years of Supreme Chapter. The sixteenth president held office in the 1949-51 biennium.

From the "Story of P. E. O." and from the pages of The Record, information concerning these sixteen women has been taken.

MRS. MARY BERRY PRICE (JOHNSON) 1883-1885

Mrs. Mary Berry Price (Johnson) was the first of the presidents of Grand Chapter, serving in the office for two years. Her

interest in P. E. O. was a driving force throughout her life. She was born in Wapello County, Iowa, April 23, 1856; educated in the public schools of Moulton, Iowa; taught school for several years; served for two years as postmistress of Centerville, Iowa; married to A. R. Price in 1884; left a widow in 1900; the mother of six children; a Methodist; a successful farm woman; initiated, as a charter member, into Chapter D, Centerville; died December 21, 1946, at her home in Abingdon, Illinois.

MISS CLARA WEINY

1885-1886

Miss Clara Weiny was the second president of Grand Chapter serving for one year October, 1885, to October, 1886.

She was born in Van Buren County, Iowa, in 1861; given every educational advantage; a talented pianist; supervisor of music in the public schools of Bloomfield, Iowa; a Presbyterian.

Miss Weiny was initiated into P. E. O. in Chapter B, Bloomfield, in 1877 at the age of sixteen. She was an excellent executive; passed away June 25, 1901.

MRS. EFFIE HOFFMAN ROGERS

1866-1889

Mrs. Effie Hoffman Rogers, third of the Grand Chapter presidents, served for three terms.

Mrs. Rogers was born May 13, 1853, in Jackson, Ohio; came west when eight years old to Oskaloosa, Iowa; was educated in public schools of Oskaloosa, Penn College, Allegheny College at Meadville, Penn., the Young Ladies' Seminary, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; was married in 1880 to John F. Rogers; was the mother of two children; passed away February 7, 1918.

Mrs. Rogers was initiated into Chapter "Old B", Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, in 1871. *The P. E. O. Record* was established during her administration and she was its first editor; presented to the Sisterhood the initiation ceremony which was used for twenty-one years; gathered the material for publishing a P. E. O. directory.

MRS. NANNIE TORRENCE STOCKMAN

1889-1890

The fourth president of the Grand Chapter was Mrs. Nannie Torrence Stockman who served for one term.

Mrs. Stockman was born April 25, 1859, at Fremont, Iowa; a successful teacher; superintendent of schools of Keokuk County;

editor of the "Keokuk County Teacher"; member of the State Reading Circle Board; married, March 12, 1890, to David T. Stockman; mother of four children; a Presbyterian; member of the Daughters of the American Revolution; passed away December 24, 1938.

Mrs. Stockman was initiated into P. E. O. in Chapter L, Sigourney, Iowa. She organized the first State Chapter, Nebraska; wrote the prayer which is used in opening chapter meetings; chose the ode used for years to close the P. E. O. meetings; was a member of the committee which established *The P. E. O. Record* in 1888.

MISS ORIAN PENDLETON

1890-1891

After serving for six terms as treasurer of Grand Chapter, Miss Orian Pendleton was elected fifth president of the Sisterhood.

She was born in Linneus, Missouri, August 24, 1859; moved to Moulton, Iowa, following the Civil War; educated in the Moulton schools; kept the home for three brothers and a sister; died August 2, 1894.

Miss Pendleton was initiated into P. E. O., in 1884, in Chapter F, Moulton, Iowa. Later she dimitted to Chapter D, Centerville, Iowa.

MRS. A. R. DEWEY

1891-1892

The sixth and last of the Grand Chapter presidents was Mrs. Sarah Rousseau Dewey. She had also served as vice president.

Mrs. Dewey spent most of her life in Washington, Iowa; was married in 1873 to Judge A. R. Dewey; was the mother of two children; was a Methodist and devoted to the work of the church; was a prominent club woman and civic leader; died March 25, 1922.

Mrs. Dewey joined P. E. O. in Chapter J, Washington, Iowa; was twice a member of a constitutional revision committee; was chairman of the committee to prepare the 1903 published *History of the P. E. O. Sisterhood*, known as "The White History."

MRS. JESSIE MALLORY THAYER (O'NEIL)

1892-1893

With the change of name from Grand to Supreme Grand Chapter, Mrs. Jessie Mallory Thayer (O'Neil) was the first to be elected to the presidency under the new name.

She was born in Illinois; came to Iowa as an infant; married in 1914 to W. M. O'Neil of Orlando, Florida; died November 16, 1923. Mrs. O'Neil was initiated into Chapter N, Chariton, Iowa.

During her administration as president of Supreme Grand Chapter, the office of organizer was established; articles of incorporation taken out by the Sisterhood; Iowa Grand Chapter organized; the chapters relettered; the marguerite chosen as the P. E. O. flower.

She was a member of the committees authorized to write the burial ritual; revise the constitution; prepare the first printed constitution; and established P. E. O. headquarters in Chicago for the World's Columbian Exposition.

MRS. ALICE SELLERS SPILMAN

1895-1897

Mrs. Alice S. Spilman was elected to the presidency of Supreme Grand Chapter in 1895, in Omaha, Nebraska.

Mrs. Spilman was born in Topeka, Kansas, February 15, 1859; came to Albia, Iowa, at the age of one year; moved to Oskaloosa; taught in the City schools of Albia, Oskaloosa, Ottumwa; married to Dr. S. A. Spilman; the mother of one child; passed away May 13, 1946, in Ottumwa, Iowa.

Mrs. Spilman was initiated into P. E. O. as a charter member of Chapter G, Ottumwa, May 27, 1885; was the first president of Iowa Grand Chapter; is credited, in large measure, with the adjustment in the relations of State Chapters to Supreme Chapter.

MRS. FLORA CHESTER HERRING

1897-1899

After serving Iowa Grand Chapter as recording secretary and president, Mrs. Flora Chester Herring was elected the following year, 1897, to the office of president of Supreme Grand Chapter.

She was born in Fairfield, Iowa; educated in those schools and the State Normal School; taught for nine years; married Charles A. Herring; died February 1, 1950, in Fairfield.

Mrs. Herring was initiated into Chapter C, Fairfield, where she retained her membership throughout her life.

Her administration as president of Supreme Grand Chapter will be remembered for bringing subordinate chapters into closer relation with the Sisterhood and by fostering organization in subordinate territory. She organized the first chapter in Colorado; was on committees for two constitutional revisions; helped to write the initiation ceremony adopted in 1907.

MRS. WALTER CAMPBELL
1899-1901

Mrs. Mollie Moreland Campbell succeeded Mrs. Herring both as president of Iowa Grand Chapter and as president of Supreme Grand Chapter.

She was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa; married to Walter Campbell; moved to Glendora, California, where she passed away October 7, 1932.

Mrs. Campbell was initiated into Chapter X, Oskaloosa, Iowa, February 22, 1892; served her chapter as president for four years; served her state as organizer and then as president for two years.

During her years as president of Supreme Grand Chapter, all forms, books and ceremonies for all chapters were unified—a tribute to her ability in organizational problems.

MRS. M. LUE WEBER
1903-1905

Following a term as vice president, Mrs. M. Lue Weber served as president of Supreme Grand Chapter in 1903-1905.

She was born in Elmwood, Illinois; educated at Lenox College, Hopkinton, Iowa; married to H. G. Weber, at Atlantic, Iowa; passed away August 4, 1933.

Mrs. Weber was a charter member of Chapter AF, Atlantic, Iowa, June 6, 1892. She served Iowa Grand Chapter as organizer and president.

She introduced a simpler form of entertainment for the conventions; was impartial and fair in all judgments; was chairman of the committee for the 1901-1902 revision of the Constitution; was a member of the committee to prepare the initiation ceremony adopted in 1907.

MRS. WINONA EVANS REEVES
1909-1911

Mrs. Winona Evans Reeves, the sixteenth president of Supreme Chapter was born at Big Mound, Iowa, August 14, 1871, daughter of Dr. James M. and Helen (Lusk) Evans.

She was graduated from Iowa Wesleyan College B.S. 1891; M.S. 1896; L.H.D. 1942.

Married Harry J. Reeves December 23, 1897 (died October 27, 1945); children, Helen Lusk (Mrs. Robert S. Casey); Mrs. Agnes Reeves-Colville.

Mrs. Reeves was initiated into P. E. O. in Original A, the Founders' Chapter in 1889. During the time she attended Iowa

Wesleyan she was a member of College Chapter S. For twenty-three years she was a member of Chapter U, Keokuk, Iowa, now a member of Chapter A, Chicago. She served Iowa Grand Chapter as recording secretary, vice president and president; Supreme Chapter as organizer, vice president and president.

For two years was a member of the Cottey College Board of Trustees.

Was author of the two volumes of *The Story of P. E. O.* covering its history from 1869 to 1936.

She edited *The P. E. O. Record* from 1918 to 1949. Her activities, official and semi-official, from election as recording secretary of Iowa Grand Chapter, 1901, to her last year 1949 as editor of *The P. E. O. Record*, covered a span of 48 years.

Home, Park Lane Hotel, 2842 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois.

MRS. EDITH PROUTY PRITCHARD

1913-1915

After serving Supreme Chapter as organizer and vice president, Mrs. Edith Prouty Pritchard became the president in 1913, serving for one biennium. She had previously served Iowa Grand Chapter in the same three offices. Mrs. Pritchard was the first chairman of the Board of Trustees for Cottey College.

Mrs. Pritchard was born in Freeport, Illinois, coming to Iowa in infancy. She was educated in the Humboldt Schools; the State University of Iowa, B.S. 1890, L.L.B. 1891; practiced law and taught in the law school connected with Humboldt College.

She was married June 25, 1920, to Ira C. Pritchard. They moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where she became a member of Chapter DO. She passed away December 6, 1934.

Mrs. Pritchard was initiated into P. E. O. October 12, 1900, as a charter member of the Humboldt Chapter, BV.

She was one of the first to advocate the expansion of P. E. O. into British Columbia.

MRS. HELEN DAWSON TOWNSEND

1919-1921

Mrs. Helen Dawson Townsend served P. E. O. in many offices before becoming the president of Supreme Chapter in 1919.

She was born in Paxton, Illinois, January 17, 1866; educated in the public schools of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and in the University of Michigan. Married August 14, 1889 to Fred Townsend of Albia, Iowa; mother of five children; died November 15, 1942.

Mrs. Townsend was initiated into Chapter H, Albia.

She served Iowa State Chapter as corresponding secretary, vice president and president. She was chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Educational Fund for six years; treasurer of the Educational Fund two years; vice president and president of Supreme Chapter.

Mrs. Townsend opened the P. E. O. executive office in the Stevens Building, No. 17 State Street, Chicago; she appointed the first executive secretary. Three state chapters were organized during her administration; the first official jeweler was named. She presided as president of Supreme Chapter at the convention in Kansas City, in 1921.

MRS. OLA B. MILLER

1927-1929

Mrs. Ola Babcock Miller was the twenty-fifth president of Supreme Chapter.

She was initiated into Chapter J, Washington, Iowa in 1888. She served her chapter in most of the offices: Iowa State Chapter as second vice president, recording secretary and president; the Supreme Chapter as recording secretary, organizer, vice president and president.

The great task of Mrs. Miller's administration as president of Supreme Chapter was to acquaint the Sisterhood with Cottey College and present its possibilities as a P. E. O. project.

She made the dedicatory address for the Memorial Library.

Ola Babcock was married to Alex Miller; the mother of two daughters; died January 24, 1937.

Mrs. Miller was the Secretary of State in Iowa. As such she will be remembered for her work in highway safety.

MRS. LAURA STORMS KNAPP

1949-1951

Mrs. Laura Storms Knapp was the thirty-sixth president of Supreme Chapter.

