

**The Co-operators Insurance Association**  
announces the appointment of  
**MR. GEORGE ROBERTSON**  
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The Halton County Federation of Agriculture Insurance Committee has endorsed Mr. Robertson's appointment and are pleased that he is now in a position to service the people of Halton with the best value in auto insurance service that is provided by the Co-operative movement in Ontario for careful drivers.

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**Flood Waters Near Hydro Power Point**

Conversion crews working at the Streetsville Park had some anxious moments last week when ice broke up on the Credit River. The huge ice cakes jammed near the foot of the main roadway into the park, sending flood waters over a large area of the park. Vehicles loading there with conversion equipment were quickly moved without serious damage.

**Snorkers Smart Specialists Prove**

Pigs long ago had the reputation of being among the dirtiest animals one could find. In recent years it has been established that they actually are among the cleanest of animals once they're taken out of their mud wallows to proper sty.

Now we have two scientists who say they are not only clean but smart—smarter, in fact, than mules, horses, goats and sheep.

Two Cornell University animal specialists—Dr. H. H. Dukes and A. U. Moore—made that estimate of their intelligence. Cows probably rank behind horses but evidence on that point is not too clear.

Pigs are handicapped because they are usually allowed to live long enough to show off their talents. One advantage they have is that their most sensitive point is their nose and it helps them in contact with their environment.

Everyone knows that pigs like their food, but their quick response to signals for it is a point the scientists consider an indication of their superior intelligence.

The intelligence of cows varies. Guernsey cows, in one set of tests, learned how to open different feed boxes faster than Brown Swiss. The latter, in turn, learned faster than Holsteins.

The scientists add that hoofed animals are smarter than poultry but they aren't as smart as dogs and cats.

Perhaps out of consideration for some of us, they didn't go into a comparison with humans.

**Interesting Speakers, Projects Fill Year for John Milton Chapter**

Following is the annual report of the John Milton chapter, I.O.D.E., as presented by the secretary, Ethel Riddell, and the treasurer, Eileen Martin.

I take pleasure in submitting the 43rd annual report of the John Milton Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire. During this year nine regular meetings and four executive meetings were held. Mrs. G. F. Thompson, program convener, with the assistance of her committee, planned varied, interesting and educational meetings.

At our March meeting, a humorous skit entitled 'Just Women' was presented by several members of the Chapter under the able leadership of Mrs. John Hall.

In April Mrs. Eleanor Brown, chief decorator with Robt. Simpson Co. Ltd., delighted us with her talk and coloured slides on modern trends in home decorating.

At the May meeting Mrs. R. B. Galbraith gave a very interesting talk on England and particularly London during the Coronation celebration.

Mr. Gage, District Biologist of the Department of Lands and Forests, Huron District was the speaker at the June meeting. He ably described the habits and traits of the various land birds of Ontario.

Our September meeting was a social affair, with the members enjoying several contests arranged by Mrs. B. McKerr.

In October Miss Ruth Harding, CBC commentator from Toronto spoke to us on the studies being made of the nutritional or feeding habits of the Canadian people.

Miss Joyce Hickling, staff member of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, gave us a delightful and informative address in November on the work among the blind folk in Canada.

Our Christmas meeting in December was ably conducted by Mrs. H. Magee, Mrs. E. W. Magee of Toronto, to hold a Christmas story.

In January Miss J. Knapman, Provincial President of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, was guest speaker. She outlined the duties and responsibilities of each branch of I.O.D.E. work.

We are grateful to Mrs. H. Magee and Mrs. E. W. Foster and Misses Carol McMaster, Wilma Johnstone and Margaret McDougall, who gave willingly of their musical talents for our entertainment during the year. We also wish to thank Mrs. C. Peacock for arranging music for the meetings.

The Chapter canvassed the Town of Milton in May for the C.N.I.B. Building Fund, from which a total of \$850 was realized. Our sincere thanks go to Mrs. M. E. Gowland who convened the canvassers.

Mrs. Wm. Scott, Echoes Secretary, reported that all members were paid up, and that gift subscriptions had been sent to local doctors and dentists, Halton Manor, and to local beauty parlors.

Through the efforts of Mrs. J. Noble, Educational Secretary, magazines were sent to Bigwood School and a box of toys to children in Europe.

