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RECORDS: Louise Thaden set a women's world record for speed in a single seater light plane July 12th at Endless Caverns, Virginia. Louise flew a 90-horsepower Porterfield over the course at 109.58 miles per hour.

Helen Frigo, with Harriett Sackett passenger, established a women's national and international speed record June 12. Helen made 74.193 miles per hour in an Aeronca C-3 flying over the course between College Point Airport, Maryland, and a point two miles east of Curtiss Wright Airport in Baltimore.

LICENSE RATINGS: New: June Kraft, Chicago, Amateur; Suzanne Grant, Columbus, Amateur; Advanced: Florence Boswell, Cleveland, Private to L. C.

RADIO TELEPHONE OPERATOR, THIRD CLASS: Helen McCandless.

AIRWAY TRAFFIC CONTROL: The Department of Commerce ruling for altitude on regular airways is changed beginning August 15: Flights east shall now fly at odd thousand feet; that is, 1000, 3000, 5000, etc.; flights west at even thousand feet; that is, 2000, 4000, 6000, etc., all to be figured from sea level.

COMING EVENTS: National Air Races, Los Angeles, September 5-6-7.

Annual Meeting, Ninety-Nines, Los Angeles, September 6.
Business Meeting, 10:30 A. M., Guest Dinner 7:30 P. M. Chairman of Committee on Arrangements: Betty May Furman, 6440 Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles.

Michigan Air Races; Detroit, September 19-20.

American Legion Convention, Cleveland, September 20-24.
As an effort is being made to have as many as possible of the old war-time flyers attend the Legion Convention, to make a good show for the Air Corps and Air Service, Eddie Rickenbacker suggests that the women flyers of the country attend also. 99ers interested in participating please contact Alma Arlene Davis, 13410 Lake Avenue, Cleveland, Chairman for the 99's in this project.

Paris-Saigon-Hanoi Air Race, October 25. If any American women flyers plan to enter this race, please let us know.

FORCED LANDINGS:

I had to walk home from this forced landing, and in doing so, had my first experience at hitch-hiking.

The little yellow Aeronca and I had about 4000 ft. altitude and had been practicing what I call wing-overs. I decided a good way to get down would be to practice some stalls, so throttling the motor I pulled the nose up, and due to improper adjustment for idling the motor quit on the first stall.

I'd had a nice little emergency field picked out for months, had practiced a lot of spot landings there without ever touching a wheel. It was easily identified by a silo on it. But in this moment of need the field had disappeared. I spiraled down and looked in vain, probably being right over it. I felt very panicky but collected my wits and decided I had better find another field as three of the four thousand feet were already wasted and still no silo in sight. I headed for a grassy plot, scared plenty of the trees at the other end, so slipped and fishtailed to kill speed and the plane stopped in the middle of the field.

It was a lovely spring afternoon, but there had been a downpour of rain the previous day. The water stood in the fields and the irrigation and roadside ditches were swollen to capacity. On the field next to me stood the missing silo, but closer inspection proved that though larger, it was freshly ploughed and terribly muddy.

Unable to get the motor started alone I finally waded the stream in the ditch by the road and starting walking home, very wet. A passing motorist whom I thumbed in desperation took in my soggy self and deposited me weary but happy at the airport.

Leila Baker

With mixed sentiments of chagrin and amusement do I recall that occasion on an Indiana Air Tour, where all participants were supplied with free gas and oil, when the corks hit the bottoms of the gas gauges on the Waco F I was flying! Fortunately I located a good hay field not far from a community where there was a gas station, but my dignity was further chastened when a check with the map disclosed the name of the town--ECONOMY, Indiana!!!

Alice H. Hammond

Dorothy Carpenter of Ann Arbor, Michigan, was flying a Great Lakes the middle of last month when the noise of the motor was no longer heard on the air, and she descended into a convenient field east of Ypsilanti, Michigan, planted with no less than Henry Ford's famous soy beans.

A pilot from Ann Arbor Airport, flying with a Philippine student in an Aeronca a few miles away, saw the trouble. He dragged the field, landed and, shortly, discovered the engine difficulty. However, tools from the airport were needed so it was decided that he would stay with the Lakes while Dorothy took the Aeronca and student back for them.

