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Season's Greetings

. . . from your President

I WISH THAT IT were possible that I might come into each of your homes and personally wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and tell you and them how much I appreciate the good work you are doing. Working together in love and friendship we have accomplished much; together we can do more.

THERE IS a dawn of a new year approaching, pure and unspoiled except for what we, ourselves, take into it. If our hearts have bitterness and hatred, if our souls are dark and ugly, may we pray that they be cleaned before we pass through the door of the new year. What lies ahead for us depends largely on what we take with us. Let us resolve to take love, kindness, humility, patience, and friendship with us for all of our fellow railroad women, pledging to ourselves that we will always see the good in each other and minimize the faults.

MY WISH is that we, as individuals, will discover new horizons in 1959, that we will allow ourselves to remain vitally alive, continuing to grow in stature. Each of us is a source of unknown possibilities. Let us wish that we will find these possibilities and develop them. Let us strive to develop deeper friendships and better fellowship among us.

SOON WE WILL raise our voices high again and again with the happy and joyous refrains of Christmas. Let us take these refrains and the spirit of the One whose birthday we will celebrate into the new year remembering them each day and pray that the high ideals and the spirit of our fine organization will prevail for many years to come.

Lila Greene

Schedule of Events - Fifteenth National Convention

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Monday, May 18th —

Bus Trips through Philadelphia
Historic Valley Forge

Tuesday, May 19th —

All day trip Lancaster, Pa.

Wednesday, May 20th —

9:00 AM — Presidents' Breakfast
11:30 AM — 5:00 PM Presidents' Council
9:00 PM — Open House

Thursday, May 21st —

7:30 AM — Editors' Breakfast
9:00 AM — 10:00 AM — Parliamentary Instruction
11:00 AM — Formal Opening Convention
12:30 PM — Liberty Bell Luncheon
2:45 PM — First Business Session
8:00 PM — Mummings Night

Friday, May 22nd

7:15 AM — 8:15 AM — Parliamentary Instruction

8:30 AM — 10:30 AM — Second Convention Session

11:00 AM — 12:00 Noon — Election of Officers

1:30 PM — Bus trip to Atlantic City, N. J. — Dinner at seashore

Saturday, May 23rd —

7:15 AM — 8:15 AM — Parliamentary Instruction

8:30 AM — 11:30 AM — Third Convention Session

1:00 PM — 3:00 PM — Fourth Convention Session (if necessary)

7:30 PM — Annual Banquet

Sunday, May 24th — Tuesday, May 26th —

Post Convention Tour — Three days in New York

Headquarters — Warwick Hotel

Annual Banquet — Hostesses — New York

Chapter-NARBW

BELLEVUE-STRATFORD - RICH IN HISTORY

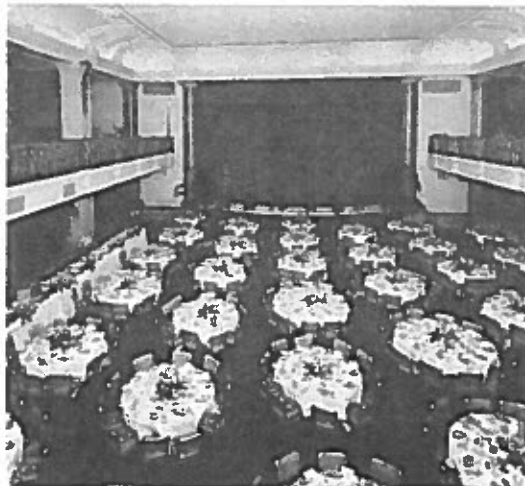
Headquarters for the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the National Association of Railway Business Women will be Philadelphia's tall and magnificent Bellevue-Stratford Hotel.

The formal opening of the Bellevue-Stratford hotel was a brilliant scene, September 20, 1901, wherein the ranks of society, politics, literature and finance contributed to the festivities and gave their unanimous nod of approval of the special occasion and to the new hotel. Beautifully gowned women held court before thousands of friends and spectators in the luxuriously carpeted lobby. The hotel inaugurated its exclusive cab service with evenly colored horses and spic and span liveries for the drivers. More than 20,000 persons invaded the hotel on the first day and more than 4,500 were served in the various dining rooms. The gaiety and merry-making continued until well after midnight as dinner-parties broke up and after-the-theater groups got under way. The guest list of Philadelphians present matched the Social Register and the most prominent of New York, Boston and Chicago society came to pay tribute to the new "palace of entertainment".

