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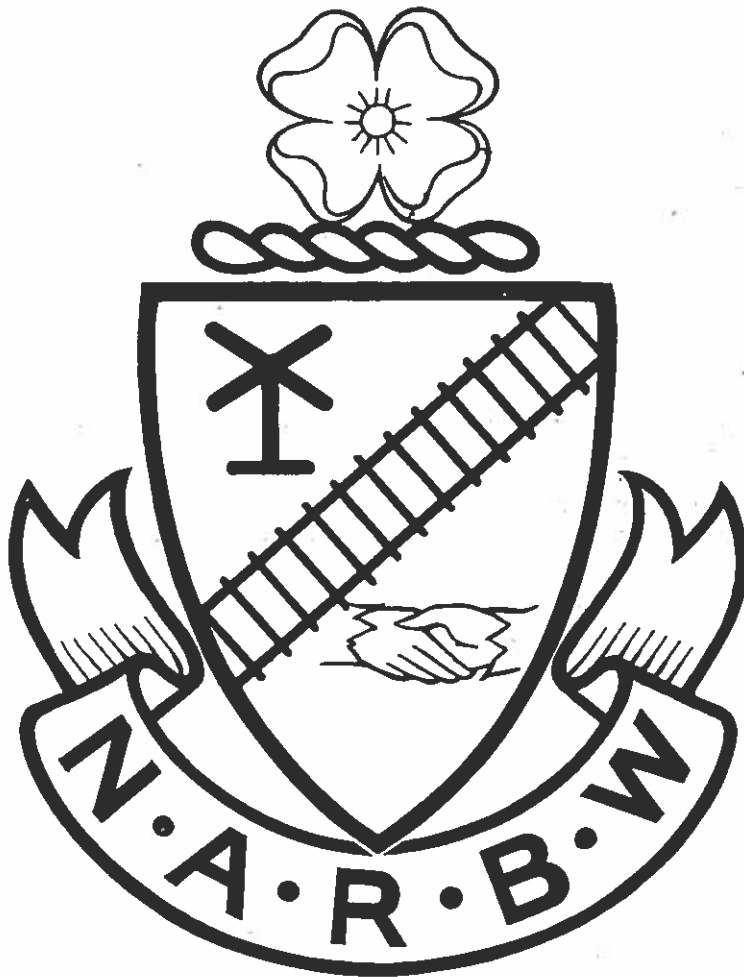
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Georgia Turpin

**ANOTHER MILESTONE FOR NARBW**

It is your President's privilege to look back upon her two years in office with pride in the advancement of the organization, to voice a vote of thanks to the national board members for performing their various duties with the utmost abilities, and to raise the entire membership for their whole-hearted cooperation in civic welfare and our national project.

The seeds sown these past two years in new chapters, increased membership, districting, and general supervision of operation and administration has put our organization on a much firmer basis as an organization of women in the railroad field and with our respective companies in the railroad industry.

The convention at Miami Beach is your convention, and it is there that the chapters meet and discuss openly the proposed changes in policy, remember the majority decides the issues. Our goals for the future will be set at this convention — your chapter has an urgent responsibility to the NARBW.

This is the last message as your President, and I would like to thank everyone for their loyal support and their assistance in achieving the goal set at the beginning of my two-year term of office. I should like to express my thanks in advance to the Miami Chapter for a wonderful convention in May, for I know it will be — just that. See you there.

And now I wish to add a very, very personal note of thanks to the Western Weighing and Inspection Bureau, for no company could have been more cooperative in regard to time, transportation and special considerations. My contributions to NARBW were only possible by the complete and gracious assistance given me constantly by the WW&IB.

**DATES TO REMEMBER****DISTRICT MEETINGS**

- District 1—Miami, Florida, May, 1954 (Convention).
- District 2—Cleveland, Ohio, September, 1954.
- District 4—Dallas, Texas, November, 1954.
- District 1—New York, New York, January, 1955.
- District 5—Denver, Colorado, March, 1955.
- District 3—Kansas City, Missouri, May, 1955.
- District 2—Indianapolis, Indiana, September, 1955.
- District 3—Twin Cities, Minneapolis, November, 1955.
- District 4—Houston, Texas, January, 1956.
- District 1—Washington, D. C., March, 1956.
- District 5—Los Angeles, California, May, 1956.

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**NOTICE TO EDITORS**

Advise National Editor immediately if planning to attend Editors' Breakfast, May 18, 9:30 A. M. Any others caring to attend will be most welcome.

**LET'S PUT FORTH EVERY EFFORT IN THIS CAMPAIGN TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR RESIDENCE FUND**

Another National Campaign to Raise Funds for Our National Residence.

Each member is asked to get donations of 50c each for at least five (5) bricks. (Brick cards to be distributed by your local committee.)

All contributions to be given to your local club committee not later than April 10, 1954.

Special awards will be made during the National Convention in Miami, May 18, 19, 20, 1954.

1st Award	\$1,000	6th Award	\$ 50
2nd Award	500	7th Award	50
3rd Award	200	8th Award	50
4th Award	200	9th Award	50
5th Award	100		

One United States Savings Bond, \$25.00 maturity, will be awarded to some person in the home city of each club.

We ask your full cooperation in raising these funds. With our increased membership, **Let's Strive** for \$15,000.00 in 1954.

MARGARET O. GRAHN, Chairman,  
National Residence Committee

**THE SUREST WAY**

The common daily tasks of life  
Seem poor and mean and small,  
And oft we scorn them to respond  
To some alluring call.

The tasks that lie so close at hand  
Grow irksome to the soul,  
And are forsaken for some dream—  
Some visionary goal.

And yet the surest road to fame  
To deeds that stir and thrill,  
Is doing the tasks that lie at hand  
With all our strength and will.

**OFFICERS, STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND CHAPTER PRESIDENTS**

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**REPORT OF WELFARE CHAIRMAN****Dorothy S. Benner**

We of the National Association of Railway Business Women should be rather proud of the work the various chapters are doing in Welfare activities to the extent that they have given their time and thoughtful consideration of others less fortunate than themselves. Every chapter has made a lasting impression being charitable and a kindly neighbor. No cash estimate can be placed on time spent, labor involved and donations given.