She was born in Hudson, Michigan; educated in the public schools of Detroit, Michigan; Madison, Wisconsin; Des Moines and Ames, Iowa, and the Iowa State College; married to Seaman A. Knapp; the mother of two sons; taught Home Economics at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas.

Mrs. Knapp was initiated into P. E. O. in Chapter AA, Ames, Iowa. She served her chapter in several offices; her State Chapter as recording and corresponding secretaries, first and second vice



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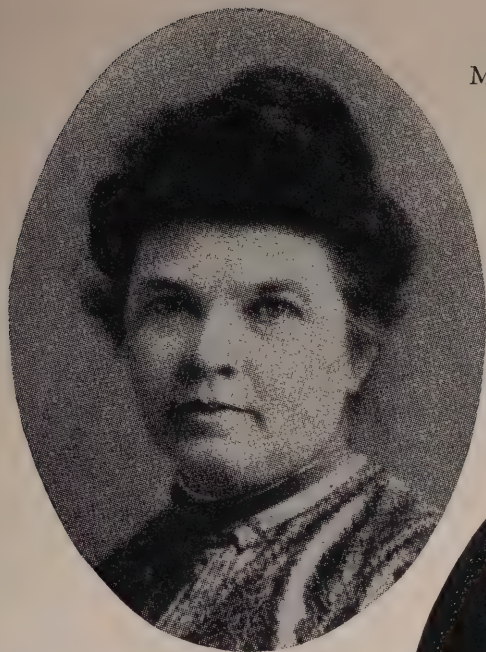




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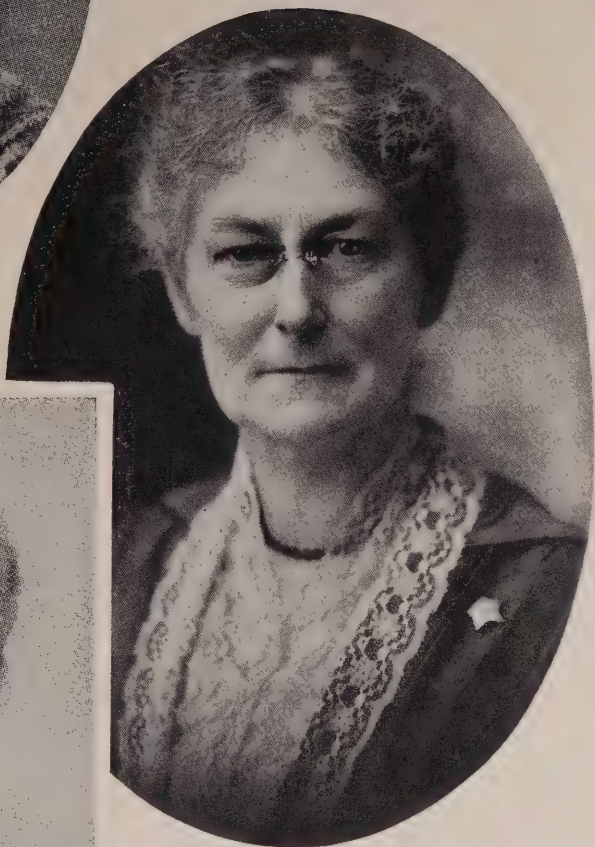


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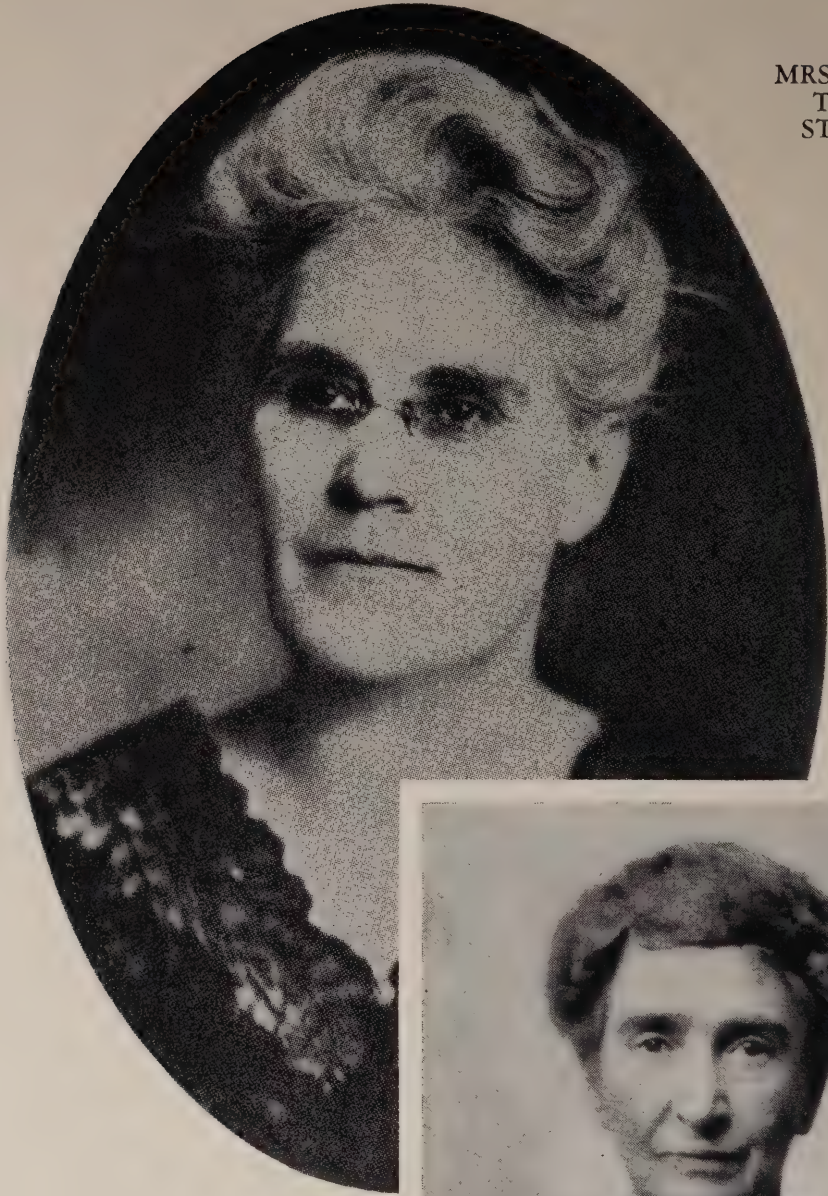
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WINONA EVANS REEVES

presidents and president; member of ritual revision committee (1939); served Supreme Chapter as corresponding and recording secretaries, organizer, second and first vice president before being elected to the presidency in 1949.

As organizer, Mrs. Knapp took P. E. O into Alaska; organized 13 chapters in subordinate territory; as first vice president, she organized the overseas aid and sponsored the international scholarship program.

As president, Mrs. Knapp organized the inauguration of Blanche Hinman Dow as president of Cottey College; authorized and assisted the first seminar for state projects chairmen and state presidents on Cottey Campus; authorized procedure of plan for Cottey Chapel; Manitoba Provincial Chapter organized during her administration.

IOWA INITIATES REPRESENTING OTHER STATES IN THE SUPREME CHAPTER PRESIDENCY

Two other women have served as president of Supreme Chapter who were initiates of Iowa Chapters but represented other states in the office. They were: Veda McClement Jones (Mrs. W. F.), past president of Oregon, born in Burlington and initiated in Chapter BW, Algona; Carrie Bonebrake Simpson, (Mrs. H. E.), past president of North Dakota, born in Knoxville and initiated in Chapter M, Knoxville.

During the early years, many women who served but a limited time were elected to the executive boards. This gave a large number of Iowa women opportunity to have a part in the development of the Sisterhood.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENTS OF SUPREME CHAPTER

The following Iowa women served Grand Chapter only as first vice president:

Miss May Hare, Mt. Pleasant, 1883; Miss Ella Lamson, Fairfield, 1884; Miss Eva Denny, Washington, 1885; Mrs. A. P. Hanchett, Council Bluffs, 1889; Mrs. A. E. Clark, Des Moines, 1891

SECOND VICE PRESIDENTS OF SUPREME CHAPTER

Serving only as second vice president were:

Miss Pet Wallace, Bloomfield, 1884; Miss Fannie Dibble, Osceola, 1885; Miss Flo Walden, Centerville, 1886; Mrs. Joe Blanchard, Oskaloosa, 1890; Mrs. Annie D. Wilkins, Des Moines, 1901-1903

RECORDING SECRETARIES OF SUPREME CHAPTER

Nine Iowa women served only in the office of recording secretary, three of them in a *pro-tem* capacity:

Mrs. Clare Worthington, Fairfield, 1883-84

Miss Hattie Wilson, Iowa City, 1884-85

Miss Anna Cottle, Fairfield, 1885, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1890-1891

Mrs. Dixie Cornell Gebhardt, Knoxville, 1891-92

Mrs. Laura E. Couch, *pro tem*, Waterloo, 1892-93

Mrs. Kate E. Williams, Waterloo, *pro tem*, 1893-95

Mrs. Carrie Gorrell Hunter, Newton, 1897-99

Mrs. Ella Moore Spencer, Oskaloosa, *pro tem*, 1899-1901

Mrs. Cornelia J. Sawyer, Sioux City, 1931-33 1933-35

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES OF SUPREME CHAPTER

Miss Maggie Seerley, Iowa City, 1883-84

Mrs. Nellie Ambler Campbell, Mt. Pleasant, 1884-85 1885-86

Mrs. Emma K. Mitchell, Bloomfield, 1886 resigned February
26, 1887

Miss Hattie B. Shields, Albia, 1887-88

Mrs. Effie McBeth Potter, Burlington, 1888-89

Mrs. E. K. Dinwiddie, Mt. Pleasant, 1890-91

Miss Ella Randel, Ottumwa, 1891-92 1892-93

Mrs. Dell P. Glazier, Ft. Madison, 1911-13 1913-15

TREASURERS OF SUPREME CHAPTER

Serving Supreme Chapter only in the office of treasurer were:

Miss Emma Hill, Bloomfield, 1883-84

Mrs. Ellie C. Buttles, Burlington, 1890-91, 1891-92

Mrs. Effie L. Fortune, Bloomfield, 1905-07, 1907-09

ORGANIZER OF SUPREME CHAPTER

The second woman to be elected to the office of organizer was Mrs. Julia N. Robinson, Cedar Falls. This was the only office on the board held by her. She served two terms, 1897-99 1899-1901

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY AND FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Walter Irish, Des Moines, served as corresponding secretary 1903-05 and as first vice president 1905-07.

BOARDS OF TRUSTEES

Iowa women who have served as members of the Boards of Trustees:

1. The P. E. O. Record:

The Board of Trustees for *The P. E. O. Record* was set up in 1911. The first chairman was Mrs. Walter Irish, Des Moines, who served for two years, 1911-13. Others who served were: Mrs. Alice S. Miller, Cedar Rapids, 1913-19; Mrs. Lillian L. Griffith, Harlan, 1921-23.

2. Educational Fund:

Serving as members of the Board of Trustees of the Educational Fund were:

Mrs. Helen Dawson Townsend, Albia, first chairman of the board serving for six years, 1909-1915; Mrs. Stella Porter Kelly, Ottumwa, 1919; Mrs. Louise M. Henely, Grinnell, 1924-29, chairman, 1928-29.

3. Cottey College:

For four years prior to the appointment of the first Board of Trustees for Cottey College, the executive board of Supreme Chapter served in the capacity of a College Board of Trustees. Ola B. Miller, president of Supreme Chapter 1927-1929, served as the first chairman of this advisory board.

The College Board of Trustees was set up in 1932. Two of the first four members were Iowans. They were: Mrs. Edith Prouty Pritchard, Humboldt, chairman, 1932-34; Mrs. Louise M. Henely, Grinnell, 1932-43, chairman, 1934-43; Mrs. Winona E. Reeves, 1934-36.

