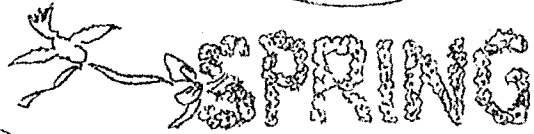




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GREETINGS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY! We, the ladies of the International R.S.E.S. Auxiliary wish to take this opportunity to extend our greetings to each member. The "Sight Glass" is one way that we hope to bring and exchange interesting news; thus continuing the friendliness and growth of our local chapters. We warmly greet two newly formed auxiliaries, whose charters will be presented within the next sixty days; Charleston, S.C. and Terre Haute, Ind.

Sincerely, Ellen Young  
International Secretary



"A little bird told me!"  
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 Notes from you.



AKRON CHAPTER:

The new officers installed by Mrs. Olive Hollingsworth, International First Vice President, are as follows: Mrs. Paul Steiner, Pres; Mrs. Leon Bowen, Vice Pres; Mrs. Earl Dubin, Secy; Mrs. Howard Walker, Treas; Mrs. Chester Pinkston, Sgt. of Arms; and Mrs. Adib Nemer, Historian. Thirty members attended the Installation Banquet held at Young's Hotel on Jan. 5th. We welcome our new member Mrs. Carol Scott.

Activities - The Square Dance held Oct. 27 and Card Party held Nov. 17th were a huge success. Proceeds of the party, \$229.53, were presented to Donald Seekar of Talmadge, who has been hospitalized for 17 months. A Christmas check of \$25.00 was given to the Children's Home.

Jaunita Schneider

BIRMINGHAM AUXILIARY:

Newly elected officers were installed at the Jan. 18th meeting at the home of Gertrude Kent.

Activities - Mrs. Kilgore baked a cake with a dime in it. We sold each slice for ten cents and the one finding the dime has to bake a cake for the next meeting.

We sold tickets on a quilt. We held a supper in Nov. along with a bazaar. Articles were donated by the members and sold.

A drawing was held for the quilt and it was won by Mrs. Eula Sessions.

We are glad to have Doris Corbin and the children back in Birmingham but it was quite a shock to learn that Joe had been injured and was in a hospital in Japan. Following are brief excerpts from his letter: "I was shot down by anti-aircraft fire on Jan. 25th, 1952. I was on a dive-bomb run when I was hit several times by anti-aircraft fire. The plane caught on fire so had to bail out. I was about a half mile from a small island, so I walked back to it, falling through the ice twice. I hadn't seen any of the enemy so climbed to the top of the hill to look. The other side was covered with soldiers. I returned to my hiding place while they looked for me for 2½ hours when I spotted our flying rescue boat about 2 mi. away. After signaling them my position with an escape

mirror, noticed a helicopter and signaled him also. The terrain of the island was too rough for him to pick me up, so I got back on the ice. They started firing at me as soon as I moved, but I got within 20 feet of the "copter" before they hit me. It took nearly 12 hours and 3 flights to get me to an Amer. doctor. When I finally reached a hosp., they had to remove most of my right jaw-bone and put in a plate, sewed some of the loose teeth in, sewed up my tongue and holes in my cheek and lip. Then wired my mouth closed and it has been closed ever since. All nourishment is taken through a straw.

Doris tells us Joe got the Purple Heart. How about sending him a card or note at.

Lt. Joe W. Corbin, AO-2100580  
 U.S.A.F. Hospital  
 APO-1054, c/o P.M.  
 San Francisco, Calif.

(Reported by Martin VanBuren)

CHARLESTON CHAPTER:

Responding to the request of the Charleston Chapter, we met Sept. 19th and decided to organize. Following officers were elected: Pres. - Mrs. H.S. Fromberger; V-Pres., Mrs. R.L. Ebinger; Sec. & Treas., Mrs. S.A. Holcombe. This is just to let you know that we have started.