Less than two months later, the Grand Ballroom was opened with a concert by the Kniessel Quintette; and a multitude of music lovers came away delighted by what they heard and enchanted by what they had seen. The most advanced accoustical design of the times accented and gave fullness to the beautiful music in the largest and most magnificent Ballroom in the country. Mr. George G. Boldt, then owner of the hotel, had said, "I want that Ballroom to be the most magnificent room in the United States, if not in the world. Never mind what it costs." The results was breathtaking, and almost immediately the most exclusive social set of Philadelphia and the most prominent social organization in this country,

The Assembly, announced its plans to hold all future functions in the Grand Ballroom of the new Bellevue-Stratford Hotel.

As time went on, prominent clubs and organizations made the Bellevue-Stratford their official headquarters. Businessmen, lawyers, Senators and Congressmen frequented the Bellevue daily, transacting big business over luncheon in a favorite nook of one of the dining rooms. The roof of the hotel was frozen over every night, and sports-minded men and women enjoyed delightful ice-skating in the open air almost 300 feet above the bustling city.



Banquet Hall

Its name boldly written in the book of time, the Bellevue-Stratford has gone on through the years, building and maintaining its reputation as a center of social and commercial activity for Philadelphians and their guests.

Through the Bellevue's portals has passed every President since Theodore Roosevelt, eminent foreign dignitaries, personages of royalty, business tycoons of the organizations that keep our giant economy moving and glamorous personalities of the theatrical world dedicated to the profession of entertaining the country's millions.

The aristocratic Assembly Ball has continued to be held in the Bellevue's Grand Ballroom and is each year a thrilling and glamorous spectacle. The Bellevue has become the accepted headquarters for the annual banquets of the most significant of the city's social, industrial and charitable organizations.

During the busy winter season from Thanksgiving to Christmas, the Bellevue has watched many young, reticent debutantes make their bow to society, and has boasted elaborate decors and settings for fashionable parties and dances.

Hundreds of international, national and state organizations headquarter at the Bellevue each year, bringing thousands of members and guests into the Quaker City. Such groups include: American Bar Association, American Medical Association, National Conference on Social Welfare, International Insurance Conference, American Vocational Association, Order of the Elks, American Bankers Association, and U. S. Chamber of Commerce to name a few.



Burgundy Room

Celebrities from all walks of life grace the Bellevue daily, and the hotel is always ready to receive them graciously. Recently, Mr. Vincent, maitre d'hotel, brought out the gold place settings and imported fine lace tablecloths for use at a private reception in honor of the Princess Grace and Prince Ranier of Monaco. Luncheon for them was given in the hotel's newly-decorated Burgundy Room on the lobby floor.

So — today, more than fifty years after the first brick was laid and the first foundation erected, the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel has firmly twined the glamour of its name around the heart of Philadelphia. And it is entirely possible that many of the hotel's first guests would scarcely recognize it now, for beginning, appropriately, in the year of its Golden Anniversary, the Bellevue-Stratford embarked on a six million dollar modernization program, more than the original cost of building the hotel.



Coffee Shop

In 1955, the hotel's Vice President, Joseph P. Hoenig, organized a full-scale redecoration project, designed to provide guests with the most advanced conveniences and services, yet retain the essential continental atmosphere that has endeared the Bellevue to the social and public life of Philadelphia.

Guest rooms and suites have been cheerfully refurbished in contemporary decor, and many converted into convenient studio-type rooms. Radio and television in every room provide recreation for guests' leisure hours. Spacious suites on each floor are available for cocktail parties or private receptions as well as for luxurious living away from home.

Twenty banquet rooms, accommodating groups from twenty to two thousand, have been redecorated, the Grand Ballroom being the most recent to be completed. The spacious ballroom that through the years has hosted spectacular debutante parties, elegant weddings and famous balls like The Assembly, the Charity Ball, the Harvest Ball, and banquets of important organizations, has been enlarged and given a complete new look. The theme of the room is based on the contemporary interpretation of classic French architecture, and emphasizes the grace and charm of a quiet gothic motif. The acoustically-treated ceiling and perfect high fidelity amplification bring out true tone and quality in voice and music. Flexible light controls can transform the ballroom from the twilight scene, popular for balls and elegant banquets, to the bright sunny setting required for business meetings. Balcony boxes have been extended to accommodate larger parties, bringing the total seating capacity of the Ballroom to 1,400. Spacious foyers provide ample space for cocktail parties and receptions.