The Philippino's knowledge of English was very poor, but he did understand that a strange female whom he'd never seen fly was going to take him home. So during the takeoff, ten-mile flight and landing, he firmly gripped the side of the Aeronca with both hands and stared straight ahead at the propeller, probably praying as hard as he could in Philippino.

The tools were sent back and the Lakes arrived home again shortly after the Philippino had regained his natural color.

Dorothy Carpenter

We hope for more adventures from members for next month's EMERGENCY LANDINGS. And how about TICKLISH TAKEOFFS?

ANNUAL MEETING, W. N. A. A. Denver, July 3. - At the annual meeting of the W. N. A. A. some of the resolutions adopted to be acted upon the following year were:

Establishment of a reserve trust fund to enable worthy women flyers to complete their training or keep their licenses, the fund to be a rolling one to be repaid by members who have borrowed and to continue as a trust for further use.

Establishment of Unit aviation libraries.

Establishment of a W. N. A. A. Trophy to be given to the outstanding woman flyer at the Women's National Championship Air Race.

Officers for the following year are the same.

99ers attending the events were Gerry Honomichl, Tulsa; Maude Miller, San Francisco. . . Among speakers at the dinner were: Colonel Roscoe Turner, Major Al Williams, Louise Thaden. . . all delegates were guests at three days of the races.

By courtesy of Thora Wiseman, Editor
W. N. A. A. Bulletin.

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We are saddened by the news of the fatal accident to Ruth Barron Nason of Rochester, New York, only woman flyer entered in the Mile High Races in Denver, whose racing plane crashed near Omaha on the way to the Races.

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PUERTO MEXICO, VERA CRUZ - Emma Encinas Gutierrez, former 99er in Mexico, who was obliged to let her license lapse during a prolonged illness, plans to come up to the States soon to brush up on her flying, and take some instruction in blind flying and stunting. She expects to do this somewhere in or near New Orleans, as that is their nearest port of entry, and hopes to get in a visit to New York while she is in this country. Mrs. Gutierrez writes that there are now about a half a dozen Mexican girls who are flying, and that they expect to go up for their licenses within the next three months.

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY - On the evening of June 24th, Alma Harwood, and her husband, Charles, were hosts to the 99's at a garden party at their home in Rye. Pre-dinner refreshments were served in the summer house, while dinner was enjoyed at tables placed here and there on the rolling lawn. There was a dance floor over part of the lawn, and musicians provided music for the dance. The whole lovely scene was bathed in mellow light from Japanese lanterns. "Cards of participation" were given each guest on arrival, which were punched for dinner, punch, slot machines, etc., and those having the most holes punched in his or her card at the end of the evening were awarded toy airplanes. Since it so happened that Blanche Noyes had a birthday that day, Alma had a most delectable and handsome birthday cake in her special honor.

Among the 99's there were Peggy Remey, and John Remey (49.5er), Margaret Cooper, Betty Gillies, Betty Duncan, Annette Gipson, Marjorie Ludwigsen, Margot Tanner, Amy Andrews, Novetah Davenport and her husband. In addition about 25 aviation enthusiasts, friends and relatives of the Harwoods were also present.

Althea Lister is recuperating from an operation for appendicitis. . . Tiny Goddard is spending a month on a "Dude" Ranch in Wyoming. . . Peggy Remey flew to Montreal the week-end of July 18th. A few weeks previous, she and Annette Gipson participated in the Good Will flight to Montreal which ran into so much bad weather.

Novetah Holmes Davenport, Sectional Reporter

SOUTHWESTERN - Los Angeles Chapter - The Chapter has been busy building up its treasury recently with all sorts of interesting activities. Mabyll Bull turned over her beautiful home and garden to the girls for their Monte Carlo and Cocktail party under the able chairmanship of Ardetta Cadwallader Mottern. Other hostesses were Estelle Sherman, ticket seller in the refreshment room, Dorothy Kinsman, whose contributions to the Buffet Table had many congratulations, and Helen McCandless and Hilda Jarmuth, who took tickets, and pinned little red ribbons on each of the 195 guests.

Then, too, a rummage sale is now in progress. Contributions were gathered up at Mimes Field, sorted, priced and then Gladys O'Donnell had them transported to the Sales Room. This activity is in charge of Esther Johnson.

