

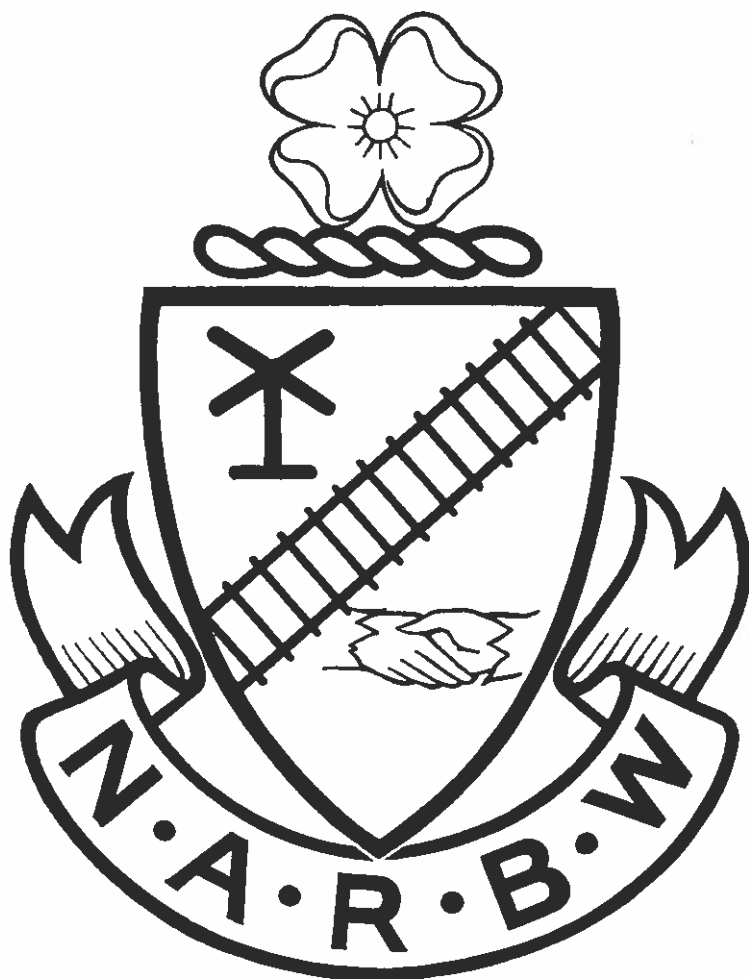
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HAVANA, TOO. . . . Start your convention plans
for 1954.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By GEORGIA TURPIN

LET US GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The fine cooperation of our railroads with our organization, their support and their generosity . . .
- The rapid growth of our organization, not only in the number of new chapters and members but in the quality of our membership . . .
- The loyalty of our membership to our officers and to our projects . . .
- The realization of a successful 1953 Convention in St. Louis and the anticipation of an outstanding 1954 Convention in Miami Beach . . .
- The gains in our Residence Fund—our National project . . .
- The many civic projects promoted by or participated in by our local chapters . . .
- The joy of common ties through our National magazine and our local publications . . .
- The friendships we create and maintain in our organization through our allegiance to the transportation field; our willing cooperation with each other, and the ever present willingness to serve the American public safely and efficiently as their greatest common carrier.

10 MOST EXPRESSIVE WORDS

Friendship—the warmest word
 Tranquility—the gentlest
 Death—the most tragic
 Forgotten—the saddest
 Alone—the most bitter
 Faith—the most comforting
 Love—the most beautiful
 Mother—the most revered
 Revenge—the most cruel
 No—the coldest

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THANKS

My sincere thanks to all those who assisted in getting this issue ready for publication.

DEADLINE

Deadline for next issue will be February 25th. This will be the Convention Issue and will contain pictures, plans and the program for the meeting in Miami.

PROGRESS OF DISTRICTING

Due to the growth of our organization we have found it necessary to divide the clubs into "Districts." We have set up temporary "rules" to govern each "District." We say temporary because we must abide by the National By-Laws. However, these rules are being discussed at the respective "District" meetings and will be presented for revision and vote at the Convention in May, 1954 (Miami).

DISTRICT No. 3—Chicago, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Omaha, and Twin Cities. Omaha had their meeting September 27th.

DISTRICT No. 2—Amarillo, Birmingham, Dallas, Houston, Memphis, Mobile, New Orleans, San Antonio, and St. Louis. District meeting at Mobile, November 22, 1953.

