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RECORDS: Helen Richey won the \$100.00 prize offered by the N. A. A. to the first person making an International Record after midnight, January 31st, when she took off at 12:03 A. M. February 1st to establish a world record for land planes in the fourth category (single seaters) at Langley Field, Virginia. She landed at 12:55 A. M. with a record of 72.224 m.p.h.

Ione Coppedge took her Aeronca up to establish a light plane altitude record at Dayton, Ohio, on February 11th. Her ship weighed 496 lbs. empty, so in order to bring the total of the weight carried up to 331 lbs., Ione took Mrs. Josephine Garrigus with her as passenger, and 37 lbs. of ballast! The flight took one hour and fifty-five minutes, and although the official barograph calibration has not been completed at this writing, it is believed that she has broken the National Record, as well as establishing an International Record for Women.

AIRWAY TRAFFIC CONTROL: With the new Inter-Airline Agreement in operation on the major airways, and more stringent regulations in effect at the larger airports, radio equipment and a radio operator's license will be essential to the private flyer before long. Already at Newark Airport and Chicago Municipal Airport, it is necessary to report by radio before landing if the ceiling is below 1500 ft., and/or visibility is less than five miles.

For a radio telephone operator license, third class, it is necessary to pass an examination covering Federal laws, regulations, and operation of radio telephone stations for which this class license is valid.

According to information requested from the Sections, the following Ninety-Nines hold radio telephone operator licenses: Amelia Earhart, Helen Richey, Gladys O'Donnell, Esther Johnson, Clema Granger, Hilda Jarmuth, Kay Van Doozer, Edna Crumrine, Jane Ray. Dorothy Carpenter holds an Amateur Radio Telegraph Operator License, which she secured and has kept up since she was fourteen.

A JOINT COMMITTEE ON AIR DEFENSE has been formed for the purpose of disseminating information on the current status of our Army and Navy Air Forces, and the urgent necessity for adequate air defense in our country. The Ninety-Nines are among the fourteen organizations represented on this Committee, and Ninety-Nine members are asked to give their active cooperation in this work.

PRACTICAL AIR NAVIGATION: The Bureau of Aeronautics of the Department of Commerce has recently issued a comprehensive and thoroughly understandable little text on Practical Air Navigation and the use of Aeronautical Charts. It is special publication No. 197, and may be obtained from the Director, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Washington, D. C. for thirty cents, and in lots of 20 or more, for twenty cents. It is suggested that Chapters might purchase this little text and go in for a practical course in Navigation.

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

NORTHWESTERN: Seattle Chapter - The Seattle Chapter has secured a fine new club room at Boeing Field through the cooperation of Frank Yates, Airport Manager, which the girls have already started to furnish with some good looking table lamps, floor lamps and ash stands made of airplane and engine parts. The official opening will be on March 21st, when the Chapter is planning a big benefit dance at the airport to raise funds to send the Seattle women flyers to the Spokane air show June 27-28th. This is to be the first annual show in the northwest for Women Pilots.

The Chapter has secured the services of a competent ground school instructor, who is also a Boeing engineer, to lecture on Meteorology and Aerodynamics. Half of each meeting is devoted to aeronautical studies, and the girls have already had extensive lectures on Navigation and practical flying experiences. In addition to this, five of the members are enrolled in a Red Cross First Aid course. They will take their examination in March, and all hope to be wearing a little Red Cross on their flying suits soon.

Once a year the Seattle Chapter holds an "Awards Day" at the airport, with the local inspector officiating. At this time the members are awarded a star for each hundred hours in their log books, and a bar for each grade of license, one bar for amateur to four for transport. These awards are worn on the sleeves of their blue flying suits. These ceremonies at the airport are followed by a banquet at one of the prominent downtown hotels. The 1936 Awards Day will be June 4th.

Gladys Vickers, Chapter Chairman

NEW YORK--NEW JERSEY: We are all happy to know that Ruth Nichols is steadily improving, and that her doctors promise that she will be at the controls of her plane in another four weeks. . . Peggy Remey was one of the leading contenders in the Florida Air Cruise in January. She won the John J. White trophy for the leg between Jacksonville and Orlando in her new Fairchild 24.

NORTH CENTRAL - Illinois Chapter - On February 13th, the Illinois Chapter met in their club rooms at the Medinah Club in Chicago. All of the regular members were present, and in addition, Margaret McCormick, who renewed her membership, and two prospective junior members, Betty Wagner and Stella Kinder, who were guests.