The following is a report of the Welfare activities of the various chapters:

**AMARILLO:**

To a needy family of six—at Christmas time—a 14-pound ham and assortment of canned goods and staples, also a few clothes.

To Girls' Town, located at Whiteface, Texas—a package containing costume jewelry.

**ATLANTA:**

This committee has adopted a three-fold slogan: "To Help Ourselves," "To Help Our Community," and "To Help Our National Organization."

**BILLINGS:**

Has taken under their wing Evelyn Carey, a victim of infantile paralysis, whom they are helping financially, on birthdays and holidays.

**BIRMINGHAM:**

Monthly entertainment program for the Veterans at the V. A. Hospital; also Christmas Party at the Children's Hospital, including surprises for the children and gifts.

**BOSTON:**

Christmas Party at Hampton Court Hotel in Brookline, Massachusetts. Gifts were collected and distributed to the children. Donation of one year's subscription to **READER'S DIGEST** to Holy Ghost Hospital for the Incurables; also similar subscriptions to Women's Reformatory at Framingham.

**BUFFALO:**

At December 16th meeting, each member brought a gift for boy or girl, which was given to Salvation Army for distribution. An S. O. S. for volunteers to knit bandages for the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, for the leper colonies throughout the world.

**CHICAGO:**

Donations were made to civic organizations totaling \$127.39. Sponsored room at the Sarah Hackett Stevenson Memorial Home; remembered sick members at Christmas with gifts; subscriptions for magazines were placed through Helen Kay Jackson, a polio victim, to aid in her education fund.

**CINCINNATI:**

Regular donations to the Morale Builders in Hollywood, California, to be used for sending packages to the boys in Korea. At Christmas Party, members brought toys and canned goods, which were afterwards turned over to the Salvation Army and Radio Station WKRC. In January, magazines were sent to Long View Hospital for the Insane.

**CLEVELAND:**

Sponsored crippled little girl for two weeks at Camp Cheerful; also purchased a child's wheelchair, bearing our name, to be used at the Rehabilitation Center. Had clothing drive, which was given to the Salvation Army for distribution. Contributions were made to the U. S. O., DePaul Infant Home, Booth Memorial Hospital, Cleveland Society for the Blind, American Cancer Society, and Tuberculosis League.

**DALLAS:**

Various members worked each Monday evening in canteen at Wadley Blood Center, serving refreshments to blood donors; to February 1st, worked total of 46 hours. Total value of gifts to the poor of West Dallas—\$125.00. In January, worked for March of Dimes and worked total of 35 hours, collecting \$125.44. Stuffed envelopes for Dallas Society of Crippled Children, Inc., for Easter Seal campaign; in April, donating fresh eggs to the Dean Memorial Home for Children—at Easter.

**DENVER:**

At all dinner meetings, box was placed at the door to hold donations of discarded clothing for Judge Gilliams' Juvenile Court. Our famous Mamie doll netted us \$500.00, which was given to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. This money will partly go to research and to aiding the 500 known persons afflicted with the disease. At Christmas Party, donations of canned goods were given to the Salvation Army for Christmas baskets.

**DETROIT:**

At Christmas time, following contributions were made: Little Sisters of the Poor, \$50.00; Protestant Children's Home, \$35.00; St. Francis Home for Orphans (boys), \$35.00, and Ingleside Club Employees Fund, \$15.00; also contribution to the Michigan League for Crippled Children.

**EL PASO:**

Collections made of \$83.00, which was given to a needy family; also donation of 50 toys to a local orphanage. For monthly project, collecting magazines and other reading matter for County Jail.

**HOUSTON:**

Check for \$25.00 was donated to the "Good Fellows" for Houston's needy families.

**INDIANAPOLIS:**

Cash donations at Christmas to three local newspapers for Christmas charities, and worked at Marion County Tuberculosis Association, helping to mail out Christmas seals, Sunday, February 14th, group of members worked at Heart Foundation taking pledges.

**JACKSONVILLE:**

Welfare Committee has contacted Salvation Army for items needed in new Home for Unwed Mothers.

**KANSAS CITY:**

Contributed 330 hours thus far to new Veterans Hospital in the Central Service Bureau. Dressed three dozen dolls for Salvation Army; donated coffee strips to the Butternut Christmas Club of Kansas City Radio Station WHB.

**LOS ANGELES:**

Donated \$100.00 to Girls' Town at Riverside, California. Some of our members sent personal gifts.

**MEMPHIS:**

Made Christmas and Thanksgiving happy for Mrs. Irene Campbell and family; donated 106 canned goods and 172 miscellaneous items at Thanksgiving; clothing and gifts at Christmas.

**MIAMI:**

Clothing drive proceeds were turned over to American Children's Home. Funds raised for purchase of moving picture projector for Variety Children's Hospital, known for treatment of infantile paralysis; also assisted Mr. Jack Bell, in charge of Lend-A-Hand drive; also helped to set up booths and sort clothing, etc., for distribution by this organization. Check for \$10.00 was sent to Central Palsy Drive, after Telethon Drive.

**MILWAUKEE:**

Presented \$50.00 donation to the Volunteers of America Day Nursery; also active knitting bandages for lepers; also forwarded 22 pounds of knitted bandages and sheets to Sacramento, California.

**MOBILE:**

On Wednesday nights, members take turns staying at U. S. O. Lounge to welcome boys and serve refreshments.

**OMAHA:**

Collection of canned goods to Salvation Army; check for \$50.00 to Hattie B. Munroe Home for polio patients. Checks to University Hospital—for \$25.00 for clothing for patients, and \$104.00 for purchase of whirlpool suspension seat and hydroculator hot pack machine.

**NEW YORK CITY:**

Weekly program at Coldwater Hospital. Two TV sets and one record player given to Coldwater Hospital in recreation department. Also knitted 67 bandages for leper colony.

**PHILADELPHIA:**

Package to gentlemen who formerly did illustrations for "Railette", \$10.50; Tuberculosis Christmas Seals, \$2.00; check for March of Dimes, \$10.00; check for Holland Relief Fund, \$10.00; check for American Red Cross, \$25.00; check for one week's board at convalescent home for Margaret Cameron, \$55.00; check for family of Betty Schenkel, \$100.00. Total of \$212.50.