4. Supply Department:

Mrs. Lucy Beyer Engelbeck served on the Board of Trustees for the Supply Department from 1933-1937.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Miss Ada Baysoar, Albia, was the first executive secretary.

Miss Katherine Mann, executive secretary for many years, was a native of Iowa and initiated into P. E. O. in Chapter AQ, Brighton.

COMMITTEES:
THE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

A. The Promotion Committee:

Mrs. Dell P. Glazier, Ft. Madison, was chairman of the com-

mittee of three appointed to promote the Memorial Library project.

B. The Finance Committee:

Mrs. Alice S. Miller, Cedar Rapids, was one of a committee of three appointed to secure funds for the building of the Library.

C. The Building Committee:

Miss Martha McClure, Mt. Pleasant, was chairman of the building committee for the Library for a few months. Upon her resignation, Mrs. Lucy Beyer Engelbeck was appointed as a third member of the committee.

THE COMMITTEE OF ONE

Mrs. Gertrude Campbell Sebern, Fort Dodge, served as the Committee of One for the Memorial Library for ten years.

Mrs. Gracia L. Linder, Mt. Pleasant, succeeded Mrs. Sebern and is the member of the committee at the time of this publication.

This committee is responsible for the harmony and good taste of all that is placed in the rooms.

THE EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE

Prior to the appointment of the first Board of Trustees for the Educational Fund, a committee of three was appointed in 1907 to serve in this capacity for two years: Mrs. Mary McDonald Knapp, Ames, was one of this committee.

Mrs. Lulu McHenry, Des Moines, is credited with the suggestion that the money be lent from this "Memorial Fund". This fund was made up of the residue from the P. E. O. Day at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis.

OTHER COMMITTEES

The Iowa women on the committee which drew up the first constitution governing the Grand Chapter were:

Mrs. McCracken, Fairfield

Mrs. Mary Berry Price (Johnson), Centerville

Mrs. Maggie Seerley, Iowa City

Miss Ida Spaulding, Mt. Pleasant

Mrs. Emma Hill, Bloomfield

The first Grand Chapter by-laws were drawn up by a committee of which three were Iowans, viz:

Mrs. Wilson, Fairfield

Miss Pet Wallace, Bloomfield

Mrs. Mattie Lyon, Mt. Pleasant

A committee of Iowa women wrote the first installation service. They were:

Miss Ida Spaulding, Mt. Pleasant

Mrs. Hunt, Bloomfield

Mrs. Maggie Seerley, Iowa City

The form of charter for local chapters was drafted by Mrs. Worthington, Fairfield and Mrs. Armstrong, Centerville.

Miss Mary Bliss, Iowa Falls, was the originator of the plan to place a Memorial Tablet in Mt. Pleasant to commemorate the founding of P. E. O.

Mrs. Laura Jordan, Ottumwa, designed this Memorial Tablet.

Mrs. Annie D. Wilkins, Des Moines, was a member of the constitutional revision committee of 1893.

Mrs. Maude Mirick Cooper, Boone, was one of the Supreme Chapter committee of two on local chapter treasurer books in 1939-1941.

THE MUSEUM COLLECTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Gertrude C. Sebern and Mrs. Maude M. Cooper served on the Museum Collection committee of Supreme Chapter.

THE FRANC ROADS ELLIOTT MEMORIAL STONE COMMITTEE

The committee appointed to carry out the Supreme Chapter project to place a memorial stone in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery in memory of Franc Roads Elliott, included three Iowa women, viz:

Mrs. Enola Carter, Mt. Pleasant

Mrs. Winona E. Reeves, Chicago

Mrs. Gail Page, Ottumwa

OTHER NOTABLES IN IOWA P. E. O. HISTORY

Mrs. Lulu McHenry, Mrs. Carrie M. Ogilvie; Mrs. Sarah P. Clark, Mrs. Fannie Kurtz, all of Chapter Q, Des Moines, and Mrs. Daisy A. Green, Mrs. Hortense R. Reynolds, both of Chapter V, Des Moines, were signers of the Articles of Incorporation of the P. E. O. Sisterhood in 1893.

Mrs. Cornelia J. Sawyer designed the Pin of the small star encircled by marguerites for the past presidents of Iowa. P. P. I.

in black letters is enameled on the tiny star. Some of the other states are using this emblem for their past presidents.

Mrs. Dell P. Glazier was commissioned by Supreme Chapter to check and correct the membership records of the P. E. O. Sisterhood. This was done in 1913.

Many Iowa women have left the State to pioneer in other places for the interests of our Sisterhood. They have served as presidents of many states and in many offices for Supreme Chapter.

9. *The P.E.O. Record*

ITS ESTABLISHMENT AND THE FOUR EDITORS

THE DECISION to establish a "Society paper" came in the sixth annual convention of the Grand Chapter held in Keosauqua, Iowa, October 17-20, 1888, Effie Hoffman Rogers, presiding.

At the opening meeting of the Grand Chapter convention held in 1884, Mary Berry Price (Johnson), president, presented a recommendation which read as follows, "I would greatly like to see a little quarterly paper started."

Proceedings of every Grand Chapter convention for the next few years following Mrs. Price's suggestion in 1884 report further discussion concerning a P. E. O. paper; various plans were suggested and always there was the feeling that such a paper was indispensable.

In the 1888 convention held in Keosauqua, October 17-20, it was moved by the delegate from Chapter A that "we publish a monthly paper," then as an afterthought came the motion that "the necessary amount for establishing a paper be taken from the Grand Chapter treasury."

MRS. EFFIE HOFFMAN ROGERS

A committee of three was elected to make arrangements for the paper; Mrs. Rogers as chairman, Miss Nannie Torrence and Mrs. Carrie Ogilvie were the committee. Instructions were "that the paper was to be sent out by the beginning of the year." The local chapter corresponding secretaries were instructed to send magazine material suitable for printing to the Grand Chapter corresponding secretary. Mrs. Effie Hoffman Rogers was elected the first editor at a salary of \$40 a month. The subscription price payable in ad-

vance was 75 cents a year and the paper was to be called *The P. E. O. Record*.

Accordingly Volume I Number I of *The P. E. O. Record*, dated January, 1889, was published in Oskaloosa with Mrs. Rogers as Editor.

Mrs. Rogers was serving her second year as president of the Grand Chapter and since much of the responsibility of organization was hers also, she found these busy years. In 1889 she was asked to write about the establishment of the magazine and sent the following to *The Record*:

"When I was elected president of the Grand Chapter at Washington, Iowa, there were 19 chapters. During my administration of three years the number increased to 42 chapters. The work of organizing chapters was then wholly the work of the Grand Chapter president. This, with the correspondence and routine work of the office, made the task one of herculean proportions." She was at the time County Superintendent of schools of Mahaska County.

The subscription list grew slowly. In 1889, Mrs. Rogers reported to the convention which was being held in Mt. Pleasant that there were 451 subscriptions. Since the cost of publishing each magazine was $6\frac{3}{4}$ cents, one can see that the cost exceeded the 75 cents subscription price and there was nothing left for the editor's salary.

Mrs. Rogers also reported, "I have folded, stitched, covered and mailed 4,850 *Records*. In that work I have never had any assistance. In 10 months I have stitched 26,666 yards of stitchery. We should have a wider circulation. Some chapters do not take the magazine at all."

The plan that every local chapter was required to appoint a journalist, whose responsibility it was to send material to *The Record*, was not too satisfactory and so the procedure was discontinued.

The first issue of the magazine was sent to New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, District of Columbia, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Oregon, Texas, California, Arkansas and Montana. In the second issue, February, 1889, this note is found, "The January issue of 500 copies was entirely exhausted. Why isn't *The Record* going to be a success, can any one tell?"

Each successive convention battled with the problem of financing *The Record*. In 1890 due to a lack of money in the *Record* fund the editor's salary was reduced from \$40 a month to \$25. In 1891 the editor reported to convention that there were 575 paid subscriptions and there were 4,000 members in P. E. O. and 75 cents was still the subscription price.

Mrs. Rogers was editor for two years and in 1891 refused re-election because of her many other duties and obligations.

MISS MARY OSMOND

Miss Mary Osmond, Osceola, Iowa was not in the 1891 convention at Fairfield when elected Mrs. Rogers' successor as editor of *The Record* and when told of her election was "greatly surprised."

She had been a very successful teacher, had served as Superintendent of schools for Clark County and then gone into editorial work. At the time of her election she had her own newspaper, the *Osceola Weekly Gazette*, and this was such exacting work that she hesitated to accept additional responsibility. But she assumed the double burden, setting the type for the magazine in the *Gazette* office.

In telling of her work Miss Osmond reported that no one but she had ever addressed or mailed *The Record*. It was while she was editor that the list of local chapters was carried on the "third cover page." This occupied less than three inches across the page.

Miss Osmond was a colorful individualist, very popular at conventions and throughout the Sisterhood. She was an ardent Suffragist and it is said that at least on one occasion she wrote on the check with which she paid her taxes, "Paid under protest, Taxation without representation."

The readers were delighted with the magazine, but did not seem to be much concerned over the financial difficulties involved. *The Record* was not self-supporting yet every convention decided "it could not do without it" and annually re-elected the editor, also annually made up a financial deficit.

The subscription list did not reach 650 until 1892 which was a high point up to that date.

In the Des Moines convention of 1892, it was recommended that the magazine be provided with an engraved cover plate, but this was not done until 1895 when a cover designed by Miss Jean Girton of Waterloo was used. This cost Supreme Grand Chapter \$13. It was in this same convention that the Grand Chapter was renamed the Supreme Grand Chapter.

During this period of reorganization and the formation of the first state chapters, the Society was fortunate to have an organ where the views of all could be published and discussions could be carried on intelligently.

Miss Osmond served as editor-in-chief for the years 1891, 1892 and 1893.

MRS. SIDDIE RICHARDS

Mrs. Siddie Richards, Waterloo, Iowa, was elected editor in the convention of Supreme Grand Chapter which was held in Waterloo in 1893.

This convention was concerned with many serious problems, not the least being *The P.E.O. Record*. Mrs. Richards was elected editor with the following instructions: "To publish *The Record* 12 times a year, 16 pages, for 75 cents if 600 subscribers are guaranteed. The entire income from subscriptions, advertising and the payment for all State Grand Chapter and official announcements to belong to the individual assuming it, and no salary or responsibility to be assumed by the Supreme Grand Chapter." To Mrs. Richards goes much of the credit for the suggestions which were finally adopted for financing the magazine and which secured its continuance.

Reports made to the convention of Supreme Grand Chapter held at Omaha, October 16, 17, 18, 1895, Mrs. Alice C. Briggs of Nebraska, presiding, told of the failure to maintain the desired number of 600 subscribers and of the continued financial problems of *The Record*.

It was voted in this convention that the Supreme Grand Chapter should furnish the editor a complete list of all active members and these were to constitute the subscription list. The convention also created a *Record* fund of 25 cents annual per capita tax to cover the expense of *The Record*. This recommendation was filed by *The Record* committee of which Mrs. Alice Spilman was chairman. *The Record* was reduced to 12 pages and the expense this saved was to provide the editor's salary.

Although the magazine was still not self-supporting, the deficit was small and Supreme Grand Chapter took care of this.

MARY OSMOND RE-ELECTED

The membership did not like the reduced size and the Newton convention in 1897 voted to restore the magazine to 16 pages. At this convention Miss Osmond was again elected editor, Mrs. Richards having served for four years.

Beginning with the January, 1898, issue *The Record* was once more published in Osceola. At this time there were published 2,550 copies and the convention voted to raise this to 2,880 copies. In addition to the 25 cents annual per capita tax Supreme Grand Chapter paid \$44 a month for the publishing which included printing, folding, stapling and trimming, cost of paper and all material. The editor's salary was \$16 a month.