DISTRICT No. 2—Buffalo, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, and Toledo. District meeting in Buffalo, January 24, 1954.

DISTRICT No. 5—Denver, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Francisco. District meeting at San Francisco, March 17, 1954.

DISTRICT No. 1—Boston, Jacksonville, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, Roanoke, and Washington, D. C. Convention May 18, 19 and 20, 1954, at Miami.

The Club Presidents had a brief meeting after the National board meeting, October 10th, and voted to pay \$4.50 a year to purchase a small wreath emblem for each President's R. B. W. A. pin, in recognition of their office (effective September 1, 1953).

Please keep in mind the above are entirely tentative plans. Final decisions to be acted upon at May, 1954, Convention.

EVELYN PIERCE,
 2nd National Vice-President

Let us not forget to be thankful during this wonderful Thanksgiving Season and all during the year for our many blessings.

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NATIONAL BOARD MEETING

Report of the First National Board Meeting of the new fiscal year was held on Saturday, October 10, 1953, at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, with National President Georgia Turpin presiding.

All National Officers and Standing Committee Chairmen were present.

All chapters represented except Amarillo, Jacksonville, Sacramento and San Francisco.

Reports of Officers and Chairmen were given for the first four months of this fiscal year, and at the luncheon, the Chapter Presidents gave their total membership and mentioned their chapter's most important project.

Chairmen of special committees are reporting in this magazine under Committee Work.

Finance Chairman Gertrude Yearout presented budget of estimated income and expenditures for the fiscal year 1953-54, which was unanimously adopted.

Membership Chairman Bessie Ross reported three new chapters—Boston, El Paso, and Billings—which were accepted into National.

The Revised Organizational Manual, formerly known as the "Red Book," was just off the press and distributed at this meeting.

Also copies of "Basic Principles of Parliamentary Law and Protocol," by National Parliamentarian Marguerite Grumme, were presented to board members by the National President.

Time was allowed Mr. Planer of the Roney-Plaza Hotel and Mrs. Fran Kozak, President of the Miami Chapter, to show movies of the P. & O. steamship en route to Havana, Cuba, and what the members may expect to see on the week-end boat trip following Convention.

The 1954 Convention dates are May 18, 19, 20 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), with a *post*-Convention board meeting to be held Friday morning, May 21.

Invitations for the 1955 Convention were read by Jeanne Keegan, from Boston, Chicago, Kansas City, and Sun Valley, Idaho.

The second board meeting of this fiscal year to be held on February 20, 1954—place to be decided.

Parliamentarian Marguerite Grumme gave a very fine talk on club protocol, followed by a closing thought by the President, and meeting adjourned at 6:15 P. M.

SPECIAL NOTICES TO CHAPTERS

Have you reported to Bertha Henderson, National Nominating Committee Chairman, the name of the member of your chapter who will serve on this important committee?

Address Miss Bertha Henderson, T. & P. Railroad, 401 T. & P. Building, Dallas, Texas.

According to National By-Laws, all proposed amendments must be in the hands of the National Revisions Chairman Grace Bowlus, prior to February 1, 1954. If your chapter wishes to submit any amendments, remember the deadline, February 1, 1954.

Address Mrs. Grace Bowlus, New York Central, 517 Big Four Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

All local Convention details for the N. A. R. B. W. 1954 Convention to be held at Miami Beach, Florida, May 18th, 19th, and 20th, with the Roney-Plaza Hotel as headquarters, will be handled by our very capable Miami Chapter President, Mrs. Fran Kozak, of the P. & O. Steamship Co., Box 1349, Miami 8, Florida.

THE NATIONAL PROGRAM CHAIRMAN, Mrs. Ruby Herrin, of the Railway Express Agency, 52 N. W. 9th Street, Miami, Florida, will handle the program assignments.

WELFARE CHAIRMAN Dorothy S. Benner, Chicago, will make a complete report in the next issue.

Special Gifts to the Residence Fund by the Member Clubs at the Convention in St. Louis, May 15, 16, and 17, 1953:

LOS ANGELES \$70.00

A typographical error omitted this contribution from the report made in the June, 1953, National Magazine. We appreciate these gifts and offer our humble apologies to the Los Angeles membership. However, the amount was included in the grand total reported.