**ROANOKE:**

Secured names of patients at locally supported convalescent home, and brought appropriate gifts, which were distributed to the patients.

**SAN ANTONIO:**

We have been helping the Mission Road Home for Exceptional Children. Donated clothing and small items; planned a menu for a Christmas dinner (items written strips of 75c each), donated turkey for this dinner. At Christmas, presented to Mr. and Mrs. Bledsoe and children with "makings" of dinner, and brought toys to them.

**SAN FRANCISCO:**

Contributions of \$25.00 to American Cancer Society, membership in Guide Dogs for the Blind, and Christmas gifts to orphans and needy children. At Christmas, gifts were distributed to Volunteers of America and Canon Kip School. Plan to clothe two boys at Lucinda Weeks Home for Handicapped Children. The older children at this home made Christmas tree ornaments for sale, and \$105.00 collected on this sale, which money was presented to the Lucinda Weeks Home; a "White Elephant" sale is being planned, proceeds to go to the home for playground equipment.

**ST. LOUIS:**

Worked from 10:00 to 5:00, and continuing to 8:00 P. M. for Salvation Army "Tree of Lights." Presented check for \$100.00; also collected \$390.00 to light five lights on the tree. Presented 64 women at the Mary Ryder Home with one-pint Thermos bottles.

**TWIN CITIES:**

Delivered Veterans' Birthday Boxes at the Veterans Hospital. Sent Sunshine cards and gifts to members, when ill, and flowers or mass cards to members when there was a death in the family.

We are very proud of the many worthwhile things our chapters are doing. A wonderful report—Dorothy.

NOTICE—"Chapter News" is being omitted this time due to printing Welfare Report.

God bless our R. B. W. A. and all within it,  
Let no harsh spirit enter in it.  
Let none approach who would betray  
None with a bitter word to say.  
Grant that our members from year to year  
May build their happiest moments here.

Bless our Club and those who love it,  
Fair be the skies which bend above it.  
Endow this Club with lasting wealth,  
The light of love, the flow of health.  
In the sweet oils of gladness steep it,  
God bless this Club and those who keep it.

In the heart of the Ozarks a motorist lost his way and inquired of a native, "Am I on the road for Kansas City?" "Well," answered the native, "not exactly, Bud. That road moseys along for a piece, then it turns into a hog train, then a squirrel track, and finally runs up a scrub pine and ends in a knothole."

A teacher wrote on the blackboard the following sentence: "He was bent on seeing her." Then she asked the class to state it in good English. One bright youngster raised his hand and said, "The sight of her doubled him up."

**DISTRICT MEETINGS****4th District Meeting at Mobile**

November 21 and 22, 1953

A large number of out-of-town guests attended the district meeting at Mobile, held at Battle House, November 21 and 22, 1953. Arriving guests were met at the train by Mobile members and taken to their hotel. After registering, arrangements were made to take them on various tours throughout the city. A trip to the famous Bellingrath Gardens, "Charm Spot of the South," was a most delightful and entertaining tour on Saturday afternoon.

National officers attending were Georgia Turpin, President; Josephine Ryan, Secretary; Evelyn Pierce, Vice-President, and Sarah Barker, immediate Past President. Boe Higgins, Past Vice-President, was also present. Bessie Ross, National Membership Chairman, wired her regrets. Many railway officials were in attendance, too.

Mayor H. R. Luschner gave the welcome address at the banquet Saturday evening, and the guest speaker was Mr. T. T. Martin, Vice-President of the Gulf Mobile and Ohio R. R. Each lady was presented a corsage of camellias by tiny girls dressed in ballet costumes. A fine entertainment of singers and dancers made the evening complete.

Sunday morning brunch was complete, even to the lovely decorations of a Mardi Gras parade on the head table. Confetti, balloons, etc., gave a holiday air to the occasion. All attending club presidents were presented with pins encircled with wreaths. Short business sessions were held following the brunch, and after visiting with friends, the out-of-towners began their trek to the station preparing to return home. Mobile surely left nothing to be desired. A wonderful week-end, filled with that renowned "southern" hospitality. Thanks, Clara Mayhall, President of Mobile, for a wonderful time.

**2nd District Meeting at Buffalo****January 23 and 24, 1954**

Buffalo celebrated their 20th anniversary in addition to holding the first meeting of District No. 2. As out-of-town guests arrived they were met and taken to the Hotel Statler. Presidents or their representatives from the following chapters attended: Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Mobile, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Twin Cities and Washington. National officers attending were Georgia Turpin, President; Josephine Ryan, Recording Secretary; Dorothy Nagan, Treasurer; Margaret Grahn, Residence Chairman; Louise Detjen, Press and Publicity; Bessie Ross, Membership; Gertrude Yearout, Finance, and Grace Bowlus, Revisions.

Saturday afternoon the meeting of District No. 2 was conducted by Kathryn Whelan, Past National President. Proposed rules for districting were discussed and these proposals will be submitted at National Convention in May.

A number of the girls toured Niagara Falls and witnessed the splendor of the falls in a winter setting.

A banquet was held Saturday evening in the Niagara Room, which was beautifully decorated with balloons and lighted candles. Invocation was sung by Lucy Holbrook and Inez Gotberg. Guest speaker was Mr. Arthur K. Atkinson, President of the Wabash R. R., who delivered a most interesting and enjoyable talk. The program was completed with song and dance numbers by Kaloff's Buffalo Civic Ballet.

Sunday morning many took the bus trip to Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna, where some of the girls attended mass.

A brunch was held at the Hotel Lafayette. Invocation was given by National President Georgia Turpin, who later presented chapter presidents with their pins encircled with wreaths. Beautiful china souvenirs were distributed, followed by a drawing for door prizes.

Thanks to Amy Moses, President of Buffalo, for a very enjoyable week-end.

**5th District Meeting at San Francisco****March 13 and 14, 1954**

A report on this meeting will be printed in the next issue of the magazine.