We gratefully acknowledge the kindness of Mr. F. Whitehouse, who procured two beautiful framed pictures of the Queen from the Robt. Simpson Co. Ltd. The Chapter will place these pictures in the two new schools of Milton.

**Prizes Awarded**

On behalf of the Chapter, prizes for general proficiency, class progress and English essay were presented to successful students of the graduating class of Milton Public School.

Our Welfare Convener, Mrs. M. E. Gowland, and her committee, did much to help those in need. Several families whose homes had been destroyed by fire received gifts and parcels were sent to local boys in the armed forces. A Toy Shower was held for the Clinic of the Halton County Health Unit.

Cash Donations were sent to the following: Halton Music Festival, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund, Westminster Abbey Fund, Peace Garden Fund, Navy League of Canada, Children's Aid, Cigarette Fund, Provincial Workroom Fund, Canadian Nurses' Association in India, Annuity Fund, and Hurricane Relief Fund.

Several successful Bridge Parties were held at the homes of various members during the months of March and April, convened by Mrs. C. Anderson.

**Various Projects**

The Chapter held a Variety Night in the Town Hall of Milton on May 7. This included a sale of home baking, plants and various articles made by the members. The skit 'Just Women' was given as part of the evening's entertainment.

The Chapter also operated a very successful booth at the Milton Fair in September. Tickets were sold on two trays made by Mrs. G. Gastle and Mrs. G. F. Thompson. A Parcel Post sale was very popular. Twenty-three exhibits were entered by members under the I.O.D.E. card; of these eighteen won prizes.

In Hamilton in September, the John Milton Chapter was honoured in having our Standard Bearer, Mrs. Eileen Martin, take part in the opening ceremonies of the Provincial Meeting.

In October the Chapter was pleased to bring to the Town of Milton an exhibition of paintings by contemporary European artists.

On Remembrance Day in November, our Regent, Mrs. F. McMaster, placed a basket of flowers on the Cenotaph during the memorial services.

Mrs. M. E. Nixon, Flower convener, assisted by Mrs. J. P. Book gladdened the homes of the sick and shut-ins and bereaved members with cards and flowers. Flowers were sent to fourteen members and cards to six others.

Mrs. C. Wilson, as Lunch convener, along with her committee, ably provided us with a delightful lunch at each meeting and also at each social event. Mrs. Wilson and her helpers also merit our thanks for the giving of their time and energies to help at the Clinic of the Halton County Health Unit.

We wish to thank Mrs. J. P. Book and Miss Tremayne for writing and mailing the cards to the members announcing each meeting.

We are all indebted to Mrs. F. McMaster, our Regent, who guided us through another year, to our pianists, and to all members who opened their homes to meetings. We also wish to acknowledge our gratitude to Mr. John Hall, who audited our books, and to all who in any way assisted in making our meetings a success.

It has been a pleasure and an education to serve the Chapter. As we present this report of the year's activities, we trust that the John Milton Chapter will move forward into another year of success and achievement of the aims and objectives of the I.O.D.E.

Ethel B. Riddell,  
Secretary John Milton Chapter I.O.D.E.

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Receipts	
Membership Fees	\$ 77.50
Echoes Subscriptions	49.50
Proceeds from Entertainments	480.57
Sale of Badges, Supplies, Calendars, etc.	14.00
Interest	29.18
Talent Money	2.00
Refund from Headquarters	2.10
Matured Bonds	506.30
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$1161.25</b>
Balance forward from 1953	82.00
	<b>\$1243.25</b>
Disbursements	
National Fees	46.50
Provincial Fees	18.60
Officers' Fees to Provincial Chapter	8.00
Echoes Subscriptions plus 7 copies donated	54.75
Entertainment Expenses	50.99
Badges, Supplies, Calendars, etc.	17.00
Convention Funds	6.15
Total of Special Contributions	213.46
Welfare	38.83
Service Men	4.95
Sundry	21.36
Exchange	2.55
Postage	17.23
Printing	16.89
2 fees sent in error	2.10
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 519.41</b>
Balance as of Jan. 15, 1954	723.84
	<b>\$1243.25</b>

Eileen Martin,  
Treasurer John Milton Chapter I.O.D.E.

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