

Year's Meetings, Educational Work Outlined in John Milton Report

The following is secretary Mrs. H. R. Magee's annual report on the activities of the John Milton Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire.

It is my privilege to respectfully present the 52nd annual report of the John Milton Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, Milton, for the year ending February 29, 1963.

During the past year Mrs. D. E. Martin, Regent, has given us gracious leadership and enthusiasm for her office. We are most grateful for this, and are happy that she is able to continue in this office for another term.

Nine meetings with an average attendance of 22, and one executive meeting with nine present have been held. Our membership is 52 and we have nine Life Members. At several meetings, guests were introduced and welcomed by the Regent. Two of our members moved to other communities, and while we shall miss them greatly, we know that Mrs. J. F. Vernon and Mrs. H. Newman will contribute of their talents in their new environments.

Program Committee

We are grateful for the fine planning of Mrs. E. W. Foster, convener, and her program committee who provided interesting speakers at our meetings, and to the members who graciously opened their homes for them. Also, our appreciation is extended to Mrs. McKersie who stenciled the programs for 1963-1964.

Rev. Canon Mason brought a very timely Easter Message in March as he stressed the need for quiet, patient work and for

high ideals as we live our daily lives.

At the April meeting, Mrs. Douglas Ptolemy spoke on Physiotherapy, outlining its history. The importance of this profession in the re-habilitation of the war-wounded and the sufferers from infantile paralysis, nerve injuries and fractures was given by the speaker.

Mr. Lawrence Sanders, a graduate in Library Science at the University of Toronto, detailed the help that the Library and the Librarian, as well as parents, can be to children. He also suggested that great assistance can be given adults. This was presented at the May meeting.

Silk Screening

Mrs. Elizabeth Wilkes Hoey was hostess to the Chapter at her lovely home, Elm Tree Farm, in June. In the printing shop we were privileged to watch Mrs. Hoey as she demonstrated the steps in producing the beautiful designs which have made her fabrics famous. We were also conducted to the show-room where many finished products were displayed. This was a delightful evening for those in attendance.

At the September meeting, which was held in the J. M. Denyes School, Education was the theme, and we were pleased to have the Rev. B. A. Nevin, B.A., address the members, parents and students. Mr. Nevin's opening remarks were humorous and enjoyable. His closing words which stressed that all our gifts come from the Heavenly Father, and that as long as we remain humble, we can learn and use

our abilities for the good of mankind, were impressive.

It was a real pleasure to have our Regent's Mother, Mrs. Grenke, tell of her beautiful, ancestral country, Ireland, and every one enjoyed the colorful slides which illustrated her address at the October gathering.

Slides of Tour

Mr. E. Harrop, who recently returned from a trip to the Far East, was a guest at the November meeting, when he presented his beautiful slides and fine commentary. This was a memorable travelogue.

While many were disappointed to miss the friendly Christmas spirit enjoyed at previous December meetings, it was deemed advisable to cancel the December meeting.

In January, two fine film strips—Northern Campus and Uganda—were shown. These films, apart from being beautiful, were informative, and arrangements for them were made by the World Affairs Department Secretary. These films were seen through the kindness of Mr. E. W. Foster who operated the projector.

Our concluding meeting, in February, takes the form of a dinner meeting when the annual reports are read and the officers for the coming year are installed.

Educational Contributions

Educational Work is one of the most important in I.O.D.E., and our Educational Secretary, Mrs. R. Mackay, has worked untiringly in this department. The honor students who received monetary awards at the September meeting were as follows: At the Bruce

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Street School, Mr. J. M. Bell, teacher; first proficiency, Vicki Addison; second proficiency, Douglas Tight. Mrs. Hogarth, teacher; first proficiency, James Mercer; second proficiency, Edna Batty. Home Economics, Linda Ledwith, with Mrs. Farrow, teacher. Industrial Arts, Bill Stewart, with Mr. Morrison, teacher.

At the J. M. Denyes School, first proficiency, Glenis Ford; second proficiency, Linda Bates, with Mr. E. W. Foster, Mr. W. J. Clow, Mrs. E. Presse as teachers. Home Economics, Marsha Wilson; Industrial Arts, Gary Mountain with Mrs. Farrow and Mr. Morrison as teachers.

The John Milton Chapter, I.O.D.E. silver cup was presented at the Halton Music Festival to the winning Brookville Primary choir by Mrs. D. E. Martin.

Proficiency Award

Miss Heather Callaby was given a certificate of merit and \$25 by Mrs. R. Case, in recognition of highest proficiency in Grade XI, and her name will be inscribed on the John Milton Chapter, I.O.D.E. cup.

Mrs. Mackay was also responsible for distributing UNICEF material to the schools in October, when \$117.02 from the Public Schools and \$16.33 from Holy Rosary Separate School was forwarded to Unicef headquarters. The Sarah Martin Chapter assisted in the distribution of the material.