**RETIREMENT**

Congratulations also go to Bessie Mikels, Past National 3rd Vice-President, who retired, March 17th, from Indianapolis Union Railways with 35 years of service. A luncheon is being given in her honor at the Columbia Club, Indianapolis, March 27th.

**THANKS**

Billings Chapter wishes to express their thanks to the various chapters for the many letters of congratulations and best wishes.

Miss Kitty Moroney, 1st Vice-President, wishes to express her thanks for condolences received at the recent death of her mother.

**NATIONAL BOARD MEETING HELD AT HOTEL STATLER, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, FEBRUARY 20, 1954**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A. M. by the National President, Georgia Turpin.

The invocation was given by Miss Esther Paul, Third Vice-President.

Forty-nine board members present.

All officers and standing committee chairmen reported and chapter presidents distributed mimeographed chapter reports. The Welfare report, given elsewhere in this magazine, shows the excellent job the individual chapters are doing in civic work.

The Convention budget was adopted. The tentative Convention program was adopted.

The Membership Chairman reported four new chapters — Atlanta, Salt Lake City, Tampa, and Richmond — which chapters were accepted into national membership by the board.

The board ratified the Executive Committee's action in securing the services of Mr. F. W. Mueller, St. Louis attorney, to clear for the NARBW their official status as a non-profit organization with the United States Treasury Department.

Suggested amendments to the by-laws, now in the hands of the Revisions Committee, were presented for board discussion.

The board meeting adjourned 6:50 P. M.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHAPTERS****ATLANTA—Chapter No. 35**

At the famous Atlanta Woman's Club, on beautiful Peachtree Street, our National President, Miss Georgia Turpin, installed the officers of the Atlanta Chapter, following a dinner attended by many railroad officials, Mr. F. S. Worthington, Superintendent of the Southern Railway, being the guest speaker. Miss Elizabeth Greene, Southern Railway, 125 Spring Street, S. W., Atlanta, is the President of the chapter, and to Miss Zimmie Shirley, Membership Committee member of the Birmingham Chapter, and the Jacksonville Chapter members, we extend sincere thanks for their cooperation in organizing this chapter of 152 charter members.

**SALT LAKE CITY—Chapter No. 36**

After installing the officers of Billings Chapter, our National President proceeded to Salt Lake City, arriving in a blinding blizzard. She organized the chapter and installed the officers—Miss Una Pickett of the Union Pacific Railroad being the President of this faraway chapter. Let's make close friends of all their members.

**TAMPA—Chapter No. 37**

The land of eternal sunshine and beautiful flowers —Florida—has given to us a third chapter. On February 6th the officers of Tampa Chapter were installed in a beautiful ceremony arranged by Mrs. Jenny Ras-

mussen, President of Jacksonville Chapter, at a dinner attended by city officials, representatives of the men's clubs, and members of the Miami and Jacksonville Chapters. Mrs. Mamie O. Mays of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad is the President. We appreciate the assistance given by the Jacksonville and Miami members in organizing this chapter.

**RICHMOND—Chapter No. 38**

We extend a warm welcome to the members of this chapter, which has been organized for quite some time. Miss Bess Sheffield of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad is the President, and to Betty Sowder, National Membership Committee member of Roanoke Chapter; Gladys Holroyd, President of Roanoke Chapter, and Helen Richardson, President of Washington Chapter — who journeyed to Richmond and invited the members to join the National Association — we are indeed grateful.

Progress is being made in establishing chapters at other locations — Altoona and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Columbus, Ohio; Albany, New York; Portland, Oregon; Pocatello, Idaho; Seattle, Washington; Fort Worth, Texas; Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Charleston, South Carolina. If you know of railroad women in these cities, won't you encourage them to assist in the organization of a chapter?

Please do not overlook an opportunity of obtaining new members for your own chapter! Let's just grow and grow and grow!

BESSIE ROSS,  
National Membership Committee Chairman

Only a vain and egotistical male will say that women are the weaker sex. They live eight years longer than men, they represent 20 percent of the labor forces of the nation; they own 40 percent of the homes, 50 percent of the railroad stock, and have 70 percent of the wealth. They spend 80 percent of the money that goes for food and buy 67 percent of the clothing. They have 99 percent of the beauty of humans and the only time they cause trouble is when some foolish man doesn't do what he is told.

Never entrust a thinking job to three persons. One will do all the thinking, the others will only talk, argue, and distract the thinker.

A young man who had just received his degree from college rushed out and said, "Here I am, world, I have my A.B."

The world replied: "Sit down, son, and I'll teach you the rest of the alphabet."

**A CITATION**

At the Christmas meeting, the St. Louis Chapter honored their member, Georgia Turpin, serving as National President, by presenting her a citation plaque, reading as follows:

**A CITATION TO GEORGIA TURPIN,  
PRESIDENT, NARBW**

WE HONOR GEORGIA TURPIN — OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT — and the best Five-Star General we have ever had — as the most diplomatic and gracious leader we have ever known — and the most efficient and tireless down-to-earth worker for the good of the organization we have ever seen.

WE HONOR GEORGIA TURPIN — A MEMBER OF OUR CHAPTER — for her attendance when she could and often when she could not — and for her gracious contribution at all times at our chapter.

WE HONOR GEORGIA TURPIN — THE WOMAN — for her honest friendliness at all times, her capacity for kindness and for the love she demonstrates for our organization, for all members and for our industry — THE RAILROADS.

RAILWAY BUSINESS WOMEN'S  
ASSOCIATION OF  
METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS

December 20, 1953

The Editorial Staff feels that all chapters will want to read this wonderful tribute.

National Nominating Committee presents the following names which have been placed on ticket for election at Convention in Miami:

**President**

Higgins, Bce ..... Kansas City  
Ross, Bessie J. .... Chicago

**Second Vice-President**

Fickenworth, Florence ..... Indianapolis  
Moses, Amelia ..... Buffalo

**Corresponding Secretary**

White, Ann M. .... Philadelphia  
Youngers, Della ..... Buffalo

BERTHA V. HENDERSON,  
Nominating Committee Chairman

Committee composed of one elected member from each chapter—March 15, 1954.