Reports made at the 1899 Supreme Grand Chapter convention in Chicago showed that 3500 copies were being printed monthly. A committee consisting of Mrs. Emma Pratt, Mrs. Alice Spilman, Mrs. Lulu McHenry and Mrs. Alberta Fox made recommendations which were adopted and which changed *The Record* mater-

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Cover of the first issue of THE P. E. O. RECORD

ially. The magazine was to be seven by 10 inches, not less than 24 pages, to have a new cover plate and mailing galleys were to take the place of the editor's pen to address the magazine.

In the 1901 Des Moines convention Miss Osmond was re-elected editor. The new form was so popular that it was to be continued. This convention also ordered that the editor's expenses to state and to Supreme Grand Chapter conventions should be paid from the Supreme Grand Chapter treasury.

In 1903 every active member was receiving her copy and the number being published was 5,000.

In 1911, Supreme Chapter convention was held in St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Winona E. Reeves as president, presented the following recommendations; "We recommend 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 so was inaugurated the system of management which prevails in large part to this day.

The first board of trustees of *The P. E. O. Record* was Mrs. Walter Irish, Iowa; Miss Ida Johnson, Nebraska; Mrs. Mary D. Lawrence, Missouri. Mrs. Irish served as the chairman.

MRS. WINONA EVANS REEVES

Miss Osmond served as editor until 1913 when Mrs. Rogers was re-elected. Mrs. Rogers served until the time of her death in March, 1918. Miss Margaret Durward, president of Supreme Chapter, appointed Mrs. Winona Evans Reeves to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Reeves served as editor until 1949. She had been re-elected editor in 1947 with the explanation to the executive board that she would not again be a candidate.

Mrs. Reeves, an initiate of the founders' chapter in 1889, probably knows more P. E. O. history from actual experience and contacts, knows more P. E. O.'s than any other living member of the Sisterhood. P. E. O. is grateful for her continued active interest and participation in Sisterhood affairs.

During her editorship of the magazine the membership of

P. E. O. increased to 100,808. She had been responsible for the prompt issuance of *The P. E. O. Record* every month, for the Directory number which made the thirteenth issue every year, and for the mailing list until the year 1947 when that department was taken over by The Wayside Press, publishers of *The P. E. O. Record*.

And during these 60 years, *The Record* has had but four editors: Mrs. Rogers and Miss Osmond, each of whom served twice at different times, Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Reeves.

As the membership of the Sisterhood grew and the income in the *Record* fund increased it was possible to issue a larger magazine. In 1924 it carried 16 pages. Gradually it was increased from 24 to 28 pages and in 1934 it was increased to its present size, 32 pages.

During the years, the cover has been changed, also the format. Since 1931 there has been a monthly change in the cover design.

In an effort to make *The P. E. O. Record* self-supporting, the 1947 convention of Supreme Chapter held in Los Angeles, California, Mrs. Dorothy Weller presiding, accepted a budget allocating 60 cents to the *Record* fund. The 1949 convention of Supreme Chapter meeting in Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. Bessie R. Raney presiding, approved a budget allocating 85c to this fund.

In 1947 the law was passed making the office of editor appointive rather than elective.

The 1949 Supreme Chapter convention also adopted a constitutional provision which made the members of the subordinate boards convention members. Previous to this time only the chairmen due to their positions were members of convention.

At the convention held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1951, over which Mrs. Laura Storms Knapp presided, the provision which made the editor a member of convention by virtue of that office, was deleted from the constitution. This convention also authorized the appointment of an associate editor. Miss Elsie Irene Shoemaker, Oklahoma, had been appointed to this office in 1949 by action of the executive board.

The by-laws were amended in 1951 to provide that convention expenses of both the editor and the associate editor should be paid.

MRS. EDITH MARKHAM WALLACE

Mrs. Edith Markham Wallace, Washington, and Miss Elsie Irene Shoemaker, Oklahoma, were appointed editor and associate editor in September, 1949, were re-appointed in 1951.

The P. E. O. Record is a remarkable achievement, growing from the need of our first chapters and officers for a means of communication until today it is delivered to each of the 108,186 active mem-

bers in the Sisterhood. But the 1951 subscription is larger than that for many who are not members of P. E. O. are on this list. Instead of the 17 states where the copies of the first issue were sent, now our magazine goes not only into every state, but into all the provinces of Canada, Hawaii and Alaska, and to quote from the report of the editor to the 1951 convention of Supreme Chapter, it is sent also to many far away places as Iran, Lebanon, Cairo, Transvaal, India, Arabia, Tokyo, England, France, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Turkey, Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Peru, Brazil, Chile, Argentine, West Indies, Islands of the Pacific and many other countries. "*The Record* is the tie that binds P. E. O. around the world."

MINIATURES OF THE EDITORS

In the Memorial Library are four beautiful miniatures painted on ivory by Mrs. Valeria Taussig Leon of New York City. These are of the four Iowa *P. E. O. Record* editors, Mrs. Effie Hoffman Rogers, Miss Mary Osmond, Mrs. Siddie Richards Thummel and Mrs. Winona Evans Reeves.

Mrs. Thummel's miniature was the first. She had moved to New York and the New York State Chapter convention meeting in New York City in 1932 authorized this memorial to one whom they had come to love and appreciate. The committee in charge, Mrs. Lucille Shields and Mrs. Harriet Cartwright, asked Mrs. Leon to paint the miniature.

The artist, Mrs. Leon, was present at the unveiling of Mrs. Thummel's miniature. To quote from the minutes of the 1932 New York State proceedings: "A beautiful tribute by Mrs. Reeves was read, citing Mrs. Thummel's many P. E. O. achievements, her beauty of character and intellectual attainments. . . . Mrs. Thummel sat in the midst of her own Chapter K, holding a huge bouquet of roses, the gift of her son."

Mrs. Thummel's miniature was so delightful that Iowa decided to place in the Library a similar portrait of Mrs. Reeves.

The 1935 convention held in Des Moines, Mrs. Belle Besser, presiding, authorized the appointment of a committee of three to make the necessary arrangements. Mrs. Laura Storms Knapp, Mrs. DeElda Lee and Mrs. Frances Carrell were appointed to serve as the miniature committee.

Mrs. Knapp as chairman reported in the 1936 convention that the committee investigated several artists to paint the miniature of Mrs. Reeves and finally selected Mrs. Leon who had painted the one of Mrs. Thummel. Mrs. Lee who had charge of the finances of the committee reported that the Iowa Chapters had been so

enthusiastic about the miniature that a balance of almost \$100 was left in the fund.

Sufficient funds were added to this balance by convention to complete a tuitional scholarship of \$150 at Cottey to be known as the Winona Evans Reeves scholarship.

In presenting the miniature, which was a feature of the evening program, Mrs. Knapp said in part,

"Mrs. Frisbee, to you, as chairman of the committee in charge of gifts for the Memorial Library, we are happy to present, for the Iowa State Chapter of P. E. O., this miniature of Winona Evans Reeves as a token of our love for her."

Mrs. Frisbee in accepting the gift said, "In behalf of the Memorial Library and the P. E. O. Sisterhood please be assured of our grateful thanks. It gives me very great pleasure to accept this love-gift from the Iowa State Chapter, in honor of the editor of *The P. E. O. Record*—Winona Evans Reeves."

In the 1938 Iowa State convention held in Sioux City, Mrs. Ada J. Klinger, presiding, it was ordered on recommendation of Mrs. Cornelia J. Sawyer that the State Chapter purchase miniatures of Mrs. Effie Hoffman Rogers and Miss Osmond for the Memorial Library. With the approval of the finance committee the motion was adopted with the additional provision that Mrs. Laura Storms Knapp be appointed to make the arrangements.

During the year the commission was completed and the presentation made at the following convention held in Cedar Rapids, May 16, 17, 18 over which Mrs. Maude Cooper presided.

In presenting the miniatures Mrs. Knapp said in part, "With the completion of the commission which the last state convention gave to us, we will have in the Library miniatures of the four women who have been editors of *The P. E. O. Record*. All four have been Iowa women.

"Effie Hoffman Rogers, a member of X, Oskaloosa, was editor from 1888 to 1891 and again from 1914 to 1918.

"Mary Osmond, a member of K, Osceola, was editor from 1891 to 1893 and from 1897 to 1914.

"Siddie Thummel of Z, Waterloo, was editor from 1893 to 1897.

"Winona Reeves has been editor since 1918.

"The same artist has painted all four miniatures, Valeria Taussig Leon, of New York City.

"Miniatures painted on ivory—even the words have romance and charm. With these gifts we delight to honor our *Record* editors."

The presentation program closed by convention repeating The P. E. O. Creed written by Mrs. Effie Hoffman Rogers.

10. P.E.O. Philanthropies

*“What Do We Live For,
If Not to Make Life Less Difficult for Others”
—George Eliot*

THE WELFARE AND TRUST FUND

SINCE Iowa was the birth state of P. E. O., it was logical that the Iowa State Chapter should be one of the first to take definite action to provide for the care of her own. Two major projects resulted from the thought and planning. These were the Welfare and Trust Fund and the Sarah Porter Beckwith Home. They are often called, “twin projects” since they were established within a relatively brief space of time, (since it was a little over a year) however, the first one to be officially created was the Welfare and Trust Fund.

This fund was the result of many years of wishful thinking. It came to fruition in 1928, in the convention of Iowa State Chapter in Davenport. It was here that the Iowa finance committee for the Memorial Library reported the \$25,000 pledge was over subscribed by \$933.75. The committee composed of Mrs. Cornelia J. Sawyer, DH, Mrs. Alice S. Miller, DK, Mrs. Mabel Duree, D, Mrs. Mary Call, BW, Mrs. Lillian Griffith, AP, recommended that a portrait of Mary Allen Stafford be purchased to hang in the library and that the residue of the surplus from the Library Fund be used as a nucleus for a Welfare and Trust Fund for the needy P. E. O.'s of Iowa.

These recommendations were unanimously adopted. One thousand dollars was added to the fund by vote of the State Chapter.

By authority of this body, the president of Iowa State Chapter, Ellen Sampson White, appointed the following Board of Trustees to formulate rules for the management of the newly-created

fund; Mrs. Lou C. McHenry, Des Moines, chairman, Mrs. Sawyer, Sioux City, and Miss Lillian F. Kilburn, Oskaloosa.

This board drafted rules establishing, governing and administering the fund and presented them to the 1929 convention in Newton. Upon Mrs. McHenry's motion the following rules for the management of the Welfare and Trust Fund were adopted:

(From 1929 Minutes of convention of Iowa State Chapter)

- Sec. I. Iowa State Chapter shall create and maintain an Iowa P. E. O. Welfare and Trust Fund. The principal and interest of said fund shall be available for the aid and care of all members of the Iowa P. E. O. Sisterhood who are in need of help.*
- Sec. II. This fund shall be maintained by voluntary gifts, and by the diversion annually of five per cent of the State dues, this amount to be paid annually on April 1st by the treasurer of Iowa State Chapter to the secretary-treasurer of the Welfare and Trust Fund. The gifts shall be sent to the treasurer of Iowa State Chapter and shall be paid by her to the secretary-treasurer of the Welfare and Trust Fund on the first of each month.*
- Sec. III. This fund shall be administered by a board of trustees, consisting of a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary-treasurer, these to be appointed by the retiring president of the Iowa State Chapter. The first board shall hold office for two, three and four years respectively, and at the end of two years the vice-chairman shall become chairman, the secretary-treasurer shall become vice-chairman and the new member appointed by the retiring president shall be the secretary-treasurer. Thereafter the term of office shall be for three years, one member retiring annually.*
- Sec. IV. Applications for aid shall be made to the chairman of the fund through recommendations from local chapters, after they have made thorough and conscientious investigation. An Iowa non-resident P. E. O. may apply for aid to a local chapter and such application shall be sent to the chairman of the board, who, in turn, shall refer it to the chapter to which the applicant belongs for their investigation and recommendation.*
- Sec. V. All necessary expenses incurred by the board in the administering of the fund shall be paid from the Iowa State Chapter treasury.*
- Sec. VI. A printed copy of the rules in regard to this fund shall be sent to each chapter president by April 1st of each year.*

Sec. VII. A bond shall be furnished by the secretary-treasurer, such bond to be approved by the president of Iowa State Chapter.

