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What a pleasant task it is to go back over the events of our chapter year. Friend's faces and times of fun and shared efforts parade before my mind's eye in a happy profusion. It has been a privilege for me to serve as president of Chapter BL.

Last February we entertained guests including our new friends from South America. Jane Secord presented a thoughtful program, Freedom to Use Our Talents. Through the spring we continued our theme of "Freedom" with programs on Freedom to Educate, Vote, Cultivate the Arts, Visit, Secure Domestic Tranquility and the Responsibilities in Freedom. Interpretations were always personal, always stimulating. For example, musical Mary Heine chose the art of music. Zo Kussow chose to interpret domestic tranquility as the peace of mind of the homemaker.

On a warm evening in late May, Martha and John Reynolds welcomed all of us and our BIL's to their home for a supper on the terrace.

BL was a hostess chapter for convention in Janesville. Betty Land and Jean Clausen were co-chairmen for our chapter. Their work was accomplished most smoothly. Betty was in charge of all convention music and served as song leader. Jean was chairman of invitations and of the Friendship Hour which was held around the pool of the Holiday Inn. Jane Stark was first aid chairman. Charlotte King served as properties chairman. Jane Stark and Phyllis Mumert were among the guards and pages. The costs to each hostess chapter were slightly over \$100.

Virginia Trowbridge chose Madison as her first city to visit as organizer and on October 16 she was our guest. We benefited from her helpful suggestions and from her example of devotion to P.E.O. and its ideals.

Jane Secord has served as president of the Madison Reciprocity Board during the year. To celebrate its 25th anniversary, the board held a Cottey Benefit tea at the Park Motor Inn. The BL singers entertained with songs of "that wonderful year, 1938."

In order to help our budget and projects we like to earn a little extra money and so we continue the sale of dish cloths, and early in December we had just about the most fun that has ever been had making money. The Welfare Committee

and the regular committee for the meeting joined forces and served a delicious dinner at Mary Lou Hogan's. We each paid \$2.00 and the treasury was fattened by \$57.

With the theme, "A BL Medley", the 1963-64 Yearbook Committee planned a delightful potpourri of programs, unified by the fact that each has the title of a song for its theme. Ruth Thomas showed slides of their family vacation in Europe. We have learned much of the AFS program from Betty Rennebohm's daughter, Kristi, who was a member of a Danish family for three months, from Jean Clausen who has an Austrian son for the year and from Jane Rogers and Betty Rennebohm who have helped select AFS representatives. JoAnne Hedlin brought the biblical Martha to life for us, and Betty Land gave us background for the carols we sing at Christmas.

Our chapter's belief in the value of the IPS program was strongly reinforced when Gen Busse brought Amiya Shetty and Joy Cheng to talk to us. These lovely girls have not only intelligence, but also courage to break away from ages-old traditions to seek an education in the hope of returning to their homes to benefit others.

Here, may I add a personal belief. It is, that P.E.O. must add one facet to its stand for brotherhood as indicated by our support of IPS. Our Sisterhood should indicate that it welcomes to membership women of high Christian ideals regardless of race or national origin.

Two special dates are coming up in February - a Valentine dinner out with our BIL's and a guest night with our high school daughters when we'll tell them about Cottey.

This is the year of numbers it seems, what with Zip Code and digit dialing and we are no exception. We numbered off in fours so we can get together in more intimate groups for coffee and friendship.

And now for the actual inventory. We consider it a privilege to have been able to contribute to the P.E.O. projects the following amounts: Educational Fund, \$10.00; Cottey College, \$25.00, International Peace Scholarships, \$20.00; and Cottey Library, \$12.50. We have 34 resident members and eight non-resident members. Phyllis Mumert and Marge Hibner moved away from Madison to our loss. We initiated Mary Lou Hogan, Lenore Benedict, Mary Beth Engberg and Jane Rogers to our gain. A demit was issued for Diane Halvorson. Joyce Bull became a member of Chapter Eternal.

It is our continuing challenge to each member to work toward realization of P.E.O.'s high ideals as expressed in our Objects and Aims. I can think of no better wish for each P.E.O. in 1964 than that our efforts be fruitful.

*Affectionately in P.E.O.*  
*Beth Ross*