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Detroit, Michigan
November 5, 1953

CAMPAIGN TO RAISE MONEY FOR 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 NATIONAL RESIDENCE FUND

A number of members have questioned why the National Association has never taxed each chapter to raise money (perhaps taxed isn't exactly the word, but set an amount to be contributed) for the Residence.

The members working on the committee and the National Board have felt that each local club should be free to use whatever means they choose to raise money for this project. Therefore, it was decided a few years ago to have the National Committee sponsor a drawing once a year, the contributions from the tickets to go into the Residence Fund, also the local clubs to contribute as much as possible, as often as possible.

I would like to suggest to the local club boards, that if you have members enthusiastic enough about the Residence to plan an affair to raise funds in the name of your club for this purpose, they be given your full co-operation. Your members' enthusiasm for work for the good of the organization should not be thwarted.

We have had Brick Sales and Love and Honor Plaques and now a Memorial Book for contributions "in memory of." If anyone has any other suggestions I will be glad to give them consideration and possible use.

A personal contribution from \$1.00 up will be recorded in a book. *What shall we call it?*

The fund is now over the halfway mark. With thirty-two (32) clubs in the organization, wouldn't it be wonderful if we reached the \$100,000.00 mark in Miami in May, 1954? Think about it, friends. I am always happy to receive your contributions.

Will you, as a member, help your club raise a sum to be contributed at one of the bi-annual parties or the convention?

MARGARET O. GRAHN,
National Residence Chairman

POSSIBLE CLUB PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

IF YOU HAVE THE PROBLEM OF—

1. Lack of quorum or of members leaving before business meeting or coming late to avoid it:
SOLUTION: Prepare as complete and interesting a business meeting as you do your programs—challenge the membership to recognize the right way to transact business.
2. Only a few rising to speak in business meetings:
SOLUTION: Urge the study of Parliamentary Law—learn your rights as a member and you have obligations, too.
3. Lack of committee coordination:
SOLUTION: Stress the importance of committee interdependence—they work toward a common goal. Suggest a meeting of committee chairmen without the chapter officers being present and let a consolidated report on committee thinking be presented to the board or the general assembly.
4. The membership not understanding or being dissatisfied with the Chapter's By-Laws:
SOLUTION: Arrange at one meeting to have discussion on and interpretation explained of the Chapter's By-Laws—a panel of past officers can handle such an assignment. Amendments or a revision are in order if the membership then decides they wish a change of certain sections.

Prepared by Marguerite Grumme, National Parliamentarian.

THE HUMAN TOUCH

A visitor to a glass manufacturing plant saw a man moulding clay into the great pots to be used in shaping the glass. Noticing that all the moulding was done by hand, he said to a workman:

"Why don't you use a tool to help you shape the clay?"

The worker replied:

"There is no tool that can do this work. We have tried different ones, but somehow it needs the human touch."

So it is with mankind. The human touch is God's method for shaping lives.

KNOW YOUR NATIONAL OFFICERS

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT — KATHERINE B. MORONEY

Our First Vice-President comes to us convent-bred, being an active member of the Alumnae Association of St. Teresa's Academy on the east side of St. Louis, where she was born; lives with her mother in their ten-room home and has a sundeck where she relaxes on week-ends. She has been a secretary for the past dozen years at the Terminal Railroad Association, Union Station, St. Louis.

Kitty has studied with nationally known St. Louis women, chief among whom are Dr. Sylvia A. Sorkin (Ph. D.), national business consultant and lecturer on human relations, and Miss Marguerite Grumme, national registered parliamentarian. She is a member of the Women's Traffic Club of St. Louis.

Kitty's interests are varied—but traveling takes top-billing, as she has covered most of the U. S., Canada and Mexico. She is quite an equestrienne, but also likes to swim and dance.

Kitty's service to R. B. W. A. began on the St. Louis Board—Chapter No. 10, as membership chairman, during the first year of organization in 1949, and at the end of that year she was elected corresponding secretary. October, 1949, while a member of the National Membership Committee, she made a trip to New Orleans, Dallas, Houston and Fort Worth, and laid the ground work for new chapters. While a delegate to the Sixth N. A. R. B. W. Convention, Atlantic City, she received her first appointment to the National Board as Chairman of National Membership. September, 1950, she installed the first group of officers in New Orleans—Chapter No. 11—from which chapter stemmed the "membership boomerang." In 1951 the Carnival City Chapter and city officials honored her at a dinner meeting at which she received the gold key to the city. In 1952 she made her first appearance on TV in that city.