Lydia B. Fromberger

CLEVELAND CHAPTER:

The following Officers were installed Jan. 17 at Pete's Wayside Inn at the Installation Dinner - (steak no less!) - Pres. - Ruth MacPherson; V.Pres. Laura Baumgardner; Sec., Mildred Smylie; Treas. LaVerne Way.

Activities - In November we heard a

CLEVELAND CHAPTER: (Continued)

lecture on "How to Speak in One Easy Lesson" by Paul Mermer, manager of the Ohio Institute. In Dec. we were lucky to hear Mrs. Ophelia Dudley Steed, the noted Negro Poetess, - "an unusually talented artist. Feb. 21st we held a White Elephant Auction at the Y.W.C.A. International Institute. Not only was the auction beneficial in raising funds, but afforded many humorous incidents.

The following are quoted from the Cleveland Chapter's monthly paper, - "The Female Flare": "At twenty a woman blushes when a man praises her. At thirty she thinks he's a clever fellow. At forty she wonders what he wants." -

"FAMILY DRAMA:

Raising children---A Comedy of Terrors!"  
Rose Smylie

COLUMBUS CHAPTER:

Our February meeting was a combination meeting and stork shower for Judy Yost.  
Irma Kinder

COLONELS CHAPTER:

The following Officers were elected:  
Pres., Louise Marrison; V.Pres. Virginia Burks; Secy., and Treas., Lena Hood.  
Helen Hofgesang

CENTRAL PENN. CHAPTER:

Officers were elected at the Nov. meeting; bad weather prevented a Dec. meeting; Jan. meeting was held at Harrisburg; and a Valentine Party is planned for Feb.  
Mary Helbig

DAYTON CHAPTER:

A Christmas party was held Dec. 8th at the Tasty Pantry, - (turkey!) - table favors donated by our President, Mrs. Paul Hopper; gifts were exchanged and received our "secret pal" for the year. We donated \$25.00 to a fellow member whose daughter had been ill for many months. She has since died. Our sympathy goes to this family.  
M.F.Wolfe

HEAD OF THE LAKES AUX.:

In Dec. a smorgasbord supper was served jointly with the men, after which the past International President, Elva Klahn, presented us with our charter. Each Auxilliary member received a gift and then the balance of the gifts were auctioned off to the men. In Jan. after a general discussion on events for the coming year, Miss Joyce Luzerene, Occupational Therapist of Middle Rivers Sanatorium, gave a brief talk about the work with the patients, and how our auxiliary could help. We decided to hold an apron

party in Feb. to assist this work. We shall use flour sacks for these aprons.  
Mrs. B. Routh

FURNITURE CITY:

The Feb. meeting was held and was a husband and wife Valentine party. Our room was beautifully decorated in hearts and cupids, and the ceiling covered with white and red paper. The center piece for the table was a lovely heart shaped cake. Everyone had a wonderful time and all our members are looking forward to the next issue of the "Sight Glass".  
Ida Unsted

GREATER MIAMI CHAPTER:

A Valentine party and covered dish supper was held Feb. 14th. The entire R.S.E.S. members and families were invited. After a delightful supper, games were played by the children and bingo by the adults.  
Beatrice Morce

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. CHAPTER:

On Oct. 20th the men and their ladies had a chicken dinner at the Pine Manor Lodge in Anderson, Ind. Joe Pierson gave an interesting talk on Americanism. On Oct. 23rd, at our social meeting, we had a speaker from Goodwill Industries, who spoke on "Bent but not Broke." Our new Officers are: Pres., Dorothy Jennings; V.Pres., Eloise Willenbery; Secy., Eleanor Shepherd; Treas. Tenny Wolfe. A reception was held for the men after our installation. - Our birthday party was held Feb. 20. All charter members were invited even though they may no longer be members. A grand time was had by all.  
Eleanor Shepherd

NORTHERN INDIANA AUXILIARY:

Dec. 16th was the date of our Christmas Party and Pot Luck Supper. This is always enjoyed by all members and their families. After dinner we tried to guess our Secret Pal and exchanged gifts. After Christmas carols, we showed two movies - "Ma & Pa Kettle" and "Abbott and Costello."  
Hulda Kuppinger



### KANSAS CITY CHAPTER:

New Officers: Pres., Mrs. Art Brown; V. Pres., Mrs. Art Monroe; Sec., Mrs. Cecil Visger; Treas., Mrs. R. A. McCullough. The above officers were elected at the Jan. meeting. Fried chicken, salad, potato chips, homemade cookies and coffee were served to RSES and Auxiliary members and guests. (Make you hungry?)