The Viennese Room, just off the main lobby, introduced to Philadelphia the intimate retreat for late afternoon and early evening cocktails. Here, away from the bustling activity outdoors, ladies and gentlemen take time out to enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres to the musical strains of the organ.

Yes, from the new marquees that extend over the entrances to the beautifully decorated lobby with its rich carpeting and new furnishings the Bellevue-Stratford has been completely modernized.

And today she stands, tall and magnificent at the crossroads of Philadelphia — proud of her carefully preserved heritage and reputation — ready to offer 20th Century living to a new generation.

The Spirit of Christmas Margaret

ALBANY—Gifts to Trinity Institute, Child's Hospital and School for Retarded Children

AMARILLO—Contributed to Amarillo Welfare Program to help needy family with clothing, food, etc. December drive for MS-TV Telethon

ATLANTA—Each member contributed \$1.00 instead of exchanging gifts and adopted Savannah Street Misison for underprivileged children-Volunteer work at Grady Memorial Hospital and Atlanta Chapter-Multiple Sclerosis

BALTIMORE—Volunteer work for MS and \$50.00 donation toward this work.

BILLINGS—Purchased hard candy for patients at County Hospital. Provide dinner and gifts for crippled lady adopted by Chapter.

BIRMINGHAM—Cash donations to Retarded Children's Association and volunteer work for Chapter of MS. Help collect toys for Station WYDE

BOSTON—Manned booths in both North and South Stations for Multiple Sclerosis Fund Drive

BUFFALO—Donated money or gift to Salvation Army for a child.

CHATTANOOGA—Provide lunches for underprivileged children at Mary Ann Garbor School. Donated \$50.00 to buy shoes for these children and fill baskets for the most needy families in the school.

CINCINNATI—Collected canned goods for Campbell Lodge, a home for homeless boys. Christmas party for patients at Longview, each patient will receive candy, nuts, toilet articles, and a scarf. Electric fan to the Ward. \$35.00 in budget for other charities to be selected.

CLEVELAND—\$30.00 to Holy Family Hospital for charity patients. Party for 20

elderly ladies at Gater Nursing Home. Each will be given corsage and gift.

COLUMBUS—Will provide gifts for elderly men and women who are recipients of "Meals on Wheels". Also provide cookies, candy, fruit.

DALLAS—Will help with the Multiple Sclerosis Party; provide a MS patient with gifts, Fill Christmas basket for a family, also toys for the children in this family.

DENVER—Donation of cash or canned goods to Salvation Army.

DETROIT—Contribute to Ruth Alden Dress Drive. Clothing and toys to retarded children at Lapeer, Michigan. Gifts for the residents of Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

EL PASO—Adopt a needy family furnishing clothes, food, and gifts for all members.

GALVESTON—Volunteer workers in Children's Ward John Sealy Hospital and provide gifts for these children.

HOUSTON—Toys and \$25.00 to the Goodfellows, gifts and candy to Emanuel Nursing Home, Harris County Boys Home, Home for Exceptional Children.

JACKSONVILLE—Donation of \$50.00 to Multiple Sclerosis.

LITTLE ROCK—Each member contributed \$1.00 to Retarded Children's Colony instead of exchanging gifts.

LOS ANGELES—Each member will donate \$1.00 to NARBW Multiple Sclerosis Research Fund instead of exchanging gifts. Will contribute to "Toys for a Tot" sponsored by U.S. Marines.

MEMPHIS—Provide for a Mother and 2 children. Donated a baby bed and mattress for Happy Acres-home for retarded children

McCarty, National Welfare Chairman

MIAMI—Contributed \$69.00 to the lady patients at County Hospital at Kendall

MILWAUKEE—Provide for shut-ins at Convalescent homes.

NEW ORLEANS—"Christmas Cheer" party for the aged at The Bethany Home; each one will receive gift, candy and fruit.

NEWPORT NEWS—Make scrapbooks for hospitals and homes for the Aged. Adopt one or two elderly patients at Patrick Henry Hospital. Donate medicine to hospital. Support Multiple Sclerosis Chapter with contributions and volunteer service.

NEW YORK—Christmas party at Bellevue Hospital for children—each child a gift. Toys to the Salvation Army. \$25.00 to Divine Providence (Shelter for Children)

OMAHA—Donated 250 cans food and dressed 48 dolls for Salvation Army. Donated 3 hours to Salvation Army "Tree of Lights"

PEORIA—Help five needy railroad families with baskets of food and toys. Donated to the Red Stocking Fund and Civic Christmas Cheer Fund.