October, 1950, she rounded up the New York City chapter. Milwaukee and Washington, D. C., then boarded the band wagon. A week before the Seventh N. A. R. B. W. Convention, Minneapolis, she went to the West Coast and formed the San Francisco and Los Angeles chapters, thereby giving National the first coast-to-coast and border-to-border hook-up. She then received a second appointment to the National Board and Mobile, Omaha, Roanoke, Miami, Jacksonville and Glendive chapters were formed. At the Eighth N. A. R. B. W. Convention, Colorado Springs, she was reappointed for a third term to the National Board due to ground work in 1949 in Dallas and Houston. Amarillo, San Antonio, Sacramento, Toledo, Denver, Memphis, Birmingham, and Boston soon joined the ranks. Kitty has 21 chapters to her credit.

Kitty was Chairman of Radio and TV and presented charters to six new chapters at the Ninth N. A. R. B. W. Convention, St. Louis, where it was announced the membership had been tripled. She knows a great percentage of the 6,000 members, having met them through correspondence, telephone or personal contacts.

A glance backward at Kitty's vignette — December, 1950, N. A. R. B. W. publication — mentioned her ambition to have an R. B. W. A. in all large cities in the U. S., and we think she has more than fulfilled this ambitious goal. However, she is not content to rest on these laurels but is forging ahead to a wider service at the top.

RECORDING SECRETARY — JOSEPHINE K. RYAN

Petite and charming Josephine K. Ryan started her career with the railroad as a stenographer for the New York Central on August 20, 1928.

In 1933 was transferred to Toledo, Ohio, but became so homesick had to take an extended leave of absence, but, before returning to Toledo, was furloughed because of the depression.

A few months later was offered a job in the Wage Bureau and Pass Bureau under the General Manager until August of 1945, at which time went into the Law Department. Still at her present job. Title is Secretary to the General Attorney.

Joined the Cleveland R. B. W. A. on December 5, 1945, and has had offices of Corresponding Secretary for two years and Vice-President for one year.

We at home are very proud of her both as a National Officer and as one of our board members. One thing I have to say is that when you ask Jo to do something, you can rest assured it will be done. The job of Recording Secretary is in excellent hands.

THE STORY OF A TREASURER — DOROTHY NAGEN

If anyone can be considered the child of the R. B. W. A., that person is Dorothy Nagan, our Treasurer. She began attending conventions and out-of-town meetings so long ago that there are very few who can recall the time when Dorothy was not a part of the scene—and, let us add, she adds a great deal to the scenery, too.

She is a native of Minneapolis, lives with her father and mother, and has two married brothers. Even in her high school days she was training for her present position as treasurer, as she was a mathematical wizard and there are those of her fellow students who still speak with awe of her genius with figures. Her talent was later developed through two years at the University of Minnesota, where she majored in accounting.

After about a year with Red Owl Stores, she came to the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad, and has been employed in the car service department since. Come next 29th of November she will celebrate her tenth anniversary there.

One fine day someone asked her to let her name go on the ballot as division chairman "just as a matter of form," and she learned later that by consenting she had cinched her election. That was the beginning of her career in R. B. W. A. Since then she has been secretary, vice-president and then president of her local chapter. Those who have gone on trips with her will testify that she takes the most mother-like care of all those with her, putting up hair in emergencies, furnishing an iron when that is the item wanted.

As anyone would surmise, knowing her facility with figures, she is an excellent contract player. However, all her activities are not confined to indoor sports as those who have played tennis with her will agree. She bowls a good game, although at the time this story went to press she was feeling somewhat unhappy about her bowling and asked that it should not be mentioned. That is exceptional, for she is one of the Twin Cities' star bowlers.

Not many years ago she began to collect demitasse cups from the railroads, and if this story brings her a flood of them, I hope she will do a little inquiring as to the author of this article, who will be glad to take her surplus off her hands.

She is a devoted auntie to a couple of little girls and the proud owner of a very small dog. Sometimes you will find her using the airways, but that is only in emergencies and because she has a brother in that line of transportation. The railroads still remain her first (but not only) love. She cannot give any information as to other love interests, but if anything is developed along that line it will have to come in another story.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT — ESTHER E. PAUL

The first President of the 13th chapter—Milwaukee—started her business career for the Milwaukee Road in the section of Milwaukee made famous by its product. Esther worked in the Chestnut Street Office (the beer district) about four years before being employed in the Traffic Department, where she now holds the position of Chief Clerk to the General Agent.