The following officers were elected by the Chapter at their meeting July 13th: Betty Furman, Chairman; Dorothy Ruether, Vice-Chairman; and Mabyll Bull to continue as Secretary-Treasurer. Two interesting visitors at the meeting were Elizabeth Inwood, former member who has spent the past two years in Washington, D. C., and Genevieve Savage, former governor of the Middle Eastern Section, who is now living in San Diego.

At the recent Air Show at Oxnard, Ethel Sheehy flew Clema Granger in her Great Lakes. Grace Scott, Lucille Orman, Lauretta Schimmoler, Evelyn Hudson, Betty Furman, and Hilda Jarmuth also flew in. The barbeque was grand, and the show, in spite of the early fog, was a huge success. The Bomb Dropping Contest was the only competitive event for women, with these results: Lauretta Schimmoler, first; Lucile Orman, second; Evelyn Hudson, third.

Grace Scott has the distinction of being the first girl to fly the new Parakeet biplane, recently flown to Los Angeles by the distributor. From all we hear it's a grand little ship. . . Lauretta Schimmoler and Hilda Jarmuth were interviewed recently over station KFAC, telling of the purposes of the Ninety-Nines, and recounting some personal experiences.

- Hilda Jarmuth - Reporter

Bay Cities Chapter - Nine members were present at the July meeting and Ruth Rueckert was elected delegate to the National Meeting at Los Angeles, with Ruth Wakeman as alternate. Plans are being made for a Ninety-Nine dance at Mills field upon completion of the work now being done at the airport.

The June Winging party to the Trevis Ranch was a big success. Marjorie Hook and Ruth Rueckert flew down in a Fleet, Janet Knight in her Fleet, and Ruth Wakeman, Harriet Isaacson and Afton Lewis in Ruth's Fairchild. Bee Nadon, our newest member who holds an Amateur,

flew down with our host, Mr. Trevis, in his Cabin Waco, leading the way into the airport in the canyon. The morning was devoted to horseback riding, and at noon a delicious barbeque lunch was served under the trees. Afterwards, Mr. Trevis and some of the cowboys put on an exhibition of steer roping.

The Bay Cities' 99's were represented at the Monterey Air Show July 5th by Marjorie Hook, who flew down in her Fleet, Anna Cort Meyer, who took her Stearman down, Ruth Wakeman in her Fairchild, and Janet Knight, who was one of the performers in the show. Janet took the part of an old woman going up for the first time, and while the pilot got out to check over his ship, the plane took off, careening crazily about the field with the "old woman" at the controls. Later in the program, Janet put on a splendid stunting exhibition.

Bay Cities Chapter welcomes its newest member, Beatrice Nadon of Burlingame, who holds an Amateur License, and flies at Oakland Airport. . . Maude Miller flew via United to Denver to attend the Mile High Races. Peggy Dorst and Jackie Casserly also attended, and were planning to return home in Mrs. Dorst's new Waco Cabin. . . Afton Lewis is taking her vacation on a walking trip with the Sierra Club, of which she is a member. They plan to climb Mt. Whitney, 14,500 ft.

- Ruth Wakeman - Chapter Chairman

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - Northern Ohio Chapter - The old Cleveland Chapter was reorganized as the Northern Ohio Chapter at a dinner meeting on Sunday, June 28th, at the home of Florence Boswell, and the following officers were installed: Leora Stroup, Chairman; Florence Boswell, Vice-Chairman; Abbie Dill, Secretary-Treasurer. Other members present were, Suzanne Grant, Anne Barille, Mary Winstanley, and Jeannette Lempke, Section Governor, from Bay City, Michigan. Mary King was elected Program Chairman.

Mrs. Boswell is having some sets of sample Department of Commerce license questions and answers printed up for the girls to go over, a few at each meeting. The next meeting will be in Columbus, as the guests of Suzanne Grant, on August 1st.

- Abbie Dill - Chapter Reporter

Illinois Chapter - Emma "Dot" Sprague entertained the members at her lovely new home on Lake Michigan in Wilmette. The guests assembled late in the afternoon for a swim, which was followed by refreshments on the terrace overlooking the lake, and then a delicious buffet supper. The occasion was a joint meeting with the Chicago Girls' Flying Club, when further plans for the Rod-Air-O, to be held August 23rd at Curtiss Airport, were made.

