

MOTHERS OF WORLD WAR II AND AFTER INC.

On October 25, 1943, Mrs Ervin (Ethel Pearl Klink) Wagner invited Mrs. Rita McDonald of Elkhart, Indiana to meet with her and a group of Mothers in the Mentone area, all of who have or had sons and daughters serving in the United States Serving in World War II. to form the Organization of Mothers of World War II. The group was given a Certificate of Charter of Affiliation permit. This Charter of Dispensation issue by the authority of the National Chapter (Mother Organization). The became Mentone Unit 106. Indiana Mothers of World War II. This unit met once every month and was to meet with 10 other Units in District II. The group would meet every four month with different Unites serving as host. Three Units were to bring things for a bazaar table in which were sold or aution off to make money to buy wheel chairs, radios games and other gifts. The ladies would make hospital gowns out of shirts, se scoffies, lap fobes and bibs also cushions for wheel chairs. Some would go to the Hospitals to have Parties for the servies men and woman, also donate money for the Hospitals and help service men and wwmn and their families.

There were 46 Charter Members;

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| 1. Olive Swick         | 16. Anis E. Bayne     | 31. Opal Tucker            |
| 2. Maude L. Onthank    | 17. Louise Madeford   | 32. Lavera Horn Hendricks  |
| 33. Blanche E. Woran   | 18. Cora Bowen        | 33. Thelma Hibschman       |
| 4. Linie L. Aernett    | 19. Emma Blue Cook    | 34. Flo Shirey             |
| 5. Zula E. Stoops      | 20. Minnie Busenburg  | 35. Imo Epler              |
| 6. Nora Tucker         | 21. Bessie Gross      | 36. Edna Sarber            |
| 7. Folsom Newill       | 22. Dora Goodman      | 37. Mary Lena Blue         |
| 8. Neva Staddon        | 23. Ellen Stanford    | 38. Lena Igo               |
| 9. Oca Gross           | 24. Dove J. Kerker    | 39 Sarah Ellsworth         |
| 10. Orpha Phehus       | 25. Cora Van Gilder   | 40. Alto Hudson            |
| 11. Irene Myrtle Davis | 26. Mary A. Smith     | 41. Mary Laird Barkman     |
| 12. Esta P. Vandermark | 27. Gladys Nottingham | 42. Bernice Rush           |
| 13. Mara Louise Summy  | 28. Treva Secor       | 43. Mariam Shinn           |
| 14. Zoa Linn           | 29. Rhoda Jones       | 44. Helen A. Mollenhour    |
| 15. Lenna Aanderson    | 30. Athello Hoffman   | 45. Blanch Paulus Whitmyer |
|                        |                       | 46. Ethel Pearl Wagner     |

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Ethel Pearl Wagner was the first President of the Mother of World War II. A First Vice-President, Financial Secretary, Second Vice- President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Historian, Sergeant-at- Arms, Musician, Parliamentarian, Color Bearers and Color Guards are chosen. Later the Mothers of World War II included all mother who have had a son or daugther who has servered in all wars or have been in service just for one month. All mothers may join Mothers of World War II and there after if thier sons or daughter has been in the service for just one month. Mothers who's son or daughter did not pass their physical for the services may become a social Member.

The Mothers make cookies and get other things to put in packages to send to boys and girls who are serving orer seas and we send a Christmas card and two doller to each service man or woman in the United States from around Mentone area. They also hold Memaral Services and we placed two Plaque for two missing in action , and a urn for deaciesed War Mothers.

There are eleven Charter War Mothers still living on January 1, 1980. They are Lena Igo, Sarah Ellworth, Alta Hudson, Miriam Shinn, Helen A. Mollenhour, Edna Sarber, Ima Elpler, Mary Barkman with Mary Lena Blue died just recently. Bernice Rush and Blanch Paulus Whitmyer are still living and are Gold Star Mothers. Opal Tucker was a Gold Star Mother, she is not living.

Viola Funnell was elected President for 1980 with Dora Nottis, Frist Vice President, June Reed Second Vice President Mildred Fowler Recording Secretary, Ethel Whitstone Financial Secretary, Maude Romine Treasure, Edith Young Chaplin, Pearl Horn Sargeant- at- Arms, Lois Paxton Perry is Historian.