Being the daughter of a railroad man, it was natural for Esther to be railroad minded, and furthered her career by attending the Marquette University Labor College, plus a class in public speaking, taught by a past student of Dale Carnegie. (Now you know how she wins friends and influences people).

Esther is a charter member of the Woman's Traffic Club of Milwaukee, and, due to her ability, has held the office of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, and President of that organization. She is also a member of the Women's International Trade Club, Inc., and the National Secretaries Association.

Her favorite pastimes are reading, knitting, and traveling, and if anyone is interested in baseball, Esther has all the statistics. Lucky for her Milwaukee is now in the big league so she can save travel time and still keep up with the latest in baseball rhubarb.

A long-stemmed beauty (5 feet 10 inches to be exact), stately and distinctive, her mild and gentle manner endears her to her many friends and is winning her an ever increasing number.

A "personality plus" gal, with the ability to cope with any and all situations, and always ready to help and advise, is Milwaukee's most famous product — Esther E. Paul.

3RD DISTRICT MEETING AT OMAHA, SEPTEMBER 26, 1953

About 350 guests attended the Omaha's first district meeting, held at Hotel Fontenelle, September 26, 1953. Out-of-town guests were greeted by a welcoming committee, who took them to the hotel, where they checked in for their reservations and tour schedules. Some took the Omaha and Boys Town excursions, while others shopped in Omaha's numerous shopping centers. Some attended various committee meetings.

Sunday morning many of the girls went to 10 o'clock mass in Father Flanagan's church, and then took a tour through various places in Boys Town.

For the Saturday night's banquet, impressive sights met the eyes of the guests. On each table were placed various colored ice vases with lighted candles inside. At one end of the hall an ornamental ice Union Station glistened from the flickering colored light reflections. While the dinner was being served, a grand entry march was made by the waiters bringing forth "Omaha's Famous Steaks" on flaming swords. Between each sword, a waiter had a miniature Nebraska steer mounted on a tray decorated with lighted ice vases, which was a spectacular sight indeed.

National officers who attended were: Georgia Turpin, President; Evelyn Pierce, 2nd Vice-President;

Esther Paul, 3rd Vice-President; Dorothy Nagan, Treasurer; Louise Detjen, Press and Publicity Chairman; Margaret Grahn, Residence Chairman; Helen Hampton, Transportation Chairman; also Presidents or their representatives from local chapters of Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Mobile, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Twin Cities, and many honored officials of the various railroads.

Guest speaker was F. B. Lewis, Superintendent of Safety, Union Pacific RR of Omaha. "The Kernels" of Omaha gave a splendid rendition of barber shop quartet and imitations of famous stars.

On Sunday, September 27th, the guests were greeted with the beautiful strains of Hawaiian music as they entered the ballroom of the Hotel Fontenelle for the brunch. Tables were decorated very cleverly to represent an island with palm trees and natives on the beach. Individual menus were tucked into luggage. There were door prizes and gifts at each place. After the invocation by Georgia Turpin, National President, a delightful brunch was served. Each guest received a souvenir of a tiny silver spoon, crystal jelly dish set in silver tray. Everyone was delighted with this lovely gift.

President Helen Dreibus extended greetings to all and introduced representatives from the various chapters. The Four Thespians entertained with a comedy presentation. At the end of the program, congratulations were extended to the Omaha Chapter for such a delightful meeting, and the guests voiced their thanks for a wonderful time at this second anniversary of the Omaha Chapter. The visiting chapters presented Helen Dreibus with a lovely gift. Everyone prepared to leave for their various homes, only wishing it could be possible for them to remain longer in the "Wild and Woolly West."

