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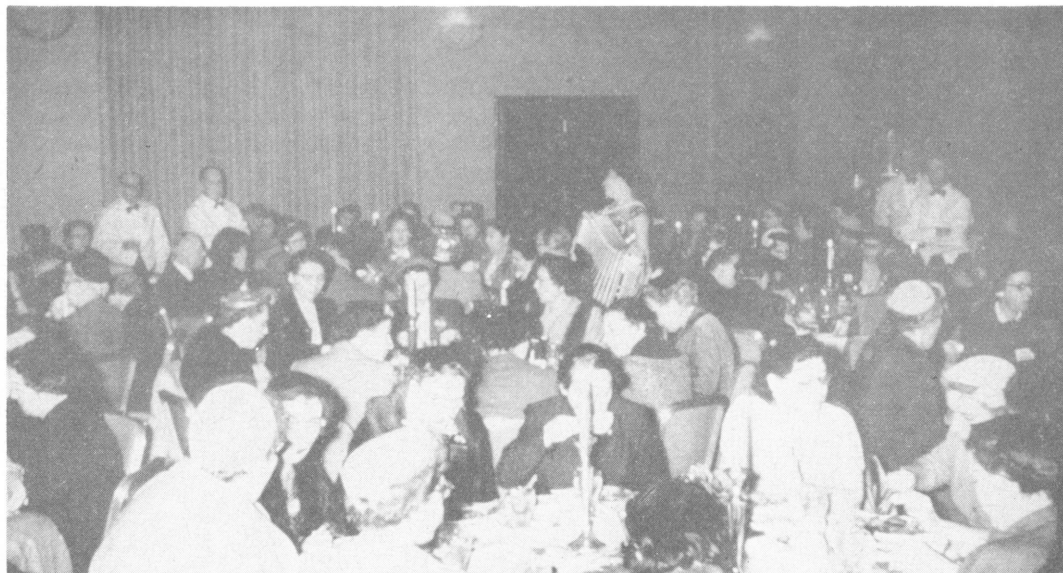
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SUNDAY BRUNCH — ESSEX HOUSE

Convention High Spots

What a wonderful week of fun and good-fellowship we had in New York at the Convention! By special arrangement with the weatherman we had clear, pleasant weather, with only a slight sprinkle from Hurricane Edna.

Those who arrived early in the week had time for leisurely shopping, theatre-going, and all the little exploring that can be done in a strange city. On Wednesday night our group activities began. First a trip through Chinatown (smaller than San Francisco's, but complete in every detail) then a prodigious Chinese dinner.

Thursday morning we met for breakfast at Altman's on Fifth Avenue and were entertained with a lecture on clothes and beauty while we ate. In the afternoon, we split into small groups and went sight-seeing—a boat trip around Manhattan Island, a ride to the Statue of Liberty, a visit to the Hayden Planetarium. Tired, but happy after a busy day, we gathered at the Astor in the late afternoon for cocktails and note-comparing.

Since most people arrived on Thursday, this was the first opportunity to see and meet all the members. Now we began to feel the 'Convention Spirit,' and to realize what a truly numerous and wide-spread organization we are. Registration was like registration anywhere: smooth, efficient, fast. With badges pinned on, we gained a unity and sense of importance, and spent the night in that good old custom of room-hopping.

Friday morning we were on hand early for the joint business meeting, where we voted on policies to pursue for the coming year. Luncheon on the Astor Roof followed, and here we found an impressive sight. Each table was named for a state; the centerpiece was an outline map of that state, with the state flag marking the cities in which we have Chapters. The speakers table had a map of the whole U.S. with all the state flags massed around it. The food was delicious, the panel discussion vigorous and informative. We came away with a feeling of awe at the things we hadn't known until now.

Friday night was Open House in Hospitality Suite, and those who hadn't gone to shows or movies gathered there to swap stories of other conventions, mutual friends, and the special beauties of their part of the world. All this talk was eased by the partaking of refreshments supplied by the Hostess Chapters.

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**AWSCPA AWARD REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1954**

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District of Columbia	121	485	565	900	725	600	1040	4436
Grand Rapids	100	664	595	900	235	700	1200	4394
Cleveland	290	453	600	750	400	600	1200	4293
Los Angeles	247	516	600	900	525	650	850	4288
Muskegon	57	751	600	900	290	625	1030	4253
Houston	38	661	405	900	135	675	1200	4014
Louisville	50	648	600	850	75	675	915	3813
Seattle	19	416	415	1100	200	675	790	3615
Holland		795	600	900	35	600	420	3350
Chicago		451	600	750	200	625	700	3326
Columbus	67	464	520	750		635	825	3261
Richmond	96	756	465	750	150	675	250	3142
Atlanta (34)	(34)	440	510	900		700	450	2966
New York	76	556	520	750		650	325	2877
Buffalo	256	698	315	885		525	160	2839
Toledo (95)	(95)	604	590	750		645	190	2684
San Francisco	47	378	545	750		550	400	2670
Terre Haute	157	688	545	635		575	70	2670
Cincinnati		644	515	750		325	415	2649
Philadelphia	175	582	485	585		500	300	2627
Kansas City	29	467	600	720		665	85	2566
Dayton	73	731	260	700		525	140	2429
Des Moines	72	609	255	900		530		2366
San Diego		649	210	750		525	225	2359
Long Beach		624	390	600		695		2309
Detroit	72	348	325	950		500	80	2275
Oakland		594	265	485		580	185	2109
Denver	160	457	100	800		440	100	2057
Spokane	83	466	325	400	135	500	125	2034
Saginaw	(28)	783	240	450		455		1900
Lansing		603	220	500		475	50	1848
Pittsburgh		453	410	400		480		1743
Sacramento	140	404	160	300	125		50	1179
Baltimore	132	264	200	200		125		921
Syracuse		97	35	50		125	200	507
Portland	136	25				25		186
Indianapolis								

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Saturday morning the business meetings ended early, so those who were in N. Y. just for the week-end had almost a full day for seeing the town. At night we reached the high point of the Convention, the formal reception and banquet. The featured speaker, Dorcas Campbell, was unable to be present, but Wilda De Buys spoke to us on the "Pathways to Serenity," or how to achieve inner peace. The introduction of new officers and presentation of awards impressed us again with the nation-wide scope of our organizations. After the banquet, we visited the Richmond, Va., suite, where we were served beaten biscuits and ham, as a sample of the hospitality we can expect next year.

Sunday, after attending devotions at a church of our choice, we met for a farewell luncheon at the Essex House. By now, we were no longer strangers, and we were saddened that all our new-found friends must go their separate ways. But we adjourned on a note of optimism: we have promised to see you-all in Richmond in '55.—By E. T. Collier, New York Chapter ASWA.