Sec. VIII. The books of the secretary-treasurer shall be audited annually by an accredited accountant appointed by the president of Iowa State Chapter.

Committee,

Lou C. McHenry,
Cornelia J. Sawyer,
Lillian F. Kilburn.

So enthusiastic over their project were the members of the convention that not only did the State Chapter add a second \$1,000 to the fund but there were many gifts made by individuals and chapters. By the end of this session \$3,207.33 was in the newly-created fund. With the hope that this amount would grow to much larger proportions during the year, the decision was made that aid would not be available from it until after the 1930 convention of Iowa State Chapter.

At the close of this convention, Mrs. Lucy B. Engelbeck, Des Moines, was appointed to this committee upon the resignation of Miss Kilburn.

How well the rules for management of the Welfare and Trust Fund, as drafted by the original board, have stood the test of years is a tribute to the careful thought of those three women. The two major changes have had to do with eligibility for aid and the per cent of the per capita dues paid into the fund by Iowa State Chapter. Originally, the rules provided that any deserving member of Iowa was eligible for assistance. The years and experience made it necessary to limit this first to active members and, then, to active resident members. Whereas five per cent of the annual dues was diverted to the fund originally, the amounts have been changed to six cents and then to eleven cents per capita of the state dues to meet the ever-increasing needs.

While the fund has never reached large proportions, statistics show it is a well-organized, financially sound business. Statistics also show a total of 81 sisters have found help through the years 1930-1951. It is a project which has always been dear to the hearts of the chapters of Iowa. They have been liberal in their gifts which have averaged \$1,225 annually over the 1930-51 period. This has greatly augmented the annual per capita amount from the state dues and made it possible to more nearly meet the requests for aid.

The board of trustees consisting of Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. McHenry, and Mrs. Engelbeck served continuously through 1942.

Mrs. McHenry, because of other duties, resigned as chairman. Mrs. Sawyer was elected to that position and served in that capacity until 1943. Mrs. Nell Romey, Mason City, was appointed in 1931 and served until her death.

Mrs. Mabel Duree, Centerville, came to the board in 1940. She was chairman for five of the nine years she was on the board.

Mrs. Belle Besser, Newton, became a member of the board in 1942 and served as vice-chairman from 1943 until the close of her second appointment in 1948.

Mrs. Gail Page, Ottumwa, was appointed in 1942 to fill the vacancy of Mrs. Sawyer. Her service continued until 1950, the last two years of which she was secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Beatrice L. Thomas, Cedar Rapids, was appointed in 1948 and served as chairman part of the year 1948-1949.

In 1949, a change was made to separate the management of the two philanthropies. A new board was created for the Welfare and Trust Fund with the following personnel: Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Waterloo, three year term; Mrs. De Elda Lee, Davenport, two year term; Mrs. Mabel Duree, one year term.

In 1950, Mrs. Pearl N. Eby, Cedar Rapids, succeeded Mrs. Duree but resigned in February 1951. Mrs. Jane E. Stinson, Mason City, was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

The present board (1952) consists of Mrs. Young, chairman, who has served in this capacity since the appointment of the new board; Mrs. Lee, who served two years as secretary-treasurer, is vice-chairman; Mrs. Stinson, secretary-treasurer.

THE SARAH PORTER BECKWITH HOME

The other of the twin projects, the Sarah Porter Beckwith Home for the P. E. O.'s of Iowa, was born in 1929.

"Whatever else P. E. O.'s believe," according to the 1930 March *Record*, "they must believe that dreams do come true, that visions do come to realization." In proof of this, it is interesting to know that a P. E. O. home was suggested to the Iowa Grand Chapter convention held in Ottumwa in 1895 by Chapter V, Des Moines. The suggestion came in the form of a letter signed by Annie L. D. Wilkins, president, Flora Wright, Ella Goodsell and Mrs. H. R. Reynolds. While no formal action was taken at this time, the vision of a P. E. O. Home at a future time had been created.

The "future time" came 33 years later.

Before presenting the rules for management of the Welfare and Trust Fund to the 1929 convention of Iowa State Chapter, Lou C. McHenry took the opportunity to say that a real honor had been conferred upon the committee in this great work. To

the trustees had come a vision—a vision of a P. E. O. Home, a P. E. O. Fireside in Iowa. It was their hope to see the Welfare and Trust Fund grow until it became sufficient to buy and maintain a home.

Later, in this convention, Mrs. Mary W. Begeman, Cedar Falls, moved that a \$2 per capita tax be paid during the next two years toward the purchase of a P. E. O. home in Iowa.

Mrs. Nancy Torrence Stockman moved that this action be amended to read that the question be referred to the chapters for instruction, to be acted upon at the next convention (1930). The motion carried as amended.

During the summer of 1929, Sarah Porter Beckwith offered the gift of her beautiful residence in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, to the Iowa State Chapter as a P. E. O. Home.

Mrs. Beckwith was making her home in La Jolla, California, at this time, returning each year for a short period during the summer. While she hired a caretaker for the Mt. Pleasant home, she wished to dispose of it but had not yet found a possible purchaser to whom she wished to sell. Her niece, Martha McClure, Mt. Pleasant, suggested to her the possibility that the P. E. O.'s of Iowa might be interested in it since they were hoping to establish a home in Iowa. Mrs. Beckwith's reply was, "I will give it to the P. E. O.'s—I would like to know that my old home was a real home once more; giving shelter and happiness to the ones living in it."

Mrs. Beckwith gave the twenty-room house, all of the furniture in it which was hers, three acres of ground beautifully landscaped, and another lot which did not adjoin the home property. She made but one condition, that if the gift were accepted, the work of restoration should begin within the year. She paid for painting the exterior of the house as well as the taxes and insurance for the current year.

The president of Iowa State Chapter, Mrs. Nell Romey, and the Board of Trustees of the Welfare and Trust Fund, to which the offer was made, went to Mt. Pleasant to confer with Mrs. Beckwith and to inspect the property. They were delighted with it and with its possibilities for use as a home.

Mrs. Romey then asked approval of the Iowa chapters to locate the Home in Mt. Pleasant. Since there was now no need for the \$2 per capita to purchase a home, she asked for \$1 per capita to be used in repairs.

The chapters were enthusiastic in their favorable vote on both. The second dollar was voted for maintenance in the 1930 convention.

On September 24, 1929. the Board of Trustees and Mrs. Romey met in Mt. Pleasant with Miss McClure who held the deed to the home in trust for her aunt until it could be legally accepted by Iowa State Chapter.

Miss McClure approved all that had been done by Mrs. Romey and the trustees. She then presented the deed to the president of Iowa State Chapter who filed it with the recorder of Henry County. The dream of 33 years had come true.

Mrs. Romey appointed Mrs. McHenry, Mrs. Sawyer, and Mrs. Engelbeck, trustees of the Welfare and Trust Fund, to serve in the same capacity for the Home. They formulated rules governing the Home, admission to it, and the application blanks to be sent to those who desired to be members. These rules were presented to the executive board of the State Chapter and were approved by them. They were then printed and sent to the president of every chapter in Iowa.

As was true with the rules of the Welfare and Trust Fund, so these original rules for the Home have had very few changes, and those minor ones—during the years 1930-1951.

When the 1930 convention was held in Keokuk in May, Mrs. McHenry reported, "Today, we come to you in this convention, our \$3,207.33 for the Welfare and Trust Fund intact, our home realized, our dreams come true, and we present to you, for your approval, 'Our Home'."

The first guest to arrive was Mrs. Ida May Hall, Chapter DN, who came on April 22, 1930. By the end of May, there were five in the home, Mrs. Nelle Bosworth, AA; Mrs. Alice Cassidy, Q; Mary May Porter, H; and Miss Margaret Gay Dolliver, Original A. The last guest to enter the Home (1952) was the fifty-fifth.

The work of reconditioning the lovely home began at once. "To this board of trustees," wrote Mrs. McHenry, "was given the beginning of the most beautiful work the Iowa P. E. O.'s have ever done." They realized the responsibility of their task for not only was Iowa watching, but Supreme Chapter and many of the other states who were considering a similar project.

A liaison committee, from Chapter Original A, was appointed to facilitate the work of the trustees. Miss Martha McClure, Mrs. Victorine Evans Cook and Mrs. Ella Mackin made up this committee. They gave devoted service for many years.

To Iowa P. E. O.'s there could have been no more perfect location for a home than in Mt. Pleasant. It is the P. E. O. center, the beautiful and restful place where the Sisterhood was born and the site of the Memorial Library.

Likewise, the atmosphere and the background of the Beck-

with home is representative of the finest traditions of Mt. Pleasant history.

Mrs. Beckwith was the daughter of Colonel Asbury Porter and Martha Brazelton Porter. She attended the Young Ladies Seminary in Mt. Pleasant. She was a student and enthusiastic traveller, and the author of "A Rambler Abroad". In 1881, she married Captain Warren Beckwith. Three children were born to them, Emily Beckwith Garner, Florence Beckwith, who died in early life, and Warren Jr. The son married Jessie Lincoln, daughter of Robert Todd Lincoln and granddaughter of Abraham Lincoln.

Mrs. Beckwith's sister, Mrs. Jennie Porter Bean, was one of the early P. E. O.'s in Chapter Original A; her daughters, her nieces, Miss McClure, and Mrs. May McClure Kelley of Washington, D.C., and other members of her family were initiated into the Sisterhood which she had known since its organization.

"She was a gracious, charming woman, well-born and associated all her life with people of culture. She gave bountifully of her interests, time and money. She lived most of her life in Mt. Pleasant where she was loved and honored. Death came to her in La Jolla, California, December 17, 1935, at the age of 90."

As authorized by the State Chapter in convention, Articles of Incorporation of the Sarah Porter Beckwith Home were drawn up and executed in May, 1931, by the committee, Mary Whitworth Begeman, Gertrude Campbell Sebern, Lucy B. Engelbeck, Lou C. McHenry.

In the beginning the Home was financed by gifts and the per capita tax voted by the Iowa State Chapter. Since 1933, it has been allotted fifty cents per capita of the State dues.

Chapter gifts have been generous since the Home became a reality. They have averaged \$2,225.00 annually over the 22 year period (1930-1952). At Thanksgiving and Christmas time, there are generous seasonal gifts to help the holiday cheer.

Many exquisite furnishings beautify the Home. They are the gifts of chapters and individuals. Iowa State Chapter gave the portraits of Mrs. McHenry, Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Engelbeck in recognition of their years of devoted service as trustees of the twin projects.

There have been many bequests to the Home. These have included furnishings, real estate and monies. The latter has ranged in value from small amounts to the larger ones in the thousands of dollars.

All gifts and bequests are placed in the general fund of the Sarah Porter Beckwith Home unless otherwise specified. Whatever amount that can be spared is then put into United States Government bonds.

Limitations have been placed on many of these bequests which have made it necessary to create different accounts in the financial set-up. These include a Savings Account, Endowment Fund and a Building Fund.

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

A gift of \$6,000 specified that it be placed in a savings account, the interest accumulated annually could be used for general expenses.

