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Parties in the Air

Just like every other party. Where lives the hostess who can calmly face the knowledge that that phrase will be invoked against her? And so, when there is entertaining to be done, hostesses usually set their wits to work to try and concoct something that will be a little off the beaten track. After all carbon copies in parties are no more popular with guests than they are as letters to intimate friends.

Down in Miami, Mary Alexander, private pilot and mother of two, was faced with the problem of providing a birthday party for Mary junior. Fourteen girls and boys, all about the same age, turned up at the Pan American Airport at a specified hour, climbed into a transport plane and were off for an afternoon of flying over Florida and the Gulf of Mexico. There was so much to see that the guests spent most of the time with their eyes glued to the windows, shouting excited comments back and forth. Jose, the steward, served refreshments and answered questions, with Mrs. Alexander to act as chaperone and explain perplexing technical points. Three of the girls were children of pilots, and most of the members of the flying party had been up; but not in a congenial group of other fourteen-year-olds, with party refreshments and all the fixin's. No doubt, it was one occasion when their "I had a nice time at your party" meant exactly what it said.

Aerial teas have been given from time to time; and last month in Cincinnati, Mrs. Talton Embry, whose son is president of the Embry-Riddle Company, gave a card party in the air. Two tables of bridge in a tri-motored plane was something of a novelty. Whether the altitude influenced the quality of the bridge playing and caused some of the guests to bid 'em up a little too high is not known. At any rate, eight ladies^{blithely} shuffled and dealt and doubled and redoubled and finessed some eight thousand feet up in the air at this unusual bridge party.

Three luncheons in the air were given within the month by the Kellogg Company of Battle Creek, Michigan. At the first of these

the guests were prominent club women and newspaper women of Detroit. Women editors of seven magazines attended the second luncheon, while nine New York newspaper women partook of the noonday meal on the third of these airy functions. Both of the last two were held near New York City. Mary I. Barber, who acted as hostess of the luncheons, is head of the home economics department of the Kellogg Company. She has done some work along the line of planning menus for air transport lines.

With summer rapidly approaching, it seems likely that the idea of lunching, teeing or otherwise making merry high above the well-warmed earth will come more and more into favor.

Types in the "99".

Thin girls, fat girls, short and tall,
Young girls, middle-aged, good sports all,
Short haired, long haired, dark and light,
Frail looking girls or full of might.

Cashiers, teachers, waitresses too,
Debutantes, mothers, girls with naught to do,
Working girls, playing girls, more that won't rhyme - -
These are the types in the "99".

From a "99er" who says, "If it's a poem you want.....but don't blame it on me."

National Women's Air Group Elects

The National Women's Aeronautical Association, which has local and state groups affiliated with it in various parts of the country, chose officers recently at its annual meeting in Detroit. Mrs. Orra Heald Blackmore was re-elected president; Mrs. George Shaw Green, was chosen first vice-president; Mrs. Clark D. Stearns, second vice-president; Mrs. Sid A. Erwin, treasurer, and Miss Rena B. Schlee, secretary. The following directors were chosen: Mrs. Ulysses Grant McQueen, Mrs. Mac Short, Miss Blanche Reed, Mrs. Carl F. Schory, Mrs. A. G. Spear, and Miss Mary Dowd.

Wings on Our Feet

Jean La Rene, transport pilot, ferried an American Eagle plane from Kansas City for delivery in Los Angeles recently . . . Alberta Worley, limited commercial pilot of Oklahoma City, returning from a visit to Minnesota, flew a Travel Air from Chicago to Wichita . . . A large number of women pilots, members of women's flying organizations and women in various phases of aviation, attended the recent Air Show in New York, which included a Woman's Luncheon in their honor on Famous Flyer's Day which was given by Curtiss Wright Corporation at Curtiss Airport, Valley Stream, L. I. . . . Lorraine Defren, Keet Mathews, Jean D. Hoyt, Eleanor Spear and Maurice Ames (Mrs. Frederick), flew up to Portland, Mr., from Boston to a tea held at the home of one of the members of the Wing and Prop Club of New

England in Mrs. Ames' Travel Air. Several others had planned to fly up but were prevented by the soupy weather. . . Those who are flying places these days will be interested to mark down in their notebooks the following dates:-

May 24 (Saturday)-Naval Air Station, Anacostia, D.C. Eleventh Annual Curtiss Marine Trophy Race. A 100 mile speed contest with service seaplanes. There will also be an aerial review of 150 Navy planes over Washington, followed by a demonstration of the latest developments in warfare maneuvers and tactics, as well as of individual military acrobatics.

May 28-June 1.- New England Air Tour and dedication of Bowles Airport and Air Races (May 30-June 1) sponsored by the Springfield, Mass. Chapter of the National Aeronautic Association, of which Maude I. Tait is secretary-treasurer. Joan Fay Shankle and Marjorie Louise Doig, L. C. members of the Wing and Prop Club, will probably fly in the tour. A number of women pilots from all over the country will enter events at the races, of which there will be several for women. Address Miss Tait at 192 Springfield St., Springfield, Mass.

June 20-21.- Dedication of Randolph Field, U.S. Army Air Corps Training Center at San Antonio, Texas. This will be the world's largest flying school, and it will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. About 260 planes will take part in the exhibition over the field on the morning of the 20th. All women pilots are cordially invited to be present by Mabel C. Cooper, who is secretary of the Randolph Field Dedication committee. Her address is 1208 National Bank of Commerce Building, San Antonio.

June 21-22.- Dedication of the Allentown Airport, Allentown, Pa. There will be a number of races, which may be entered by women pilots. Dorothea Leh of Allentown invites all members of the "99" Club to attend, and has promised them a dinner at the Country Club on the night of Saturday, the 21st, as well as accommodations for the night.

Pilot's License Notes

One new private pilot and three new limited commercial pilots were reported for this week, making the total 205, with 21 transport, 25 L.C., and 159 private pilots.

The new pilot is Ella V. Odgers of Norwich, Conn., who is a student of the Curtiss Wright Flying Service school at Brainard Field, Hartford. She is only eighteen years old, and is now busy getting together hours toward her L.C.

Myrtle M. Brown of New Castle, Del., recently qualified for her limited commercial license at Camden Airport, Camden, N. J. Miss Brown owns her own plane and already has 150 solo hours to her credit. Beryl T. Hart qualified for her L.C. just in time to show 35 pay passengers how the Atlantic fleet looks from the air when it is anchored in the Hudson River. It was a rush day at Newark Air Service and they were glad to be able to turn over the controls of a Travel Air cabin plane to Miss Hart. Mrs. Mary L. Moore, whose husband Milton H. Moore is also a pilot and is manager and owner of the Interstate Airways Company at Hartford, Conn., having qualified for her limited commercial license, is busy working for her transport. She has several cross-country solo flights to her credit already.