

People

John Milton IODE's 69th annual report

A new face at The Champion office this week is that of Jo Ann Smith, a Sheridan College journalism student who is spending two weeks with the newspaper on a work experience training session.

Jo Ann arrived Monday morning, and was put to work right away. She was the only person left in the office to take the front page color photo of the rest of the staff.



JO ANN SMITH

A resident of Mississauga for the past 10 years, Jo Ann is 26 and single and lives at home with her parents. She graduated from Erindale College with an honors BA in English in 1978, then a year later graduated from University of Toronto with an MA in English. She worked last year with Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., Mississauga, in the public affairs department.

Last fall she enrolled in the second year of Sheridan's journalism program, as a direct entry student, to improve on her writing skills. On graduation this summer, she hopes to work for a weekly newspaper or do magazine writing.

She will be doing general news, features and photo assignments during her two weeks at The Champion.

Had a nice letter this week from Nancy Morley of Ladner, BC who still enjoys reading The Champion and calls it her "old Ontario friend". The mail service hasn't been good lately — she reports her Dec. 17 edition didn't arrive until Feb. 27. "Where has it been travelling all this time?" she wonders. So do we.

Another Morley, this time Mrs. George Morley of Milton, is being honored Saturday, March 28 with an open house on her 90th birthday. The open house is from 2 to 4 at Grace Anglican Church. Mrs. Morley is well known in Milton and is living at Pettit House, Halton Centennial Manor. All her friends are invited.

Sheridan College's annual awards presentations in the school of applied science and technology were made recently in Brampton, and Bruce Barber of Milton received an award from IBM Canada for outstanding performance in engineering technology.

Theta Tau group meets Big Sister

On Feb. 4 at the home of Flo Belford, Theta Tau Sorority was pleased to entertain Barb Smith, who is co-ordinating director for the Big Sisters Organization in Oakville.

Barb led a discussion on the topic of "Big Sisters" and explained criteria for becoming a "Big Sister" or a "Little Sister" and the obligations required. She explained some problems and the many rewards involved in helping a young girl through difficult times.

The Feb. 18 meeting was held at the home of Mary Fitzgerald with sorority members learning the art of making dif-

ferent kinds of artificial flowers using scraps of fabric and florists' supplies. It was an interesting and constructive evening for all.

Theta Tau has been busy, with February being Heart Fund month. Many members have volunteered their time and energy to canvass and collect donations for this worthy cause.

Also coming up on April 3 and 4 is Daffodil Weekend. Theta Tau volunteers, on behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society, will sell daffodils in Milton. Proceeds go to the Society for cancer research.

Mrs. Jessie Devlin, Secretary, has submitted the following 69th annual report covering the activities of the John Milton Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE) for the year ending Dec. 31, 1980.

During the past year Mrs. R. Mackay, Regent has given capable 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, which will be our 70th year working in the community.

Nine meetings with an average attendance of 17 members, and two executive meetings with 10 present, have been held. Our membership is 28 and one new member was welcomed into the Order.

It is with sorrow we record the passing of one of our Honorary Regents, Miss Ann Blaine, who was a beloved and deeply respected member of the Chapter for 64 years.

The 1980 budget included contributions at the local, provincial and national level totalling \$625. In addition we provided funds for flags for Girl Guides of this area, as well as a generous contribution for food parcels to first war veterans in Britain.

Mrs. D. Barnard carried the standard at the Remembrance Day service and the wreath was placed on the cenotaph by the Regent

Mrs. R. Mackay. Education work is one of the most important in IODE and our Education Secretary Mrs. D. E. Martin and her assistant, Mrs. J. Sprout have as usual displayed a lively interest in this branch of the work, arranging trophies, prizes and awards. Mrs. Martin has distributed IODE calendars to schools, libraries and municipal offices.

The Grade 8 students of WI Dick school who received IODE prizes were as follows:

For Leadership, Vicky Gould and Mike Waters.

For General Proficiency, Tara Hunter and Mark Hasket.

For Progress, Tracey Wakely and Mike Salisbury.

They were presented with books entitled "His Royal Highness" "The Man Who Will Be King."

The winners of 1980 IODE awards presented at the commencement exercises at the Milton District High School were as follows:

Lisa Grazian with 89 per cent received the John Milton Chapter IODE trophy and award for highest standing in Grade 11.

Louise Kubinec was winner of the Terry Des Laurier citizenship cup and the John Milton IODE scholarship award.