Jane Ray announced the winner of her Trophy Contest for the girl acquiring the highest number of points for flying time, higher class of license, writing, etc. Dorothy Ring, with 2000 points was awarded the trophy, with Mae Wilson second with 1500 points. Alice Ademic, Eleanor Domack, and Doris Langher followed in the order named. There have been four new licenses in the Illinois Chapter since last fall, with June Kraft's Amateur the most recent.

Belle Hetzel, 99er from Omaha, was a guest at this meeting. She is spending some time on the north shore, for her annual flying vacation, and the girls enjoy having her with them so much. . . . Jane Meyer has taken on the aviation editorship of two more publications - OAK LEAVES of Oak Park, and the HIGHLAND PARK NEWS of Highland Park, Ill.

- Jane Meyer - Chapter Reporter

Michigan Chapter - Seven ships landed at Clements Airport at Bay City, Michigan, July 18th, bringing eleven Ninety-Nines and five husbands to the annual outing there as guests of Jeannette Lempke. Helen and Bill Lehtio flew from Detroit in their Eaglerock; Faye and Bob Kirk from Detroit in a Verville; Leila and Ray Baker from Detroit in an Aeronca; Mabel and Harry Britton and Dorothy Carpenter from Ypsilanti in the Britton Waco; Alice and John Hammond and Clara Livingston from Detroit in a Bird. Clara Livingston, 99er from Porto Rico, is spending a few weeks near Detroit awaiting the completion of her new Stinson. Florence Boswell flew up from Cleveland in her Stinson, and Abbie Dill from Mansfield, Ohio, in a Taylor Cub, as guests for the week end. Florence Swanson drove in from Northern Michigan on her way home from two weeks' vacation. Alice Taylor flew up on Sunday in her Commandaire.

After lunch at the Tag-a-long Inn, which was followed by a brief business meeting, everyone went in for a swim in Saginaw Bay, which put a fine edge on all appetites for the delicious steak roast at the Sovereign Cottage, our headquarters for the week end. The evening was spent riding on the various devices at Wenona Beach, and trying our hands at the games of skill and chance. Apparently these pilots conceal their weights pretty well, as most of the crowd came away with canes from the weight guessing man!

The August meeting will be at Ypsilanti or Ann Arbor Airport, with some impromptu competitive flying events on the program. Any 99's who may be in the vicinity August 8th are invited to join the Michigan girls in the fun, and are asked to notify Mabel Britton, 408 W. Forest Ave., Ypsilanti, Michigan, if they are coming.

Jeannette Lempke in her Davis, Alice and John Hammond in a Waco, and Helen House in an O-X Robin participated for several days in the Indiana Tour, June 22-29th. . . . Mabel and Harry Britton flew in their Waco to Brattleboro, Vt., Boston, Mass., Portland, Maine, Walden, N. Y., and back over the 4th of July week end.

- Dorothy Carpenter - Chapter Reporter

NORTHWESTERN - The results of the handicap derby at the Women's Air Show at Spokane June 27-28th, were as follows: Bessie Halliday, of Portland, Oregon, First, in a J-6 Eaglerock; Gladys Crooks, of Seattle, Washington, Second, in a Le Blond Porterfield; and Gladys Smith, also of Seattle, Third, in a Continental Waco C. Mildred Filz, another Seattle 99er, won a very nice trophy for second place in the spot landing contest.

- Gladys V. Crooks - Seattle Chairman

SOUTHEASTERN - The members of the Southeastern Section gathered at the Prince Charles Hotel in Fayetteville, N. C., on Sunday morning, July 12th for breakfast and a short business meeting.

Mary Nicholson has recovered from a fractured skull and minor injuries resulting from a crack-up at Winkler's Field, Hickory, N. C., June 7th. As Mary was landing following a stunting exhibition she had put on, a car suddenly drove out on the runway, and some children ran toward it. In order to avoid hitting them, she was obliged to bank sharply, thus striking the ground with the wing.

Clayton Patterson is editor of a splendid four-page publication, THE CAROLINA FLYER, which is issued each month by the Carolina Aero Club.

OFFICIAL NINETY-NINE JEWELRY AND INSIGNIA ARE AVAILABLE from the Secretary, Alice Hirschman Hammond, 15011 Glenfield Ave., Detroit, Michigan, as follows:

Gold 99 pins with movable propeller	\$1.50
Silver 99 identification tags on chromium bracelets, with movable propeller	2.00
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