BE POLITE AND LIVE LONGER

Making a habit of being polite is one of the finest qualities of human nature. It is one of the fastest ways of building an attractive personality, and it is one of the first rules of success. Politeness and a pleasant disposition go hand-in-hand, and having a pleasant disposition helps to lengthen life. Displays of temper, anger, hate, rudeness and grumpiness prevent clear thinking and play havoc with the nervous system. Far better than any tonics are a cheerful nature, a sense of humor, and a mind that stays calm under stress. Yes, there's much more sense in being calm, friendly and understanding. It's healthier, too, by far. Only "small" people derive satisfaction from being uncivil to others, and only those with "little" minds like to brag about how they told others "where to get off." Despise no man, for every man has his hour and everything has its place. Be a BOOSTER and never a KNOCKER.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHAPTERS

BOSTON—CHAPTER No. 32

Boston, Massachusetts, stronghold of American history, has become, also, the home of Chapter No. 32 of the N. A. R. B. W. Mrs. Mary Murphy, Association of American Railroads, 421 South Station, Boston, was installed President the latter part of June, 1953, by our National President, Miss Georgia Turpin. Miss Katherine Moroney, National First Vice-President, and Miss Gladys Collins of Buffalo Chapter assisted in organizing Boston Chapter.

EL PASO—CHAPTER No. 33

While Texas may choose to be known as the "Lone Star State," we are dubious concerning the appellation, because in our galaxy (which Webster defines as being a "brilliant group—as of persons")—five of our shiniest stars have come from Texas, the newest starlet being El Paso, No. 33 on the record. Mrs. Bessie Ross, Chairman of the National Membership Committee, and Miss Bertha Henderson, President of Dallas Chapter and organizer of the El Paso group, will be guests at an installation party, November 7th, at the Cortez Hotel. Mrs. Betty McEntire of the Texas and Pacific Railway, 117 North Stanton, El Paso, Texas, will assume the duties of President.

BILLINGS—CHAPTER No. 34

We have found a real gem in the heart of the "Treasure State"—Montana. Billings Chapter will be entered as No. 34 on the pages of our book of records, and to Lucille Eyer of Glendive we extend sincere appreciation of her interest in this group. Miss Rowena Fouquer has been chosen the "founder President" and comes to us from the C. B. & Q. RR.

Congratulations to the members of these three new chapters! We hope they will derive much pleasure and benefit from their association. Wouldn't it be a friendly gesture to send good wishes to each of the Presidents? We're sure they'd love it.

We are busily engaged "working" on prospects in Atlanta, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Fort Worth, Tex.; Charleston, S. C.; Pine Bluff, Ark.; Columbus, Ohio; Louisville, Ky.; Tampa, Fla., and Rome, N. Y. If you are acquainted with railway women in these cities, won't you write them a letter and request their assistance in organizing a chapter? Also, do you have any contacts in the northwest states? Our President, Miss Turpin, is anxious to locate chapters in Washington, Oregon, Utah, Nevada or Idaho. Please send the name of your contacts to the Chairman of the Membership Committee, Mrs. Bessie Ross, Room 706, 135 E. 11th Place, Chicago 5, Illinois. A new manual has been published explaining the purpose, history, program, activities, and procedure to organize a new chapter.

We are eager to form new chapters. However, it is well to remember that it is important to retain our present members and to add new ones to the membership rolls of the established chapters. Won't you assist your local membership chairman by bringing in one new member this year?

GLENDIVE DISBANDS

It was with regret that the National Board received notice of the disbandment of Glendive, Montana, Chapter No. 19. We know that by their affiliating with the Billings group each will be benefited thereby.

BESSIE ROSS,
National Membership Chairman

THANKSGIVING

Thankful for the glory of the old Red, White and Blue,
For the spirit of America that still is staunch and true,

For the laughter of our children and the sunlight in their eyes
And the joy of radiant mothers and their evening lullabies;

And thankful that our harvests wear no taint of blood today
But were sown and reaped by toilers who were light of heart and gay.

Thankful for the riches that are ours to claim and keep
The joy of honest labor and the boon of happy sleep.

For each little family circle where there is no empty chair
Save where God has sent the sorrow for the loving hearts to bear;
And thankful for the loyal souls and brave hearts of the past
Who builded that contentment should be with us to the last.

Thankful for the plenty that our peaceful land has blessed,
For the rising sun that beckons every man to do his best,

For the goal that lies before him and the promise when he sows

That his hand shall reap the harvest, undisturbed by cruel foes;

For the flaming torch of justice, symbolizing as it burns;

Here none may rob the toiler of the prize he fairly earns.

Today our thanks are given for the riches that are ours,

For the red fruits of the orchards and the perfume of the flowers,

For our homes with laughter ringing and our hearthfires blazing bright,

For our land of peace and plenty and our land of truth and right;

And we're thankful for the glory of the old Red, White and Blue

For the spirit of our fathers and a manhood that is true.