ENDOWMENT FUND

In 1931, \$1,000 was given as a nucleus for an endowment fund. At the suggestion of T.Q. Records of Glenwood, in 1937, and with the approval of the executive board of Iowa State Chapter, the B. I. L.'s of Iowa were asked for voluntary gifts to this fund. This netted nearly \$1,000. Other gifts added to this now total \$6,105 in endowment fund (1952).

BUILDING FUND

In 1940, an effort was made to encourage the chapters to pledge 25 cents per capita for two years toward a building fund for the Home. This yielded a fair amount. However, several large bequests to be used for the purpose of building or for additions to the Home have made this a fund of sizeable proportions. Because of it, many improvements have been made possible. There is still a residue of approximately \$50,000 in this account (1952).

BUILDINGS AND ADDITIONS

In 1933, a wing of nine rooms was added with extra baths and a first floor lounge which connected the addition to the original home. The furnishings of this lounge were also a gift. A second floor sunroom above this has been added; a new garage replaced the old building which was delapidated and gradually disintegrating.

The latest building project is the addition of a new wing for a kitchen and infirmary (1950). These two rooms are commodious and complete with the best and most modern equipment. This was made possible by a bequest which specified it must be used for an addition to the Home. This addition made it necessary to do much remodeling.

The Home as it now stands (1952), will accommodate 17 guests, each with her own room, a hostess and a trained nurse. In addition, the staff includes a cook, two maids and a janitor whose living quarters are outside the Home.

Skillful treatment, combining the new with the old, has created a homelike atmosphere of dignity and charm. This is heightened by the beauty of the characters of those who live within its walls.

BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

Originally, three past presidents of Iowa State Chapter were appointed to serve terms of three years. The first board, Mrs. McHenry, Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Engelbeck, were reappointed for many years. They served from 1929-1943 with Mrs. McHenry acting as chairman from 1929-1932, Mrs. Sawyer as chairman from 1932-1943 and Mrs. Engelbeck as treasurer for 19 years, from 1929 until 1948. Mrs. Engelbeck is still serving as a member of the board at time of publication. Mrs. Nell Romey served on this board from 1931 until her death three years later. Mrs. Duree served from 1940-1949, as chairman 1943-1948.

The by-laws now provide for the appointment of four directors who may serve only two consecutive terms of four years. The boards for the twin projects were the same until 1949 when they were placed under separate management.

Other past presidents of Iowa State Chapter who have served on the Home Board are:

Mrs. Besser (1942-1948), as vice-chairman for five years; Mrs. Page (1943-1950), as secretary-treasurer for two years; Mrs. Thomas appointed in 1948, serving as chairman since the fall board meeting of that year, was reappointed in 1951; Mrs. Loretta H. Jones, Clinton, appointed 1949; Mrs. Maude M. Cooper, Boone appointed 1950.

The present board (1952) consists of Mrs. Thomas, chairman, Mrs. Jones, vice-chairman, Mrs. Cooper, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Engelbeck.

While the Home is governed by a board of directors, it is at all times under the jurisdiction of the Iowa State Chapter.

HOSTESSES

To the hostess of the Home goes much of the credit for the atmosphere of congeniality, cooperation, and spirit of friendliness which is apparent there. She manages the household and is directly responsible to the board of directors. Only the finest type of women have served in this capacity. All have been members of our Sisterhood.

Mrs. Dora Johnson was our first hostess, serving for 12 years. (1930-1942).

Mrs. Florence Mack was there from 1942 until 1949.

Mrs. Jessie Hyland acted as hostess for eight months until the position could be filled by Mrs. Delia Diether, who is the present beloved hostess (1952).

When they come to visit the Memory Room and the Memorial Library, many P. E. O.'s from other states visit the Home.

The Home is the scene also of many happy occasions when chapters from other cities come to share their meetings with the Home guests, bringing food, interest, joy of companionship and taking with them the happiness and inspiration from the contacts made and from the atmosphere of the Home. They, also, take with them many articles of the handicraft of the guests. The deep freeze unit, installed a few years ago, was the gift to the Home from the guests who had raised the funds from the sale of their needlework, knitting and weaving.

Throughout the years, Chapter Original A, has been of incalculable value to the Iowa State Chapter in the service it has given to the Home Boards, the hostesses and guests.

Miss Florence Budde, Mrs. Luella Fleenor and Mrs. Florence McLeran constitute the present advisory committee from Chapter Original A for the Home. These women have given devoted service. They followed the original liaison committee.

The annual Christmas party held at the Home, with Chapter Original A, as hostess, is a festive occasion.

Mt. Pleasant, its citizens, churches, business places take a real and prideful interest in this Home of ours and are most cordial to it and its family.

To the chapters, individually and collectively, goes the credit for the establishment and maintenance of our Home. To a few was given that further vision necessary for us to care for our own. It was definitely a pioneering adventure for the Iowa State Chapter. The result of this pioneering adventure is Iowa's P. E. O. Home where comfort, companionship and congeniality may be found in a very generous measure.

"The test of an adventure is not only in the length of time it endures but in the way in which it endures."

Speaking before the Iowa State Chapter in 1931, Mrs. Sawyer said, "Two years ago we tossed a ball into a big yard in Mt. Pleasant; a ball that seemed golden and shining with love and hope. Today, as it comes rolling back to us, we see that it was not a ball, after all, but our hearts that we had tossed."

Dreams do come true. What was only a dream of misty outlines in 1895 has become a reality, shining clear and strong in this substantial edifice, of which Iowa State Chapter is justifiably proud, our Sarah Porter Beckwith Home.

SUPREME CHAPTER PROJECTS

Iowa State Chapter has always supported the Supreme Chapter in furthering greater service for humanity.

EDUCATIONAL FUND

A vision of a better education for girls was realized in the establishing of the Educational Fund. Almost from the beginning the Educational Fund was administered by a committee of three women appointed by the president of Supreme Chapter.

Mrs. Mary McDonald Knapp, Ames, president of Iowa Grand Chapter in 1902-3, was a member of this first committee which served for two years.

In 1909, the administering committee was called a board of trustees. Mrs. Helen D. Townsend, president of Iowa Grand Chapter, 1907-8, was the first chairman of this board. She was much in the foreground in the early days of the fund and served as chairman of this board for six years (1909-1915). She was also treasurer of the Educational Fund for two years during the two terms that office existed, (1915-1919).

Mrs. Louise M. Henely, Grinnell, president of Iowa Grand Chapter 1917-18, served on this board for six years (1924-29), chairman of board (1928-1929). She created much enthusiasm for this fund and its use by her untiring efforts—as a resident of a college community and wife of the superintendent of schools, she had a background which gave her keen awareness of the value of education.

The first loan from the fund was granted to an Iowa girl, Miss Edna Pickering, Boone, a charter member of Chapter DD.

The total number of Iowa girls granted loans, including 40 sponsored in other states, as of 11-1951 is 1,692.

The total amount represented by loans granted to Iowa girls, as of November 19, 1951, is \$726,027.

The amount contributed to the Educational Fund, including bequests and special gifts from Iowa, from 1909 until March 1, 1951, is \$128,213.33.

COTTEY COLLEGE

Iowa has had a very special privilege in supporting Cottey College. Among the gifts presented to our Welfare and Trust Fund was one of \$50 given in the 1929 convention, by Virginia Cottey Stockard, in the name of Cottey College. Mrs. Stockard was a guest of the convention and gave an address about the school. Iowa has endeavored to repay this debt of gratitude as well as to

show her vital interest in this project by her splendid support of the College.

Mrs. Louise M. Henely, a member of the first Cottey College Board and its chairman for several years, worked unceasingly to gain support, both moral and financial, for this project. She traveled throughout the United States talking and working for the College interests. Too much credit cannot be given to her for the enthusiasm she created and the financial support she gained. She had an intimate knowledge of the modern girl and her needs in securing a higher education which helped her "sell" the college to girls, parents and P. E. O.'s alike.

In 1936, along with all P. E. O. chapters, Iowa set out upon the 10 year period to build up the college and hoped for \$1 per capita active member, annually. In 1938, at the request of Mrs. Chellie Stevens Wright, president of Supreme Chapter, a state chairman was appointed to the Cottey Emergency Committee. Under the leadership of Mrs. De Elda W. Lee, Davenport, Iowa did well in attaining the necessary goal. The interest in Cottey was greatly stimulated. More girls from Iowa enrolled at the College and the number of tuitional scholarships increased.

Iowa State Chapter has given a total of 45 of these scholarships. These include three which were the gifts of Laura Storms Knapp and one from Chapter P, Burlington, to honor May A. Frantz. In 1951, Iowa State Chapter granted ten \$200 scholarships for Cottey College to be known as the Laura Storms Knapp scholarships. One of these will be awarded each year for 10 years beginning in 1952. Only girls of the finest type and of the highest scholastic ability are awarded these scholarships granted by the State Chapter.

A total of 116 girls from Iowa have attended Cottey College.

In 1939, \$1,000 was given by Iowa State Chapter for the Iowa suite in P. E. O. Hall which was named the Louise M. Henely suite. In 1949, \$2,500 was given in honor of Winona Evans Reeves to furnish the reception room of Reeves Hall.

The B. I. L.'s contributed generously to the East Hill recreation park. They can be depended upon to do their share with the proposed (1952) chapel.

Up to the time, when the \$1 per capita for Cottey became obligatory, Iowa had contributed to the College an average of \$7,510 annually over the 1929-1948 period, in gifts from the local chapters and from Iowa State Chapter.

Iowa State Chapter is ever ready to share in the responsibility which must be assumed in order that the present high standards of Cottey College may be maintained.

THE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

In 1912, Miss Martha McClure, Chapter Original A, Mt. Pleasant, made the suggestion that a Memorial be built to honor the birthplace of P. E. O. "Nothing could be more appropriate to the ideals of the Sisterhood", she said, "than a memorial library."

Mrs. Dell Glazier, BS, Ft. Madison, brought out the idea of the building to be used as a library for the Iowa Wesleyan College and also house the executive offices of P. E. O.

She formally presented the proposition for the erection of the library to three Supreme Chapter conventions, first in 1921 in Kansas City, in Seattle in 1923, and in Minneapolis in 1925 where the proposition carried unanimously.

Mrs. Glazier was chairman of the promotion committee. Mrs. Alice S. Miller was a member of the finance committee, and Miss McClure and Mrs. Lucy B. Engelbeck were members of the building committee.

WAR EFFORT, POST-WAR WORK AND PEACE PARTICIPATION

An effort was started in 1942 and later set up by the executive board of Supreme Chapter to meet the demand of state and local chapters for a specific contribution which could be made in war effort. The cooperation of Iowa P. E. O.'s in this program is noteworthy as shown by the reports made to the subsequent State and Supreme Chapter conventions.

War effort chairmen during 1943-1945 were Mrs. Gail Page, Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Mrs. Katherine Hughes and Mrs. Beatrice Thomas. Ninety-seven percent of the Iowa Chapters bought war bonds and stamps. All gave an incalculable number of hours of service to Red Cross and Allied Agencies, United Service Organizations, and Civilian Defense.

Chairmen of Post-War Work from 1946-1952 have been Mrs. Sara Smythe, Mrs. Lillian Berkley, Mrs. Luella Fatland and Mrs. Hazel Bleeker. Their reports of gifts to the United Victory Fund (approximately \$7,000), overseas families adopted, CARE and other packages sent abroad make an impressive total.

Under the leadership of the State Projects chairman, Iowa is interested in the Peace Participation effort. Local chapters have appointed leaders for this work.

In her 1949 Post-War Work report to Supreme Chapter convention, Laura Storms Knapp spoke of the active interest shown in the possibility of P. E. O. granting international scholarships.

She suggested that the consideration of students be under the supervision of the Peace Participation committee. This was the beginning of P. E. O. active interest in this field. Iowa has contributed generously to this fund and has an increasing awareness of its possibilities.