Ethel "hetstone was elected State President.

from Lois Perry

Mothers Of W. W. H. Inc. was organized Oct. 25th - 1943. Mother Ethel Wagner was the mother that organized the unit 106 of Mentone. Was the first president of the unit. Before she organized the unit, she would go to Elkhart, where the Boys got on the train. With cookies, combs, and what little things she could to give the Boys. There is forty-seven charter members. Our work is for the Veterans and there families. We make lap robes, neck pillows, restyle white shirts, bibs, chair pads. Try to put on parties at the hospitals. Send money to the mother's hospital ch. to give the boys, to buy little things they can use. We are non profit organized unit. Donations are always welcome. Any mother can belong that has a son or daughter in service. Also a mother can be a social member and help with the work. Our Boys are still in the Veteran hospitals.

~~Ethel~~  
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Ethel has pictures

Group 1940's

group at cemetery - 1970's

2 - Ethel at state Convention

some of  
members  
of  
War Mothers

- Ida Holloway
- Ersie Manwaring
- Cora Van Gilder
- Anna Bayne
- Pearl Cormican
- Alvie Swick
- Ocie Gross
- Cora Bowan
- Mildred Farley
- Ellen Stanford
- Julia Ann Smith
- Folsom Newell
- Roda Jones
- Ethel Wagner
- Elmyra Fisher
- Isabelle Morrison
- Edith Scott
- Fawn Janke
- Dora Whitstone
- May Bowerman
- Ladia Hendrix
- Minnie Busenbarg
- Myrtle Davis
- Sadie Ellsworth

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and  
first President (organizer)

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on Charter 1943

# Mentone Woman Grand Marshal

Mrs. Ethel Whetstone, of Mentone, has been named as Grand Marshal of this year's Mentone Egg Festival Parade by Co-Chairmen Orabelle Meredith and Darrell King.

Mrs. Whetstone, 77-years young, has been past president of the State of Indiana World War II Mothers, an organization which began in 1941. To become a member, a mother must have had a son or daughter in the service from any war. Mrs. Whetstone qualified in this area, having one son and three sons-in-law in the war

since her membership began in 1946.

During the wars, the World War II Mothers activities included packing boxes at Christmas and Easter. Veterans hospitals in Indiana have benefited from their visits during peacetime. Annually, the World War II Mothers decorate the graves of war veterans on Memorial Day.

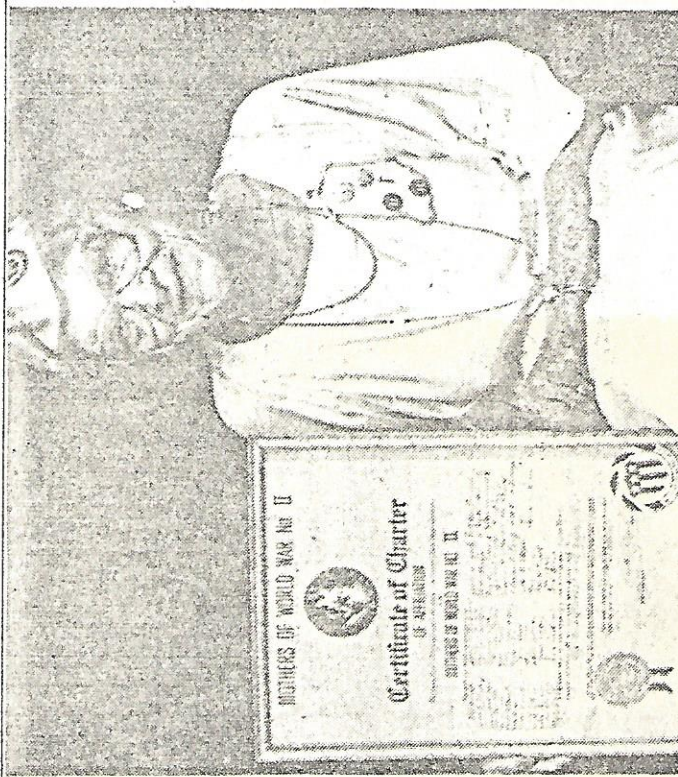
Mrs. Whetstone was married in 1921 to the late Dewey Whetstone. They are the parents of five daughters: Doris Linton, of Leesburg; Lois Walsh, of Mentone; Ed-

na Cowen, of Plymouth; Mildred Grindle, of Warsaw, and Mary Lou, deceased, and one son, Lowell D., also deceased. Ethel also has 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

### Years Of Service

She has devoted many years to the organization of World War II Mothers.

Besides being the state president, she has also been district president and twice was unit president. Mrs. Whetstone is also a member of the Harrison Center Bible Church.



Mrs. Ethel Whetstone - Grand Marshal