On the occasion of the opening of the Ontario School for the Deaf, Milton, a Canadian Red En-

sign was presented by the Chapter and has been placed in the auditorium.

I.O.D.E. calendars were hung in the Elementary, Secondary and Separate Schools, as well as the Library.

Distribute Echoes

Mrs. A. H. Tufford, Echoes Secretary, placed copies of this magazine, which is the National I.O.D.E. publication, in the Milton District Hospital, the Halton Centennial Manor, the Milton Public Library, and in the offices of the local dentists, as well as the Milton beauty shops. Each member received four copies of the Echoes during the year.

Mrs. A. D. Mercer, Services at Home and Abroad Secretary, and her committee brought cheer to shut-ins and aged with cards and gifts at Christmastime. Nursery bags were filled and sent to Headquarters, as well as articles of clothing which were sewn or knit by members.

Mrs. Mercer attended the annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society on behalf of the Chapter.

Mrs. Newman, World Affairs Department Secretary, spoke at two of the meetings on subjects pertinent to that department. It was with sincere regret that we accepted her resignation in September. We wish Dr. and Mrs. Newman well in the community to which they have moved. Mrs. E. B. Clements willingly accepted this office for the remainder of the term, and she capably introduced the films which were

shown at the January meeting. Mrs. Clements presented a fine topic on Australia in November.

Baby Clinic

Mrs. T. Marsh, Health Clinic representative, reported that during 1963, four members assisted at the Well Baby Clinic sponsored by the Halton Health Unit. A total of 66 hours was the time donated by the volunteer I.O.D.E. workers.

Mrs. William Rowney, C.N.I.B. representative, performed a tremendous task in organizing the Blitz which was held in September when the sum of \$1,600, was collected by volunteer canvassers in a door to door effort. This was turned over to the Halton County C.N.I.B. organization. Members also assisted in the C.N.I.B. booth at the Milton Fair when Blindcraft articles were displayed for sale. We are most grateful to all who assisted the Chapter in this endeavour.

The Cancer representative, Mrs. G. F. Thompson, told of the work periods held in the Town Hall twice monthly, when, during 72 hours of working time, six I.O.D.E. members assisted the other workers in making 1,825 dressings for the Cancer Society and 1,600 of these dressings were distributed to cancer patients.

W.A. Representative

Mrs. F. McNiven, Milton District Hospital representative, kept us informed of the work of the Women's Auxiliary in which many of our members did voluntary service. A nominal sum of \$50 was set aside by the Chapter for the upkeep of the John Milton Chapter, I.O.D.E. room.

Mrs. J. Sproat was the Ways and Means convener, and with the help of her committee and the co-operation of the Refreshment committee, planned the money-raising projects for the year. Afternoon Bridges were held bi-monthly during the winter, concluding with a prize giving party which was held in the lovely home of Mrs. F. McNiven.

Mrs. T. A. Hutchinson planned the Bridge schedule and our Regent kindly stenciled the copies. Members were asked to make Talent Money which would assist in the General Fund. The John Milton Chapter was happy to work with the Sarah Martin Chapter in presenting the Canadian Players for two nights in the Williams St. High School. This was a big undertaking and was the means of introducing a special type of entertainment to the Community in the form of theatre nights. The Dessert Bridge was well attended in the Canadian Legion Hall and Mrs. George Gastle won the special prize.

Remember III

Mrs. A. L. MacNabb, Flower Convener, and her committee have remembered the ill and bereaved with cards, letters and flowers, and have assisted in arranging the decorations for our special events.

Musical numbers have added much pleasure at many of the meetings and we are grateful to Mrs. W. L. McNeil for inviting the following who contributed so graciously of their talents; Mrs. D. Ervin, the Bruce Street Public School Triple Trio, Scott Corp. and Robert Nevin.

In addition to arranging the lunches for our meetings, the Refreshment committee, under the convener'ship of Mrs. M. R. Berry, planned refreshments for the following events: the Dessert Bridge and the concluding Bridge Party.

Several members exhibited articles at the Milton Fall Fair.

In addition to the previously mentioned monies spent for Educational work locally, the following cash donations were made: North Halton Cancer Society \$10, Children's Aid Society \$10, C.N.I.B. \$10, Milton District Hospital (Savings Account) \$50, Girl Guides \$10, North Halton Retarded Children's Association \$10, Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund \$10, Korean Projects Fund \$5, Overseas Relief \$5.

Flag Ceremonies

Mrs. R. Case carried the Standard at the Remembrance Day Service and the wreath was placed on the cenotaph by Mrs. G. Hume. Mrs. Hume also represented the Chapter at the Provincial Annual Meeting and gave a short report at the April meeting. Mrs. A. G. MacNabb, Standard Bearer, joined in the Opening Ceremonies, with other Standard Bearers from throughout the Province, at the annual meeting held in Hamilton.

As we close the pages on another year of activities and achievements, we are reminded of all the members who have labored so faithfully since the organization of our Chapter 52 years ago. We are grateful to (Continued on Page B3)

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