**A RAIL-SPLITTER'S PHILOSOPHY**

"I do the very best I know how—the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. . . . If the end brings me out alright, what is said against me won't amount to anything; if the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference." —ABRAHAM LINCOLN



**RONY-PLAZA HOTEL, MIAMI BEACH,  
FLORIDA—OUR CONVENTION  
HEADQUARTERS**

**SPECIAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMEN WITH MRS. FRAN KOZAK,  
P. & O. STEAMSHIP CO., AS GENERAL  
CONVENTION CHAIRMAN**

Decorations	Margaret Sharpe, Railway Express
Hostesses	{ Margaret Brown, Florida East Coast
	{ Trudy Bennett, Seaboard Airline
Housing	Clare Gardenier, Florida East Coast
Identification	June Burnside, P&O Steamship Co.
Information	Gladys Stidman, Atlantic Coastline
Invitations	Mary E. Stone, Florida East Coast
Music	Ethel Kiernan, Railway Express
Packets	Margaret Toth, Seaboard Airline
Press and Publicity	Helene Hanna, Florida E. Coast
Printing	Leedy Hogan, Illinois Central RR
Programs	Doris Purnell, Pullman Co.
Registrations	Anne Wright, Florida East Coast
Sightseeing	Nancy Johnson, Illinois Central
Souvenirs	Elizabeth Gilbert, Seaboard Airline
Transportation	Tressa Cunningham, Florida E. Coast

Our National Parliamentarian, Miss Marguerite Grumme, has prepared an interesting treatment of "Basic Principles of Parliamentary Law and Protocol." The book is in convenient pocket size, and in addition to the study of the Rules of Order it contains a section on Convention procedure, and another on Protocol, outlining procedures and courtesies.

Group rates are offered to our railroad chapters, or you may obtain a copy postpaid by sending \$1.00 direct to Marguerite Grumme, 3830 Humphrey Street, St. Louis 16, Missouri.



**ART ROUSE** — Popular M. C. and singing star of stage, radio, television, will preside as Toastmaster and Master of Ceremonies at the National Convention of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RAILWAY BUSINESS WOMEN — Miami Beach, Florida, May 18, 19, 20, 1954, at the Roney Plaza Hotel.

Art is one of the top M. C.'s for conventions in the country today. He will be with us during the entire convention.

**TENTATIVE CONVENTION PROGRAM  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
RAILWAY BUSINESS WOMEN  
TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION —  
A DECADE OF PROGRESS  
May 18-19-20, 1954**

**Roney Plaza Hotel — Miami Beach, Florida  
PRE-CONVENTION PROGRAM**

**Monday, May 17, 1954**

10:00 A. M. District Conference Breakfast and Meeting

**NOTE:** The details on this important division of our National organization must be handled the day prior to Convention so that any last minute changes necessary can be suggested to the Revisions Committee. It is suggested that this be held on Monday, and all National Board members and Presidents should, if possible, make it a point to arrive in Miami Beach not later than Monday morning.



2:00 P. M. Pre-Convention Board Meeting  
Executive Session — Board members only.

**Tuesday, May 18, 1954**

9:00 A. M. Registration and Credentials  
(Low Lounge)

9:30 A. M. Chapter Presidents' Breakfast  
Editors' Breakfast

11:00 A. M. National Committee Meetings: Nominating, Residence, Transportation, Revisions, Credentials, Resolutions, Elections

(Luncheons of individual groups as may be arranged or AS YOU PLEASE)

2:00 P. M. CONVENTION CALLED TO ORDER  
Invocation  
Address of Welcome  
Greetings  
Response  
President's Address  
Reports of Convention Committees: Credentials, Program, Rules and Nominating

7:00 P. M. Dinner, RONEY PLAZA GARDENS  
"FLORIDA NIGHT"  
(Featuring Art Rouse, Toastmaster and M. C.)  
Invocation

**Wednesday, May 19, 1954**

9:00 A. M. Registration and Credentials  
(Low Lounge)

9:00 A. M. SECOND CONVENTION SESSION  
Reports of National Standing Committees  
Revision of By-Laws  
Announcements

12:00 Noon Election of National Officers

1:00 P. M. LUNCHEON  
Art Rouse, Toastmaster and M. C.  
Invocation  
Presentation of Charters to New Chapters  
Residence Project

2:30 P. M. THIRD CONVENTION SESSION  
Unfinished Business  
Report of Elections Committee  
(Dinner and Evening — as you please)

**Thursday, May 20, 1954**

9:00 to 10:00 A. M. Special Feature  
"Are Your Procedures and Protocol Correct"

Lecture Forum—Conducted by National Parliamentarian, Marguerite Grumme

10:30 A. M. FOURTH CONVENTION SESSION  
Memorial  
Discussion of 1955 Convention Site  
Report of Resolutions Committee  
(Lunch — place of your choice)

5:00 to 5:30 P. M. Reception (By invitation only)

6:00 P. M. Officers Line Forms at Auditorium  
(Bay Front Auditorium, Miami)

6:30 P. M. Banquet  
Art Rouse, Toastmaster and M. C.  
Invocation  
Welcome and Introductions  
Guest Speaker  
Installation of New Officers  
Entertainment — VAGABONDS  
Adjournment



Meet the Famous Vagabonds — Pete, Don, Al and Tillis

Thursday Evening, May 20, 1954

"How are you getting on in your new place, Norah?"  
"I think I'm going to like it. Yesterday I overheard the mistress say I performed my duties in a very perfunctory manner. That's the first praise I've had from her."

Lincoln spoke the truth about commencement speakers when he said: "The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here."

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
RAILWAY BUSINESS WOMEN  
TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
MIAMI, FLORIDA  
MAY 18-19-20**

**PROGRAM — OCEANS OF FUN**

**Tuesday, May 18, 1954**

- 9:00 A. M. Registration and Credentials  
(Low Lounge)  
Red Adams Tour, inc. Parrot Jungle  
(bus). Lvs. 9:00 A. M., ret. 1:00  
P. M.; fare, \$3.30, incl. tax.
- 10:30 A. M. Greyline—Miami Beach Cruise No. 2  
(boat). Lvs. 10:30 A. M., ret. 12:30  
P. M.; fare, \$1.70, incl. tax.
- 7:00 P. M. Dinner, RONEY PLAZA GARDENS  
"FLORIDA NIGHT"  
(Featuring Art Rouse, Toastmaster  
and M. C.)