38 members of the Auxiliary and their husbands gathered for a Dinner Party and Dance Dec. 17th at the Playhouse. The weather was not cooperative. Fried chicken and trimmings were plentiful. Grab-bag gifts were received by all, and Secret Pal gave gifts and revealed their names. Each Auxiliary member received a Christmas Cor-sage. Round and Square Dancing completed the evening.

Feb. meeting was held on the 21st. Games and refreshment were centered around Val-entine's and Washington Birthday themes. Ways and Means for making money was dis-cussed, nothing conclusive was decided upon, but we must find a way for making up for the inflation that is catching up with us. Would welcome any ideas for making money.

Edna Visger & Edith Brown

### FORT WAYNE AUXILIARY:

On Oct. 18th we had a Theater Party. We saw David and Bathsheba."

The Christmas Party was held Dec. 13th. We had a pot luck lunch furnished by RSES; (\$25.00 was given to the men toward the Christmas Party Expense). Each child re-ceived a large stocking of candy, peanuts, two cars or a book and two candy canes. We then had movies for all and square dance for adults. The left over Xmas stockings were given to the orphanage.

The Jan. meeting was held at Tourinn Restaurant, which was a combination banquet for husbands and wives. New Officers: Pres., Doris Kayser; V.Pres., Eloise Knepper; Secy., Ruth Schmidt; Treas., Fortia Schaff. We decided to start our raffle prize again for this year. It is to be a 50¢ prize. Feb. meeting was held at Hotel Van Orman. There will be no meet-ings in June, July, and Aug.

Ruth Schmitt

### MOTOR CITY CHAPTER:

New Officers: Pres., Gertrude White; V.Pres., Ellen Short; Secy., Caroline Thrash; Treas., Beulah Millard.

We would like to know how a small group like ours can make money. We have served lunch to our RSES and charged them, but

that does not make very much. We are looking forward to seeing the next issue of the Sight Glass. We hope to get some new members this year.

Dorothy Hansen

### RICHMOND AUXILIARY:

Mrs. Ella Baughton presided at a very impressive installation, presenting each Officer with a pretty nosegay as she was installed. We also celebrated our fourth anniversary. Mrs. Cleo Armstrong was our Hostess and she had a very lovely party with games, prizes, and a very delicious lunch. New Officers: Pres. Mrs. Edna Lampie; V.Pres., Mrs. Helen Rosemond; Secy., (recording)-Mrs. Cleo Armstrong, (corresponding)-Mrs. Mrs. Anita Booth; Treas., Mrs. Francis Hauck.

### ROCKFORD CHAPTER:

Officers: Pres., Mrs. Mildred Hughes; V. Pres., Mrs. Ella Pope; Secy., Mrs. Everetta McCarthy; Treas., Leona Chapman.

A lovely Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Leona Chapman

Our past presidents party was held Feb. 26th at Trudy's Party House. The Aux-iliary paid for the past presidents din-ner and also gave each of them a gift. Canasta was played after which lunch was served.

Our meetings are held each month at the members' homes. We each pay ten cents and this is given to the hostess of the evening to help defray her expense for the lunch. Then each member puts 25¢ in the Auxiliary treasury and then in June we hold a dinner at the Wagon Wheel and take \$1.00 from the treasury for each member's dinner and she pays the balance. We then use this money to pay for the past presidents dinners and buy them each a \$3.00 gift. Each member gives 50¢ to the members who happen to have birth-days during the month of our meeting. This way each member receives \$5.00 to buy something for herself. We start our meetings in Sept., but do not hold them in July and Aug.

