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Who: Wies American Women's Assn. Award as Outstanding Woman of the Year

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Mrs. Elinore M. Herrick, regional director of the NLRB today possessed the annual American Women's Assn. achievement award as the outstanding woman of the year.

It was presented to her last night at the 15th annual friendship dinner of New York's business and professional clubwomen held at the Biltmore.

Early yesterday morning, the 1941 Woman of Achievement sat at her desk in NLRB headquarters, 120 Wall St., and raked strong fingers through a head of heavy brown hair.

"So help me God, sometime today, I've got to get a hair shampoo for that dinner tonight. Hey, Mrs. Dwyer," she called to her secretary. "You haven't loaded me up with appointments clear through to dinner time, have you?"

"Now, let's see those challenges. Heavens, 20 of them! All right," she says. "I'll sustain you. Let's talk, some more about this tomorrow. Okedoke?"

The labor delegation leaves and Mrs. Herrick leans back in her chair for a breathing spell.

"Luckily I had gone to a technical high school," she said. "I decided I could make more money with a factory job. Did piece-work in a paper-box factory in Springfield for 28 cents an hour, plus a bonus. I was a demon piece-worker."

Other industrial jobs which taught Mrs. Herrick labor's language included work in machine-belt, shoe polish and rayon factories. She was production manager in this last, but quit to finish a college course at Antioch, Ohio, where she ran a college boarding house to support herself and her two boys. One boy is now at Yale, the other is in the army.

Calling Names

The daughter of a New England Unitarian minister, Mrs. Herrick entered industry as a factory worker when, after a divorce, she undertook the support of her two boys, then one and two years old.

"Labor and industry must both learn that collective bargaining is an art. And if they aren't skilled in it, they'd better learn. This mediation machinery is a real bulwark protecting both the rights of labor and employers. Both sides should recognize that it is the best way."