The members decided to study for their radio telephone operator licenses, with the help of Jane Ray, Chairman, who already has hers. Following the business meeting, the 99ers adjourned to the swimming pool for a delightful splash party, after which a delicious buffet supper was enjoyed through the hospitality of Helen Colton, Secretary.

Jane Ray, Chapter Chairman, has offered a Trophy to the member of the Illinois Chapter showing the greatest initiative in obtaining a license, a higher rating, bringing in new members, giving talks on aviation, etc. . . Marg McCormick is the only member to have made a parachute jump. . . Stella Kinder, a registered nurse, has been a professional jumper, having 32 jumps on her log book (or do jumpers keep log books?)

Jane H. Meyer, Chapter Reporter

Michigan Chapter - Twenty members and guests attended the first of the series of five monthly lectures on Meteorology and Navigation by Professor George Higgins of the University of Detroit, on February 2nd, at Detroit City Airport. This stimulating lecture was a comprehensive basis for the study of Meteorology.

After a delicious luncheon at the City Airport Restaurant, the members gathered for the business meeting. They decided to start an aeronautical library for the Chapter. Florence Swanson was elected Librarian, and instructed to purchase The Fun of It, by Amelia Earhart, North to the Orient, by Anne Morrow Lindbergh, and Meteorology, by Milham to start the library.

Laura May Brunton is sufficiently recovered from her airplane crash of last August to drive her car, and hopes soon to be allowed to fly again. She is visiting in California with her parents, where she will spend the next few months away from Michigan's current Arctic climate.

SOUTHEASTERN: Mary Nicholson, former governor, is recovering nicely from a serious operation at City Memorial Hospital in Hickory, N. C. . . Clayton Patterson, governor, accompanied by Myrtle Nall, wife of the Department of Commerce inspector for this district, went to New Orleans to celebrate the Mardi-Gras. Clayton planned a stop-over in Atlanta on her way back to Charlotte, to attend the Sectional meeting there February 26th.

Clayton Patterson, Governor

SOUTH CENTRAL: Dorothy McBirney writes that if 100 or more of the little leather-bound Ninety-Nine Membership Rosters are ordered, they can be had for \$1.00 each. They will have to be \$1.25 each if less than that are ordered. Please let her know at once if you would like one. Address - 304 McBirney Bldg., Tulsa, Oklahoma. Hazel Simpson of Oklahoma City has taken off on a matrimonial flight as Mrs. Bogan. Happy Landings, Hazel!

SOUTHWESTERN: Bay Cities Chapter - The Bay Cities Chapter is celebrating its birthday at the home of Ruth Wakeman, Chapter Chairman, in Burlingame, California, March 2nd. Ruth has promised to stir up a birthday cake in honor of the occasion.

NEW MEMBERS

NORTH CENTRAL - Active - Loretta Breen, La Grange, Ill. . . . Eleanor A. Domach, Chicago, Ill. . . . Dorothy W. Pelzer, Elsau, Ill. . . . Alice E. Taylor, Detroit, Mich. . . . Mabel Wilson, Schiller Park, Ill. . . . Marjorie A. Kelly, Sioux City, Iowa. . . . Junior Members. . . Gertrude S. Chester, Northbrook, Ill. . . . Katherine A. Lindeman, Chicago, Ill. . . . Jane H. Meyer, Winnetka, Ill.

MIDDLE EASTERN - Active - Buelah E. McCowan, Institute, W. Va. . . . Leona O'Shea, McKeesport, Pa. . . . Junior - Beatrice S. Hymen, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

SOUTHEASTERN - Junior - Roberta Clownley, Columbia, S. C. . . . Zoe Harley, Augusta, Georgia. . . . Ruth Stilson, Guilford, N. C.

NEW ENGLAND - Junior - Ruth Granger, Newtonville, Mass.

REMINDER TO MEMBERS ! ! ! Please send in all items of interest, verses, stories, and news, to Mabel Britton, 408 Forest Avenue, Ypsilanti, Michigan, or Alice C. Hirschman, 861 Edgemont Park, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. Remember, this is YOUR magazine! Closing date for all copy is the 20th of the month.

NINETY-NINE IDENTIFICATION BRACELETS bearing our official insignia without the propellor may be obtained in silver with chromium wrist chain for \$1.50, or with silver wrist chain for \$3.00, from Alice Hirschman, Secretary.

ADVERTISING: Members may advertise in the Ninety-Nine News letter at the rate of 25¢ per line. Send ads to Alice Hirschman.