By EDGAR A. GUEST

NATIONAL EDITOR

A RECORDED VOTE OF THANKS TO OUR EDITORIAL STAFF—Any N. A. R. B. W. member willing to accept the big job of Editor of our National Publication for two years certainly deserves the biggest vote of thanks we can give her for constantly issuing bigger and better issues. — Georgia Turpin, National President.



From left to right: Mailing Editor, Bessie Mikels; Editor, Florence Fickenworth, and Business Manager, Irma Adams.

OUR NATIONAL EDITOR — Florence Fickenworth was born in Wauseon, Ohio, July 18th. She is a petite brunette, full of vim, vigor and vitality. She completes successfully any task she is given to perform and has worked untiringly and faithfully on various committees in her local chapter. Florence is a charter member of the Indianapolis R. B. W. A. and has served two years as Treasurer, one year as Vice-President, and two years as President of the R. B. W. A. Bowling League. Life has dealt Florence several hard knocks but she has jumped all the hurdles and deserves a lot of credit. She has four children, the responsibility for which has been entirely on her shoulders. All are married now and have homes of their own, and she has been blessed with five lovely grandchildren. S/Sgt. Richard is stationed at Selfridge Field, Michigan, having just returned from a year in France. Chief Petty Officer Ralph is on the U. S. S. Stockholm in Korean waters. Evelyn, the older daughter, spent several years in the WAVES and lives in Fort Worth, Texas. Marilyn, the younger daughter, a former R. B. W. A. member, lives in Detroit, Michigan. Florence has been a National Board member for the past several years, serving as Revisions Chairman, Finance Chairman and Editor. She is a Past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and has been very active in organization and club work. To further her knowledge, she has taken several courses at Indiana University Extension. She likes to travel, bowl, read and sew, and also dabbles in poetry. As for railroad service, Florence has been a familiar figure around the Union Station for the past fifteen

years, first with the Travelers Aid Society, then with the Pullman Company as Chief Clerk, and at the present time is the Secretary to the Superintendent of the Indianapolis Union Railway Company. I am honored that I have known Florence for about ten years, and during this time she has proven herself to be a true friend. —IRMA ADAMS, Business Manager

SPECIAL THANKS ALSO TO — Irma Adams and Bessie Mikels, Business Manager and Mailing Editor, who have assisted in so many ways to make this magazine a success.

BUSINESS MANAGER—Irma Adams was born in Mattoon, Illinois, April 8th. She is employed by the Pullman Company, and during the ten years she has worked for them she served as Sign-Out Clerk, Receiving-Cashier-Clerk and Stenographer-Clerk. Irma has a son, Stephen, 8, who is her pride and joy. She enjoys reading, singing, and bowling. This year she is serving as Treasurer of the Bowling League. Irma is active in the choir at the Olive Branch Christian Church.

MAILING EDITOR—Bessie Mikels was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 12. She has been employed by the Indianapolis Union Railway Company since 1919, and at the present time is Assistant Time-keeper. Unfortunately, about ten years ago, sadness struck the Mikels' home when her husband passed away, but through all her joys and sorrows, Bessie has stayed a strong, sincere person, loyal to all her friends. She has a nephew who has four lovely children, and they have been a great comfort to her. Bessie served as our Third National Vice-President in 1950 and 1951. She likes good movies and loves to travel, hoping to see a lot more of the world upon retirement.



EDITORS' LUNCHEON AT 1953 CONVENTION

Those attending were: Florence Fickenworth, National Editor; Rozilda Splitoff, Cleveland; Elestine Wright, Barbara Simon and Mary Presock, Montgomery; Jean Pratt, Los Angeles; Mary Cranshaw, Jacksonville; R. Kopitsch, Milwaukee; Fran Kozak, Miami; Virginia Christian and Ruth Anne Clark (submitted picture), Sacramento; Ruth Langdon and Ann White, Philadelphia; Helen Telker, Kansas City; Elsie Marks, New York; Jesse Lindsay, Janette Logan, Marion Colmer, Marie Huning, St. Louis; Mary Schneider and Rose Wohleiter, Indianapolis.



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Working on clothing collection, left to right, are Sara Craft, Transportation and Reservations Chairman; Dolores Hildebrand, President, and Ella Carpenter, Volunteer Worker.