Two girls are attending school in Iowa on a partial P. E. O. International scholarship. They are: Miss Huda Saba, Palestine, Arabia, at Drake University, Des Moines, (1951-1952); Miss Eugene Trotman, Panama, enrolled at Simpson College, Indianola, (1951-1952).

Miss Daisy Wain, Rangoon, Burma, received her degree in Dietetics from Iowa State College. Her internship at Cornell Medical Center in New York was made possible by a P. E. O. International Scholarship. While in Iowa she visited many chapters and stimulated enthusiasm for this fund.

11. P.E.O. Memorials

THE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

OVER a period of years there had been now and then a suggestion made in conventions that P. E. O. should erect a building on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan College to commemorate the founding of P. E. O. The suggestions were more or less vague and no definite action resulted.

In the September 1921 issue of *The Record* there was published a feature "A P. E. O. Vision" written by Miss Martha McClure of Chapter Original A, in which she suggested that since the aim of P. E. O. in its altruistic work had definitely become education, "It seems a fitting time to project plans for a suitable memorial to honor the birthplace of P. E. O. Nothing could be more appropriate to the ideals of the Sisterhood than a memorial library."

Among the first to promote the plan actively was Mrs. Dell Phillips Glazier, Chapter BS, Ft. Madison, Iowa, who added the practical suggestion that the building might serve the college as a library building, and might also house the general offices of P. E. O.

At the next Supreme Chapter convention held in Kanas City in October 1921, Mrs. Glazier presented the library plan and moved that the question be submitted to the local chapters for consideration, and that it be done through a promotion committee of three to be appointed by the president of Supreme Chapter. The motion carried and Mrs. Helen D. Townsend, president, appointed Mrs. Glazier of Iowa; Miss Ellen Ball (Willcox), Washington and Mrs. Clara R. Waterhouse, Nebraska.

In the 1923 convention, Mrs. Bertha Clark Hughes presiding, there was much discussion, largely irrelevant, with the result that the committee was continued upon motion of Mrs. Mary Allen

Stafford, and that the proposition be presented again in the 1925 convention, which was done.

At that convention in Minneapolis, Mrs. Vina Ives Bowden presiding, the vote was unanimous, on the motion, again made by Mrs. Glazier, that the Memorial Library be erected.

The tragedy of the delay was that before the building was dedicated the last of the Founders, in whose honor it was built, had died.

There were formal ceremonies in connection with the ground breaking, the laying of the corner stone and the dedication of the building.

In all of these, representatives of the various states, the college faculty and trustees, alumni and the town people had part.

All of the completion ceremonies were in the biennial in which Mrs. Alice H. Scott was president.

The building presented to Iowa Wesleyan is one of the Sisterhood's notable achievements.

THE MEMORY ROOM

For this chapter, in which is given the history of the Memory Room, we are indebted to a paper written in 1889 by Mrs. Florence McKibbin, who for many years was college librarian at Iowa Wesleyan.

The room, with its treasures, is an Iowa project, in a large measure a Chapter Original A project, but for its origin we are indebted to Mrs. McKibbin. Associated with her in its development was Mrs. May Brooks Snider.

For some 20 years Mrs. McKibbin carried the key to the room and was curator of its treasures.

As all P. E. O.'s know, The Memory Room is the room in Old Main, in which was held the meeting January 21, 1869, where the seven girls organized P. E. O.

It was the music room then. Later the music department was moved over to Pioneer and the former music room was used as the girls' cloak room. Today it is furnished as were parlors in the 1860's and 70's even to the carpet on the floor a "body brussels in floral design."

Mrs. McKibbin's paper bears the title Treasures of the Memory Room from which we quote:

"Cicero says—'memory is the treasury and guardian of all things'. How true this is of the priceless P. E. O. treasures in our Memory Room.

"Great Libraries, such as the Shakespeare Folger Library, and great banks are moved in armored cars from one place to

another. So our treasures received for our Memory Room and our memory cabinets have come armored in one way and another.

"First of all came the Ella Stewart golden star. Mrs. Babb was given this star by Ella Stewart's mother; she in turn sent it to Mount Pleasant, by her husband, Judge W. I. Babb. She wrote me, 'It is too precious to trust to express, and I wanted it as a souvenir for the P. E. O. collection.'

"This pin of Ella Stewart's now rests in the historical department, in the Memorial Library in the beautiful case given by her brother Harry Stewart.

"While the original pins of which we speak, and the diamond medal were gifts sent to the Memory Room they are now kept for safety in the vault in the historical department of the Memorial Library.

"The diamond star given to Mrs. Babb on the 33rd anniversary of the founding of P. E. O. at a Harlan House banquet, was an event never to be forgotten. It thrilled Mrs. Babb to be so remembered, and we hold in our possession a letter which abounds in thanks, which scintillates with literary beauty, in her delight and gratitude for the gift; she desired more than anything else that there should be a 'Thesaurus', a treasure house. Mrs. Babb used the Greek word, she loved a Greek or a Latin word, a place where treasures could be preserved.

"Today Mrs. Babb's diamond studded star rests in the case with Ella's in the historical department.

"Mrs. Babb named our room in Old Main the 'Memory Room'. She wanted it called just that, and so it is Memory Room today.

"This room holds the Memorial Tablet placed by the P. E. O. State Chapter of Iowa in October, 1917; it was unveiled in the Iowa Wesleyan College Chapel (Mrs. Stella McKibbin, then president of Original A, presiding) by Alice Bird Babb's daughter, Alice Ewing, who is a brilliant daughter of a brilliant mother.

"Mrs. Mary Allen Stafford's star was sent to Mrs. William F. Kopp (Clara Bird Kopp), niece of Alice Bird Babb, who placed it with the other pins.

"Suela Pearson Penfield gave a medal which was worn by the winner of the competing battalions, when Major Dinwiddie was director of the Military Department of Iowa Wesleyan College. This medal has a large yellow diamond in the center and the letters P. E. O. are set in white diamonds. The medal is now a possession of Iowa Wesleyan having been a college award.

"Even more interesting than diamond medals and pins is a letter written by Franc Roads Elliott telling of the resolution, at the twenty-fourth biennial convention of Supreme Chapter which met at Denver September 30-October 3, 1919, having passed the

one half century mark—for war abolishment. Mrs. Elliott believed that if humanity is to be humanized war is to be abolished.

“In addition to the above items of special interest, there have been added furnishings of the period. A square piano was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Williams. There is a small ‘stand table’, from the home of Senator Harlan, an item of Mrs. Robert Todd Lincoln’s possessions.

“True to the parlor ornaments of the time, there are two Roger’s Groups, a marble top center table on which rests the photograph album. The room is not crowded unduly, and is scrupulously cared for—all in charge of Chapter Original A.”

A MEMORIAL STONE

It will be remembered that when Franc Roads Elliott died in 1924, at her request, her ashes were scattered in a cemetery in Chicago, in which city she died. There was therefore no permanent stone to mark her passing.

It was suggested to the Supreme Chapter Board in 1951 that a memorial stone be set up to mark the dates of the birth and death of this P. E. O. Founder. Accordingly Mrs. Laura Storms Knapp, president of Supreme Chapter, with the approval of the Executive Board, appointed a committee to carry out the project.

Thus came the Memorial stone placed in Forest Home Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant, where are buried other P. E. O. Founders. The stone is on the lot upon which stands the tall Scotch granite monument where Dr. Charles Elliott and others of his family are buried.

On the stone are these words:

*In Memory of
Franc Roads Elliott
Wife of Simon Charles Elliott
1852-1924
A Founder of the P. E. O. Sisterhood*

On the top of the stone above the first line is the P. E. O. star.

The committee that carried out the project included: Mrs. Enola Carter, president Original A; Bessie R. Raney, junior past president Supreme Chapter; Winona E. Reeves and Gail Page, past presidents, Iowa State Chapter.

12. The Lincoln Tradition in P.E.O.

P.E.O. has a Lincoln tradition in a sort of third generation way. It dates back into the early days when it was largely an Iowa organization, in the years in which James Harlan of Mt. Pleasant served as United States Senator from Iowa.

During those years, he and his family lived in Washington, where he became not only an advisor but a close personal friend of Abraham Lincoln. A short time before his death the President appointed Senator Harlan to his cabinet as Secretary of the Interior.

The intimacy of the two statesmen extended to their families and continued through the years, in the marriage of Robert Todd Lincoln to Mary Harlan.

To that marriage were born three children, Mary, Abraham (Jack), and Jessie, the last born to the Lincoln name. These children with their mother spent many summers at the home of their grandfather Harlan in Mt. Pleasant. One summer while the girls were in their teens, Mary, better known as Mamie, and Jessie were initiated in P. E. O. by Chapter Original A. There are a few P. E. O.'s still living who remember that day, among them "Fannie" Wheeler, whose father was president of Iowa Wesleyan. That long time friend of the Lincoln girls is Mrs. Frances Wheeler Lutz of Beloit, Kansas.

The Lincoln children entered whole heartedly into the social life of the young people of the town and the college. Warren Beckwith Jr. was one of Jessie's frequent escorts. When the romance received family disapproval, the young people eloped to Milwaukee where they were married November 10, 1897.

While the Lincolns and the Harlans and the Beckwiths all

were friends, the families did not approve the marriage because of the youth of the two.

After some years the marriage ended in divorce. There were two children born of the marriage, Mary Harlan Beckwith and Robert Lincoln Beckwith. Both are still living, 1951.

The Lincoln grandson, Abraham (Jack), should be remembered here. He died in London during the time his father was Minister to the Court of St. James. His death came March 5, 1890. His body was returned to the United States and placed in the Lincoln monument in Oak Ridge cemetery in Springfield. Some forty years later the body was removed and buried in Arlington cemetery beside his father, Robert Todd Lincoln.

Mary, the eldest of the three Lincoln grandchildren, was married in London in 1891, to Charles Isham, her father's secretary. Their only son, Lincoln, is one of the three great grandchildren of Abraham Lincoln, surviving, in 1951.

Since none of the three has children, their passing will end the line of descent.

On the death of the last of these, the residue of the Lincoln estate is to be divided equally among three organizations: The American Red Cross, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, and Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant. —*W.E.R.*

13. *Stories by the Way*

MINIATURE OF MARTHA McCLURE

IN THE French room of the Memorial Library there hangs a miniature of Miss Martha McClure. The plate inside the shadow box carries this legend:

Martha McClure
Whose Vision Brought to Realization
the
P. E. O. Memorial Library
and the
Sarah Porter Beckwith Home

The miniature is a gift to the library building from Miss McClure's sister, May McClure Kelley, (Mrs. William Fitch Kelley) whose home is in Washington, D.C.

You will have read in this history, the chapter telling of Miss McClure's part in securing for P. E. O. the Sarah Porter Beckwith Home. Both Supreme Chapter and Iowa State Chapter are debtors to her for visions that came to realization.

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THE INVISIBLE LINE THAT JOINS

That invisible line, more than a thousand miles in length which divides, or joins, the United States and Canada, is the greatest demonstration on this earth of the possibility of peace between nations.

At intervals of 45 or 50 miles there are ports of entry and immigration officers, but no walls, no fortifications.

There are on the Canadian side, here and there Mounties of the Royal Canadian Police, and on the American side, border

patrolmen who as has been said "fraternize like fellow lodge brothers."

Then there is the 2,200 acre international peace garden, the largest formal garden on this earth, cultivated on both sides of the invisible border.

At the western end of the line stands the great Peace Arch, the visible symbol of it all.

How easy, as you see, it was for P. E. O. to be one with Sisters in Canada and in the United States.

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DIXIE CORNELL GEBHARDT

Among P. E. O.'s who have made outstanding contribution to civic and patriotic history is Dixie Cornell Gebhardt, Chapter M, Knoxville, Iowa, who designed the Iowa State Flag, in celebration of Iowa's centennial year.

