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# Centennial medal to Evelyn Crickmore

Evelyn Crickmore, well-known local journalist, historian, community worker and Mississauga News correspondent, has been nominated by Mississauga council for a centennial medal.

Mrs. Crickmore began her long journalistic career as editor of the printed high school monthly paper at Malvern High School. Malvern students applauded long and loud when she returned for their 50th anniversary celebrations as guest speaker.

For the past 16 years

she has written mainly about Erindale in the weekly papers of South Peel. In recognition of her work the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association awarded her a special certificate of merit first printed high school it for outstanding reporting.

Memorable parts of Mrs. Crickmore's work have been the children's plays, musicals and community variety shows she has written and produced, both in Clarkson, where she lived for 16 years, and Erindale,

where she has lived since 1950.

Productions involving over 100 actors have continually drawn talented people from all over the area. Shows often ran two, three, four and even five nights to capacity houses, and proceeds from Erindale shows helped restore the community hall.

Mrs. Crickmore generously shared success of these shows with pianist, Mrs. Breeze Tait, stage manager and lighting expert Ted Thompson and teenagers' director Mrs.

her Old Woman. Who Lived in the Shoe. "To raise so many children was a very heavy onus, but I don't have to worry now, I've got the baby bonus," sang the old woman.

Acting as women's editor of the Newmarket Era from 1930-31 inspired Mrs. Crickmore's interest in palmistry and astrology. She raised well over \$1,000 for churches, charities and hospitals, and another \$1,000 for war funds through her palm-reading.

As historical research convenor for the Erindale Women's Institute, Mrs.

In March, 1945, only six weeks after her only daughter, 16-year-old Joanna, was killed in an auto accident, Mrs. Crickmore answered an SOS from Bethesda Church, east of Port Credit.

In the true "show must go on" tradition, she stepped in to take the company through the dress rehearsal and show of one of her productions before she broke down.

Some of Mrs. Crickmore's best-remembered bon mots were lyrics in

As historical research convenor for the Erindale Women's Institute, Mrs. Crickmore interviewed many older residents for family histories. These have grown into a sizeable collection of historical lore, which she uses when she gives talks to groups in Lorne Park, Clarkson, Port Credit, Cooksville, Streetsville, Derry West, Brampton and Erindale.

Mrs. Crickmore is past president of Erindale WI and a member of the Erindale Community Hall board. She covers Erindale, Forestwood and Erindale Woods for the Mississauga News.