

# The Daughters of Indian Wars Install Officers

by Dolores Irvin

The organization Meeting of the Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars was held Saturday, October 15, at the Ansley Golf Course in Atlanta.

While the Society was only organized April 26, 1988 they already have applications issued and cleared for sixty members into the society.

Mrs. Virginia Turner Avery is the organizing Governor General for the Society. She attended the first annual congress of the Sons of Indian Wars held July of this year in Oklahoma, Okla. The Daughters of Indian Wars were invited to meet each year with the Sons at a Historical and geographical appropriate place.

Mrs. Avery gives this answer about their derivation. "We are a membership of peaceful descendants of those original inhabitants of America. This includes Peacetime efforts and wartime, which

covers the ages 1607-1900 and includes the territories of Canada, the United States and Mexico.

"Several of these were in the French and Indian Wars."

The officers for 1988-90 were installed by Dr. James M. Edwards of Decatur, who is the Deputy Governor General, Continental Society Sons of Indian Wars, in the absence of Mr. Hardwick S. Johnson, Governor General who could not come.

Dr. Edwards gave a brief history of the Society. He told about their goals of helping with scholarships in schools and Indian schools.

He also showed some of the insignias which have been developed by a jeweler (Baily, Banks and Biddle) and explained the availability of one in miniature size, with ribbon. Several of the members are also previous members of other societies and were wearing their insignias.

In keeping with the theme of the luncheon, and her descendants, an

oil painting of an Indian Chief, painted by Mrs. Avery was used.

Officers installed were: Governor General Mrs. Lawrence Avery; Deputy Governor General Mrs. Peter S. Hanf; Recording Secretary General Mrs. Donald D. Hankinson; Corresponding Secretary General Mrs. Thomas R. Burnett; Treasurer General Miss May Beth Prichard; Registrar General Mrs. James H. Elliott; Historian General Mrs. Dares E. Wirt; Librarian General Mrs. Earnie R. Breeding; Chaplain General Mrs. John Mealing and Parliamentarian General Mrs. J. L. Boyd.

Dr. Edwards commended the group on their strong beginning. "I feel by the end of the year you will pass 100. Next you will become a 'Colony'."

The next meeting of the Society will be July 1989. The annual meeting will be the last week in October and a combination with the Sons of Indian Wars will be held with the July meeting.

Several of those attending this

meeting were from Athens, Columbus and Rome, Ga. as well as recent parts of the metro-Atlanta area.

Mrs. Avery encourages interested visitors to come to their meeting "to learn more about this unique, fast growing Hereford Society that is Continental Scope."

For more information write Mrs. Virginia Turner Avery, Organizing Governor General, P.O. 7391, Atlanta, GA 30357.

Mrs. Mollie Mealing of Columbus, Chaplain, read an Indian Version of the Twenty-Third Psalm a portion of which is "He (the Father) gives me a staff to lean upon, He spreads a table before me with all kinds of foods. He puts his hand upon my head and all my "tired" is gone.

My cup He fills till it runs over. What I tell is true. I lie not. The roads that are "away ahead" stay with me through this life after; and afterwards I will go to rest in the big Teepee and sit down with the SHEPHERD CHIEF forever.