Mrs. M. Rasberry, Citizenship Secretary brought to our attention varied events of interest in Canada and abroad.

Mrs. G. Brussell and Mrs. T. Hutchinson, Flower conveners, have faithfully remembered members who were ill, shut in, or bereaved, throughout the year, with flowers cards and personal visits.

Services secretaries, Mrs. G. Goulard and Mrs. J. McGeachie are to be complimented for their continued efforts in this area. Knitted and sewn articles valued at over \$600 were sent to Provincial Headquarters for distribution. In May, Mrs. Gowland arranged a display of knitted articles in the Milton Greenhouses Flower and Gift Shop, to familiarize the public of Milton with the work of the IODE.

Mrs. L. McKersie, Echoes Secretary, looks after the distribution of Echoes for members. This magazine is published quarterly and is an effective medium of communication within the Order and with the public as well.

Mrs. J. Johnson, treasurer reported a balance as of Dec. 31 of \$312.61 in the general account, \$57.91 in the education account and \$102.79 in the courtesy account.

Our thanks to Mrs. J. Johnson for providing yearly printed programs for all members.

My personal thanks to Mrs. N. L. Pickett who

has assumed the duties of secretary on various occasions.

Many of the members have generously opened their homes for meetings during the year. All members have participated in the arranging of programs for the general meetings and the participation of all members has been most successful.

In March we held our annual dinner meeting in the home of Mrs. E. Devlin and enjoyed a delicious meal prepared and served by Mrs. Annie Drew and Mrs. Evelyn Oates. Following dinner the general meeting was conducted and Mrs. Nellie Moore gave an interesting reading.

We are fortunate to have so many interesting and talented people in our area, many in our own chapter.

Mrs. J. Johnson was hostess for our meeting in April when Mrs. T. Hutchinson gave an interesting account of the life of Baroness McDonald of Earncliffe, the second wife of Sir John A. McDonald.

At the home of Mrs. Jessie Syer in May, Mrs. E. B. Clements, our newest member, gave a most informative account of two years spent in Ghana as a commercial and art instructor at the teacher training level. Mrs. Clements' photography album attested to the beauty of the country, abounding in

fruits, flowers and vegetation of the tropics.

Mrs. E. W. Foster opened her lovely home and garden in June for our annual pot luck supper. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 50 year pin to Mrs. G. F. Thompson by Mrs. T. Hutchinson, Mrs. Hutchinson paid tribute to Mrs. Thompson for her many years of devoted leadership, her high ideals and her gracious concern. Her contribution to the Order and the many offices she has held in the Chapter have been an inspiration to all of us throughout the year.

Miss Barbara Mackay favored us with two Gaelic solos, accompanied by Mrs. M. Magee. Mrs. Darrick, a collector of antique dolls, gave us a brief history of dolls dating back to 2000 B.C. She brought with her an assortment of beautiful dolls dressed in the period of their origin.

In October at the home of Mrs. D. E. Martin we were fortunate to have as our guest speaker Mrs. Ann Ho, who with her husband Dr. Ho, recently returned from a year's service in Taiwan in medical missions. With slides and commentary Ann described the geography, culture and medical problems of this small island with its 17 million people.

The beautiful Christmas decorations at the home of Mrs. L.

McKersie provided a perfect setting for a special Christmas program prepared and conducted by Mrs. M. Magee. The members participated in the carol singing accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Magee and Mrs. E. W. Foster on violin. Several readings by members described Christmas customs in many lands. Miss Barbara Mackay delighted us with two Gaelic solos, traditional Scottish Christmas Carols.

Much sincere thanks to Mrs. M. Magee, Mrs. G. F. Thompson and Mrs. T. A. Hutchinson who organized the scheduling and recording of afternoon and evening bridge and euchre games. This has been our main source of revenue to honor our commitments and we are indebted to the ladies of the community for their participation in this project. We wish to especially thank Miss Eva Chisholm who has recorded scores for the

euchre games. With the assistance of members, Mrs. J. Johnson capably convened the closing dessert and coffee party held in St. Paul's Graham Hall at the end of the season when prizes for the year were presented as well as various other prizes.

We are grateful to all the officers and members of the Chapter who have given of their time and

efforts so freely. At this crucial period in Canadian history when unity is threatened, let us work together and strive for the things we believe in. By reaching out to others wherever there is need, we can strengthen the links that will hold this great land together. It has been a privilege and honor for me to serve as secretary for the John Milton Chapter IODE.

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