After designing the flag and its official recognition by the state, Mrs. Gebhardt took a patent for it, and then signed over to the Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution, all rights to the same, provided the income from the sale of all flags should be given to the Red Cross. A later honor came to Mrs. Gebhardt in that the flag design, with the approval of the Iowa Centennial committee and the U. S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing, appeared on a commemorative issue of postage stamps. There was also put into circulation the Iowa Centennial half dollar, on one side of which was a reproduction of the Iowa flag.

The Iowa flag was unfurled in France on New Year's day 1918 by the 168th Regiment, a part of the Rainbow Division, and was their regimental flag to the end of the war.

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A ROSE BY ANY OTHER SPELLING

There has been varied spelling of proper names of those who are a part of P. E. O. history. For example, the name Bousquet which is the correct spelling. In early days it was locally spelled Bosquet, and early papers in Iowa spelled it as it is pronounced Busket.

Another name that has been spelled in three different ways is Roads. Mrs. Elliott herself sometimes spelled it Rhodes. On early Iowa documents it is spelled Rhoades.

Mrs. Penfield's baptismal name Suela, has been misspelled many times as Suella and thus mispronounced. Her daughter, Rose Penfield, a Cleveland, Ohio, P. E. O., told us whence came the

name. Dr. Pearson, her father, had read a Spanish novel in which the heroine had the name Suela; when their daughter was born her parents gave her that lovely unusual name.

One of the nouns in our vocabulary "dimit" is occasion for debate now and then. When P. E. O. began using the word dimit in the transfer of members from one chapter to another, dictionaries gave two spellings for it, dimit and demit, but gave preference to dimit. Modern dictionaries now give demit the preference.

It was Miss Osmond, during her editorship of *The Record*, who made decision for us on the spelling. One day in a convention of the Grand Chapter she said, "I'm driven crazy by having to correct copy again and again on the spelling of that word. I wish the convention would decide which form we shall use." The president said, "Which do you prefer, Miss Osmond?" To which she replied, "The prefix 'de' means down; 'di' means across; when we transfer a member, we do not demote but transfer her. For that reason it seems for us dimit is preferable." And the blanks when printed so spelled it.



EVIDENCES OF GROWTH

In the convention of 1889 held in Mt. Pleasant there were shown evidences that P. E. O. was outgrowing its administrative set up. There came to that Grand Chapter convention a group of delegates from Nebraska chapters: Mrs. Alice Carey Briggs of Superior; Mrs. Jenny Bryant, Omaha; Mrs. Mary Mason Houseworth, Plattsmouth; and Mrs. Florence Wightman, York. They made formal request that Nebraska be allowed to form a state chapter. There was much discussion pro and con but with the final decision to grant the request, began the organization of state chapters.

To that convention there came also a group of girls from the college Chapter S, Maisy Schreiner, Ollie Cole, Eva Gregg, Anna Williams, Rose Thorn, and perhaps others.

They came to ask for more liberal interpretation of the existing laws on issuing invitation for membership. While some concessions were made, the discussion indicated the inevitable disbanding of the chapter, which came a few years later.

While ovations had been made to Chapter S by Greek letter sororities, it was voted by the convention that P. E. O. should hold to its English letters, all of which contributed to its present status as a city and not a campus organization.

THE SEMINARY CHAPTER

One of Iowa's earliest chapters was known as "The Seminary Chapter", its membership made up of girls who attended The Young Ladies Seminary in Mt. Pleasant. It was a boarding school founded in 1863.

John Ely Briggs, from whose history of early Iowa schools we quote, said: "The girls who attended the school were advised to bring an English dictionary, an atlas and a Bible, as well as an umbrella, a pair of thick soled shoes and a part of the furnishing of a room, including a carpet if desired."

Parents were advised "Not to provide expensive jewelry and dresses." The instruction closed with the statement that gentlemen were not allowed to call without special permission.

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SEVEN LOVELY GOLD STARS

When the Founders had decided on a gold star for their emblem, they went to the Crane Jewelry Store in Mt. Pleasant and explained to Mr. Crane their wishes, and he made for them seven lovely gold stars. Two of the originals are in existence today.

Mr. Crane continued to make them as they were ordered by new members. Later, by degrees, our present laws governing the emblem were developed.

In an editorial written by Miss Osmond in *The P. E. O. Record* of October 1893, is this interesting item about the original Gold Star, "The first P. E. O. pin ever made was sent by the jeweler as a sample to the young ladies who formed the Society. They were satisfied with it, kept it, and ordered more like it. They voted to allow Alice Bird (Mrs. Babb, now) to have it, and it has the single name Alice on its back."

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P. E. O. ENTERS INDIANA

Between the then of 1869 and the present there have come indefinite changes in procedure but constancy in the essence of P. E. O.

We clip from *The P. E. O. Record* (Jan. 1949 issue) this story:

Illustrating the speed and the zeal of the early years is the case of how P. E. O. went to Indiana.

Laura Craven (Rice) visited a P. E. O. in Osceola, Iowa. The girls liked her, so they called a meeting one night, voted her in, sent for her and initiated her all in one session.

She stayed on with her friend long enough to attend the next meeting and then went home to Thorntown and started a chapter with seven members. They met twice a week and grew to 35 members the first year.

Every six months they elected new officers. In those days P. E. O. had no colors so they adopted lavender and white.

Early in their history they rented a hall for a meeting place, which the men of their families helped to furnish, and, in a large measure, paid the rent. They also split kindling and carried coal, and in the winter started the fire in the coal stove.

The girls had curtains at the windows and a three-ply in-grain carpet on the floor. Every one took a chair from home. They had a hanging lamp with prisms around the edge of the shade.

One of the men furnished a desk, indeed they took a lively interest in all that the P. E. O.'s did.

In return they shared in many dinners.

In 1905 the Thorntown chapter entertained the "Supreme Grand Chapter" convention, a single chapter in subordinate territory.

In 1923 they entertained the convocation from which was organized the Indiana State Chapter.

Laura did pretty well!

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DEDICATORY WREATHS

On the day of the dedication of the P. E. O. Memorial Library—where the Founders were present only in memory—visits were made to their graves and wreaths placed there.

In Newton, Iowa, members of Chapter AO placed a wreath on the grave of Alice Virginia Coffin; in Knoxville, Iowa, for Hattie Briggs (Bousquet); in Cleveland, Ohio, for Suela Pearson (Penfield); in Mt. Pleasant, for Ella Stewart, Alice Bird (Babb) and Mary Allen (Stafford). For Franc Roads (Elliott) a wreath was placed on the Roads family lot, since Mrs. Elliott's ashes, as she wished, were scattered in Oakwoods Cemetery.

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THE WHITE HISTORY

The first history of P. E. O. to be printed, was published in 1903 by order of the "Supreme Grand Chapter", under the title *The History of the P. E. O. Sisterhood*. The title page further states "Consisting of compilation of the writings of various past and present officers of the Sisterhood." The committee that com-

piled and issued the comprehensive history did an excellent piece of work. The book itself bound in white, 270 pages on heavy paper stock, generously illustrated with photographs, sold for one dollar a copy. Were it duplicated today it would cost ten or more times that amount.

The book is out of print and is commonly called *The White History*.

The history committee included: Mrs. Sarah R. Dewey, chairman; Mrs. Alice B. Babb, Mrs. Sarah Gray Cramer, Mrs. Emma R. Pratt, Mrs. May B. Johnston, Miss Ida B. Johnson, Miss Mary Osmond. The book is highly prized by those who possess a copy of it.

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WHEN THE RAINS CAME

When the first chapter was organized in Clarinda, it was in the days when the organizer might be any P. E. O. whom the Grand Chapter president wished to appoint.

Mary Butler Westcott, who is now Chapter AE's only charter member, tells of their experience.

Elaborate plans were made for entertaining Mrs. Kate Stearns and Miss Isabelle Beer from Garden Grove who had been appointed to organize. They appeared on May 3rd in a driving rain. This rain did not prevent the organization that day but it did, by continuing for two weeks, prevent their going home, so the Butler family was hostess to the visiting appointees, not for one day but for 14 days!

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THE CAPE

As you look at the portraits of the Founders, it might seem at first glance, that those of Alice Virginia Coffin and Franc Roads are of the same person. Not at all, it is "the cape"—we use the quotes advisedly, for it was a sort of common possession.

When the committee appointed to choose from the many photographs submitted, which should be reproduced for portraits to be hung in the Memorial Library, the cape appeared more than once.

To the girls it must have seemed highly photographic, and more or less common property.

When finally the seven photographs had been selected by the committee, they were submitted to the artist, Marion Dunlap

Harper, who questioned the advisability of the two similarly posed.

However, the tradition of the cape and the girls' fondness for it prevailed and the portraits were painted as you see them.

To one the artist gave to the cape a shade of red and to the other a neutral color which lessened the appearance of duplication, but the cape is one and the same.

Chronology

- 1833— Oberlin offered advanced classes for women.
- 1836— Mt. Holyoke Seminary founded.
- 1841— Iowa Wesleyan College founded.
- 1859— Iowa Wesleyan College gave the first B.A. degree ever given to a woman (Lucy Kilpatrick-Byrkit, first woman graduate of Iowa Wesleyan).
- 1867— First sorority, "I.C. Sorosis", founded in Monmouth College, Illinois.
- 1869— P. E. O. Society founded in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
- 1870— First Initiation fee in P. E. O.
- 1874— Roll Call by treasurer instituted.
- 1882— First assembly of chapter representatives.
- 1883— Second assembly, Grand Chapter organized.
- 1885— First written initiation ceremony; first official seal ordered.
- 1888— *The P. E. O. Record* established.
- 1890— First formal constitution written.
- 1892— First revision of constitution.
- 1892— Grand Chapter renamed, Supreme Grand Chapter.
- 1893— Organization of Iowa Grand Chapter; Chapters re-lettered.
- 1893— First Articles of Incorporation for Supreme Chapter.
- 1894— First organizer for Iowa Grand Chapter elected.
- 1894— First Iowa State convention held.
- 1907— Educational Fund established.
- 1909— Supreme Grand Chapter changed to Supreme Chapter.
- 1917— Memorial Tablet was placed in Memory Room.
- 1920— Iowa Grand Chapter changed to Iowa State Chapter.
- 1927— Memorial Library built; Cottey College accepted.
- 1928— Iowa's Welfare and Trust Fund established.
- 1929— Portraits of the Seven Founders hung in the Memorial Library; Sarah Porter Beckwith Home accepted.
- 1931— Sarah Porter Beckwith Home incorporated.
- 1938— Iowa State Chapter incorporated.

The Book Completed

*"The book is completed and closed for the day.
The hands that have written it lay it away."*

HEREIN are recorded some of the things done by pioneer members and others in Iowa officially and by way of organization. But through it all they have done something more vital to the life of P. E. O. in keeping alive the desire with which it began, for a closer bond of friendship among its members.

It is easy to transfer tangible things from one generation to another, but the spirit of a thing is not so easily transmitted.

Do you remember how the Seniors at Vassar are said to pass their songs across the lake on class day night? The older girls carrying lanterns wander through the woods to the lake, and when all have reached the water's edge, they sing their class song to the Juniors, who are massed in the darkness among the trees on the opposite shore.

The under classmen chant them back one by one, and after the Seniors have sent their last, the sacred prized class song across the water, the lanterns are passed in silence from hand to hand, over a bridge to the younger classmen in the woods. Whereupon the Juniors carrying the lights and singing for the first time in their lives, the inherited prize-song, march around the lake, while the Seniors retire into the dark and the stillness.

We like to think that in some such way, all who are here in this generation, will pass on the song and the light of P. E. O.