**Wednesday, May 19, 1954**

- 9:00 A. M. Registration and Credentials  
(Low Lounge)
- 10:30 A. M. Greyline—All Day Cruise to Ft. Lau-  
derdale No. 2 (boat). Lvs. 10:30  
A. M., ret. 7:00 P. M.; fare, \$4.60,  
inc. tax. (Luncheon, Hollywood  
Beach, will be extra—1 hour stop-  
over for lunch.)
- 1:00 P. M. LUNCHEON  
Art Rouse, Toastmaster and M. C.
- 8:00 P. M. Greyline—Miami Beach and Miami  
City Bay Cruise by Night No. 5  
(boat). Lvs. 8:00 P. M., ret. 10:30  
P. M.; fare, \$2.35, inc. tax.

**Thursday, May 20, 1954**

- 9:00 A. M. Red Adams Tour, inc. Parrot Jungle  
(bus). Lvs. 9:00 A. M., ret. 1:00  
P. M.; fare, \$3.00, inc. tax.
- 10:30 A. M. Greyline—Miami Beach Cruise No. 1  
(boat). Lvs. 10:30 A. M., ret. 12:30  
P. M.; fare, \$1.70, inc. tax.
- 6:30 P. M. BANQUET  
Art Rouse, Toastmaster and M. C.  
Entertainment — VAGABONDS

**Friday, May 21, 1954**

- 8:30 A. M. Greyline—Key West Tour (bus). Lvs.  
8:30 A. M., ret. 7:30 P. M.; fare,  
\$11.41, inc. tax and luncheon in  
Key West. (This tour may be de-  
sired by those not wishing to go to  
Havana.)
- 4:30 P. M. S. S. "FLORIDA" opens to receive  
passengers at Municipal Pier No. 2.
- 6:00 P. M. Sail for Havana.
- Monday, May 24, 1954**
- 8:00 A. M. Return from Havana.

ALL RESERVATIONS FOR TOURS MUST BE  
IN BEFORE APRIL 15TH, AS THESE TOURS  
ARE LIMITED DUE TO ANOTHER CONVEN-  
TION BEING HELD IN MIAMI AT THE SAME  
TIME.

**NOTICE**

Anyone wishing to take any of the above tours on  
days preceding or following the three-day convention  
period may make reservations by attaching a separate  
piece of paper to the regular reservation blank, giving  
the specific tour and date desired. Tickets covering  
tours outside the three day period may be picked up  
at the Illinois Central Railroad Office, 225 South East  
First Street, Miami.

**RESERVATION BLANK**

Tour	Day
RED ADAMS TOUR	.....
GREYLINE TOUR No. 1	.....
GREYLINE TOUR No. 2	.....
GREYLINE TOUR No. 5	.....
GREYLINE KEY WEST TOUR	.....
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Name	Chapter RR Affiliation

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

**TIME**—Eastern Standard.  
**HOTEL RATES** will be same one week before and  
one week after for Convention guests.  
**TRANSPORTATION FROM TRAINS** in Miami  
to Roney Plaza at Beach will be by chartered busses  
where twenty or more arrive on same train (please let  
us know when possible). Minimum taxi fare from  
Florida East Coast Station, \$2.30; Seaboard Station,  
\$2.60.

**REGISTRATION FEE—**

Registration	\$ 7.50
Florida Night at the Roney Plaza under the palms, Glorified Tropical Smorgas- börd with water ballet on Tuesday night	8.50
Wednesday luncheon at Roney Plaza	3.50
Banquet at Bayfront Auditorium with Vagabonds, Thursday night	6.50

\$26.00

Tuesday only (May 18), including regis- tration	\$16.00
Tuesday and Wednesday (May 18-19), in- cluding registration	19.50
Wednesday and Thursday (May 19-20), including registration	17.50
Thursday only (May 20), including regis- tration	16.00

**CLOTHES**—Ballerina length cocktail dresses more usually worn than formal. Don't forget **BATHING SUIT**, one light wrap for evening. For boat trip, plan wardrobe at a minimum for less trouble in clearing Customs; include one pair of low heel shoes and one kerchief or hat to hold hair on ship.

**TIPS AND TAXES** and transportation to and from Hotel Nacional included on Havana trip.

**U. S. AND CUBAN CURRENCY** on a par. U. S. currency is acceptable in Cuba. Convert Cuban money before return.

**PASSPORTS** are not required by native born U. S. citizens nor birth certificates, but naturalized citizens should bring final papers with them.

**HUSBANDS**, relatives and friends are welcome with the Convention group for Havana and enjoy same reductions with the exception of transportation fare on ship not covered by railroad pass.

**CUSTOMS**—American cigarettes sell for from 35c to 45c per package in Cuba. Each is allowed to take two cartons in Cuba. They can be purchased from the news stand aboard the S. S. "FLORIDA" at sea for \$1.70 per carton. Returning from Havana you will be allowed \$200.00 exemption on foreign purchases. Included in this exemption is a maximum of 100 cigars (for friends, girls, not that we think you smoke 'em) and one gallon (five fifths) of alcoholic beverage. U. S. Baggage Declaration must list all foreign purchases, the cost thereof. Cuban rum and brandy, alligator goods, Cuban mahogany products and novelties can be purchased at considerable saving in Cuba; also perfumes. Flowers and plants cannot be taken into either country.

### CONVENTION REMINDERS

Have you elected your delegates and alternates and reported the names to the National President?

Have you made your hotel reservations?

Has your chapter paid its per capita tax to enable your delegates to vote?

Have you sent in your list of railroad officials to be extended special invitations to the Thursday night banquet?

Have you taken care of your registration fee?

Have you given thought to the offices to be filled at this Convention?

Have you carefully read and considered the suggested amendments which will be voted upon at Convention?