Everetta McCarthy

### SAN DIEGO AUXILIARY:

In July a Beach Party was held for all members and their husbands at Beth Moran's. A howling success is Beth as Mistress of Ceremonies.



SAN DIEGO AUXILIARY: (Continued)

Blanche Odell had "Open House" in Sept. for our first luncheon and card party. Gifts and home made candy turned in a neat purse of \$35.27 to aid our Delegate Ellen Young, at the International Convention in Chicago.

Our Nov. meeting was followed by a unique Stork Shower. A Piggy Bank for the new baby was passed around. A penny is contributed for each letter of your name. Bill and Jessie Peat are very proud of their second daughter. A party to welcome our new members was held at Ellen Young's home in Nov. also. Mary Riley, the Artist of our group had an outstanding poster. Sewing and embroidering for the "Door of Hope" of the Salvation Army is being carried on at home under the guidance of June Estes, Welfare Chairman.

Committee and Members have made our motto, "Make Life Worth While" - their guide for the coming year.

Mary Phillips, one of our active members projected a sale of jewelry by the Emmons Jewelry Co. in San Diego at our June meeting. Marge turned her commission in jewels over the Auxiliary to be raffled off. Results - \$100.30 realized! A needy family has been found thru the Salvation Army and all are assured of a "Merry Christmas".

TIDEWATER CHAPTER:

Ellen Young

A rummage sale was held Feb. 2nd and the Auxiliary cleared \$34.00. Our Auxiliary is very proud of this profit as only about half our members were able to attend but donated things for the sale. The committee reports that the rummage sale was quite a lark. We are trying to raise money by selling cards and stationery. Our men report that we are helping their chapter a lot. (No explanation as to how they are helping.)

Margaret Splights

TWIN CITIES CHAPTER:

Our Auxiliary ended the year 1951 with a gala Christmas dinner dance party at Lilac Lanes. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by 75 persons. After our dance Santa presented each person with a silly gift. All present had a wonderful time.

Our Jan. meeting was taken up by mapping out our program for the year. We have decided to have a variety of meetings this year, - luncheons, joint meetings with the men, evening meetings, picnics., etc.

The Feb. meeting was held at the home of Helga Homes, Feb. 18th. Husbands were invited and each Auxiliary member had to answer the roll call with a joke. This

was lots of fun. Gloria Asporth and Marciell Zolen entertained 18 couples on Valentine's evening.

March meeting will be a lunch and radio program at which time we hope to find out what talent we have in our group. April meeting will be held at Gloria Asporth's and all members are to answer roll call wearing a silly hat. We hope to make money for the year by selling cards and having benefit card parties.

Ida Ost

WICHITA CHAPTER:

The Auxiliary held their Christmas party at Steffens Hostess Room Dec. 1st. About 65 parents and children were present. Carols were sung by the group and films shown for the amusement of children and grown-ups. Mr. Bell, our Santa, gave each child a gift and popcorn ball. Glendora Hansen was chairman for the affair. Refreshments were served.

Harriet Whitman

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The women of the R.S.E.S. Auxiliary feel a great loss in the passing of George Schuld, International Safety Director of R.S.E.S. Anyone attending the International Conventions is aware of his genuine interest in the Auxiliary. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Mary Schuld, who has contributed much to the welfare of the International organization by her presence at all Conventions, and participation in Convention activities.

HELP IMPROVE "SIGHT GLASS" :

It was decided at the Convention that there would be four issues of "SightGlass" printed this year, and made available to each member without charge. We are a little disappointed in the response received for material for the paper. Many of our very active chapters have not contributed material as you can see. We want to know what every chapter is doing in raising money and ideas to create entertainment and interest. If you have problems, or wish help or suggestions from other chapters, the "Sight Glass" can be helpful to you. A better response will bring out the next issue sooner. WE MUST HAVE MATERIAL!

Some clever poems or anecdotes will make the paper more interesting. Let us also hear what your future plans are. PLEASE send something you would like to read as well as others! - THANKS!

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