PHILADELPHIA—Work for Retarded Children's Assn. Each member will contribute \$1.00 to NARBW's MS Research Fund. Gifts for 68 residents to The Union Home and Home for the Aged.

POCATELLO—Help needy families—each member will contribute \$1.00 to NARBW's MS Research Fund

PORTLAND—Each member donated gift for patients at Multnomah Home of the Aged.

RICHMOND—Donation to Multiple Sclerosis Fund.

ROANOKE—Providing individual gifts for the inmates of the City Alms House.

ST. AUGUSTINE—Each member will donate \$1.00 to Multiple Sclerosis.

ST. LOUIS—Donated \$100.00 to the E. St. Louis Salvation Army Tree of Lights—\$100.00 to St. Louis Salvation Army Tree of Lights. Will help Salvation Army "ring bells" soliciting funds from passerbys. \$10.00 to USO Coffee Fund for Christmas. Jewelry and usable ties solicited from members for forgotten folks in institutions.

SACRAMENTO—Adopted 60 patients at DeWitt State hospital for Mentally Ill. Will provide gifts for each patient and provide gifts and holiday dinner for two needy railroad families.

SALT LAKE CITY—Provide personal gifts for each man at Miners' Rest Home, such as clothes, etc. Spend an evening singing Christmas Carols.

SAN FRANCISCO—Decorate two wards—Laguna Honda Home for Aged. Purchase \$20.00 worth of clothing for most needy child at Lucinda Weeks School for Spastic Child. Members contributed hundreds of Christmas presents for children in St. Vincent de Paul Society, Volunteers of America and Canon Kip Community House, all orphanages.

SPOKANE—Donation to Multiple Sclerosis.

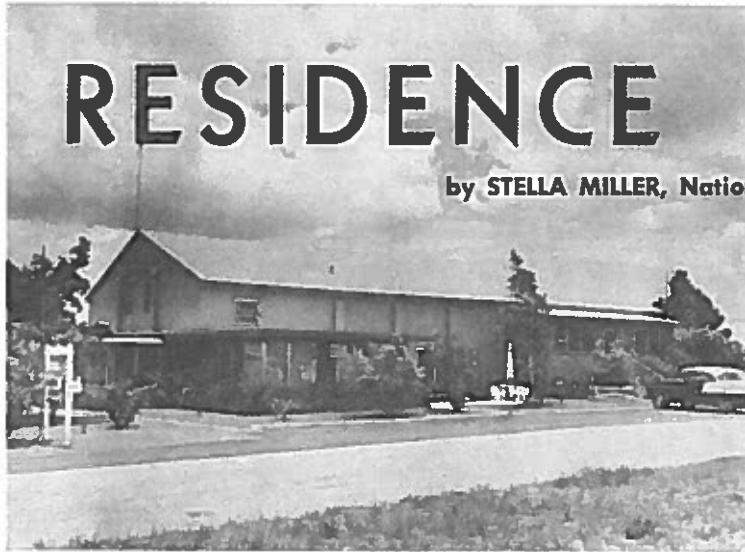
TRI-STATE—Sunshine Baskets for shut-in members; one a victim of Multiple Sclerosis in C&O Hospital in Huntington, W. Va. Help a needy family.

TWIN-CITIES—Donation of \$50.00 to provide for children in Lake Owasso Home for Mentally Retarded Children. Members donating services for transportation of Multiple Sclerosis patients to Christmas parties.

WASHINGTON—Will provide candy, toys and cookies for the children in Junior Village.

OUR RESIDENCE

by STELLA MILLER, National Chairman



As you all know, at the Dallas Convention in May, 1958, it was voted by the convention body that we purchase a residence for our retired members. This residence is located at 3763 Northwest Fourth Avenue, Boca Raton, Florida, for which we paid cash. We took possession of the property on November 1, 1958. The residence consists of five (5) apartments (partly furnished).

When I was appointed Residence Chairman of the National Association of Railway Business Women I immediately tried to find out just how many retired members we had in the Association. I first wrote to the Presidents of the Chapters (not having before me all of the names of the local residence chairmen) and was furnished with list of their retired members. I immediately sent a letter to each of the retired members and the response has been very interesting but, in this poll, we found we had a RESIDENCE without RESIDENTS. There are a few who are interested, but very few.

When I made the report to the Presidents (as of November 14th) for transmittal to the local residence chairmen, the number of retired members had reached the 511 mark, since that time I have received additional lists and there are many, many more — also since the report we know there have been members retiring almost daily and I am sure the number at the present time is far greater than I could possibly estimate.