Have you mentally packed your luggage? **REMEMBER** — hats are seldom worn in Miami other than church. Long evening gowns are seldom worn.

You will need a light wrap for evenings and boat trips. Casual cottons (linens) are usually worn for street wear.

**TIME**—EASTERN STANDARD.

## TO THE DELEGATE OF THE 1954 CONVENTION:

### IS OUR TIME YOUR TIME???

Remember — Miami is on **EASTERN STANDARD TIME**. Please synchronize your watch immediately upon arriving at the hotel so you will lose no time.

"We hope that you will enjoy being a delegate and that you will return home happy that you have had the opportunity of serving your chapter and the organization, and that you will have the secret feeling that you have been a **PERFECT DELEGATE**. Do you know what a perfect delegate is? Well, she is a nice girl, from one of our old (or new) chapters, who will:

- "(1) Remember to depart from her home town on a train which will enable her to reach the Convention before the first session commences.
- "(2) Present herself immediately upon arriving at the hotel so the Registration Committee will know she has arrived and can locate her quickly, if needed.
- "(3) Check the schedules, note the time of committee meetings she will be expected to attend, also time of the general sessions, luncheons, dinners, etc., and **BE ON TIME** at such affairs.
- "(4) If arriving late at a meeting, she will quietly enter the room, and if business is being conducted, she will not distract attention of the speaker.
- "(5) Arise, if she desires to speak, address the chair, give her name and chapter, and forthwith state her subject, concisely and intelligently.
- "(6) Remember there is much business to be conducted in a very short space of time and will not use all the time herself.
- "(7) Provide herself with a notebook, sharpened pencils and a pen (filled with ink) and take notes, so that she may bring back to her chapter lucid information as to action taken at the Convention.
- "(8) Be friendly with the folks she knows and make a special effort to be courteous and helpful to folks she does not know.
- "(9) Remember she is elected by her home chapter to represent all of the members and, therefore, her decisions and opinions should be fair and honorable.
- "(10) Go home from the Convention with a happy heart and a better understanding of the ideals and purposes of our organization.

"Maybe there's more than this to being a **PERFECT DELEGATE**, but knowing each chapter has selected its fairest members to be the representatives, we don't expect you to be anything else but — what's the superlative of **PERFECT**?"

(Taken from Bessie J. Ross' letter to delegates attending 1953 Convention at St. Louis.)

Make ten consecutive correct guesses and you've established a reputation as an expert—which may last until you make one little mistake.

Hardly anything is more annoying to the aristocratic than the fact that the worst people sometimes have the best ideas.



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**TOUR No. 2—Cost:** Members, double, at Nacional Hotel, \$91.18 per person; single, \$95.68. Guests, double, at Nacional Hotel, \$106.00 per person; single, \$110.50. Lv. Miami Friday, May 21, 6:00 P. M., returning Wednesday, May 26, 8:00 A. M.

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The P. & O. Steamship Company  
P. O. Box 1349  
Miami 8, Florida

\*Please reserve space on the N. A. R. B. W. Post-Convention Havana Tour, for: Member , Guest .

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Railroad Affiliation)

**CUBA — AN ISLAND OF  
JOYOUS NOISES**

A short distance from Miami and you are in a different world . . . a very noisy and alive city greets you. People hurrying from place to place, but always talking to someone or somebody in the midst of their activity. . . . You are in Havana, "la ciudad de los ruidos" (the city of noises, as it is called).

If passing by you hear a radio it is going full blast . . . if two people are talking, you think it is the entire block, so loud and shrill are their voices. Anywhere and everywhere people talk at the same time, yet they know what the other is saying, and laughter is heard everywhere. Cubans don't know how to listen; that precious virtue is unknown in this beautiful island.

The agility of their minds makes them jump before the phrase is finished, they answer before being asked . . . always believing they know the end of the thought. It is annoying to foreigners but liked by the Cubans. They live in noises . . . the street vendor, the "billeteero" (lottery ticket salesman), the vegetable man, the ones who sell coal or milk or fruits . . . all selling their wares at the top of their lungs.

Children in the parks, in the apartment houses playing and running, the center of the attention and love of everyone . . . and trailing the children, cats and dogs of every size and description . . . the nurses scolding . . . the mothers hovering near by and giving orders. But it is a very warm and pleasant confusion: That is part of Havana, blood that flows through every artery of the city until noon hour comes.

**Quiet at Noon**

From noon until two o'clock all activity ceases: Silence, a profound and complete silence, just as the rest of the hours are fully and noisy ones. Streets deserted. Offices, stores closed. Work in every part and place stops. It is "siesta time." No children, no animals, no people . . . just lazy, peaceful rest. Truck drivers find the comfort of a shady tree, and snooze underneath their trucks. Workmen in a construction job take a hurried sandwich and to sleep. . . . I know a gentleman who takes a taxi, parks it under a beautiful, big tree, and for two hours sleeps while the driver takes it easy in the front seat . . . every day, at the same hour, in the same spot.

Everybody talks to everybody else . . . no introduction is needed. If you need anything at any time, neighbors are ready, willing and love to help. They respect your privacy; but it is a pleasure to say a few words about any subject. To me the amazing part is how very well informed the Cubans are in world affairs, politics, health or labor problems, and also how very wittily they can gossip. More than the biting sting of ridicule, the funny, deadlier weapon of a humorous phrase that is hard to forget is used: it hits the target in a bullseye shot. Even the target laughs, he has to, how can he help it?

**Drive Hard Bargain**

How can anything be accomplished in a business way in this world of noise and confusion? Very easily. Cubans argue with clear logic, drive a hard bargain. Sharp minds clash like a cockfight (one of the nationally typical sports) and they jump at the same time, waiting for the kill. In the end, the deal is closed in a short time, in a very business-like way. You see, Cubans, due to their geographical position, are a mixture of many races, and it gives them conflicting traces, but many advantages. They travel widely and enjoy making friends, like sailors, in every port and corner of the world.

