

Bodder, Ruth

Local Girls Sworn In As WAVES

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Ruth Bodder, a member of the Globe-Times Business department, is shown above being sworn into the WAVES by Ensign Miriam E. Waltemyer, of Philadelphia. Looking on in the background are Virginia Gradwohl, Nazareth R. D. 1, and Irene Johnson, right, also a member of the Globe-Times Business Department.

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Ruth Bodder Accepted by WAVES

Miss Ruth Bodder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henri Bodder, 331 Prospect Avenue, city, and an employe in the advertising department of the Bethlehem Globe-Times since Nov. 19, 1943, was accepted for service in the WAVES by the Travel Board yesterday at the Hotel Bethlehem.

Sworn in late yesterday afternoon, Miss Bodder expects to leave for Hunter College for "boot" training Aug. 24. She graduated from Liberty High School in 1943.

Seven Bethlehem girls applied for enlistment in the WAVES and three were accepted, including Miss Bodder, however two of the girls have not been sworn in as yet, therefore, their names cannot be released.

The usual trip to Philadelphia for the swearing-in was eliminated by the arrival of the board, and all the tests, including official interviews, regular Navy physical examination and the classification-aptitude test were completed in the one day.

Any other girls from the Bethlehem area wishing to apply may do so at the Post Office Building in Allentown, today and Saturday. The travel board will travel to Reading next week, to canvass that territory, since enlistments must continue at the rate of 1,000 a week, the Navy Department announcing that 40,000 WAVES are needed this year.

The board personnel who stopped in Bethlehem for one day was comprised of Lieutenant Lowell E. Krebs, in charge; Medical Officer-Lieutenant J. D. Battle, Jr., Ensign Miriam E. Waltemyer, WAVE interview officer; Janet Caspen, yeoman second class, and Esther Egge, pharmacist's mate, second class. This group is sent from the Office of Naval Officer's Procurement, Philadelphia.

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