However, to those of you who have retired within the last month or so, I should be grateful to have some expression from you as to whether or not you are interested in the residence and any other information or suggestions you have to offer which would be helpful to us in connection with the residence. We want to know that you are interested in having a residence.

In taking this so-called poll of retired members I have received many worthwhile suggestions from the retired members, which suggestions will be brought to the attention of the Board of Managers when next we meet, and some of which I hope will be given most serious consideration. Here are some of the comments which I think you will find interesting:

“Not interested so long as my husband lives, after that — Maybe.

So long as I can rock and roll think I should stay away.

If the residence were in California and not in Florida, I would be interested.

I think we should have apartments and do our own cooking, no one wants to have to eat any certain time after having lived by the clock all the years we have worked.

I own my home and would not be interested in leaving my family and friends to go to a home.

A convalescent home is what we need.

I am very comfortably situated here among my relatives and friends.”

There are so many, many more statements but the above are just a few so you can see just what we are up against in trying to please everyone, we may not succeed but we are going to put forth the effort in the hopes we will be able to please as many as possible.

If time would permit I should like very much to thank each of the retired members for their response but, of course, that is not possible. There may be some retired members who have only recently received their ques-

tionnaires this being due to the fact that the list from their Presidents was delayed somewhere along the line.

The Board of Managers, composed of the following members:

Miss Hazelle Cornell, St. Paul, Minne., Past President

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held a meeting at the Sheraton Hotel, Chicago, on October 24th, 1958, the day prior to the meeting of the National Board, on October 25th, 1958, at the same hotel. After much discussion and having before us the fact that there were so few retired members at the present time interested in living in the Residence, it was decided that the Board of Managers would make the following recommendation to the National Board:

"We recommend to the National Board that William J. Day Realty Company be authorized to act as Agent of the residence of the National Association of Railway Business Women for the rental of four apartments (Nos.,,, and) of building located at 3763 Northwest Fourth Avenue, Boca Raton, Florida, the smallest apartment (No.) to be retained for the use of its members by the National Association of Railway Business Women. William J. Day Realty Company shall have charge of all maintenance of the entire property until June 1, 1959."

which recommendation was unanimously accepted by the National Board.

The numbers of the apartments to be rented have since been determined as Apartments, 2, 3, 4 and 5. No 1 has been reserved for use by our members. This in the thought that at a later date more and more retired members will become interested. By renting the four apartments we will at least realize

enough out of the property to pay the expenses of the property, i. e., taxes, insurance, maintenance, etc.

Apartment No. 1 is to be rented to members at the rate of \$60.00 per month, or \$20.00 per week. This includes utilities, pots, pans, dishes, and silver, but DOES NOT include linens or meals. If any member (not just retired members) should desire to rent the apartment for say One, Two or Three weeks, maybe a month, and maybe longer, if you will write me at the address listed in the Directory, I shall be glad to make your reservations for the time desired by you, (subject, of course, to prior rentals by other members). If the time you desire has already been taken by another member, I shall advise you in order that you may choose another date most agreeable to your plans.

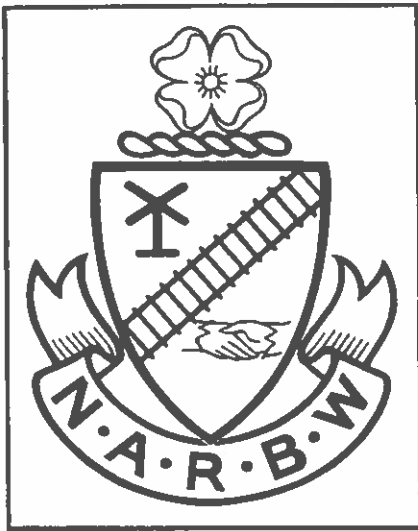
At the present time the apartment is rented for 3 weeks in December, the month of January, 1959, one week in February and one week in March. As Chairman of the Board of Managers, the reservations are to be made through me and all checks (rent payable in advance) sent to me (but made payable to the National Association of Railway Business Women).

We think all of you will agree that we have adopted the best plan possible under all the circumstances as owning a residence is new to all of us, and we have to be sure before we go too far in what could be the wrong direction. We are working hard to get things lined up but this all takes time. Please don't be discouraged at what may seem to be DELAY. Just have patience it won't be too long before we will have a well organized, smooth running residence for our retired members.

It is our hope that as many of you as possible will try to make a trip to Boca Raton and visit the residence. THE RESIDENCE, YOU KNOW, BELONGS TO ALL OF US. If I can furnish you with any additional information concerning the residence I shall be glad to do so.