The Mexicans have soft, low, beautiful speaking voices, the Colombian speaks almost in whispers. . . . The Argentinians with cadence and repose . . . the Chileans with sonorous phrases. . . . The Peruvian with perfect diction . . . but the Cubans? They talk loud, fast, constantly and with a gesture to match every word. The beggar, the banker, the candlestick maker . . . they all have one thing in common: They love to talk. You will, too, if you find life so full of interesting things; maybe that is why we don't have in Cuba nervous breakdowns or time to get bored.

BLANCA ESTRELLA

Cheerful people, says a medical friend, resist diseases better than the glum ones. So the surly bird gets the germ, eh, Doc?

**AN EASTER THOUGHT**

May the light of the Cross reflect its rays throughout the world,  
 Awakening in the hearts of all the people an earnest desire for peace and understanding,  
 May we each make a vow to become a better citizen, living a fuller and richer life,  
 Ever mindful that God is the source of our strength and wisdom.

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**WHAT BOOKS CAN DO**

This is what a book can do:  
 Take you where the skies are blue,  
 Take you where the laughter's ringing,  
 And the eyes with love aglow;  
 Take you out of care and trouble  
 And the griefs which seem to double;  
 Take you far from wintry weather  
 And the fields of drifted snow.  
 This is what a book can do:  
 Build and strengthen you anew,  
 Give you fortitude and courage  
 When above a storm appears;  
 It can fashion and re-make you  
 So that fate can never break you;  
 It can comfort and console  
 When your eyes are wet with tears.  
 —Author Unknown

**FROM YOUR EDITORIAL STAFF**

Your Editorial Staff wishes to express their sincere thanks for all assistance given them during the past two years in the publishing of our National Magazine. It has been a wonderful experience and a distinct pleasure to serve you. We extend our best wishes to our next Editor and her staff and assure them of our wholehearted cooperation.

**SOME MEMBERS ARE LIKE —**

Wheelbarrows—not good unless pushed.  
 Canoes—need to be paddled.  
 Kites—have to keep a string on them.  
 Footballs—can't tell which way they'll bounce.  
 Balloons—full of wind.  
 Trailers—no good unless pulled.  
 Kittens—more contented when petted.

Those who succeed are not necessarily extraordinary—the rest of us just haven't exerted ourselves enough.  
 —Manning (Ia.) Monitor.

The most valuable advice you can get will always be from those who are most reluctant to give it.

What a rare and delightful experience it is to meet a strange but suave and interesting conversationalist who isn't trying to sell you something!

The way to succeed is to stick until you cannot hold on any longer. Then take a fresh hold.



**Christmas Carolers, Memphis, 1953**



**Ribbon Rails—Billings Chapter Installation Dinner, November, 1953**

<i>Name of Chapter</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>Editor</i>	<i>Publication</i>
Amarillo	50	Marilyn Clark	Panhandle Dieselites
Atlanta	147		
Billings	33		Ribbon Rails
Birmingham	68	Ellostein Wright	Whistle Whispers
Boston	97	Esther Phillips, NH RR	The Bay Stater
Buffalo	268	Lois E. Landgraf, NYC RR	The Tooter
Chicago	1162	Catherine Walsh, Railway Express	The Bulletin
Cincinnati	187		
Cleveland	273	Beverly Carlson, Erie RR	Stop-Look-Listen
Dallas	182	Mary Leath, Burlington RR	Choo-Choo-52
Denver	100	Altha Shelton, D&RGW	Mile Hi Limited
Detroit	252	Helen Krupa, NYC RR	Railite
El Paso	69	Jessye Allen, SouPac RR	Border Lines
Houston	200	Virgie McGraw, MoPac RR	All Aboard
Indianapolis	116	Maude Shaw, PRR	The Limited
Jacksonville	56		
Kansas City	196	Helen Telker, MKT RR	The Time Table
Los Angeles	200	Marion McIntyre, UP	Hi Lites
Memphis	94		
Miami	63	Leedy Hogan, Illinois Central	Railway Belles
Milwaukee	50	Patricia Daly	Rail Rambles
Mobile	106	Barbara Simon, GM&O RR	The Journal Box
Omaha	187	Stasia E. Moore, UP RR	The Raily News
New Orleans	93	Virginia Clements	Clickety Clack
New York City	117	Lucille Hull, GM&O RR	Chit Chat
Philadelphia	174	Ruth E. Lloyd, PRR	The Raitette
Richmond, Virginia	42		
Roanoke, Virginia	86	Julia Stiff-Dorcas Lofand	Steam Puffs
Sacramento	123	Ruth Ann Clark, SouPac RR	Railway Belles
San Antonio	49	Estelle Vandiver, MoPac	The Streamliner
San Francisco	150	Nettie Mueller, Railway Express	The Headlight
Salt Lake City	52	Jean Seegmiller, UP RR	Ute Beeliners
St. Louis	496	Lydia Endrejatis, Railway Express	Rail Ties
Tampa	36		
Toledo	104	Sophia Sowinski, NKP RR	All Aboard, Toledo
Twin Cities	599	Grace E. Berg, Great Northern RR	Whistle Post
Washington	118	Ellen Herlihy, AAR	Engine Belles

(Atlanta, Billings, Richmond and Tampa are new chapters and we do not have complete information regarding their Editors and publications.)



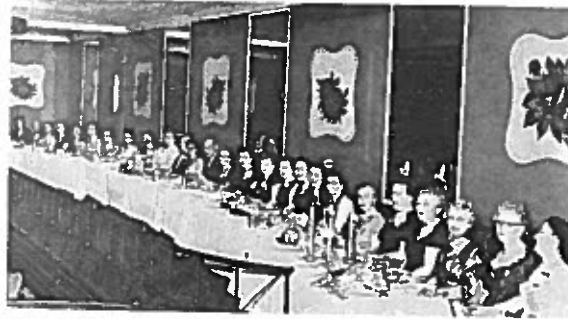
Atlanta Installation Dinner, December, 1953



Roanoke Christmas Party



District Meeting No. 3, Omaha, September, 1953



District Meeting No. 2, Buffalo, January, 1954



Officers of El Paso Chapter



Installation of Officers, Tampa, Florida, February 6, 1954



Salt Lake City Organizational Meeting, December, 1953



District Meeting No. 4, Mobile, November, 1953