As Residence Chairman I am sorry I have been so long in reporting to you but you can understand that it was necessary I await the action, as well as instructions, of the Board of Directors before making any report whatsoever.

The purchase of this residence is our first real step forward — let's keep going forward — perhaps in the not too far distant future we will be the proud owner of residences in other parts of the country. All of this, of course, depends on our continuing to do what we have done in the past "WORK FOR THE RESIDENCE FUND."



member to willingly accept responsibility with gratitude, for the privilege of serving others. True loyalty excludes all sham. It is the foundation upon which members can work together to conquer all obstacles, great or small, for the welfare of the organization. Loyalty then begins with a close analysis — with these questions. Am I a member of NARBW because I just enjoy the social gatherings — the parties, or are these the tangible rewards for service rendered? Do I criticize my fellow members for their petty mistakes, or do I offer to help them? Do I undermine my organization with flippant, unkind remarks, or do I try to build it by becoming a participating member? Am I

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by ORPHA WARDLE, *Parliamentarian*

The National Association of Railway Business Women, to an outsider, is a group of select women employed by the railroad industry, and its subsidiaries; but to a member, it is the threshold of opportunity to form strong, enduring friendships. It is the handclasp that reaches into all sections of these United States, uniting its members into a common purpose. A purpose that calls upon each member to exemplify in her daily living.

An organization is only as effective as its members, is an old, but true adage, so to have a well balanced — well informed — and progressive organization, a handclasp alone is not enough. It must be an exchange of something warm, and sincere. A loyalty in each

willing to sacrifice a fellow officer to gain a selfish objective, or am I ready to stand for what is fair, and right?

Loyalty is a continuing process. The courtesy that was extended yesterday, the kindly thought, does not give a person the right to abandon these today. Loyalty must be lasting and true.

A small rock tossed into the waters sends out encircling waves to the furthest shores. Loyalty is much like that rock, for it sends out its waves of influence throughout the Chapter, the District, into National, carrying upon its crest friendship, and understanding to all.

During the coming weeks, the streets, the stores, homes, will sparkle with Christmas decorations. Chapter festivities will ring with songs, and gaiety, proclaiming one of the most cherished seasons of the year. Hearts will be filled with joy, and merriment, but with all its warmth, and gaiety, may the season also be approached by prayer. Prayers that may be heard through loyal efforts in upholding the principles of NARBW. May the season deepen the understanding of each other, and strengthen the loyalty which joins railway business women in unity.

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Chattanooga chapter's project is the Mary Ann Garbar School for mentally retarded children.

Pictured below are the President, Mrs. Vola Simpson, and Welfare Chairman Mrs. Tilda Feggle, supervising the buying of shoes for two of these children. The chapter donated \$50.00 toward furnishing shoes.



The Boston, Mass. chapter receives a Multiple Sclerosis Citation of Merit for their work in our National project — Left Mr. Louis T. Hughes, Director Mass. Multiple Sclerosis, Mrs. Beatrice Nye, President Boston chapter, Miss Martha McManus, Welfare Chairman Boston chapter, and Mr. Edward Reilly, National Representative of Multiple Sclerosis.

Following is an excerpt from MS Chapter Newsletter of Washington, D. C. dated December, 1958:

"The Washington, D. C. Chapter of the National Association Railway Business Women's Association has been given our "MS Award of the Month." Their local group, consisting of approximately 85 members, has designated our Chapter as their Health and Welfare Project for the coming year. After they were shown our film, "In Sickness and in Health" they elected to set up a volunteer program where they will help MS patients and their families in developing service programs and getting the story of MS to the public. Our congratulations to the attractive and dedicated ladies."

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Chapter Activities

In Memory of
FLORENCE GRAYDON PETERS
October 26, 1958
Former Recording Secretary, National Association and active member of Cincinnati, Ohio Chapter.



Fifty members of the New York Central division, Chicago chapter, at a meeting in the LaSalle Street Station learning about the Flexi-Van service, a service by which loaded cars are trucked to the railroad siding and hoisted onto a railroad flat car.



**Fifth Anniversary and Bosses Night —
Atlanta Chapter**

Left to Right: Mrs. Zu Reed, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Annie Lou Brigman, 1st Vice President; Mr. P. H. Matthews, Asst. Vice President — Association American Railroads, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Margaret Chewing, President; Mrs. Florence Ardinger, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Carolyn Askea, Corresponding Secretary.